

Lower Onslow Preschool holds first Mother's Day Tea on May 8 and 9

(Harrington Photos)



Enjoying the Lower Onslow Preschool Mother's Day Tea were left to right- Nancy Sulis, Luke McKeigan, Maggie Warren, Tanya MacLeod, Kelly O'Brien, Kadence Swinemar and Lisa Swinemar.



Amyla Doyle-Menthis, Jay Shreve and Owen Connolly (l to r) enjoyed decorating cookies at the Mother's Day Tea.



Julia Welton can't wait to give her mom a hand made Mother's Day card.



Sugar Daisy Torrens passes her grandmother Barb MacLeod a very special Mother's Day Card.

Voters Donate an Average of \$122⁴⁷

Even though we are over a year away from the next federal election, fund raising for political parties is an ongoing process. According to the Elections Canada website, 88,848 Canadians contributed \$10,853,869.69 to the three main political parties in the first quarter of calendar 2014. The average donation was \$122.47.

The Conservatives raised the most, \$4,554,291.79 for an average donation of

\$143.37 from 31,675 donors. With 34,946 contributors, the Liberals had the most donors contributing an average of \$108.17 for a total of \$3,779,930.48. The NDP's 21,748 contributors ranked second in the size of the average donation of \$115.86 for a total of \$2,519,647.42.

In terms of ranking of the total donor pool, the Liberals ranked first at 39.50%; the Conservatives at 35.91% and the NDP at 24.59%.



Hearty breakfast for sure! There was no need to go away hungry from the Great Village Legion Pancake Brunch on April 6th. Lynn McMaster is shown delivery a couple of meals which included ice cream and maple syrup for dessert. (Harrington Photo)

Are you thinking about your garden?

By Christine Urquhart

With Spring just around the corner it is time to start thinking about your gardens! What to plant? What to dig up? Where to make a new flower bed?

It is best to make a plan before heading off to the garden center so you know what you need and what you want before you are overwhelmed by the amazing variety of plants. Always keep in mind how much is produced by each type of plant as well - remember the old saying: "keep your car doors locked or you may find your back seat filled with zucchini!"

You also may wish to add fertilizer

to your soil. It is always best to check with an expert and to sample your soil to see what nutrients are needed before applying fertilizer. Like the young lady who was home from university for the summer and heard her father, a good old fashioned farmer, say he was going to go out and spread the manure. She says to her mother "why don't you get Dad to say fertilizer?" to which her mother responds, "land sakes girl, it took me 20 years to get him to say manure!"

Enjoy your garden, it not only improves the look of your home but gives you a place for peace and contentment.



Lr Onslow Community Centre to Install New Septic System

By Ann Fiddes

Activities are winding down for the season at the Community Centre. Cards have finished for the year and will start up again in the fall. Thanks to Grace and Vi for looking after the Monday night games, by all reports a very fun evening.

Open Mic nights will close for the summer and start up again in the fall. We wouldn't be able to host this popular music night without Wayne Elliott. Wayne coordinates the musicians and keeps the music going. Wayne was the victim of this horrible cold/flu going around and thanks to George Smith who stepped in and was our MC for a couple of nights. Thanks George.

The Annual Children's Clothing Sale was hosted by the Pre School and proved a success by both the buyer and seller.

This summer as you drive by the Centre you will see activity as a new septic system is installed. This will replace the original septic system installed when the church was built and with the increased activity a new system has become a necessity. Also the attic will be insulated, which should help with our heating bills.

Enjoy the warm weather (when it comes), relax and spend time with family and friends. A hearty thank you from the Board of Directors of the Community Centre to those who help at all



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