

GV Fire Brigade Adds to Hall



Pat Flemming displays some of the equipment on board the newest vehicle in the Great Village Fire Brigade fleet of trucks. The utility vehicle was purchased second hand and outfitted by Brigade members to cut costs. A new addition is going to be added to the hall to house the new vehicle. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Many hands make lighter work and more money in the bank.

Great Village Fire Brigade have a new addition to their fleet of trucks and they are planning an addition to the hall thanks to the hard work of dedicated volunteer members.

A 2011 Ford F150 was purchased second hand and then outfitted by Brigade members Greg and Larry Kinsman. This utility truck will be a huge asset to the Brigade, such as carrying traffic control gear to emergency scenes and responding with breathing apparatus to mutual aid calls.

My Favourite Pet

At 1 month and 12 days old, Tabitha Twitchit likes to watch for the flash from the camera. Being the favourite pet of 8 year old Jessica Porter, Fort Belcher Road, Tabitha still likes to play with her siblings.

Jessica and Tabitha will receive \$20.00 from the Shoreline Journal and Clarence Farm Services Ltd.



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Canadian Association of United Nations Peacekeepers banner.



The Colchester Legion Pipes & Drums on parade.



The planting of a Memorial Tree by the McNeil family in memory of Warrant Officer Michael R. McNeil.



Dr. Karen Ewing speaking about the Dappled Maple Memorial.

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers Held May 28TH at Veterans Memorial Park

(Harrington Photos)



Laying of the United Nations wreath.



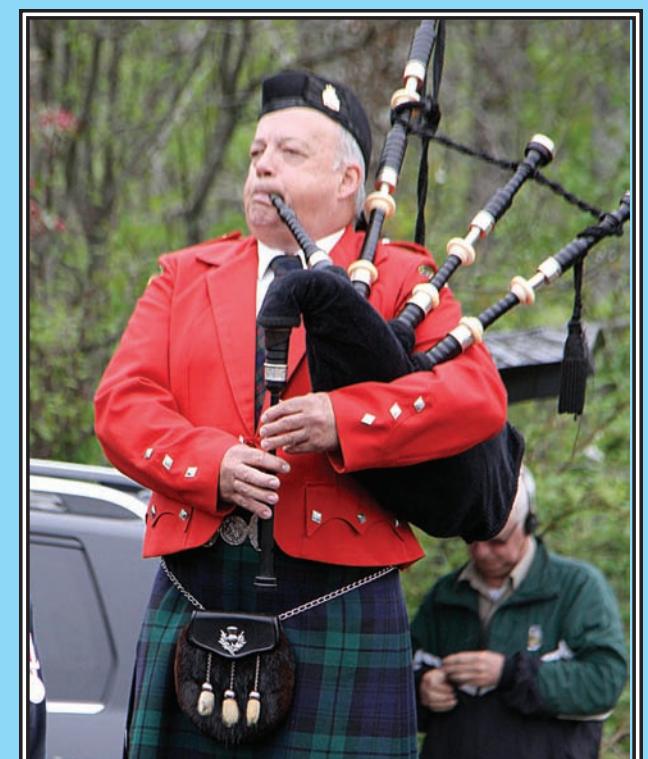
MLA Karen Casey laying a wreath on behalf of the Government of Nova Scotia.



Colchester County Mayor Bob Taylor (right) laying a wreath on behalf of the County.



Two decorated former Peacekeepers salute during the playing of our National Anthem.



Piper Dan Wesley plays the Lament.



Legion Colour Party led the parade to Veterans Memorial Park.

WCCS Library Receives \$25,000 Grant

By Maurice Rees

The West Colchester Consolidated School in Bass River has received a \$25,000. 2016 Love of Reading Literacy Grant from the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation to help revitalize their library, educational resources and enrich the lives and education of their students. WCCS is one high-needs elementary schools across Canada will benefit from the Foundation's \$1.5 million annual grant commitment. These grants offer deserving school libraries the means to break the cycle of dwindling bookshelves caused by inadequate funding.

Since its inception in 2004, the Indigo Love of Reading Foundation has donated more than \$23 million to more than 2,600 schools, benefiting more than 750,000 Canadian children.

Other schools in Atlantic Canada receiving similar funding included: École W.-F.-Boisvert, Rogersville, New Brunswick; St. Matthew's School, St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador and Summerside Intermediate School, Summerside, Prince Edward Island.

Here are the shocking realities of today's literacy crisis in Canada: In today's high-needs schools the average age of library books is over 16 years old; On average, schools that apply for Literacy Grants have annual budgets of less than \$8 per student - far below the minimum spend to ensure a healthy school library; If reading is not mastered by grade 3, this may lead to failed grades and early drop outs and Early childhood



Congratulations to West Colchester Consolidated School who recently found out they were the lucky recipients of a \$25,000 Indigo Library Grant when CEO of Indigo Books, Heather Reisman arrived at the school to announce the big win. School Librarian, Mrs. Leah Unicomb was responsible for submitting the grant application. Left to right: Clint Oakley, Principal, Sherry Patriquin, Program Support Teacher, Leah Unicomb, Librarian and Ashley Fletcher, Grade 6 Teacher. (submitted)

literacy is one of the greatest indicators of success later in life.

The Indigo Love of Reading Foundation believes every child should have access to books so they can reach their full potential. As a result of this year's literacy grants, 8,200 students across the country will have funds to purchase more than 200,000 books over the next three years.

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