

PHOTO FEATURE

Chiganois Elementay School students held their annual Heritage Fair recently. There were some very impressive projects on display. (Harrington Photos)



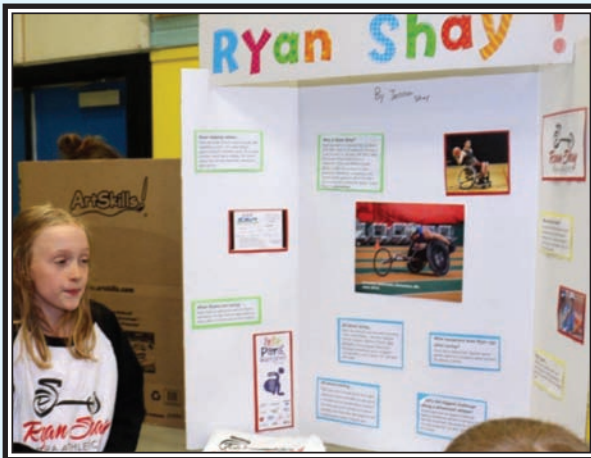
Lucy Maude Montgomery- By Charlene Burnett



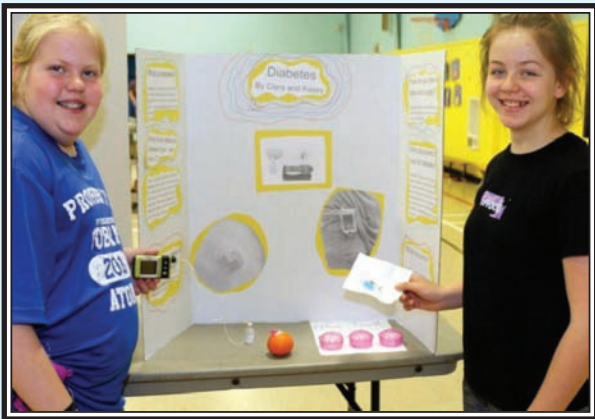
W. Ettinger Machinery- By Aedan Ettinger



Toronto Maple Leafs- By Austin McSwain



Ryan Shay- By Jenna Shay



Diabetes- By Clara Smith and Kasey MacSwain



The Hermit of Gully Lake- By Jonah Shannon



Canadian Currency- By Grace Denton



Rick Hansen- By Jonah Benvie



The History of Team Canada Men's Olympic Ice Hockey Team- By Tyler Murphy and Ethan Wolfe.

Defensive Driving Course in Wentworth

By Hope Bridgewater

The Wentworth Learning Centre presented as speaker, Lloyd Wilcox, who works for Safety Services, Nova Scotia, and his program helped with demerit point deduction (if applicable), removed a "n" off license (if applicable), helped drivers wanting to refresh driving skills, included a book, and certificate. Wilcox defined driving as to minimize risks and prevent incidents in spite of conditions and the actions of others. A defensive driver is always looking for real and potential hazards by thinking and looking ahead, anticipating hazards and actions of others, keeping options open, managing the risk, and controlling the vehicle with finesse. New laws which have been introduced in the last few years by the Province of Nova Scotia were also introduced by Wilcox: cellphone and texting; and tougher consequences for drinking and driving; legislation requiring drivers to yield to busses; bicycle safety legislation; speed limits to be reduced in school areas; legislation requiring drivers to reduce speed for emergency vehicles, construction zones, and stunting.

As well, Wilcox discussed posture behind the wheel, blind spots, minors, intersections, roundabouts, tires, pedestrians, and insurance. Wilcox's presentation was excellent because of his enthusiasm, his humour, his connection to the audience, his skill as speaker, his full-blown knowledge of the subject, taking questions from the audience and giving effective answers.

Wilcox, as he was focusing

on safety in N.S. while driving a vehicle, invited to his program Susan MacAskill, MADD Chapter Services Manager Atlantic Region, and Kay Foster-Alfred, President of MADD Cobequid.

Susan MacAskill spoke first with her Mission Statement: "To stop impaired driving and to support victims of this violent crime." MADD stands for "Mothers Against Drunk Driving." MacAskill told how her father was heading home after a summer picnic, enjoying a summer day, when an impaired driver crossed the center line, crashed into her father's car and ended her father's life. Her father never regained consciousness. The impaired driver had a blood level of 0.19, double the dose limit. He was given a three year jail sentence.

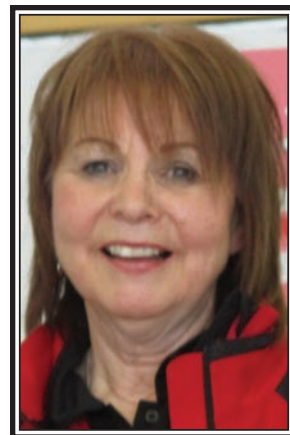
MacAskill heard about MADD which had no chapter in Nova Scotia and she contacted another woman, who was suffering as well, and they worked together to have another chapter started in Nova Scotia. Statistics state about 175 Canadians are injured every day due to alcohol and drug related vehicle crashes. MacAskill's speech made both an intellectual and emotional impact on all those present.

Kathleen Foster-Alfred concentrated her talk on marijuana impaired driving since it is soon to be legal to have in Canada. Marijuana impairs cognitive functions on several levels from motor coordination to functions such as the ability to plan, organize, solve problems, make decisions, and remember to control emotions and behaviour. After alco-

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Lloyd Wilcox, representing Safety Nova Scotia, gives an excellent talk about Defensive Driving at the Wentworth Learning Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Susan MacAskill, MADD Chapter Services Manager Atlantic Region, spoke about impaired drunk drivers at the Wentworth Defensive Driving Course held at the Learning Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



Kathleen Foster-Alfred, President of MADD Cobequid, was a speaker at the Defensive Driving course held at the Wentworth Learning Centre. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)