



SSRO Pascale Bergeon (Stewiacke Bible Hill area schools), Cpl Woodfine, Sgt MacKinnon and SSRO Jane MacDonald (Tata, Bass River, Bible Hill area schools) presented Rick Anderson (centre) with a special award in appreciation for his work. Mr. Anderson is an Addictions Specialist and Retired Olympic Boxer and he has been assisting RCMP with the Pursuit of Awareness Relays across the province. The presentation took place at CCJHS following the Relay for Grade 8 students. (submitted)



Cst. Jane MacDonald (School Safety Resource Officer) replaces a pylon that was knocked over by a student wearing the fatal vision goggles. This event helped CCJHS students gain an understanding of how driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol impairs vision and coordination. (Amy Harrington Photo)



Students had a good laugh at themselves and each other as they attempted to throw a basketball while wearing the fatal vision goggles. CCJHS Grade Eight students participated in the Pursuit of Awareness Relay at their school on Dec. 15th. (Amy Harrington Photo)

The Planters 250 Anniversary Celebration In Art

An art exhibit as part of the Planters 250 Anniversary celebrations is being held at McCarthy Hall Gallery at the NSCC Campus, 36 Arthur Street Truro. The show, presented by the Truro Art Society, was launched at an opening gala on February 9th runs until March 31st.

The exhibit features original artwork depicting, capturing and inspired by, the life of the Planters and the area in which they settled. With almost 90 pieces of artwork, paintings and sculptures,

there is something to delight everyone's heart.

The Planters were English speaking settlers from New England and Ireland who settled along the Cobequid Coast of Central and Northern Nova Scotia (1760-1761). Many people living in Colchester County today are their descendants. For more information visit: <http://truroartsociety.ca>

The show hours are: Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm; Wed and Thursday, 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Fund Raiser for Margie Taggart to be held in Bass River

By Linda Harrington

Family and friends are pleased to offer support for Bass River resident Margie Taggart by hosting a Chowder Luncheon on February 27th, 1 to 4PM.

Margie is the daughter of Hazel and the late Don Taggart of Bass River. She is the sister of Councillor Tom Taggart and well known in the community. Anita MacLellan says, "Everyone knows Margie. She is a quick wit, full of snappy comebacks like her dad, and a true friend."

Margie was first diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) back in 1991, but she says it did not become an issue for her until 2000, when she had to quit her job. Margie recently read about an exciting new "liberation treatment". The treatment uses balloon angioplasty to inflate the veins in a patient's neck to improve blood flow. Many MS patients, who have received the "liberation treatment", have experienced immediate relief from

some of the symptoms and Margie is hopeful it will help her situation, too.

"I just hope after the treatment I will be able to feed myself," she says. "Of course I would be very pleased with even more improvements but for me this is what I am really hoping for."

The treatments are not covered by the Province and the total cost of travel plus the treatments will be approximately \$15,000.

Family and friends wanted to help Margie out with some of these costs by holding a chowder luncheon at the Bass River Fire Hall. Seafood or corn chowder will be available by free will offering with musical entertainment provided by the Elliotts.

Anyone who misses the luncheon but who would still like to contribute can visit the Cumberland/Colchester Credit Union in Bass River or the Bank of NS in Truro. An account has been set up in the name of "Margie to Mexico".

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

WOW! What a winter we are having! Harold Barclay has the snow piled up about eight feet high at the end of my driveway. It will probably be June before it's all melted away. I must say, however, that the highway's department has done an excellent job of snow-plowing, sanding, pushing back the snowbanks, etc. Sometimes they get a lot of criticism - but not from me this winter.

Speaking of snow, when we went to go visit Greg and our grand-kids in Newmarket, Ont., over Christmas and New Years, they said it was bad up there as well, but when we got there it wasn't that bad after all. They are just not used to our Nova Scotia winter weather.

There is really not much to talk about this month. There have been some notable deaths along the shore, and a few celebrations that I am aware of.

We were in to Don and Lena Davidson's 60th wedding anniversary on the weekend. Donald R.

Davidson and Lena Pye tied the knot at First Baptist Church, Truro, on Valentine's Day, 1951, with Rev. George Allen officiating. Don tells me that on their honeymoon back then they motored to Hamilton, Ont., and from there took the train to Chicago where they stayed with Don's uncle Don Chisholm who was an inspector for Swift's Meat-packing Company at the time.

John Carter, Priscilla Jennings, Dorothy King, and Ethel McInnis, all of Debert Baptist Church had birthdays in February.

Velma and I were over to the Double C Restaurant last Wednesday evening and about half of Bass River was there to help celebrate Artie and Aaron Dickie's birthdays. At press time I couldn't find out how old Artie is but he must be well up into his 80's! Did you know he plays the guitar? A little bird told me!

Too late to wish you Happy Valentine's Day but hope you had a good one anyway.

Bass River Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Happy Valentine's Day from all of us at the fire hall. It is February and all the hearts at the hall are happy.

We now have three more Medical First Responders at the hall. They spent countless hours in the classroom learning all there is to know about the saving of lives and com-

forting of the patient and with theoretical training. They are now are ready to help their community when the pagers go off.

The three fire brigade members are Alex Elsom, Sean Platnauer and Emma Dickie. Congratulations to all the newest MFR members.

The only other thing that is

Dozens of Girl Guides share Fun, Friendship, and Adventure

By Rebecca Taylor

Membership in the Debert Girl Guides community has increased once again, with over 60 girls ranging in age from 5 to 13 years old in the Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders units. The girls meet on Tuesday evenings at the Debert Baptist Church and the Debert Fire Hall.

The Sparks unit (girls 5-6 years old) was happy to resume regular meetings after our Christmas break. So far in 2011 the Sparks have enjoyed a "Make a New Friend" meeting which included portrait drawing and also a very informative talk about safety with Constable Dan Taylor of the Truro Police Service.

Upcoming meetings include a look at Birthday Celebrations Around the World, a Show and Share day, a Chinese New Year Celebration, a Valentine's Day party, and an International Day.

All the Sparks and leaders send best wishes for a speedy recovery to our leader Dawn - we all look forward to your return in February!

The Guides unit (girls 9-11 years old) has completed a basic first aid course, including preparing their own first aid kits to be used on hikes, camping trips, and around the home. The girls

have also prepared home emergency kits to prepare for power outages or other situations.

Over the next few weeks, the Guides will be trying new hobbies, including knitting/crochet, karate, and digital photography, thanks to guest instructors from our community who will be sharing their skills and expertise. The girls are also planning for a winter camp in March.

The Guides have been discussing the theme of "peace" this year in the program, and have created a colourful mosaic of ceramic tiles from the Clay Café, with each girl's interpretation of what "peace" means to her, at home, in the community, and globally. The finished mosaic measures 24" x 24", and the girls are looking for places to display their mosaic in the community.

On the evening of February 23, girls from across Colchester County will present a Thinking Day variety show at the C.E.C. All are welcome and doors open at 6:00. It should be a fun evening, with songs, dances and skits performed by girls of all ages.

Donations to the World Friendship Fund will be accepted at the door, with proceeds going to global action initiatives.

Mark Austin to lead CCN

The Coastal Communities Network, a province-wide organization that has worked with rural and coastal communities in Nova Scotia on issues of economic, social, and environmental sustainability since 1992, announced on January 24, 2011, the appointment of Mark Austin as its new Executive Director. Mr. Austin brings to the Network a passion for rural living and 25 years of experience in community development and social policy.

The Coastal Communities Network (CCN) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 comprised of member groups including community economic development agencies, fishing representatives (harvesters and processors),

agricultural associations, First Nations, African Nova Scotians, municipalities, church and community organizations, unions, women's resource centres, universities, and other networking organizations.

The primary concerns of CCN are the social and economic well-being and sustainability of coastal and rural Nova Scotia.

The Network emphasizes communication, education, dialogue, and issue identification, while focusing on the development of specific strategies and tools to be used by communities in addressing their concerns.

For more information on CCN visit: <http://www.coastalcommunities.ns.ca>

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