

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

Things have been relatively quiet this month with little news. Most of the talk is about the accumulation of snow and where to put it. The Canada Winter Games are on and Ski Wentworth is hosting several skiing and snowboarding events.

The annual snowmobile ice drag races took place at Sutherland's Lake on Saturday, February 12. An estimated 3,000 spectators gathered to watch the event, the largest crowd since the drag races started six years ago. During the cold snap the water pipes at the Community Center froze up. It was necessary to call in a plumber. Winter can be fun for those participating in winter sports but it can also present hardships. Spring is looking awfully good.

The Council would like to wish Mae MacLean a belated happy birthday. Mae celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends at the Best Western, Truro on February 12th. Mae's birthday falls on valentine's day. She is one of our eldest citizens. Also happy birthday to Norma (McLean) Crouse.

Norma and I share the same birthday date. Myles and Georgie Rushton, Sutherland's Lake spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter Ginny and husband in Yellowknife. While there, they drove to Whitehorse to explore that frontier.

Our deepest sympathy to Lorna (Barnes) Bowers on the loss of her granddaugh-

ter Jenna Bryanton on January 17. Jenna was also a niece of Lori Matheson and has several relatives in the area. Congratulations to Rebecca (Becky) Taylor, owner of Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Co., who won the Atlantic Craft Trade Show's best new product award. Becky works out of her house on Upper Road.

A follow up to the previ-

ous item on the Foodland staff in Stewiacke sending boxes of food to our troops in Afghanistan. My son, M/cpl Jonathan Richard received a large shipment of boxes from the Foodland staff to share with his platoon.

When Jonathan came home for Christmas the first thing on his agenda was to visit Darren Schriver and his staff to express his gratitude and appreciation for their thoughtfulness. Mr. Schriver

and his staff greeted Jonathan and family with a lovely Christmas card containing gift cards to the movies and a restaurant along with treats for Jonathan's two boys. Again, Jonathan was just blown away by these good folks in Stewiacke.

Our regular meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 7 pm.. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. Tea, coffee, cheese and donuts are served.

Call Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries at 668-2300.

Parrsboro Band Hall a Busy Place

Submitted by David Towns

In addition to the below events interior painting will continue. With the amazing progress made so far it is anticipated, the ceiling and acoustic tiles will be completed by mid March.

Keep up with progress on the Parrsboro Band Association Facebook page, and at www.thehall.ca

Future events will include a concert by the Stadacona Band of Maritime Command, on May 8th.

This will be held in the

high school gymnasium as we partner with the school and the Air Cadets.

The Citizens Band Spring Concert on May 29th will combine entertainment, a dedication of the main auditorium to Bernie Burke and the unveiling of the new, sponsored curtains.

It is going to be another busy month at "The Parrsboro Band Hall", with a wide range of activities occurring:

Tuesday, March 1: Parrsboro Board of Trade Evening meeting
Wednesday, March 2: Movie "Treasure of Sierra Madre" - 8:00pm
Saturday, March 12: Open Mike night, 7:00pm. Donation at the door.
Wednesday, March 16: 1960 (John Wayne) Movie "True Grit" - 8:00pm.
Thursday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day, 7:00pm, St. Patrick's Day Concert with Rob, Steve and Carl.
Saturday, March 26: Open Mike Night, 7:00pm. Donation at the Door.
Sunday, March 27: Children's Matinee Movie, 3:15 pm. Adults \$5, Children \$2.
Wednesday, March 30: Illustrated lecture, 8:00pm

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

Winter has surely found us this year. I guess you could say it is "pay back" for the last few mild winters! There is certainly lots of snow to shovel and enjoy. I hope you are feeding the birds as their usual supplies are low with so much covered in snow. I know that I have about 35-50 birds coming to my feeders every day.

Lots of things have been happening in Masstown this past month, as well as outside our community. It seems like a lot of things have had to be postponed due to inclement weather but we must expect that during our winter months.

The recent Valentine's Day Coffee Party was well attended and there is another Coffee Party set for Wednesday February 23rd, 2pm at the Masstown Church. Everyone welcome; and as always a bake table and play room for the children along with the fun of spending time with our friends and making new ones.

If you enjoy quilting, the ladies are again busy with a

new quilt and you would be welcome to join them every Monday afternoon at the Church. If you would like more information on this just give Mary Barley a call at: 662-2743.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday March 5th, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant. All gentlemen are welcome to attend this breakfast meeting. We would like to thank them for joining our UCW at the Breakfast with Santa in November; they really added to our fun!

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday March 3rd, 2pm at the Masstown Church. All ladies welcome. We will be joining our sister UCW in Debert along with the Baptist ladies at the Debert Baptist Church for the World Day of Prayer service on Friday March 4th, 2pm. You are welcome to come too!

There will be two Coffee Parties in March, the St. Patrick's Coffee Party on March 16th and another one on March 30th. Again there is

always a bake table and a play room for the children. A donation basket sits on each table along with the sandwiches and sweets, as there is no specific cost for this. All donations welcome.

The St. Paddy's Pot Luck Supper will be held on Saturday March 19th, 4:30-6pm, at the Masstown Church. Adults \$8.00, children under 12 years old \$4.00. Come early to get a good seat! There is no meal I enjoy more than pot luck! See you there!

The Masstown Community Association is selling tickets on a Mother's Day Gift Basket which will be drawn on May 7th at our community park. Be sure to get your tickets from any association member. They cost \$1 each or 3 tickets for \$2. The next meeting of the association will be March 22nd, 7pm, at the Masstown Market. Come out to this meeting and find out what your community is doing! Everyone welcome.

Some of our folks here in

Masstown have been heading off to warmer places. Georgina MacRae took her two granddaughters to Cuba; Donna Guilderson and her sisters Marie Hirtle and Leona Smith headed down south to Florida and Pat Guilderson joined them for a week which got him out of plowing for a short period.

Rhona Gomez-Murray has headed off to Trinidad to join up with her sister where they will both celebrate their birthdays with family. Others came here for a visit: Carley Watts and her sons, Fin and Myles came home from Calgary for a visit with her parents Peter and Paula Digout.

Condolences go out this month to: James Porter and family on the death of his father, John Porter; Rosemary Baas and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Kathleen MacKay; James Porter and family on the death of his aunt, Helen Porter and Marg Gatzka and family on the death of her aunt, Eileen Coombes.



Eric Jennings shows Liberal Leader Stephen MacNeil and MLA Karen Casey a fresh lobster from the temperature controlled tank at the Masstown Market's newly opened Fish Market. (Harrington photo)



Stephanie Rus and Nicole Decoste prepared lunch for Liberal Leader Stephen MacNeil and MLA Karen Casey during their stopover at the Masstown Market recently. (Harrington Photo)



Laurie Jennings gave Liberal Leader Stephen MacNeil a bird's eye view of the area from atop the Lighthouse at the Masstown Market. The Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus spent three days in Truro and Colchester County attending meetings with businesses, organizations, community groups. (Harrington Photo)

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