



A group of very happy basketball players! CCJHS Bears won the Junior Girls District Basketball Championship on Feb. 21st and area heading to Regionals in Pictou on Feb. 28th. Back Row (l to r): Jody Upham- Coach, Marissa Jones, Emma Gogan, Laura Brenton, Megan Wynn, Michaela Priest, Jamie Worshek. Front Row (l to r): Katie Upham, Alexis Zegray, Morgan George, Sarah Nowell and Emma Stevenson. (submitted)

## Clifton 4-H Club News

By Taylor Masters  
Club Reporter

On February 7th, the Clifton 4-H club had their 5th general meeting at the Old Barns United Church. At the meeting, the Clifton vet science club had two of their members, Holly Masters and Lane Yuill, give a first time presentation on Albinism. Two awards were given out to two leaders in the club for being a leader. Jane Blackburn was awarded for 5 years and Karen Waugh was awarded for 10 years.

Also at the meeting, we

had two senior members give examples on how to do speeches and demos. Marla McNutt did a speech on How-To-Do a Speech and our president; Tina Straathof did a demo on Jello Orange Slices. All 4-H members are preparing either a speech of a demo for their 4-H rally to get a chance to go out from their club level and move on to the next level of competition. Our club rally is taking place on Saturday, March 3 at the Old Barns United Church.

A new poster contest has gone out. Any members wish-



ing to join will have to make a poster using and involved around the 2012 theme of the year "Memories for a Lifetime." Members who end up entering will compete in the county level and those who win at their county level will go onto the next level which is competing at the 4-H weekend.

## Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge Schedule

By Chris Urqubart

Church services in the Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge are staying at one service a Sunday at 10am with services rotating between the three points: Masstown, Debert and Glenholme. For the month of March services will be: March 4 - Glenholme, March 11 - Masstown, March 18 - Debert and March 24 - Glenholme.

Sunday School is held each week at the same Church as the services. If you child is interested in coming to Sunday School, they

will be made very welcome! Those children who attend enjoy it very much! Each of these services will be led by Rev. Sharron Reydkal.

The search committee is meeting and will soon be looking at candidates for the position of full time ministry for the charge. I understand they have at least seven applicants who are interested in leading our congregations in worship, and being a part of our shared communities. Hopefully, a minister will join us come July. Until then pulpit supply will be used.



Landscape Photographer captured the beauty of a Snow Day in Parrsboro. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Here we are back at the computer on Shrove Tuesday, 2012. Shrove Tuesday is the day preceding Lent on the church calendar. It is also called, in some circles, Fat Tuesday because, traditionally, it was the time when the righteous housewife would use up all the fat in the house so she wouldn't be tempted to use the fat in the 40-day period of fasting. Hence Shrove Tuesday also became known as Pancake Tuesday.

I was brought up Church of England (Anglican) in Newfoundland and my family was a strict observer of the Lenten season. The Anglican and Roman Catholic churches saw Lent as a time of fasting and self-denial. We were so poor there was little we could deny ourselves that we were already denied! I remember the church would hand out a small pyramid-style box and we were to add the monies we didn't spend of frivolous things.

Needless to say if the minister waited to get paid from the money we sent, he would have soon been in the poorhouse! However, as in a lot of things, it was the thought that counts and God blesses "The Widow's Mite."

The Roman Catholic churches in Nfld took the Lenten season a bit more seriously and after "eating, drinking, and being merry" on Shrove Tuesday they would enter into a time of fasting, penance, and sorrowful prayer, symbolized the next day by the priest placing ashes on their foreheads - hence the term Ash Wednesday.

There was a guy who worked with me on the St. John's waterfront who wore the ash religiously. He got an awful lot of teasing but he was steadfast in his portrayal of sadness for his sins and assurance of pardon.

Some of you may know I'm being recommended by Doris Soley, accepted a directorship on Community Links (Senior's) Association in Halifax. It is a non-profit organization that overseas the work of about 200 community organizations in Nova Scotia, consequently I have access to some information on senior's issues many may not be aware of. So please let me know what is on your mind.

Speaking of seniors, there are plenty of senior's activities going on or planned along the shore. I hear there is something

going on at the Economy Rec. Centre almost every day. The Five Islands senior's group is very active as well. The Great Village Legion bingo on Tuesday evening is well attended and the Wheels to Meals program have seen an increase in diners as well. The Friendly Neighbours of Debert, shut down for the winter, are hoping to start up "bigger and better" in the Spring. Please contact Jean MacKay or Becky Penney for further updates.

One of the most frustrating issues with senior's activities, I hear, is age and transportation limitations. There's not too much we can do about aging but Sylvia "Sparkle Brite" Mitchell of Debert is doing something about transportation. She has started up a limo business to drive people around in comfort and care. The name of her company is "Sylvester Service" and I think she charges \$18/hr divided by the number of paying passengers going in the same direction. (I don't know how she's going to be able to do that and keep and eye on Allen at the same time!!)

Still with Debert, I am sure most Debertonians have noticed that the old Gospel Hall has been resurrected. That's the little building that was built in 1911 and used as a church for the local Brethren congregation until a few years ago when it was renovated as a home. The home has been purchased by Andrew and Kimberly King and is being turned back into a chapel for non-denominational purposes.

There's a few people in the Debert area who are on the sick list. I see Joe Rushton out and about again after as stay in the hospital. Joe lives at The Meadows and usually makes his daily walk up to his son Dave's garage to check things out. Joe's brother, Roy is back singing and telling (clean) jokes at the kitchen parties and coffee houses. Roy was batching it for a few months while Myrtle was away with family in Ontario. Did you know that Myrtle and Rhoda were sisters? I didn't know that until recently. I'm trying to think who's the cutest? I hear that Earl Chisholm took a tumble on the ice at Everett McCully's there a while back. I guess he was n't wearing his creepers.

We finally got up to Shellnutt's Restaurant at Thomson Station. We had heard that it was serving great food and we weren't disappointed. The Shellnutt family is from Dartmouth. It's a bit of a drive from here on a Sunday afternoon but we took the old route past Ski Wentworth where the skiers were having a ball. Shellnutt's is also a Robin's Doughnut outlet and an Ultramar gas station. The worst part of getting to Shellnutt's is finding the entrance and exit. They need better signage. The snowmobilers were out on Folly Lake and going like the wind. Oh to be young again! I had a Skidoo one time when we were stationed in Kapuskasing Ontario, in 1974 - but that's another story.

I see where Maurice and Dorothy are planning another 90's party in Economy this year. (This time Cliff Lane is legitimate!) I have it on good authority that Gordon and Phyllis McCully will be going again. Did you know they will have been married 65 years in May? (Gordon must have robbed the cradle!)

That's all for now folks. By the time you read this Velma and I will be in Florida soaking up the sun - and the Son. Bye for now.



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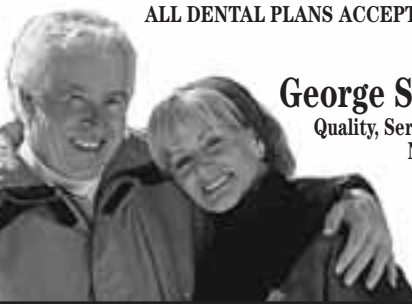
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