

PHOTO FEATURE

Debert Elementary Grade 6 Students Helping Others- Students recently sold Rafiki necklaces to raise money for clean water, education health, food and women's jobs in Ecuador as a global fund raiser and on Feb. 10th they held an event at the Debert Arena to raise money for the Truro "Make A Wish Foundation". (Harrington Photos)



Brian Spencer scores a goal for the students during the Debert Elementary Staff/Parents versus Students hockey game at the Debert Arena on Feb. 10th.



Debert Elementary student Abbi MacKenzie was helping out at the bake sale table on Feb. 10th. All money raised was donated to the Truro "Make A Wish Foundation".



Is that a teacher in the penalty box? It sure looks like Debert Elementary Grade 6 teacher Lisa McCully! It was fun times at the Staff/Parents versus Students hockey game.



Andrea Muise displays one of the Rafiki necklaces sold for as a global fund raiser, while Adam Newman and Gabby Rushton accept monetary donations at the Debert Arena for the Truro "Make A Wish Foundation". The Debert Grade 6 students were volunteering their time at their class fund raiser.

Debert Elementary Notes

By Erma Cox

Students in grade Primary and One started February off making their own predictions as to whether we would have an early Spring. It appears that Mother Nature wants to make everyone right as we have a few days that are very spring-like then another storm hits.

Recently we celebrated Winter Carnival by hosting a number of activities. We were excited to see the students dress according to themes each day of the week. On Friday students all participated in an hour of skating and we were thrilled to have eight members of the Truro Junior A Bearcats join us to help with this event.

For many students this was their first time on the ice while others are seasoned hockey players. Special thanks also to our PEBS team and Mrs. Barnhill for organizing activities each day at lunch.

Our PTG hosted a family dance on February 12th. Students enjoyed the photo booth and an opportunity to play and dance with their friends. The parent teacher group have been instrumental

in providing playground equipment, books and other supports to the children. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm and are open to all who wish to participate.

We have been very fortunate to have Ms. Kang, a Korean intern, working with us here at Debert. She has spent most of her time in the Primary classroom but has also visited other classrooms allowing all to learn more about her country and culture. Ms. Kang will be leaving on Friday, February 26th, returning to Korea to further her studies.

New clubs are starting up at Debert Elementary this month. Over 20 students participated in their first Art Club class yesterday and Lego Club will begin on Wednesday. It is exciting to see so many children expanding their learnings through the number of opportunities availed them here at school.

As March Break will be here before the next issue of the Shoreline we would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

\$480.8 Million Capital Expenditures for 2016-2017

By Maurice Rees

On January 19th Finance Minister Randy DeLorey released the government's 2016-2017 Capital Expenditure Plan which includes and investment of \$480.8 million in roads, schools, health care and public infrastructure. The plan includes funds set aside to participate in the anticipated federal government infrastructure program.

Over 34% of the plan contains a \$164.2 million investment in the Halifax Convention Centre. Finance and Treasury Board Minister Randy DeLorey announcement includes the following expenditures: \$222.5 million in highways and structures; \$107.6 million in buildings and land; \$164.2 million in buildings (Halifax Convention Centre); \$30.0 million in information technology projects; \$17.8 million in vehicles and equipment and \$59.8 million in capital grants. There is also a contingency fund of \$43.1 million.

The plan includes the ongoing design and construction of eight new schools, funds for hospitals and other medical facilities construction and renewal, and invest-

ments in highway improvements. The capital cost of the Halifax Convention Centre is \$164.2 million.

The federal government's \$51.4 million contribution will be paid to the developer upon substantial completion and the balance will be split equally between the province and the Halifax Regional Municipality. The municipality will pay their portion to the province over the 25-year term.

At the same time the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal also released its 5-year Highway Improvement Plan, which is part of the capital plan. Highway projects planned for Colchester and Cumberland Counties for years from 2016 to 2019 is listed elsewhere in this issue.

The capital plan is subject to approval in the 2016-17 budget. The 2016-17 Capital Plan is available online at www.novascotia.ca/finance. The 5-year Highway Improvement Plan can be found at <http://novascotia.ca/tran/highways/hwyconstruction.asp>

Truro Presbyterial UCW holds Annual Meeting

By Christine Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW held their Annual Meeting on Tuesday February 16th at St. Andrew's United Church in Truro. The weather was a bit iffy that day so only 46 were registered. They had a very enjoyable day, or so I am told, and would like to again thank the guest speakers Josh Chisling and Pastor Brian Johnson for their informative presentations. The Memorial Service which was led by

Brunswick St. United Church named the 20 UCW ladies who passed on in 2015 and a carnation was placed in a vase as each name was spoken. First United Church in Truro has offered to host the Spring Rally on May 10th so keep that date in mind so you won't forget to attend! Mildred Fulton kindly took the minutes during this meeting as I was unable to attend, so a hearty thanks to her!

The reason I wasn't able to

attend the Truro Presbyterial UCW Annual Meeting was because I was in England! My grandson Trevor MacMeekin and I went there, my brother Anthony Hayman flew out from California and joined up with us and after spending a few days in London the three of us went up North to Oldham, outside of Manchester, to join in the celebrations of my Auntie Myrtle Chantrey's 100th birthday! It was a very special event; she

even received a letter from the Queen! I took her a Nova Scotia tartan quilt which my friend Joan Ewart made for me. Auntie Myrtle was very pleased with it and the next day when we again joined her with a bunch of relatives from Wales and Scotland she wouldn't leave her room without "that lovely blanket that Christine brought me". She is fit in mind if not completely in body, but then again, not sure how fit any of us will be when we reach 100 years of age!

Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

Although it has been looking like spring might be just around the corner, don't be surprised if it isn't! March can be a bit nasty weather wise. At least at the end of March comes April and we know that spring will finally come to us.

Just because it may start to look like spring doesn't mean that you can stop feeding the birds.

The insects and berries they live on throughout the summer are not yet available

for them and without our help many will go hungry and die. It would be such a sad world without the birds.

UCW unit Presidents please remember there is an executive meeting at First United Church in Truro on Thursday March 10th at 10am. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

There will be two Coffee Parties at the Masstown United Church in March: one on March 9th and one on March 23rd. More men are coming out to these so you

men should think about joining them! There will be a Bake Table and there is a great play room for the children. Everyone is welcome.

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday March 3rd at 7pm at the home of Irene Gratto. Program will be World Day of Prayer. There will be a World Day of Prayer service on Friday March 4th in Debert at 2pm. Everyone welcome. This year the program has been written by the ladies of Cuba.

The DGM Men's Club will meet on Saturday March 4th, 8am at the Double C

Restaurant. All men welcome.

Congratulations go out this month to Owen and Elsie Rudolph on the birth of great grandson, Avery Grant Friesan, son of Cheyenne Hynes and Shawn Friesna, and a grandson of Donna (Rudolph) (Hynes) & Tim Brown and Tony Hynes. Cheyenne, Shawn and Avery live in Cold Lake Alberta.

Condolences go out this month to Marion Currie and her family on the death of her mother Valena Lynn Rines.

May each day bring us closer to spring.

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