

PHOTO FEATURE

Debert Elementary RBC Donation

Debert Elementary School (DES) received a huge surprise at the monthly assembly held on April 3rd. Members of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Diversity Team presented the school with a \$1000 donation. DES students have been making Diveristy presentations to RBC, Truro Branch staff each month and their projects will be on display at the Branch until June. RBC will be making a donation of books to the school library, as well.

Photos by Linda Harrington



Receiving special awards at the monthly assembly in Grades 3,4 and 5 were: Front (1 to r)- Cameron Barnes, Lindsay Fraser, Mercedes Swan, Devin Lockhart; Back (1 to r)- Harlan Morrissey-Puddister, Jared Staple-Sears, Canaan Hebb and Jake Millican.



Receiving special awards at the monthly assembly in Grades Primary ,1 and 2 were: Front (1 to r)- Bryan Spencer, Johnny Adshade, Brooklyn Muise; Back (1 to r)- Adam Newman, SEMily Hepburn, Ceillidh MacKay, Morgan Barnes. (Missing from awards photos were Emaleigh Russell, Jessie Totten, Drew Mumford, A.J. McNutt)



Grade Five students led the April Assembly with a slide show and an Acadian Song, called Nouvelle-Écosse.



Members of the Truro Branch RBC Diversity Committee surprised students and staff with a \$1000 donation. On hand for the presentation were (left to right): Donnie Gouthro, Lisa Hurlburt, RBC Leo the Lion, DES Principal Erma Cox, Kerri Costello, DES Program Support Teacher Shelley Langille. Missing from photo was Karen Flemming, RBC Diveristy Team Rep.



Emma Alexander and Carlee Boyd give RBC Mascot, Leo the Lion a big hug.

Rev. Florence Antle-Brisson Conquers Economy Mountain

By Joyce Canning

And true to the credo of mountain climbers everywhere, she left her homeland flag at the peak (that's Newfoundland for those not in the know). Watch for it the next time you are driving the #2 highway.

Reverend Florence's journey started on Wednesday, April 3rd in Portauquique. As a personal project to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Cobequid Pastoral Charge, she pledged to walk from one end of the charge to the other in the month of April. Each Wednesday morning in April was set aside to accomplish this goal and on

Wednesday, April 24th the completion of the 23 mile walk (37 km) was celebrated at the Peniel United Church in Five Islands.

She was accompanied on her walk each Wednesday by faithful parishioners, Lucille Adams from Portauquique and Myrna Fisher from Bass River. A number of other stalwart souls also joined in for parts of the walk along the way. Carl Adams was the accompanying driver each day of the walk, their Guardian Angel as Florence would say.

The congregation certainly appreciates the effort of Reverend Florence and those to assisted her.



Rev Florence Antle-Brisson raised the Newfoundland Provincial flag on top of Economy Mountain. Pictures with her are: (L-R): Mina Berry, Lucille Adams, David Yorke, Linda Fields, Reverend Florence, Myrna Fisher and Noreen Lewis. (Submitted Photo)



Day 3, end of walk in front of Masstown Market, Five Islands. Pictured are: Back row (L-R): Marie Eagles, Reverend Florence, Olsen Field, Dale Lawson and Carl Adams. Front row (L-R): Yvette Yorke & Granddaughter, Linda Field, Noreen Lewis and Lucille Adams. (Submitted Photo)



Pictured at the celebration lunch at the end of the walk at Peniel United, Five Islands are: (L-R): Carole Dibbon, Linda Field, Lucille Adams, Noreen Lewis and Joyce Canning. 2nd row (L-R): Yvette Yorke & granddaughter, Iona Canning, Reverend Florence and Marilyn Campbell. In the back row are: Ray Dibbon, Marie Eagles, Valerie Pugsley, Myrna Fisher, Carl Adams, Dale Lawson and Olsen Field. (Submitted Photo)

Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

At last, green grass. Next month we will be complaining about mowing it. Everyone will no doubt agree Spring was a long time coming this year. Many late snowfalls brought back all the small creatures that various storms are noted for. One more to come and that is the arrival of the smelts in Portapique. We can count on the smelts coming in on some sort of bad weather.

Our last fundraiser of the season is coming up soon. A Spring Breakfast will be served at the Community Centre on Saturday, May 4 from 8-11 am. Adults \$7.00 and children \$5.00. Come out and enjoy a good start to your day and support the Community Centre. The penny sale was very successful. Thank you to everyone who donated items and supported the event. It is always an exciting time for the children.

The beautiful new large house built on the side of Delaney's Hill (as we know it but now called Mines Bass River Road) belongs to Greg and Shelley Mattix. Welcome to the community. Dan and Peggy Mattix have the foundation ready for their new house on Westchester Road. They hope to be in their home by early summer.

Shep Scott, Sutherland's Lake recently saw a cub bear on the mountain road near the bridge. He also noted that the pair of geese are back at the lake once again. Nancy Matthews said while visiting her cottage she heard the lonesome call of the loon - so they have returned. It's a wonderful feeling to know cottage time is just a few weeks away.

Dan Richard said he had a good maple syrup season at the lake. Jack Patriquin also has a maple syrup operation there but no news on how he made out. Maxine Richard celebrated a milestone on April 22. She earned 70 candles for her cake. Best wishes from the Community Council.

Birthday wishes are also sent to Rose Gamble, Alma Vaughan and our MLA Karen Casey who celebrated birthdays in April.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Peter Johnstone, Moncton. When Peter lived on Folly Mountain both he and his wife Pat were very active in community affairs. Our sympathy to Pat and family. Our thoughts are with Maurice and Dorothy Rees owners of the Shoreline Journal. They operated a well-stocked T-shirt shop in the A.J. Walkers building in Truro which was destroyed by fire on April 18. It is hoped they

will recover their losses and be back in business soon.

The Community Council would like to acknowledge two very special gifts to the Centre. The first was free installation and lifetime use of the internet from Seaside High Speed and the second a computer from the Rotary Club in Truro. It is considered quite an asset to have this equipment available to this community. Many thanks to Mona Scott who was responsible for getting these donations.

Have you seen the damage done to the ballfield? On Sunday morning April 21 some thoughtless and hard

hearted person tore up the field leaving big damage. The vehicle was reportedly seen leaving the area. This act of vandalism is very discouraging and will not be tolerated.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month at 7 pm. At the May 5 meeting new officers will be nominated and elected. New members are needed as the Community Centre is becoming more active in programs. Please feel welcome to attend and take part.

Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. A light lunch is served. The last card party for the season will be held on May 13.

Call Amanda Langille 668-2300 for hall rental inquiries.

Bass River Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Hello from the fire hall. The spring grass fire season is officially here now. Yeah!!!

Although we have just had one so far, it is one to many. It used to be that everyone and their dog would burn their fields, ditches, or lawns and leaves in the spring, now just a few die hards still have to light it up. At last it will rain for the next few days, which in turn will help the grasses grow greener, so why burn then.

We just had a mock school bus accident at our last training session at the hall. A great scenario for medical, traffic and fire rescue firemen for sure. The casualties were put through triage scenarios and then our medical personal were allowed into the bus to administer help and compassion to the clients in distress.

Most folks had minor injuries, but in any accident, there were some serious injuries. One woman had an apparent pelvic injury, so she was KED restrained and then back boarded, and taken feet first through the side window of the disabled bus.

The other serious complication to an injured client, was another woman who had

a cracked skull and was eight months pregnant. She was very hysterical, but with steady contact with the client and another back board and c-spine, we had her going out the back door of the bus in no time at all. All in all, a great practice for an accident scene that we never want to see.

A special thank to Martha Brown for her behind the scenes work at gearing the evening up for us. A special thanks to Ava Brown for driving her Gator to the accident scene.

Our new suits have arrived at the hall for the Marine Six team. Now they can be ready when they hit the tide and waves out in the Bay.

Again we hope to use Marine Six only at practice sessions.

I heard the frogs outside last night, so summer is not far away, which means the hall will be rockin again with a few dances for fundraisers. The first dance is on May 18 at the hall, with the band SWEET REVENGE, from 9 until 1 am. hope to see you all there.

Now that spring is here and you are not using your wood stove as much now, this may be a good time to check

your flue and pipes for creosote and ash that love to lay around the pipes. Another good idea would be to get your firewood for next year in the next few months. Get it split and dried quickly.

The Hall is getting some new members and they are working out great. A few Mondays ago we spent a training night on trucks and pumper training. The rookies were very hard workers and eager to learn the ropes or in this case the hoses. great job men and women.

In the coming weeks a team of brigade members will be attending a training session on live fire. This will be in Bible Hill at the fire station. It will be an entertaining evening, with brigade members going into a burning steel trailer, while wearing full breathing apparatus and dragging a fully charged fire hose. It's a great time to become aware of the limits of a person's abilities - under stress, flame and smoke. It will be an eye opener for some and a confidence booster for some. It's also a great bonding session for all team members.

Well time to close and head to the hall, keep your pipes clean. Till next month, oh yes and see you at the next dance.