



Outstanding Colchester County students at the Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture were recognized at a reception recently for their academic achievement during the past year by being named to the Dean's List. Dr. Harold Cook, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Principal, Dalhousie Agricultural Campus, is shown offering congratulations to - from left, front row: Crystal Fullerton, Belmont, a 3rd yr B.Sc.(Agr.) Environmental Sciences student; Thomas Harrington, Debert, NS, a 3rd yr B.Sc.(Agr.) Integrated Environmental Management student; Rebecca O'Connell, Upper Stewiacke, NS, a 3rd yr B.Sc.(Agr.) Agricultural Business student; and Riley Giffen, West St. Andrews, NS, a 1st yr Engineering student. (Submitted)

Saturday, May 18TH – Busy Day in Great Village

By Maurice Rees

The gym at Great Village Elementary School will be a bee-hive of activity on Saturday, May 18th when upwards of 40 students between in grades 3 to 9 will be attending two hour workshops on How to write and illustrate their own story. Students will be divided into two groups, grades 3-6 and 7-9. Each group is limited to 20 participants.

The grade 3-6 workshop is being lead by Susan Tooke, an award-winning illustrator and author, while Richard Rudnicki also an award-winning illustrator and author will lead the grades 7-9 workshop. Doors open at 9:00 am with the workshops being held from 9:30 am to 11:30 pm.

Registration is by telephone only to Patti

Sharpe at 668-2428. Workshops are free, art materials supplied and lunch provided for workshop participants.

All workshop participants and their parents are invited to attend a "Celebration of Creativity," which will take place from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Great Village School gym. Activities include: unveiling of a permanent banner for Great Village; launch of the "Images of My Village" virtual exhibition; "Music and Motion" with Celeste Chesal; book signing with Susan Tooke and Richard Rudnicki; cake and ice cream, face painting, and other activities.

This Celebration Day is part of the Elizabeth Bishop Centenary Legacy programme of the Elizabeth Bishop Society of Nova Scotia.

Are you getting restless to start a spring project?

By Christine Urquhart

As spring brings out the flowers and the birds come back from down south we, too, become restless. This is a good time to start some family projects. Working together as a family is fun! It is also often educational and can produce some wonderful items. Have you ever considered making your own bird feeder?

You say "but I can't operate a saw, or I don't have the materials..." any excuse to not try. But, you can make a very easy bird feeder and your children can help! Just take an old, stale bagel, some peanut butter, some shortening, a piece of string and some bird seed. Cut the bagel in half. Thread the string through the hole in the bagel.

Mix the shortening and peanut butter together and spread on the bagel. Dump some bird seed onto a pie plate and press the bagel into the seed. Let dry for an hour or so then take it outside and hang it from a tree branch. The birds will love it and you can now teach your children about the different birds in your yard.

Another project you can do with your children is making stepping stones. First, have your children find objects to decorate the stone with, such as bits of colored glass, sea shells, pretty stones, beads, marbles etc. You can buy premixed concrete but it is cheaper to mix it yourself.

Remember to always wear gloves and protect the area you are working on with an old sheet. Wear old clothes, too! A mixture of 5 parts concrete to 1 part water works well. Now, you need a mold for your stone. You can use an old pie plate, a large plastic plate with high sides, or even something unique like a rhubarb leaf!

Spread the stones, glass, etc. on the bottom of the pie plate (or whatever you are using) and carefully pour the concrete over these, doing your best to make it even without lumps and bumps. Allow to dry for at least two days, not moving it, before trying to remove it from the container.

Then let it sit for another week before putting it outside. If you are placing it on the ground with the purpose of being walked on remember not to raise it above the ground more than about half an inch so people don't trip over it.

Another fun project you can do with your family is to make a wind chime. Take the whole family to the beach or the park or even just into your own back yard. Get them to find items that make a sound when they collide, such as seashells, bells, beads and stones.

If the items are thin enough, poke a hole through them with a nail or hole punch. Otherwise you will need some strong glue! Attach a piece of string or nylon line to each item, making each one a different length. Now, find a pretty plastic cover, such as one from a coffee can, punch holes into it for each piece of string.

Pull the string through the hole and tie a large knot into it to keep it from pulling out (sometimes placing a bead at the top before knotting it will make it last longer and add to the prettiness of it all. Once you have all your "chimes" tied to the plastic cover, make two more holes in the center of the cover. Pull a string through each hole and tie it together. Now you can hang your wind chimes!

Debert Students Learn a Chicken's Life Cycle

By Erma Cox

The students and staff at Debert Elementary never cease to amaze me. When it would appear that everyone is going full out, and that there is no time left for anything else, someone finds a way to expand the learning experiences of our students. This month Mrs MacPherson adopted a few eggs so that the children in her classroom could learn about the life cycle of a chicken. The eggs have now been hatched and out of the 12 eggs we had ten chicks hatch. Unfortunately, one of these ten got sick so we have now sent nine chicks off to a farm to continue their growing. This adventure has also allowed for some great writing experiences.

The grade four class has completed a number of Heritage Fair projects showcasing Canadian Culture.

They have completed interviews, done research and created a backboard that they presented to a number of guests and judges. These projects will be moving on to the Regional Fair on May 3rd at the Nova Scotia Community College on Arthur Street in Truro.

Grade six students are preparing for a visit from the junior high. The students will have the opportunity to ask a number of questions they might have to prepare them for transitioning to a new school. Grade five and six students also were immersed in a French film learning experience as they travelled to Dartmouth Crossing to participate in the annual Viewfinders Film Festival.

Grade three students hosted the monthly assembly on April 24th. Parents and students were treated to several Reader's Theaters

groups perform poems written by Ken Nesbitt. These students also got to present Mrs. Green with a gift in appreciation for all she does for the school as it was Administrative Assistant Day. The PEBS lead team finished off the assembly by giving out the "Student of the Month" awards.

Primary students had the opportunity to plant sunflower seeds with their Reading Buddies on Earth Day. We will be watching in the weeks to come to see the results of their green thumbs. Grade ones also helped out on Earth Day by doing their part to help clean up our environment. They have also been learning about representing their views of nature through art.

We look forward to visits from our new primaries during the month of May.

"Wrestling Up a Cure" Team Working Hard

By Frank Hartman

Relay for Life team "Wrestling up a Cure" in Parrsboro are working hard to

raise as much money as possible. They are selling tickets for some great prizes which will be drawn on May 10 at

the Five Islands Fire Hall during Bingo. The prizes include: (1st): Co-op gift card for \$150 and Irving gift card for \$150; (2nd) Wooden sleigh and Wooden dump truck \$100; (3rd): Seafood Package (clams, lobsters, scallops) \$75 and (4th): Gift Basket \$50.

Tickets can be bought from the following people: Nikki Eagles, Kristyn Walton, Penny Lewis and Mike Elliott, and at the Five Islands Fire Hall. Please help us support a great cause.

We also have Doug McCarthy walking from Masstown Market in Five Islands to Tim Hortons in Parrsboro. If anyone would like to sponsor him for his walk, that would be great.



Members of Relay for Life Team Wrestling up a Cure. Team Captain, Nikki McCarthy, their daughter Rachael and Doug McCarthy. (Submitted)

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