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Eric Geldart entertained the crowd with a few jokes, acting as emcee for the evening.

Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

The Branch is now selling tickets on a \$100 Gift Card donated by Debbie Cock and the Double 'C' Restaurant. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Draw date is Friday, April 25th.

The winner of the \$100 Gift "Gas" Card (Petro) the Branch was selling tickets on was Dave Stewart. Congratulations Dave!

Speaking of winners, Betty Hill won a \$50 gift certificate from Home Hardware, Norm Eastcott won a beautiful 50" television on a raffle ticket and Debbie Cock won a 48" television at a food show. Congratulations to all the winners.

The Friday Night Suppers are still going very well thanks in part to some very good supper (food) and very good attendance. The menu for the next few weeks is as follows: Friday, April 25th- Pork; Friday, May 2nd- Chicken; Friday, May 9th- Fish; Friday, May 16th- Beef; Friday, May 23rd- Pork; Friday, May 30th, our final supper for the Winter/Spring season, the menu will feature Roast Beef, Chicken, Fish and Pork.

Thank you's are passed along to the Thursday morning crew, the Friday cooking and serving crew, to all of the musicians who give/gave of their time and their talents to provide us with some beautiful music to all the people who supported the suppers.

To all the people who donated goodies to the Branch to help in the profit column of the Friday Night Suppers, thank you. The goodies ranged from glasses, a freezer, potatoes, carrots, turnips, onions, blueberries, strawberries and the list goes on.

The Friday Night D.L.M.D.L has ended another successful year that had Team 5, with Chris McLean, Mike Hamilton and Dawn Hatt running away with first place honors, they had 133 points. Team 1, with Ron Eastcott, Marilyn Dykens and Mike Giles finished a distant second with 114 points. Team 4 with Skip Dawson and Deanna Martell rounded out the top 3 with 112 points.

There was six 180's, Bill Hawker and Mike Hamilton had two each while Craig Fraser and Dawn Hatt had one each. High Start (M) Skip Dawson/Craig Fraser 120, (L) Dawn Hatt 120, High Finish (M) Bill Hawker 115, (L) Deanna Martell 90, High Score (M) Bill Hawker 145, (L) Marilyn Dykens 144, Most Starts (m) Bill Hawker 139, (L) Dawn Hatt 92, Most Finishes (M) Dave MacPhee 196, (L) Dianne Rushton 177, Least Tinkles (M) Bill Hawker 20, (L) Dawn Hatt 86. The League Play-Offs are now underway. (Thanks Chris/Skip).

The standings and individual stats in the Wednesday Night Crib League as of 22 April are as follows. Holding down First Place with 1366 points is Debbie Cock and Ron Eastcott. Pegging along in Second Place with 1420 is the team of Irene Blenkhorn and Jo-Ann Bartlett, rounding out the top Three is Joe Rohback and Yvon Thout with 1516 points.

Dan Martell and Leslie Fulton have most Winning Nights with 4. Ron/Debbie along with Irene/Jo-Ann have most Hidden Scores, they are toed with 4 each. There have been thirty-two 24 hands and Earl Garvey has 4 to lead in this category. (Thanks Earl)

The Annual Provincial

Legion Crib Tournament was held here at Branch 106, on the 29th of March. We had four teams finish in the top ten, namely Irene Blenkhorn/Debbie Buchanan (69 Points), Debbie Cock/Ron Eastcott (70 Points), Joe Rohback/Yvon Thout (78 Points) and Marcia/Norm Eastcott (94 Points). The next step on the Crib trail is Lunenburg, on April 12th.

Our four teams who took part in the Provincial Play-Offs in Lunenburg ran into some very poor luck and really sour cards and didn't do very good at all. Say no more! ATTENTION, ATTENTION! The Debert Legion Game Triathlon will be held on Saturday, April 26th at 7:00PM and is free. There will be darts, pool, crib, sequence washer toss and trivia.

Come on out and have some fun, everyone is welcome. Don't forget it is free, and is ongoing.

Rumor has it that Ger-Bear is looking to the wind people of Inverness and Ingonish for help in keeping his penthouse in the sky. I am not sure where this one came from but Robert Hill does do dishes at home and Betty does not use a roller coaster. Bernice, your blueberry jam is simply beautiful and it sure goes good on the Sunday morning toast, thank you.

Happy Birthday wishes for April are passed along to Cassandra McCully, Roddie Spencer, Gerry Dawson, Shawna Higgins, Debbie Rushton, John Totten and Dorothy Adams.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country. Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

Brush Burning Restrictions Began March 15

Nova Scotians are reminded the new wild-fire-risk season, when domestic brush-burning is restricted, began Saturday, March 15.

People no longer need a permit to burn domestic brush but they must check an online burning restrictions map to learn when it is OK to burn a pile of brush.

"I encourage anyone considering burning brush on a domestic property to consult the new BurnSafe map first," said Zach Churchill, Minister of Natural Resources. "Look for the colours on the map to know if burning is permitted in your county on any given day."

The map will show green, red, or yellow in each county, to let Nova Scotians know if it is safe to burn, unsafe to burn, or safe, with restrictions.

People can get the same information in a recorded message by calling 1-855-564-2876, toll-free.

The map and recorded phone message will be updated daily. The map is online at www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe

Industrial brush burning still requires a permit from a Department of Natural Resources office.



Debert Elementary School Notes

By Erma Cox

Things are very busy here at Debert Elementary! On Mondays, 22 students are participating in Photo Club after school. This group has been seen taking pictures of nature and learning how to use iPads and other devices to work with digital photography. Mrs. MacPherson and Ms. MacLean will be taking this group to Babineau's Photography in Truro later in the month to further hone these skills.

Tuesdays after school, students in grades 5 & 6 are participating in Badminton Club with Mr. Caudle. On Wednesdays, the Mad Scientist group comes to our school engaging 44 of our students in exciting experiments.

Running Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Barnhill, is held on Wednesdays and Fridays. This group of 44 eager participants are warming up now for a big run in June throughout the community. Please watch our website and the Facebook newsfeed for further updates as to the time and date of this big event!

Mr. Black and Mrs. Loughhead continue to host Drama groups on Mondays and Thursdays after school allowing students to show their artistic flair.

Mrs. Loughhead also has a number of students participating in Board Games and Chess Club. The talents of our youth are also exhibited during Creative Lunch with Mrs. Loughhead on Fridays.

As if all of this doesn't require enough scheduling,

we also have Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. MacPherson chairing a Green Team. This group of eager environmentalists has been helping to compost, reducing waste around our school and is now planning to extend our garden to twice the current size!

We have also had our students involved in a number of awareness activities. First and foremost on this list is the recent visit of four of our students to CCJHS to hear words of wisdom from Clara Hughes. These students returned to our school making a presentation to their classmates on ways we can all help to reduce the stigma of mental health.

The grade 6 class has also continued to visit their "buddies" at Debert Court. This has proven to be a positive learning experience for both the residents and students. The grade 6 class also hosted a book fair in March during parent teacher interview times. They decided to use profits from this event to expand the guided reading materials available to all students.

PTG recently held a huge fundraiser on a number of articles. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. Over \$1000 was raised and the winners are as follows: \$100 Petro-Can Gas Certificate (Jolene Green), \$50 Bingo Bucks from Legends (Rosaleen Hutchinson), Bath Robes from the Marriott Hotel (Heather MacKay), \$25 Petro-Can Meal Certificate (Christina

Hepburn), \$25 Frank & Gino's Certificate (Mandy Slack), 4 Quarter Chicken Dinner Certificates from Swiss Chalet (Amanda Morrisey), Easter Basket #1 (Krista Totten), Easter Basket #2 (Marie Benoit), Double Buffet server (Nellie Rhuland), Adult Avon Basket (Don Cameron), Child Avon Basket (Ronald Brown), Clark's Sandals (Linda Delaney), 4 Wine Glasses (Darryl Taylor), Home Decor #1 from Inglis Jewellery (Stephanie Ettinger), Home Decor #2 from Inglis Jewellers (Basil Mellroy), and a Lia Sophia Ring (Letasha Berry). PTG holds their meeting on the third Wednesday of each month and we are always eager to have new members. This group is fundamental in helping to support various activities throughout the school. Funds from this recent raffle will be used to support upcoming class trips.

We have been very blessed to have the support of Miss Lee, a Korean intern, during the last several months. Miss Lee is assisting in the grade primary room but she is also sharing her culture with staff and students throughout the school. We will continue to reap the benefits of her visit until early June.

The grade 2 class is bursting with excitement as they have just received some fertilized eggs. They will be responsible for being "mother hens" for the next several weeks until they hatch. At this point a member of the Agricultural College will return to collect the new chick and take them to a farm in the local area.

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