



Members of Colchester Dance Academy who are heading off to further their study this summer include: Ava Stevens- Royal Winnipeg Ballet School (was also accepted to School of Alberta Ballet); Ella Webster- Royal Winnipeg Ballet School; Ella Oakley- Royal Winnipeg Ballet School; Eden Robichaud- School of Alberta Ballet; Brianna Blaauwendraat- School of Alberta Ballet; Chloe Duguay- Ballet Jorgen Canada's Summer Intensive IV; Mari Budgey- Ballet Jorgen Canada's Summer Intensive IV and Emma Purdy- School of Alberta Ballet. Students from Colchester Dance Academy who will be attending Post- Secondary Professional Training include: Mari Budgey- The Ailey School (NYC), as well as George Brown Dance P105 Program in Toronto and Reann Post- Schoolod Dance Theatre Professional Training Program, as well as George Brown Dance P105 Dance Program. (submitted)

Emma Purdy headed to School of Alberta Ballet

By Linda Harrington

Thirteen-year-old Emma Purdy, of Masstown, will be living her dream this summer. For three weeks she will be attending the School of Alberta Ballet.

Emma joined the Cobequid

Dance Academy (CDA), Truro when she was just 4 years of age and has performed in the annual Nutcracker presentation since she was seven. Last summer she attended Canada's Ballet Jörgen, in Toronto for an intensive week

of dance.

Auditions for the School of Alberta Ballet were held in Halifax last November. Emma received the wonderful news Dec. 4th. Several other dancers from Cobequid Dance Academy were also picked to at-

tend the summer program.

"I was thrilled and couldn't believe that I got excepted into the 3 week Intensive program at the School of Alberta Ballet and also very excited that I have other girls from CDA going as well," says Emma.

The three weeks at the School of Alberta Ballet will be an intensive audition for the school's full-time dance and academic training program for students in grades 7 through 12. Emma was very pleased to receive an anonymous bursary of \$4000, which will help pay for her trip this summer.

"I really think it will be a great learning experience for me, having new dance teachers and being away from home for so long! I just can't wait to soak up everything the Alberta teachers have to offer me!" she says adding, "Oh and making new dance friends from all over the world!"

This talented young lady plans to make her passion for dance a big part of her future. Emma says her goal after CDA would be to dance professionally with a dance company and then some day be a dance teacher as well.

Congratulations Emma and all the best for your summer program!



Just because he has turned 60, doesn't mean he is over the hill yet! Happy Birthday, Bob! (Submitted)

BREAKING NEWS

Serious Injuries in Upper Economy Accident

By Maurice Rees

Two vehicles were traveling in opposite directions when they collided in Upper Economy around 5:30 pm on Monday, April 23. The driver and passenger of one of the

vehicles have been taken to hospital with serious injuries. A resident of Economy, who wished to remain anonymous, said there was very little left of the car and both vehicles swerved to avoid hitting a dog.

Fire Services from Bass River and Economy, EHS and Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal were assisting Colchester RCMP. A portion of Highway 2 near Brown Road

was closed for several hours as an RCMP collision reconstructionist was on the scene. The investigation is continuing. RCMP had not released any other details.

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The Debert Military Museum Big Breakfast, which was held at Branch 106 on Saturday the 7th of April, could best be described as tremendously successful, with a tidy sum of money being realized.

To all those people who made donations of any type/kind, thank you very

much for your generosity.

It is/was greatly appreciated. To the ladies who worked the door, thank you. To the cooks, thank you. To the servers and cleaners and dish washers, thank you and finally to all the people who dropped in for a beautiful breakfast, thank you very much for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

The Dart League stats and standings are as follows: Mens Division 1st Place- Skip Dawson 149, 2nd Place- Bob Freeman 142, 3rd Place- Derek McMullen 138, 4th Place- Ron Eastcott 133; Ladies Division 1st Place- Deanna Martell 130, 2nd Place- Debbie Buchanan 109, 3rd Place- Audrey Gallagher and Joanie Johnson 102.

High Start- (M) Ron Eastcott, Skip Dawson, Derek McMullen all with 120, (L) Dawn Hatt 116; High Finish - (M) Skip Dawson 121, (L) Debbie Buchanan 91; High Score- (M) Ron Eastcott 152, (L) Deanna Martell 171; Most Starts- (M) Skip Dawson 133, (L) Deanna Martell 82; Most Finishes- (M) Derek McMullen 84, (L) Deanna Martell 44; Most Tinkles- (M) Chris MacLean 53, (L) Lisa Archabald 159; Least Tinkles- (M) Ron Eastcott 44, (L) Deanna Martell 120. There has not been any 180's, yet. (Thanks Skip)

There are still some tickets available for the Village Follies Dinner Theatre Thursday Night performance on May 10th, 7PM here at Branch 106. Phone 902-986-1710.

Happy Birthday wishes for April are passed along to Char-

lie Moore, Debbie Rushton, Dorothy Adams and Cassandra McCully.

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.



Debert Royal Canadian Legion Branch #106 presented five young people with Certificates of Appreciation for their help with the Legion Friday Night Suppers during the Fall, Winter and Spring. Shown are left to right: Emily Collins, Ryan Benoit, Dallace Pash and Legion President Robert Pash. Missing from the photo are Rhylie Aikens and Jessie Totton. (MacQueen Photo)

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