

Low-income Families to get \$19-Million

By Maurice Rees

The Government of Nova Scotia is investing \$19 million in rebates to support low-income families in making their homes more comfortable and energy-efficient and help Nova Scotians buy clean, reliable electric vehicles. Half of the \$19 million - \$9.5 million - which will come from the Green Fund, is to go into the Home Warming and the Affordable Multi-Family Housing energy efficiency programs. This will help 1,200 more low-income Nova Scotians make their homes more comfortable and protect their family budgets.

More than half the Green Fund will be spent to support those most in need. The other half will be invested in a rebate program for new and used electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids and e-bikes. Rebates will be \$3,000 per new vehicle and \$2,000 for used vehicles, with \$500 for e-bikes. This will be in addition to the \$5,000 federal rebate available for new electric vehicles.

The Department of Energy and Mines will release the new Renewable Electricity Standard next month. Work will begin immediately to ensure new wind power is made available at the lowest possible cost to ratepayers.

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

The D.M.D.L. completed another very successful year with their year ending Banquet on Friday, April 16th. The year ending stats are as follows: Men's Side- 1st Place, Duane LeBlanc 174 ; 2nd Place, Skippy Dawson 154; 3rd Place, Ian Menzies 143; 4th Place, Ron Eastcott 139; 5th Place, Clayton Finck 135 and 6th Place, Duane Turner 132.

Men's High Start- Kenny Smith 160; High Finish- Duane LeBlanc 104; High Score- Skippy Dawson 171; Most Starts- Duane LeBlanc 121; Most Finishes- Duane LeBlanc 97; Least Tinkles- Duane LeBlanc 71 (Ave 2.3). The only 180 was recorded by Kenny Smith and it was recorded on the first night of the season.

On the Lady's Side of the League, Marilyn Dykens took home First Place honours with 137 points, Dawn Hatt and Deanna Martell tied for 2nd spot with 135 points, 4th Place was Renee LeBlanc 126, Debbie Buchanan had 5th place all to herself with 114, and Audrey Gallagher rounded out the top six with 103.

Lady's High Start- Debbie Buchanan with 148; High Fin-

ish- Dawn Hatt 71; High Score- Dawn Hatt 139; Most Starts- Deanna Martell 87; Most Finishes- Dawn Hatt 42. There were no 180's for the gals. Least Tinkles was Marilyn Dykens with 159 (Ave. 5).

The new League President for the 2021-22 Season will be Duane LeBlanc and the new Secretary and Statistician is Renee LeBlanc.

"Some Banquet Notes"-The Tinkle King and Queen were Rodney Morgan 160 and Audrey Gallagher 192. The Branch President Bob Pash was an invited guest but was a no show with no excuses.

Many thanks go out to Debbie Buchanan and the wonderful job she did on the potato salad with cucumber and tomato.

Ron (Easy) Eastcott and Jim Totten looked after the BBQ and the fine assortment of sirloin steak, top loin pork chops, big burgers and Larson Wieners.

Ron and Jim, thank you very much for a big job very well done and much appreciated.

Skipper passes along a thank you to Owen Slack for his help with certificates and



plaques over the years.

Finally, Skipper passes along a special thank you to Audrey Gallagher for all her help over the year. Audrey, thank you very much. (Thanks Skip).

To Skipper and Audrey, thank you very much for the hard work you put into keeping the Dart League up and running.

There is a rumor on the go that there will be Fun Darts on Friday Nights!

As we get ready to meet the deadline, "Chase the Ace" should be up and running for another deck of cards.

To all those people who collect and drop off the pull tabs, thank you very much. They are much appreciated.

The trout coming out of

Joggins Fossil Centre opens May 1

The Joggins Fossil Center launches its 2021 season on Saturday May 1. The museum and gift shop open at 10:00 am. At 2:00 pm meet-and-greet Yarmouth writer Sandra Phinney, this year's ArtScape Artist-in-Residence. Refreshments will be served.

At 2:15 pm, join Sandra for a round table discussion as she shares the ups and downs, successes, failures (and the goofy experiences) of a writer's life. Sandra has published several books and numerous newspaper and magazine articles and is a veteran of the writing wars. Do not miss this lively discussion and illustrated presentation.

The meet-and-greet and round table are free, but due to COVID-19 limitations, people are asked to register by contacting Laurie at 902-251-2727, Ext. 224, or education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net. The ArtScape Artist-in-Residence

program is generously sponsored by the Municipality of the Country of Cumberland.

The Joggins Fossil Cliffs staircase beach access is currently unavailable. The Centre is working with engineers, contractors, and various government departments to rectify this as soon as possible. Public announcements will be made when the stairs can

once again be used. See the website for more details. <https://jogginsfossilcliffs.net/index.php>

Due to COVID-19 restrictions all Joggins Fossil Centre visitors are required to wear a mask and practice social distancing. For more information contact Laurie at 902-251-2727, ext. 224 or education@jogginsfossilcliffs.net

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Housing Survey will Determine Seriousness

A crisis in housing has come to the forefront and many elected representatives and media are devoting a lot of space and time to make people aware of the problem. The United Way of Colchester County has been working collaboratively with many stakeholders across Colchester County to develop an Affordable Housing Needs and Demands Study. With your help

we can collect data to advocate for affordable and safe housing for everyone! The Along the Shore Community Health Board is helping to raise awareness of the public survey in West Colchester by placing posters at various locations along the shore. The following is the message on the poster:

Are you spending too much on your housing? Is your

housing situation unstable or unsafe? We want to hear from you!

Participate in a short (5-10 minute) survey to share your housing experience in Truro and Colchester County.

The results from the survey will help to guide future housing and homelessness work in your community.

Take the survey today!
Visit: ColchesterHousing.com

Plant Sale Returns to "The Hall"

By Patricia Burke

The Parrsboro Band Association's Plant / Book and Bake sale will return to "The Hall" this year on Saturday, June 5, 2021 beginning at 9 am. Due to COVID-19 protocols we had to cancel the event last year. This year due to the loosening of the gathering limits we feel we can hold this safely. Social Distancing and wearing of masks is ex-

pected and will be enforced.

There will be a limited amount of people allowed in the hall at any time. You will be given a number when you get to the door. We are unable to rent tables. We would appreciate donations of plants. If you can dig them out we will pick up and pot if necessary. Donations of book or baking items can be dropped off at the hall

the day before. Memberships will also be available that day.

We will be selling tickets on a garden box. Tickets will be sold at the movies as well as periodically at the Co-op in Parrsboro. Drawing will take place Saturday, June 5, 2021. All proceeds from this event will go to keeping music available at the hall.

Contact Patricia Burke at 902-297-4845 or e-mail Patricia.burke.parrsboro@gmail.com



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