

Heating Assistance Rebate Announced

Applications for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program 2010-2011 are now available at the office of Colchester North MLA, Karen Casey. Maximum assistance level is \$200.00, but may be less according to household income.

Single people with an income of \$27,000 or less and households of two or more people with an annual income of \$42,000 or less qualify for a rebate. Households that receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement from Service

Canada or Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services also qualify. **Forms may be obtained from Karen Casey, MLA 30 Duke Street, Truro, Nova Scotia Ph: 902.893.2180**

Coffee Parties in November

By Chris Urquhart

Masstown United Church coffee parties for the month of November are on Wednesday the 3rd and Wednesday the 17th, each starting at 2pm. There is a bake table and a play room for the children. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a nice afternoon "social"! Masstown UCW will meet

on November 4th, 7pm at the Masstown United Church. Program this month will be on my recent trip to England and Scotland. Visitors are welcome to join us. Program will probably start around 8pm. The DGM Men's Club will hold their Breakfast Meeting on Saturday November 6th, 8am at the Double C

Restaurant. All men in our three communities are more than welcome to attend this meeting. Here is something to put on your calendar. Plan to come out to this. We will be having our usual bake table and all donations will be greatly appreciated. I will have more information on this next month.

Clifton 4-H Club News

By Teresa McNutt

A job well done by all who participated in the 4-H Provincial Show that was held October 1-3 in Truro. The members, leaders, Council, and parents outdid themselves with their projects, the preparation work and running of the show. Huge thanks

to all the volunteers who helped out and who made this event a tremendous success! Our club started off its new year on October 5, but it is never too late to join. We are still taking new members. At present we have 45 members in 21 different projects. It

looks like it is going to be a busy year. The Clifton club is celebrating its 75th year in 4-H. We want to recognize this milestone and ask that any former 4-Hers that have old pictures, news articles, or memorabilia to share contact Karen Parsons at 895-7970.

Debert Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Fall weather means cooler temperatures; reminder for students to wear warmer clothes to school and as they head out for recess and noon time. The Scholastic Book Fair realized a profit of \$1400. Thank you to everyone for their support, especially Mrs. Ryan-Connolly, Nellie Rhuland and Tina Fisher for organizing the book fair.

The Terry Fox Walk was held on Sept. 28th and over \$100 was collected for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Fall Fiesta was a huge success with over \$1500 raised and a lot of fun had by all. Thanks to all who helped out and/or for donation of prizes.

A Fire Drill was held during Fire Prevention Week of Oct. 4-8th.

The "Caught...Making Healthy Choices Winners" contest in the cafeteria has had 4 students added to the Wall of Fame. Congratulations to Sidney Wadman, Alyssa Weatherbee, Marlee Alexander and Courtnee DeAdder.

The Breakfast Program is up and running on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:10 until 8:30AM. Thank you to Debi Rushton for running the program out of the cafeteria to ensure the Healthy School Policy is followed. A special thank you to the HPS Breakfast Program for their support, and to Sobeys for their very generous donation of \$300 in gift cards.

A Halloween Family Dance

will be held on Oct. 29th, sponsored by the PTG. Wear your spooky costume and have a good time.

Drop off your empty printer ink or toner cartridges at any Staples location. Staples Canada will donate funds to participating schools. Help the environment and help your local school. Last year Debert Elementary received a \$300 gift card from this program.

PTG and SAC meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:30.

Two teachers have completed, and one more will attend an Inservice on technology integration. The school will be receiving 17 new notebooks (laptop computers) as a result of their involvement in this initiative.

A Remembrance Day Service will be held in the school gymnasium on Nov. 10th at 1:00PM. Grade 6 students will be organizing the Service. Family members are welcome to attend.

Intensive Short Term Literacy Intervention (ISTLI) will begin on Oct. 25th. Mrs. Sonya Barnhill will be working with the identified students for the five week program.

Debert Elementary continues to work toward their Accreditation Goals, which are: 1) to improve student's performance in nonfiction reading; 2) to improve communication within the school community.

The school website has been updated but to date is

only accessible using the Firefox web browser. It is hoped this little glitch will soon be fixed.

A new Educational Assistant (EA) position has been assigned to the school, as a result of the Grade 1 class having greater than 25 students. Welcome to Patti Purdy, who be filling this position for the remainder of the school year.

Miss Langille, Ms. Boutillier, Mrs. Loughhead and Mrs. Cox are currently furthering their studies, on their own time, in order to keep abreast of the current trends in education.

Miss Langille and Mrs. Loughhead are holding Drama Group after school, for grade 4-6 on Thursdays, and for P-3 on Wednesdays. (Due to the overwhelming number of students in this group the class has been split and will alternate each Wednesday).

Mr. Black is holding Guitar Club after school on Mondays and Mr. Caudle has after school sports on Tuesdays. Representatives from the Colchester East Hants Regional Library will be visiting classes on Nov. 25th.

Report Cards will be going home on Nov. 29th, with Parent-Teacher visitation on Dec. 2nd from 6:30-8:30 and on Dec. 3rd from 1:00 to 2:30PM. No school for students on Dec. 3rd.

Mark your calendar! The Christmas Concert is planned for Dec. 13, with an afternoon and evening performance.

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Clair Peers

The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary during 2011. Many people in the communities will remember all or part of the activities of this Brigade from 1961-2011, and will recognize the growth of the Brigade during these 50 years. The first formal organization meeting was held on January 28, 1961.

Throughout 2011 there will be a number of special events taking place to honor this occasion. The Brigade will produce a booklet outlining the History of the Brigade entitled "50 Years Young". Copies will be available for the public to purchase in February 2011.

2011 Events:

January 29 - 7-9pm: Open House/Reception at the Fire Hall. At 8 pm there will be a special re-enactment of the first meeting of 50 years ago. Finger food & refreshments will be provided. The public are invited to attend.

April: Anniversary Dance will be held. (Date, time & place to be announced.)

May 7: Ivan Hicks Dance will take place at the Onslow School.

May 14: The Brigade Ladies will host the Colchester County Fire Brigade Ladies Bowling Tournament. Participants include the female spouses/partners of firefighters.

June 4: An Anniversary

Dinner will take place at the firehall for Fire Brigade Members and invited guests.

September 10-11: The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade will host the Maritime Fire Fighter's Association Annual Golf Tournament on at the Mountain Golf Club.

September 23-24: The Annual Harvest Sale & Auction

October 3-8: National Fire Prevention Week. Visitation of area schools will take place.

October 8: Annual Fire Prevention Open House at the Fire Hall The public are invited to attend.

Our year will end in December with a Christmas Party and Dinner for members and invited guests and the presenting of Annual Awards. Each year Awards are presented to Fire Brigade Members who excel in special areas of Fire Brigade work. These areas

include; 1) Firefighter of the Year, 2) Officer of the Year, 3) Sportsmanship Award, 4) Fellowship Award, 5) Most Improved Firefighter Award and 6) Junior Firefighter.

The current membership of the Fire Brigade is about 57 active firefighters, 5 support members, 1 junior member, 18 retired members and 53 honorary members. Citizens of our communities are invited and encouraged to join the Fire Brigade, as active firefighters, support members, or junior members. All Fire Brigades need good membership in order to continue to provide services to our communities. Your help is always appreciated.

Donations may be given to any fire brigade member or directly to our Treasurer, Walter McElhinney (897-6025). The treasurer will issue charitable donation receipts, for all cash donations.

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Pet Photo Day! Thursday, November 4th

Have your pet professionally photographed by Kirk Saint of Unique Images, FREE with any \$25.00 purchase made on this day! Due to the popularity of this event appointments are required. Call and book your pets now!

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