

Bass River Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Hi from the Fire Hall. At last fall has arrived, with the smell of wood smoke filtering through the air waves as you go along the highways and biways of Bass River. That is all good and well as long as your flues and pipe elbows are clean of that dreaded creosote. The only way to get rid of it is to actually clean your

flues before the wood fires get going. Please make sure your firewood is nice and dry. And with the fall coming up, the Annual Fall Auction was held last week. It was a fine event to say the least. With a great crowd and our auctioneer from Onslow-Belmont Fire Brigade, Greg Muise, calling the action, the bidders were pretty wild. I



Peter Christensen shines the hubcaps on Bass River Fire Brigade's newest truck, while Kohl Grue looks on. The Brigade purchased the 1986 International pumper last month from Cobequid Fire Dept. The newer truck, which has a much larger pump, will replace their aging 1973 No. 2 pumper truck. (Harrington Photo)



Family of Fire Fighters. Ronda, Emma, Arthur and Blaine Dickie (left to right) are all members of the Bass River Fire Brigade. Emma just joined two months ago, as a Junior Fire Fighter. There are now three generations of the Dickie family in the Brigade. (Harrington Photo)

Chiganois Elementary Notes

By Linda Harrington

Chiganois is looking for some gently used items to make the entryway more inviting. Top of the list is a couch, arm chairs and aquarium. If anyone would like to donate any of these items, please give the office a call at 662-4420.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Terry Fox Run last month. Chiganois Elementary School raised over a \$1100. Well done! Students participated in Walk to School week, Oct. 4th to 8th, by doing laps in the gym prior to class. The first Family Dance of the year was held on Oct. 21st.

The PTG are encouraging all parents to attend their monthly meetings by offering a prize to the class with the most parents at a meeting. PTG meetings are an important way to be involved with your child's school community.

A warm welcome to International student Jin Kim, from South Korea. Jin is in

Mrs. Robertson's Grade 5 class.

Congratulations to last month's GOTCHA winners: Codie Hanlan, CJ Atkinson, Kaitlyn Johnson, Stacey Shaddick, Joshua MacRitchie, Michael McMaster, Brandon Martin, DJ Lynds, Emma Hill-MacMillan, Ryan Glidden-McKay, Olivia MacDonald, Emma Donkin, Devan Bates, Kennedy MacKenzie, Brent Rushton, Emma Spicer, Haylee Porter, Ben Donkin.

The PTG is collecting Christmas bags, tags, and wrapping paper for their Christmas Store, which is held in December. Please send any of these items into the school before Dec. 1st.

Breakfast Program is up and running each morning from 9:05 until 9:30AM. Items available include cheerios, apple juice, apples and cheese. Thank you to Sobeys and their employees for donating \$250 towards this program.

A school Assembly will be

saw quite a few rounds of intense bidding, and those were between some firemen!

A lot of interest was had in the preserves and jams. I saw one case of preserves go for at least seven dollars a bottle, much to the chagrin of one young firefighter, who wanted to take some home to his lovely pregnant wife, so she would not have to make jam while looking after all those children. What a nice guy that Pierre is. But alas he could not stay with the briskness of the bidding war between him and some tall red headed fireman. Hope they can share, the jam.

After all the bidding wars and the cleanup after, the brigade realized approx five thousand three hundred dollars. These monies will go towards more much needed apparatus for the hall. A special thank you to all of those men and women who spent all day at the hall and picked up donations throughout your community. Thankyou

Just this past weekend the fire hall was just a booming, with the Harvest Dance with music by Nighthawk. It was a great mix of folks with new folks coming to hear the music for the first time and lots of folks who had heard the Nighthawk band a few years before when they played at the school when we held dances there. Approximately one hundred and twenty people enjoyed the music and the friendship, as well. A special thanks to all those who helped getting ready and helping during the dance as well.

Well that is all at the hall this month. Have a safe Halloween as well. Fireman Pete saying bye from the hall.

held on Oct. 26th and also the Principal's Lunch for October Birthdays.

Grade 3 Provincial Language Arts Assessment was held recently and Mrs. Saunders reports students worked very hard to complete the Assessment. Chiganois had pleasing results on last year's Grade 3 Provincial Math Assessment. The school met 96% of the outcomes, 20% higher than the Provincial average.

New technology has come to class. All classrooms now have LCD projectors. A Remembrance Day Service will be held at the school on Nov. 10th. No school on Nov. 12th, teachers will be attending a site based inservice.

Afterschool Skating at the Debert Rink begins on Nov. 1st at 3:30PM for all Chiganois students and their siblings. Cost is \$2/person. Future dates include Nov. 15th and 29th. Report Cards go home on Nov. 29th.

Christmas Concert will be Dec. 9th at the AV room at CEC, Truro.

Out and About with Ken

By Ken Kennedy

Here we are coming up to November already. Where has the summer gone? For us, it was a summer we would like to forget, for the most part.

We started putting a fire in the wood stoves this week because it has been quite cool in the evenings and mornings but relatively nice weather during the day. We have had Velma's niece here working on our flower beds and she has done a bang-up job.

With this late latest cold snap the tree-leaves have turned a blazing red, yellow, and brown, and they are all over my back yard! People were complaining about the bland colours at first but now they have no room to complain. Isn't God good?

On Thanksgiving weekend Velma and I celebrated our 45th anniversary with our daughter, Pam, in Halifax, helping her move (again). At least this year she had some people come and move the heavy stuff - from a three bedroom apartment to a one bedroom apartment. Needless to say, a lot of "purging" had to take place. On Sunday we went to church with her in Upper Hammond's Plains, where she sings, and then we took a drive down to Peggy's Cove for our favourite dessert - gingerbread cake with soft ice-cream. It was windy and there was a cruise ship in Halifax and a string of tour busses kept coming and going all afternoon. Those are narrow roads down that way. Those bus drivers must have nerves of steel.

Speaking of Pam, she and her friend Sherri (Hebb) Stevenson, came by on Thanksgiving Monday and dropped of a pumpkin pie that Sherri made. Wow! Now I have to go on a diet! By the way, Sherri and her new husband have taken over the former Fair Trade Café opposite Tim Hortons' on Pictou Road, Bible Hill. They both are good cooks. If you happen to see anyone around there with multi-coloured hair, it's probably Sherri! She's a sweetheart but sometimes I think she must glow in the dark! (I'll probably get heck for this!)

Nothing too exciting going on around Debert, that I know of, except the construction in the village across from Debert Court senior's complex. I stopped to ask one of the workers what was going on and he told me they are laying sewer pipe. The Industrial Park always had a water line running along there so now maybe the village will be getting sewage services eventually.

CN was working on the railway crossing at East Mines Road at the same time for a

while so we really had a mess of detours to deal with.

Man alive, there's a lot of "jam sessions" and coffee houses on the go these days. George Linkletter must be like the old Timex watch commercial: Takes a licking but keeps on ticking! Roy Rushton was telling me that Harold is not doing too well in the hospital these day. Hang in there Rhoda. Fred Isenor was telling me that the long-running "Bluegrass and Old Time Music Jam Sessions have started up again at the Truro Boy's and Girl's Club next to the new police station. They have a different format in that two or three players will get together in a corner somewhere and jam until they get tired of each other and then go meet up with someone else! Their schedule is a little different also. They meet on the second and last Saturday each month between 1:00 pm to whatever.

I see where the Awalt home on the corner of Soley Factory and Chisholm Road has been upgraded and put up for sale. That used to be the property of Earl Chisholm's father, he was telling me. That's where "Chisholm Road" got its name, I guess. There's

another big house going up this side of Barley Brook, on the Totten property.

I missed the Great Village Legion's monthly meeting on Wednesday the 13th. I could have gone, but I must have had a senior's moment, since I was thinking it was the first Wednesday of the month. Now I have gone through my calendar and marked the second Wednesday as "Legion Night."

Speaking of the Legion, there's a competition on the go between Legions to see who can recruit the most new members or former members. So if you are ex-service or a relative of an ex-service person, you are welcome to come and join us in our community endeavours. Just call Logan Spencer or some other member and give us a try. Of course the big event next month is the poppy sales and Remembrance Day activities. Hope to see you there.

We haven't been down the shore this month, except to Bass River, but a little bird(watcher) told me that the Shoreline's trusty correspondent, Joyce Starratt, is turning 90 on Oct. 30. Joyce is like a good violin - fit as a fiddle and always in tune!

See you next month, if I'm not tarred and feathered before then.

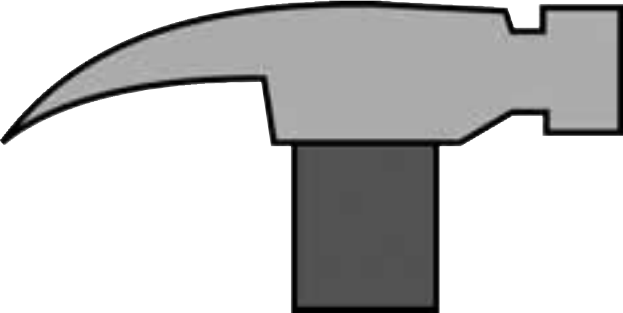


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