

Londonderry Centre Vandalized



This rock was used to break the kitchen window at the Londonderry Community Centre. It was retrieved from the kitchen counter the next day. (Rees Photo)

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building was accessed through a basement window at which time a large quantity of kitchen tools were stolen.

Included in the missing items are: an expensive meat slicer, three crock pots, 2 larger table top deep fryers and a coffee maker just to name a few items. It cost the committee over \$1,000.00 to replace the kitchen items.

The most recent and most serious damage occurred on the night of October 2nd, when pellet guns and rocks were used to damage vinyl siding and 19 double glazed thermo-sealed windows, installed less than five years ago, were destroyed. Vandals also shot out the security and exterior entrance lighting. Current estimate to replace, only the glass, is over \$3,000.00, plus labour to remove broken windows and

install replacements.

The committee has received estimates exceeding \$7,000.00 to repair all the damage done on October 2nd. All this is discouraging to committee members, but they do have two glimmers of hope. Forensic evidence has been gathered including: One rock thrown through the kitchen window and landing on the counter; footprints around the building imprinted in the wet soil were also a possibility, which could lead law enforcement to matching the footprints with the culprits.

The nine member operating committee, comprised mostly of seniors fund raises over \$7,000 just to keep the building in good repair, plus heat and lights. Most of the fundraising comes from six hunter's breakfasts in the fall; some catering, 3-4 dinners per year, and many social events. Local organizations and citi-

zens can rent the hall for a small donation. Outside groups get a very reasonable rate for hall rental.

To take protective action, all equipment is being identified, a security system with infra-red cameras is being installed. The committee is appealing to local citizens to become more aware of what is happening on the centre grounds and the adjacent ball field. It is hoped citizens will come forward if they see or know of things to help curb vandalism.

Two positive things are happening to assist the committee raise the funds to make the repairs. The Shoreline Journal will mailing all homes in the area and will donate 50% of the proceeds from new or renewal subscriptions purchased during the special fundraiser. The special offer, in a special ad, elsewhere in this issue is effective from November 1st to November 20th.

The second is the "Londonderry Community Centre Repair Fund Raffle Draw. A local resident has stepped up to organize a prize lottery by approaching businesses for prizes. As of this writing, over 30 prizes valued at approximately \$5,000.00 have been gathered. So far the major prizes include: \$500 gas certificate from Wilson's; \$500 certificate from Community Metals, Debert; 2012-2013 Season Pass to Ski Wentworth and several \$100 gift certificates from area businesses. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The draw for the prizes will be held at the community centre on January 6, 2013. More information about the community centre and the raffle draw can be found on Facebook.



Gorgeous fall view from the top of Reid Road, Debert. (Harrington Photo)



A view of the Coal Mine Bridge, Cottam's Settlement. (Harrington Photo)



Beautiful drive along the roadways throughout the village of Debert. (Harrington Photo)



Caretakers of the Londonderry Community Centre gathered up this box of broken glass from the vandalism incident on October 2nd, which destroyed 19 windows and damaged the vinyl siding. (Rees Photo)



A rock was thrown through this kitchen window at the Londonderry Community Centre on the evening of October 2nd. (Rees Photo)



In addition to breaking 19 windows and damaging vinyl siding, vandals even shot glass out of the entrance lighting. (Rees Photo)

From a Scrapbook along the Shoreline...



Fiddling family! An early photo of Carl, Gerald, Mike, Bruce and Bill Elliott (left to right) taken in 1969 in Bobcaygeon, Ontario at a fiddling contest. (submitted by Terry Elliott)

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