



Crystal Fullerton carved some awesome pumpkins at Captain Cob's Corn Maze throughout the month of October. (Harrington Photo)



A party of witches joined Captain Cob at the Corn Maze recently. (Harrington photo)



Some children try to get a closer look at the friendly chickens as Fred Hamilton's team of horses go by with a wagon full of people. Family Fun Day was held at Captain Cob's Corn Maze on Oct. 21st. The Maze is now closed for the season. (Harrington Photo)

## COLCHESTER 4-H SILENT AUCTION & AWARDS NIGHT November 10<sup>TH</sup>

By Maja van den Hoek

The Colchester County 4-H Council is holding its 5th Annual 4-H Scholarship Auction and Awards Night

on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 6.30 at the Central Colchester Junior High in Onslow. The event is hosted by the eight local club members, leaders and families.

The public is invited to join in recognizing the outstanding 4-H members, Leaders, Friends of 4-H and sponsors. Awards will be given out to Top Senior Member, Top junior Member, Top Rookie, Top Junior Leader, Top All Around Member and Top Friends of 4-H.

The event is open to the public and it helps raise money for the scholarships fund with 100% of the proceeds going to the 4-H senior members in good standing and attending a post secondary institution.

Items such as pet supplies, clothing, tools, gift certificates, cheese baskets etc. are donated by businesses and individuals from Colchester County. The items are broken into two lots for a silent auction and some

held out for a live auction.

There is also a Live Fancy Cake Auction where one spectacular homemade creation is donated by each club. In the past we have seen cakes with triple layers, large cheesecakes, lots of chocolate etc. go for big money.

This event is combined with our annual awards night which recognizes the outstanding clubs and members. There are bursaries handed out and we recognize individuals and corporate sponsors with a Friends of 4-H Award.

4-H is a youth development organization that promotes leadership, encourage the care and responsibilities of our resources, and builds positive life skills to secure a sustainable future for Nova Scotia.

We welcome everyone to attend, including the general public, businesses and 4-H families to what we believe to be an exciting evening of bidding, entertainment, good food and a whole lot of fun, free admission, refreshments provided. Come one come all!

## Fire Prevention Presentation for Great Village Elementary

By Kathy Simpson-Giles

Every October is Fire Prevention month and this year's theme is "have two ways out". We got to talk to your children about this when we visited the Great Village Elementary School this month. They were an excited bunch of students when three of our five fire trucks rolled into the school yard.

The students are to be commended, first of all, for their response time on the fire drill. Once the alarm had sounded, all students had cleared the school on an orderly fashion in less than one minute. It was truly impressive to see how seriously they took this practice and the way they filed smartly to their meeting places.

After the fire drill, they all congregated in the gym for our presentation. They listened attentively to the information we offered and responded correctly to all the questions we asked. Then, they got to see some of our fire fighters wearing BAs so they would know what to expect if they ever needed us. And, three of them actually are our front line fire fighters

and could answer their questions about wearing the gear. One student actually got to try the BA on.

I would like to both say thanks and apologize to Captain Larry Kinsman who co-presented with me this year. He is usually in BA, however, this time was up front helping with the presentation. When I introduced him, I thought the kids might be impressed, so I asked them to guess how many years he has served as a firefighter. I should have known better, but a child in the front row said 200 years before I could make it multiple choice. (The correct answer is 45 yrs.)

After that, a tour of the trucks. They got to crawl over the pumper, look through the equipment unit and see the rescue. The jaws of life were the big draw on the rescue.

Since then, your child has brought home an information package. Please take the time to talk to your children about this information on a regular basis. Make sure, in the event of a fire, that they have two ways out and practice them regularly.

Until next time...be safe



Great Village Firefighter/MFR Kathy Simpson-Giles with the brigades #635 rescue truck, facilitates the Fire Prevention program and is explaining equipment in the vehicle to students at Great Village Elementary. (Submitted)



Great Village Fire fighter Pat Flemming helping an elementary student down off of truck #641. (Submitted)



During the Great Village Fire Brigade fire prevention visit to Great Village Elementary, Firefighters Janet Harrington and Wade Rutherford explained equipment unit #634 to students. (Submitted)

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS A New Club at CCJHS

By Linda Harrington

Respect Ed is up and running again this year and the first training session was held. There will be a week of activities around bullying awareness for November. Plans are in the works.

CCJHS has a new club called Battle of the Books which involves students from grade 7,8,9 who read a prescribed list of books established by Woozles (an independent bookstore in Halifax) and the a team of 4 students are chosen to represent the school in a competition based on questions from the books.

Congratulations to the Green Team who have been busy looking after recyclables and helping to do things to make the school beautiful.

November 07, 2012 is "Take Our Kids to Work" which involves the grade 9's. Staff is always looking for placements for students and it is a very worthwhile experience for both students and their hosts.

CCJHS is extremely fortunate to have a breakfast program that runs Monday to Friday for all students in our school, no questions asked. The running of this program is based mainly on the good will of volunteers and, in particular, Yvonne Knowlton. If you could spare one morning every two weeks from 7:40 - 8:00 please call Jackie Chambers at 896-5574 and leave a message or email me at chambersjr@ccrsb.ca. We, the staff and students at CCJHS would appreciate any time or donations you could give to support this very worthwhile program.

Congratulations going out to all the cross-country runners who competed in the Regional Championships. The following runners will advance to the Provincial Championship in Antigonish on October 29th: Emma Toole, Mari Budgey, Bailey Ferguson, Matt Sandeson, Byron Wood, Daniel

Ferdinand, Noah Patriquin, Ben Kittelson, Brendan Clark, and Justin Ferguson.

A big congratulations going to the Junior Boys team for winning the Regional Banner!!! Great running everyone!!!

A Halloween dance was held on Wednesday, October 24th.

The Girls Soccer team defeated SCA by a score of 2-0 and will advance to the league championship. The boys soccer team defeated Bible Hill Jr High by a score of 2 - 0 and will advance to District Finals.

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