

Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Auction



A great turnout in support of the annual Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Auction. You never know what might come up for auction, even a giant stuffed tiger. (Harrington Photo)



Lots of homemade goodies for sale at the annual Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Auction on Oct. 2nd and 3rd. (Harrington Photo)



Wendy Cox, secretary, Victoria Hall Renovation Committee accepts a cheque from Maurice Rees, Shoreline Journal Publisher as the proceeds from a subscription drive in the Bass River area. The funds will assist in a \$15,000.00 expenditure to install a new roof sometime this fall. (Submitted)

10 Tips to "Get Cyber Safe"

Submitted by Cpl Marc Rose

The Nova Scotia RCMP encourages you to take the time to review your online safety practices. Our lives are connected now more than ever before - we live, work, and play online. Technology allows us to do it from wherever we happen to be. Every step you take to be safer will make you, your families and our digital communities more secure.

We wish to help you any way we can. Here's our top ten tips will help you stay 'cyber safe' the next time you log on, shop, e-mail or tweet:

Use strong passwords. Choose strong, long and unique passwords for your devices and online accounts and change them frequently. Use different passwords for different programs and devices. Don't choose options that allow your device to remember your passwords.

Keep software up to date. Install updates for apps and

your devices' operating systems as soon as they are available.

Disable remote connectivity. Some devices are equipped with wireless technologies, such as Bluetooth, that can connect to other devices. Disable these features when they're not in use.

Be social media savvy. Check your security settings and make sure your social networking profiles (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, etc.) are set to private. Be careful what information you post online - once it is on the Internet, it is there forever!

Guard your mobile device. Never leave your mobile device unattended in a public place and lock your device when it's not in use.

Know your apps. Be sure to review and understand the details of an app before downloading and installing it. Delete any apps you don't

use regularly to increase your security.

Use anti-virus software. Install anti-virus software to prevent viruses from infecting your computer. This software should be updated regularly.

Protect your wireless network. Make sure your router has a strong password and don't broadcast who you are through its name, such as "the Smith Family" or "123 First Street."

Protect your e-identity. Be cautious when giving out personal information or financial information on the Internet. Make sure that websites are secure (e.g. when making online purchases) or that you've enabled privacy settings (e.g. when accessing/using social networking sites).

Avoid being scammed. Always think before you click on a link or file of unknown origin. Don't feel pressured by unsolicited emails and when in doubt, verify the source. Never reply to emails that ask you to verify your informa-

tion or confirm your user ID or password.

If you are a victim of cyber-crime, report it immediately to police and other appropriate organizations, such as banks, credit agencies and credit card companies. For more information, visit Get Cyber Safe, the Government of Canada's online cyber security resource, at <http://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca>

Cpl Marc Rose, Colchester RCMP submitted the above article, which had been prepared by Gregory Anderson, Communications Advisor, RCMP "H" Division, Dartmouth, NS.



Perhaps you have noticed this lighthouse at 129 Queen Street, Truro. Built from 2 x 6 lumber and measuring 56 inch high, painted windows and a solar post cap it disappeared from on October 9th. However it was found on October 15th under the stairwell at First United. A bit beat up and damaged it is fixable. During its absence, a Charlie Brown sign appealed for its return. (Submitted)

Great Village Elementary School Notes

By Linda Harrington

Classroom Cafe has started up again. Twice a month parent volunteers prepare a hot lunch for students, delivered to their classroom, at a cost of only \$2.00. Included with all hot meals is a fruit and vegetable tray, available for all students to enjoy, even if not purchasing the hot lunch.

Each month students participate in "Peace Groups" to learn about skills and qualities needed to be successful in school and in life. Using these "virtues" helps to create a safe and caring environment. "Respect" was the focus for the first month of school. Brianna Griffiths, Charleigh Jollimore, and Danica Congdon were selected by their classmates for consis-

tently demonstrating the virtue of respect during this month. "Truthfulness" is October's virtue.

Members of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade made their annual visit to the school to promote fire prevention. Following a fire drill, students enjoyed a presentation in the gymnasium, followed by exploring the fire trucks. Students were reminded to practice fire drills at home, and of the importance of having a safe meeting place in the event of a fire.

A representative from the Colchester East Hants Regional Library will be coming to the school at the end of the month to share books and stories with students and to

let students know about the many resources available at the library.

On the last day of the month, students will be traveling to the Bible Hill Bowlcade for a fun-filled morning of bowling. Weather permitting, students will have lunch at Victoria Park and time to explore the park, before returning to school for dismissal.

Looking ahead to November, students will participate in a Remembrance Day service at the school. Representatives from the Grade 4 class will place a wreath on behalf of the school at the community service on Remembrance Day.

A reminder of the Home & School Meeting and School Advisory Meeting on Thursday, November 12th.

Thank you for the privilege of being able to represent Cumberland-Colchester as your MP once again.

I congratulate the other candidates for their excellent campaigns and their commitment to public service.

I look forward to serving all residents.

Thank You.

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