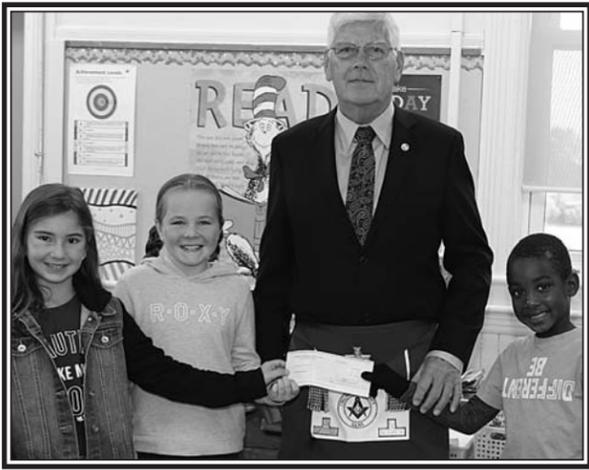


Masonic Foundation Donates to Schools



Great Village Elementary Citizens of the Week Kyrié Morse, Haillet Field and Justin Sinclair accepted a generous donation from R. W. Bro. Jim Lamont, Secretary at Corinthian Lodge 63 for the schools hot lunch program. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Corinthian Lodge 63 always strives to access funding from the Masonic Foundation to support initiatives undertaken at local schools. Recently, R. W. Bro. Jim Lamont, Secretary at Corinthian Lodge 63 visited the Great Village Elementary and West Colchester Consolidated to deliver cheques.

With its donation to Great

Village Elementary and West Colchester Consolidated, the Masonic Lodge continues its emphasis on the importance of healthy eating programs in schools. Great Village Elementary received support for the Hot Lunch Program, while West Colchester Consolidated (WCCS) was recognized for the Fresh Fruit in School initiative.



R. W. Bro. Jim Lamont, Secretary at Corinthian Lodge 63, presents a cheque to Mrs. Kelly Hume, Principal WCCS for its Fresh Fruit in the school initiative. (Harrington Photo)

Great Village Elementary Citizens of the Week Kyrié Morse, Haillet Field and Justin Sinclair accepted the generous donation from Mr. Lamont. In Bass River WCCS Principal, Mrs. Kelly Hume accepted the donation at WCCS. Cheques were presented by Mr Lamont on behalf of Corinthian Lodge 63, Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Memories from a Special Pine Tree



During Hurricane Dorian on September 8 & 9, the top of the eastern old white pine tree was torn off leaving only one lonely large branch and the bottom part of the pine tree. (Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

Even though hurricane Dorian was downgraded to a post-tropical storm in Nova Scotia, it caused great damage to many in Nova Scotia. In this case, I am speaking as an individual resident in Wentworth. The storm took electricity and high winds for me from noon Saturday, September 7, until noon on Sunday.

The night experience was long enough to bring back memories of lantern light and in the morning many tree branches on the ground. All the work passed, but what remained otherwise was a strong memory of the old white pine tree that had its top blown off by heavy winds leaving only a single large branch and the bottom part of the tree. The eastern pine trees are the tallest trees in Nova Scotia and their life span can be 450 years.

The strong memory and the lasting sadness was this tree reminded me of my brother Bush who climbed this tree as an enclosed photo shows and

sat on a branch. He was nicknamed Bush because while living on this farm he loved being outside in the woods and often climbing trees. In fact, the photo shows that the branch he sat on could be the one branch still shown with the stricken, topless tree.

Every morning before the storm came, I would almost as a ritual look out at this pine tree near the banks of the Wallace River not far from this house and momentarily think of Bush. Now I look out the window and see the top of the old pine tree gone with only

one large branch still there and only the bottom section of the old pine tree.

I am very sad about the loss and I am, however, glad the branch and lower part of the pine tree are still there. I look at it and in a flash once again remember my brother and what he stood for with his love of nature, the outdoors, and the trees in the forest.

Later my brother Bush, after several years of working in the lumber woods and on this farm, decided to leave Wentworth to join the Royal Canadian Air Force.



My brother, Bush sitting on a branch of a old eastern white pine tree. (Bridgewater Photo)

Students attend Peace Day Ceremony

By Linda Harrington

The Great Village Elementary Citizen of the Week rewards students for the following criteria: Showing responsibility for their own learning; taking responsibility for their own actions; respecting the school and others and being a good citizen at work and at play. The first citizens of the week on Oct. 4th were Grade P/1-Kyrié Morse, Grade 2/3- Hailey Field and Grade 3/4- Justin Sinclair. On Oct. 11th, the Citizens of the Week were Grade P/1-Isaac MacGillvary, Grade 2/3- Ashlyn Wallace and Grade 3/4- Logan Gamble. The Citizens of the Week of Oct. 18th were: P/1-Alba Maldonado Kerr, Grade 2/3-Blake Murphy and Grade 3/4-Jamie-Lee Alexander.

The GVES Terry Fox Run had students walking and/or running laps around the back field. They started in their Peace Group station by dipping their foot in the "Atlantic Ocean", just like Terry did. For each lap completed, the student earned a sticker on a province or territory on a map of Canada. Together everyone had a lot of fun, got some exercise, and collected \$61.50 to support Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer. Congratulations and thank you to all participants.

The whole school traveled down to Bass River for an International Peace Day ceremony and picnic lunch at the Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park. Students of West Colchester Consolidated School and community faith leaders brought peace into the four directions with a performance of the narrative play, Peace is a Dream Unfolding, written by Bass River resident, Dr Karen Ewing.

Mr. Campbell is offering an Afterschool Sports program for any interested grade 2-4 students. The program is held on Wednesday. Students are welcome to join in any week and all participants need a note in the agenda each week to stay after school. Thank you, Mr. Campbell!

October was Mi'kmaq History Month and several learning experiences helped increase knowledge and awareness of Mi'kmaq history, culture and language. One of the experiences involved a school trip to West Colchester Consolidated for an assembly on October 3rd.

On Tuesday, October 1st GVES students were encouraged to wear an orange shirt to honour Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters. It began in 2013 and is an opportunity to increase awareness of the

thousands of Indigenous children who were removed from their homes and communities and sent to one of the 130 Residential Schools in Canada.

The Home & School committee held a school read-aloud from October 7-18th and then hosted a Movie Night in the gym on the evening of October 18th. Students were invited to wear their comfy pj's to watch the movie and popcorn was served.

A very special cheque presentation was made by RW-Brother Jim Lamont, Secretary Corinthian Lodge 63 on behalf of the Mason's. The money will be used to support the Hot Lunch Program.

Great Village Fire Brigade members came to the school on Oct. 11th to educate students on Fire Prevention. Thank you for your visit!

Pumpkin carving will be held in Oct. 31st.

In honour of Remembrance Day, students will travel to Veterans Memorial Park on Friday, Nov 8th for a service beginning at 10:45AM.



Bush decides to leave Wentworth and join the Royal Canadian Air Force." (Bridgewater Photo)

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