

## Going Once...Going Twice, It's Onslow's Auction Time Again!

**By Linda Harrington**

Once the calendar flips to September, Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade starts their busy preparations for their annual Harvest Sale and Auction.

This significant fund raiser has been taking place at the end of September for many years and people come from

far and wide for the entertainment as well as the bargains.

The auctioneers are volunteers, some from within the Brigade and others from the local area, but they try and keep the mood light and entertaining for the audience. "They have been known to banter at each other, all for a

few laughs, which the audience certainly appreciates," says Claire Peers.

Donations pour in from the extended community including everything from fridges to horse drawn sleighs coming up for auction, along with a good selection of antiques and collectibles.

Local businesses have always been very generous in donating brand new items and services, which can be a nice bargain to the right bidder.

A sale of local produce takes place in a room adjacent to the auction.

Here one can find homemade pickles, preserves and baked goods along with books, tapes, records, clothing and more.

The 2016 Harvest Sale & Auction will take place at the fire hall in Lower Onslow, beginning Friday, Sept. 30th at 7-11PM and again on Saturday, Oct. 1st, 10AM-5PM and 7PM until finished. There are hourly door prize draws with a grand prize draw at the end of the sale on Saturday Night. Canteen services are available.

For more information visit the website at <http://www.onslowbelmontfb.ca>.

If you have donations and require pick-up please phone 902-897-5951.



There is always a wonderful selection of local produce, preserves, baked goods at the annual Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Auction. This year the auction takes place Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st. (Harrington Photo)



The annual Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade Auction is always full of surprises. You never know what might come up for auction, even a giant stuffed tiger. You can take in this year's auction on Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st. (Harrington Photo)



Over 300 fire fighters and their families enjoyed a complimentary day at Captain Cob's Corn Maze on August 7th. Many of the fire fighters/first responders posed for a group shot in mid-afternoon.



Debert's Deputy Chief Shane Slack shows the audience what a deflated air bag from a vehicle looks like. Fire fighters detonated the airbag as part of the demonstration.



Walter McElhinney was busy giving rides in his mini-fire truck at the Fire Fighters Appreciation Day.



Debert Fire Fighters put on an extrication demo at the Fire Fighters Appreciation Day.



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**By Hazel Hill**

We continue to wish our friend Bernice Kaulback a speedy recovery as she is still in hospital. All reports are that she is continuing to improve. We hope to see you back here soon, Bernice!

On Saturday August 6th I celebrated my 95th birthday with a celebration here at the Villa. It was wonderful to see so many old and new friends and family.

My children were all here, Ferguson from Scottsdale AZ, Martha from Winnipeg, and Carleton and Robert who live in Nova Scotia. It was a memorial occasion for me; one highlight in particular was a visit from my cousin Muriel Spencer, who turned 95 in April.

I wish to thank everyone who came to my birthday for a visit. Also to those who sent well wishes, cards, and made phone calls. And I would like to offer a special thank you to Larry who played guitar and sang that evening.

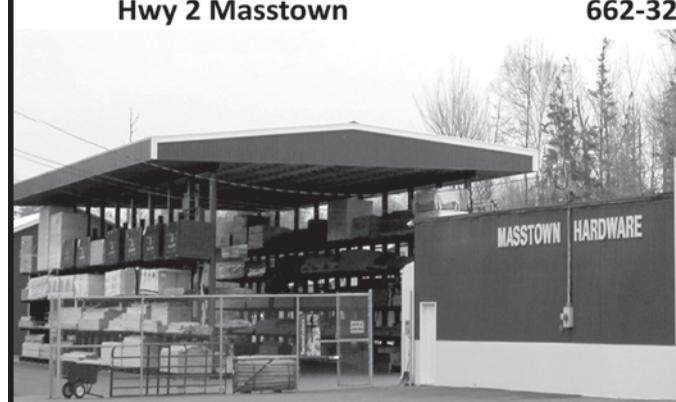
On August 17th, Shirley Ryan had company from Calgary: her grandson Jason with Jennifer and Brooklyn. Her grandson Chad visited from Truro as well.

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