

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

It has been a wonderful summer! Unfortunately all good things come to an end. It is now time to remember children are back in school so slow down for those school zones! After a summer of carefree living, our children have forgotten about watching for cars, crossing highways etc. so please be on the lookout for them.

As I understand it, the worry about our finches being sick is still a possibility but much rarer than it was. I have seen no sign of sick finches but have seen lots of them in my garden! I am still going to wait a few more weeks before putting out our feeders again. The hummingbirds have been enjoying not only the feeders but all the flowers as well. We were surprised to have sunflowers grow up where our feeder usually is! Very pretty flowers, and so tall!!! They will produce food for the birds later on but for now are providing food for the birds and hummingbirds.

We had a great time at our Natal Day Fun Day! Live music was provided by Sally Jennings, Bev Fraser, Wayne Elliott and Rob Stone. Lots of clapping after each song! Thanks to each of you for your wonderful music. Constable Greg Wiley of the RCMP spent the afternoon with us. He was so great with the kids and adults alike! Some moms got photos of him holding their children! The kids were able to run the lights and the siren on the police car. Thanks Greg for coming out to our Masstown Community Park! I should also thank Castle Hardware for all the bottles of water, the extra went to the Fire Hall; thanks to Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade for sending a truck and two members who passed out hats etc. to the children. The kids also got to climb all over the truck. Thanks to the Masstown Market for the huge Natal Day cake they provided. Such a tasty cake! A real hit with everyone there. Thanks to Bill and Shirley Leeming for looking after the BBQ; to Lynda Stevenson for leading the games; to Sarah Cavanagh for looking after the cookie decorating; to Tracy Carrigan for selling the 50/50 tickets; to Ron Urquhart for doing First Aid; and thanks to all the children who brought their stuffed friends for me, the Teddy Bear Nurse to check out! The 50/50 was won by Celeste Chesal - she received \$31.00! Celeste does Yoga at the Park on Wednesdays. If you are interested, show up!

Colchester Highland Games Tartan Reveal Schedule for Friday, September 8TH

September 8th - 6.30 - 8.30pm - Truro Civic Square, Prince Street, Truro - times approximate - subject to change. This event is free. Refreshments provided free of charge by Sobeys.

- 6.30pm - Opening statement from the President of the Games - James Finnie.
- 6.40pm - Good Times Fiddlers
- 6.50pm - Introduction to VIPs by Rod De Viller of Cat Country Radio; Mayors Mills, Blair & Robinson, Commissioner for Bible Hill Lois MacCormick, MP Bill Casey, Chief Bob Gloade, Jean Watson (tartan day), Deana Lloy (red label Kilts - tartan designer) Linda Finnie (games organiser) James Finnie (Games President)
- 6.55pm - Colchester Highland Dance Association Dancers
- 7.10pm - Info on the games. Supports Sport, Arts, Culture, Heritage, Local Community business, tourism and pride. Encourages volunteerism. We want to make Colchester the place to visit, work and live. And Truro not just the Hub but THE HUB
- 7.15pm - Announcement of Ceilidh Dance taking place at the Holiday Inn Sept 9th at 7.30pm as the end of games party - Tickets \$15 at the door. Followed by Interactive Ceilidh Dance led by 'Ceilidh Dancercise' who have classes at the Cobequid Dance Academy on Arlington Place every Monday at 7.30pm
- 7.45pm - countdown to the reveal - reminder that the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th made to measure kilts made with the new tartan are still available for purchase, each comes with a certificate of authenticity. \$2,500 for kilt number 1, \$2,000 for kilt number 2, and \$1,500 for kilts 3 - 5. Also further products will be available this evening for purchase or pre order made with the new tartan. Tartan is limited edition and can only be reproduced with permission of the Colchester Highland Games Society and Deana Lloy (Red Label Designs)
- 8pm - Introduction to Clann An Drumma - Headline Act for the Live Music Stage on the day of the games - short taster performance.
- 8.10pm - Final Countdown for the 'Tartan Reveal by Jean Watson'.
- 8.15pm - Presentation to Chief Bob Gloade of a piece of tartan to 'Unite the Clans'.
- 8.20pm - Invitation to dignitaries, Clann An Drumma, and Games Organisers to come and sign the back of the Tartan Canvas
- 8.30pm - Final announcements of games itinerary and ceilidh dance. - Close

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Things are starting up again! The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday September 2nd, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome!

Masstown UCW will hold their meeting on Thursday September 7th, 7pm, at the home of Irene Gratto. All ladies welcome! The program this month will be on the National UCW Conference that was held in Vancouver.

I don't know if any of you know my cousin Elva (Hayman) Langille, who lived in Balmoral for many years and now resides in Tatamagouche. If you do you may wish to join her at the Balfroon Hall on Saturday September 2nd from 2-4pm to celebrate her 90th Birthday! It is best wishes only. If you can't make it but wish to, you can send a card to her via Tatamagouche (their post office will put it into the correct post

box!) postal code B0K 1V0

We have had some visitors! Mickey Goodwin and her husband, Grant, along with children Johnny, Kirk, Ethan and Ian from Ontario visited Sarah Cavanagh, her dad Benny, Wayne McCray and many other relatives. Bill and Shirley Leeming went to Fredericton, NB camping and visiting family and friends. Shirley's niece Kim Carrigan from New Glasgow stayed at their home to look after their cat, Mika. Brenton and Denise Smith of Kentville visited Ron and Chris Urquhart at their cottage in Brule. Kurt and Tina Gratto visited St. John's Newfoundland.

Condolences go out this month to Hilton Rushton and family on the death of his wife, Leona; and to all the staff at the Masstown Market plus friends and family of the late, Stephanie Baker.

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