

Little Free Library Launched in Great Village

By Linda Harrington

Just in time for some summer reading, the public is invited to "take a book, return a book" at the Little Free Library now located next to the mailboxes at Wilson's Gas Bar. The project is the result of collaboration between The Great Village Historical Society, The Elizabeth Bishop Society and Colchester Adult Learning Association (CALA).

Local craftsman Jesus Natividad was commissioned by CALA to build the structure and the installation was made possible thanks to supporters of the "United Way Day of Caring Event", local businesses Global Construction, Debert and Classic Rentals, Truro.

The official launch of the Library was held on July 20th following the CALA Board Meeting. Stop by and take a look, there is already a nice selection of interesting reading material available, and it is free!



CALA Instructor Sarah Thornham and CALA Executive Director Mary Teed accept a donation of two copies of "Echoes of Elizabeth Bishop" from the Elizabeth Bishop Society for the new Little Free Library located in Great Village. (Harrington Photo)



The official launch of the Little Free Library in Great Village took place on July 20th at the new location near the Canada Post Mailboxes next to Wilson's Gas Bar. Taking part in the event were (left to right): Joe Nicholson, CALA Board; Shelley Densmore, CALA; Tom Griffiths, Dept. of Education; Logan Spencer, Great Village Historical Society; Haley Beal, Volunteer; Keltie Jones, CALA Board Chair; Vangie Beal, Volunteer; Darlene Redmond, CALA Board; Ellen Marshall, CALA Vice Chair; Sarah Thornham, CALA Instructor; David Boehm, CALA Instructor and Mary Teed, CALA Executive Director. (Harrington Photo)

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

Chase the Ace will be starting up again on Thursday, September 7th, and the first draw will be on September 14th. The draw will be on Thursday night from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, and you don't have to be there to win. Tickets will be sold at several locations. Would be players are asked to print your name and phone number very clearly so people can read it and you do not lose out on a chance to win.

Cribbage players take note, the crib league will start pegging on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. You do not have to be a member to play, so why not get a partner and come on out and have some fun and a laugh or two.

The Dart League starts up on Friday, September 15th at 7:30 pm in the auditorium and everybody is welcome, so come on out and have some fun, you do not have to be a member to play in the League.

The Potato and Chicken Salad Supper held here at the

branch on Friday the 4th of August could be described as a huge success as a sum of approximately \$1,300 was realized at the door. To all the people who helped in any way, thank you very much. To all who dropped in and had some goodies, thank you for your support, it is/was greatly appreciated. To Ann and Curtis Millen of Millen Farms Ltd. thank you very much for the strawberries for our dessert.

In keeping with suppers, the first Friday supper for the Fall and Winter season will be held on Friday, September 29th here at the branch from 4:30PM to 6:30PM and haddock will be on the menu.

On Saturday, August 12th, Maxine and Danny Richard, Deanna and myself dropped into "The Faith Baptist Church" in Great Village to take in a Legion Benefit Concert put on by Rosalee Peppard to help raise funds for the Great Village (Branch 72) renovation project.

Comrade Logan Spencer did the emcee duties, and

after a brief history of Branch 72 Cobequid Great Village Legion, he turned the mic over to Rosalee and this young lady was simply amazing with her vast array of traditional, original and familiar war time songs and sing-alongs to commemorate 400 years of duty and sacrifice of our Nova Scotia Veterans for peace.

Rosalee Peppard is our heritage ambassador and is the daughter of Herb Peppard who served with "The Devil's Brigade" an American Unit during WWII. If you ever get a chance to see her perform, please go see her, she is awesome, and truly worth the price of admission.

The members and executive of Branch 106 send along a speedy recovery to Kenny Smith, who is laid up with a broken leg. Hopefully Ken, you will be up and firing for the start of the dart season.

Has anyone been offered a tour on "Gerry Springer Tour Bus"? Who does one call to book a tour?

Happy Birthday wishes for August are passed along

Staff to Investigate Stormwater Drainage Problems

By Maurice Rees

Two stormwater drainage items were presented to Colchester committee of council on August 17th. For the Gasper Cross Road and Teakwood areas. In the Gasper Cross Road area storm water from the subdivisions in the area of Barry Avenue crosses under East Prince Street and enters the road-side ditches on Gasper Cross Road. The traditional drainage path for this stormwater was modified over the years by private land owners.

During heavy rain events, the ditches on Gasper Cross Road do not have the capacity to carry the runoff, and stormwater travels overland, flooding the existing homes at the end of Gasper Cross Road near the CN rail yard.

On motions by Councillors Gibbs and Cooper Council Committee approved a recommendation to Council that staff be directed to carry out a review of potential stormwater management options for Gasper Cross Road and upstream areas.

On August 9, 2017, the Colchester County Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) discussed the existing drainage issues on Teakwood Court in Bible Hill.

An existing drainage course on private property immediately downstream of Teakwood Drive was blocked with grubblings following the construction of Osprey Court. A number of options

were discussed including the creation of stormwater detention/retention infrastructure within the proposed new development by Bill and Helen Craig, as well as the potential for diverting flows away from the Guest Drive area entirely.

The FAC concluded that this issue is one of stormwater management and not flood mitigation and as such does not fall within their mandate. Speaking on the matter Mayor Blair said this is a longstanding issue and the Village of Bible Hill has expressed an interest in working with the County. To solve the problem there needs to be an outline of the plans and estimates of the total costs.

Following discussion on motions by Councillor Cavanaugh and Parker, council committee recommended staff be directed to carry out a review of potential stormwater management options for the area downstream of Teakwood Court in Bible Hill and to seek input from Village of Bible Hill.

On another matter related to water, council committee on motions by Councillors Boutillier and Gregory recommended approval of proclamation National Drowning Prevention Week. Council received a request on July 4th is issue the proclamation, but because council did not meet in July, the matter was handled after the July 16-22 event for the purposes of completing the paper work.

CCRSB Reveals Secret Behind Mystery Doors

Stand Up. Speak Out is a special event held annually by CCRSB will be held at Cobequid Education Centre on September 14. It is an event centered on anti-bullying and has expanded to include the five pillars of social justice representing race,

class, gender, sexual orientation and abilities. The 2017 theme is What's Your Story?

To provide some interest in the event, five different coloured mystery doors started appearing through the area. A purple door appeared in Elmsdale, a blue door in Amherst, a red door in New Glasgow and several doors of varying colours in the Truro area. The mystery doors achieved the results with social media and news programs profiling the doors.

The doors will remain in their current locations until the

event on Sept. 14. They will then be placed in CCRSB schools, where they will be decorated by students and become even more representative of the pillars of social justice.

The doors will remain in schools until May when they will come back together to form an art installation truly representative of the five pillars. Stand Up. Speak Out. will be hosted by Cobequid Educational Centre in Truro on Sept. 14. Full details about the event, including speakers and special guests, will be released early in September.

to Paul Eastcott, Eddie Murphy, David Totten, Loyal Crocker, Dave MacPhee, Shayne McCully, Harry Wilson, Linda Dykens, Angela Glen, Betty Hill, Trevor Spencer, and Kelly Fletcher.

Happy Anniversary wishes for August are passed along to Maureen and John Jessome, Helen and Eric McCully, Joanne and Steve Bennett, and Deanna and Dan Martell.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices we are able to enjoy our country and our freedom.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

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