



Pop Up Shop - in Debert!

Two local gals from Debert have opened up a little "pop-up" craft shop on Plains Road in Debert. Their crafts range from ceramics to painting, T-shirts, pebble art, seaglass pictures, and much more. You can also ask for a custom order. The shop is open most weekends, weather permitting. Stop by and check it out at 1211 Plains Road in Debert, across from the post office.

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Great Village & District Fire Brigade Appreciation Day

By Linda Harrington

Great Village & District Fire Brigade held a Community Appreciation Day on Aug. 19th from 10am to 2pm. Hundreds showed up and offered their own thank you back to each of these volunteers who are there for our community 24 hours a day/365 days a year.

A free BBQ was enjoyed by all, with bouncy castles for the kids and a "Firefighter for a Day" Obstacle Course. The community was welcome to tour the hall and trucks. A live vehicle extrication demonstration was also held.

GV Fire Brigade's Kevin Bushey welcomed everyone and thanked Truro Superstore and Conway Customs for providing the free BBQ. He thanked all the brigade members for their help getting ready for the event and passed along appreciation to everyone who supports Great Village & District Fire Brigade through the weekly Nova Scotia Fire Fighters 50/50 Raffle. This money is used to support purchases such as

the SCBA (\$11,000) and bunker gear (over \$12,000) for each firefighter.

Cumberland- Colchester MP Dr. Stephen Ellis, Colchester North MLA Tom Taggart and GV Deputy Chief Joe Slack made a very special presentation to honour two local students Ben Donkin and Ella Legere. They both risked their own lives to help a family on August 6th who had become caught in the Bay of Fundy mud at Little Dyke.

The Brigade currently has thirty members, and they are always accepting new applications for membership. Officers include Chief- Greg Kinsman, Deputy- Joe Slack, 1st Captain- Barrett Jenkins, 2nd Captain- Chris Congdon, 3rd Captain- Dave Slack, 4th Captain- Mervil Rushton, Lieutenant of Traffic Services & Security- Norman Paupin, Lieutenant of MFR Services- Terri-Lynn Kinsman and Secretary- Angela McDonnell.

As of August 17th, 2023 members have put in a total of 3,891 hours with 1,177 hours for calls, 564 hours for maintenance of trucks, hall and equipment, 968 hours of training and 214 hours for meetings.

A total of 77 calls have been answered this year up until August 17th, 2023 with 37 medical, 13 fires, 12 MVA, 8 Mutual Aid and 7 other. **Great Village & District Fire Brigade has a new webpage at <https://www.gvdfire.ca>.** They also have a new merchandise line for purchase in support of the Brigade.



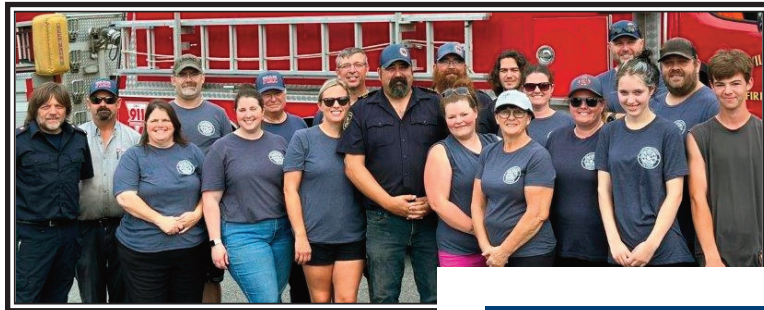
Cumberland-Colchester Dr. Stephen Ellis makes a presentation and offers thanks to Ben Donkin and Ella Legere on behalf of the Federal Government.



Colchester North MLA Tom Taggart makes a presentation on behalf of the NS Government to Ben Donkin and Ella Legere recognizing their heroic efforts in helping rescue a family recently.



Deputy Chief Joe Slack offers a thank you to Ben Donkin and Ella Legere on behalf of GV & District Fire Brigade for their heroic assistance with a recent rescue.



Members of GV & District Fire Brigade on hand for the Community Day pose for a group photo.



Terry Francis and Norman Paupin were taking the first shift on the BBQ.



Future fire fighter maybe? Adalind Lynch had those flames knocked down in no time.



Kevin Bushey with bunker gear GV & District Fire Brigade's Kevin Bushey explains the cost of equipment and bunker gear to outfit one fire fighter.



Coming down slide, that's how a fire fighter gets down quickly says Eli Bailey-Davies.



Russell Slack comes from a long line of family fire fighter volunteers including his father, uncle and grandfather plus extended family members. He was happy to proudly display his support by wearing one of the new t-shirts available for purchase.



A display of rolling equipment outside GV & District Fire Brigade Hall during a Community Appreciation Day on August 19th with a free BBQ and lots of activities.



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