

# The "Fountain of Oops"



During the process of turning off the water main at Baddeck Academy, the shut-off valve plate sheered its bolts. Fortunately, neither the wrench which was torn from his hands nor the gusher of water hit Public Works Manager, Ron McIntyre. Students at Baddeck Academy also considered themselves fortunate when classes were cancelled for the day while repairs took place.

## Annual Christmas in November



Pictured are some of the "Fire Ladies" of Baddeck (l-r) Patti Garland, Marie Hanam, Doreen LeBlanc, Judy Gale (President), Pat MacLeod, Loretta Baker and Jennifer Ripley celebrating 40 years of dedicated service and cutting the cake for their Annual "Christmas In November" fundraiser.

by Tonda Mitchell

It's been 40 years of dances, bake sales, fundraisers and more for the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) Ladies Auxiliary of Baddeck, and this *Christmas in November* fundraiser was unlike any other.

MC of the night, Marie Hanam, has been around for every one of those years and was honestly surprised when she was given a bouquet of flowers during the fundraiser, for her commitment to the auxiliary. This night was not only a fundraiser it was also a chance for the Ladies Auxiliary to acknowledge Ms. Hanam's 40 years of dedication and hard work.

Marie has been around since the beginning. "Everything we do is for the fire department. We rent the hall, maintain the appliances, cook and clean. We take care of everything and it's all worth it for the (BVFD) and I love being a part of it."

President Judy Gale said, "It feels great to give back to the community, we can only do so much and all these ladies, especially Marie, amaze me every day with their generosity and devotion for this great cause."

The Baddeck Community Fire Hall, was the venue for the fundraiser and was decorated up and down with lights and garland and lots of Christmas cheer with musical entertainment including Michelle Stephens, her daughter Zion, and Singer Brian Mason. Hot apple cider and other refreshments were served. All proceeds go directly to the BVFD and help support the community.

All the "Fire Ladies" want to encourage anyone who may be interested to join them. They meet the last Tuesday of every month at the community hall for fun and to talk about upcoming events and fundraising opportunities."

## OBSERVATIONS

### Jambalaya-On the Bayou (mass) (with apologies to Hank Williams)

Good-bye, throw all those trees in the bio (mass),  
Me gotta go, haul the chips to the bio (mass),  
Cape Bretonne, sweetest one, me oh my oh,  
Son of a gun, we'll be undone by the bio (mass)

Jambalay' a hardwood pile, oakwood gumbo  
oh, we're offered great heaps of mumbo jumbo,  
and we weep and we wail and we sigh-o  
Son of a gun, we'll be undone by the bio (mass)

Cape Bretonne, it would be a black eye-o  
if you lost all your trees to the bio (mass)  
If you're bare and eroded, we'll cry-o,  
Son of a gun, we'll be undone by the bio (mass)

There are way better options than bio (mass),  
Like our wind power, solar, and hydro,  
we'll cut back on our use, it's sky-high-o  
But Son of a gun, we'll be undone by the bio (mass)

Bill Danielson,  
Smelt Brook

## RCMP Report

The Victoria County RCMP are currently investigating a theft of a snowmobile from a residence on Plaister Mines Road.

Sometime between the early morning hours of November 22nd, suspects stole a 202 MXZ Skidoo from a locked garage.

If anyone has any information on the above crimes they are asked to contact the Baddeck RCMP Detachment at 295-2350 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips.

### New laws around drinking and driving

If you think you are able to drive after having only 1 or 2 drinks, you may want to think again. The new laws are now in effect for those driving with alcohol levels between 50 and 80 mgs. What used to be a 24 hour license suspension now has more bite than you may think.

On the first offence your driver's license will be suspended for 7 days. If a second offence occurs within 10 years, it will result in a 15 day suspension and a third offence results in a 30 day suspension.

More importantly, the Peace Officer shall seize and destroy the license under the authority of Section 279 (10B) of the Motor Vehicle Act. Once the suspension has ended, your driver's status will be considered "unlicensed". Drivers will be required to pay a reinstatement fee of

\$89.63 plus a \$22.56 new driver's license fee once the suspension has ended.

If you have more than 80 mgs and end up being charged with Impaired Driving, or over .08, your licence will be seized and a 3 month suspension will take place 7 days after being stopped. This is the Motor Vehicle Branch suspension only. Upon conviction in court, fines start at \$1,000 and go up on subsequent convictions plus a one year prohibition from driving in Canada and possible jail sentence.

If caught for impaired driving, you will also be required to attend an Alcohol Assessment Program at your expense of \$409.33 plus a \$112.09 Alcohol Reinstatement Fee.

Traffic Services will be out doing road checks starting now. The RCMP will be looking for impaired driving both by alcohol and/or drugs.

There are many ways to get home safely. Take a taxi, call a friend or use a designated driver. Driving while impaired is not a safe choice. Remember, impairment starts with the first drink.

Be smart and think of others on the road. Don't be responsible for killing or injuring innocent people while impaired. Your life and their lives depend on it. The penalties for impaired driving have increased. Don't find out first hand!

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