



On the Home Front

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2014 Scholarship Program

This year Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC) will award a total of twelve scholarships valued at \$1000 each. This will include nine Youth Scholarships (three in each of the following regions: Avalon/East, Central, Western/Labrador), and three Adult Scholarships (one in each of the three regions). The deadline for applications for the Youth Scholarship program is August 31, 2014. For the Adult Scholarship Program, the deadline is September 30, 2014. Check out our website at www.nlhc.nl.ca for more information. ■



Students On Ice

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This past April I had the honour of informing Abigail Lundrigan (pictured left) that she'd been chosen to experience Students on Ice Arctic Expedition 2014. She was in total shock and said she never thought such an opportunity would happen to her. Then I had the double honour on August 11th of attending her presentation about expedition at Froude Avenue Community Centre, where her eloquent summary of the July 9-24 adventure was enough to make me well up.

"What can you say when you can't find the words to describe the most incredible experience in your life?" she told the participants of the centre's summer camp program who came to watch along with family and friends.

For the past 12 years, Students on Ice has been taking young people to the Arctic and Antarctic regions in order to educate them on the challenges facing the circumpolar regions and empower them to raise awareness about the impacts of climate change and other environmental, social and geopolitical issues. (Continued on page 2)

FGGHT Tenant Association



The new FGGH Tenant Association in Corner Brook sends their greetings. As a new association they are learning and evolving on a daily basis. The association consists of four members: Jinene Coulter-Keeping, Chair; Paula Nicholle, Vice-chair; Teela Nichols, Secretary; and Ginger Payne, Treasurer. They are single moms trying to make a difference in their community and lives. Their goal has been to improve their neighborhood and neighborhood pride. To accomplish this, they have held events to include the entire community which have been very successful. They held a barbeque and outdoor dance with the cost of admission being a non-perishable food item, and as a result, collected two boxes of food for their local food bank; the evening ended with fireworks which everyone enjoyed. They also held a community swim and pizza party, and everyone had a wonderful time. They are now planning another swim party, as well as a night of Bingo for all age groups. The association thanks Jacqueline Carey, housing liaison, for her support, as well as the Westrock Community Center including Westrock liaison, Chris Peddle. FGGH Tenant Association looks forward to many successful years and wishes all residents of housing a wonderful summer and fall. ■

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We want to hear all about what's happening in your neighborhood. The deadline for submissions for the next On The Home Front newsletter is Friday, November 7, 2014. Please submit your stories and photos, with consent forms to Danette at drfox@nlhc.nl.ca

Exploits Community Centre Children Help Raise Money

A handful of kids stepped up to hold a fundraiser for a friend's mother in Grand Falls-Windsor. The children held a car wash outside the Canadian Tire Gas Bar to raise money for Dianne Boyde. They raised \$550 in several hours. In July, the single mother of four was in a vehicle that was struck by a moose. Boyde was rushed to the hospital in St. John's. Boyde's children hang out at the Exploits Community Centre with kids such as Damian Cooper. "I think it's important because we're raising money and washing cars," says Cooper. The Child and Youth Care Worker at the community centre, Catherine Head, said Boyde would be impressed by the children's efforts. "She's the type of person who would help out anyone just like we are doing, and would be very proud of the children" said Head. Boyde's condition has now stabilized and she is awaiting surgery. ■ (Story reprinted courtesy CBC News)



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(Students on Ice continued)

Abigail, 17, and a Grade 12 student at Booth Memorial, is the fourth person to be sponsored by NLHC.

While in the Arctic this summer, Abigail and other student adventurers were accompanied by a team of scientists, historians, artists, explorers, educators, leaders, innovators and polar experts. They encountered wildlife and visited communities in both Canada and Greenland. During her presentation, she showed over 700 photos and narrated the slide show with what she learned. The slide show was beautiful, the scenery was exquisite, and what was most amazing was Abigail's perspective and personal growth.

Known to family and friends as *Abbie*, she is a lovely young woman who lives nearby, and volunteers at Froude Avenue Community Centre. In between her school studies, she also works part-time, helps out her mom and adores her four younger siblings.

She said she was challenged from the start but pushed herself to overcome each challenge. She was absolutely terrified of flying alone, fears water, suffers from extreme homesickness, had huge anxiety about getting lost, and was scared she wasn't going to fit in. However after flying on her own for the first time, from St. John's to Ottawa, she found her Students On Ice group and made friends within the first 24 hours. The group then flew north to meet up with the expedition ship.

Abigail told her attentive audience that "It was more than a trip, it was a life lesson." Along the way she got to see polar bears, whales, and climbed mountains. More importantly, she said, that after all her initial fears, she soon learned that she "can do anything." Her confidence has improved, her world view has broadened, and her future is wide open.

Abigail's dream for a long time was to become a nurse but now, after meeting and seeing marine biologist and geologists at work, she's also considering those fields as career options. ■

Burin - Black Duck Cove

► The Burin-Black Duck Cove Tenant Association, in partnership with the Smallwood Crescent Community Centre and the Youth Outreach Worker at Eastern Health, Marystown, hosted a Family Fun Day at the Neighbourhood Centre in Black Duck Cove. Fifty people attended the event which included face painting, free hot dogs, a water slide, games, and lots of prizes.



◀ Dawson Edwards (pictured centre) was the winner of the year-end prize with the Burin-Black Duck Cove Neighbourhood Centre at the Homework Haven and After School Program. Dawson had close to 100% attendance at the program throughout the school year. His prize was a \$150 shopping trip to Wal-Mart where he could purchase whatever he wished. The Homework Haven and After school program is run by the Smallwood Crescent Community Centre and Burin-Black Duck Cove Tenant Association three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Neighbourhood Centre in Black Duck Cove. ■



United Neighbourhood Tenant Association

The United Neighborhood Tenant Association celebrated Canada Day with a lot of fun filled events. They had a barbeque, enjoyed cake and played fun games like bingo, races, and even held prize draws. The children really enjoyed the face painting, tattoos and the photo booth. I bet there were some funny pictures taken that day! They had a special visit from 99.1 hits FM, who stopped by and gave the Tenant Association a shout out. Wow! We cannot wait to hear what events United Neighborhood Tenant Association have planned for the Fall and Winter. ■



Virginia Park Community Centre



Recently the Virginia Park Community Centre Girls Under 16 Bantam Softball team participated in the U16 Provincials in Placentia. Earlier in the summer they competed in the Constable William Moss Memorial Softball tournament where they came first in the U16 division. They entered Provincials in the hopes of continuing their winning streak. The girls fought a hard battle all weekend and made it through to the championship game which was one for the books! The girls were down by 4 going into the bottom of the 7th and final inning. The bases were loaded with 2 outs. Emily Jordan stepped up to bat, took a deep breath and took a swing at the ball. POW! The ball soared through the air, and she hit an in-field grand slam. The three girls on the bases and Emily came running to home plate, increasing the score by 4 points and winning the provincial tournament. It was a truly unbelievable experience, one seen only in the movies. Everyone is beyond proud of the girls for not giving up. A huge shout out goes to the two coaches, Amanda Chipman and Sarah Donovan, who worked with the girls all summer to help them achieve their goals. They kept everyone's spirits high and encouraged the girls to stay positive even when it seemed that all hope was lost. Congratulations on an amazing summer of softball. ■

Autumn is the perfect time to take account of what we've done, what we didn't do, and what we'd like to do next year.
~ Author Unknown