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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS May 2009

The Archives Committee of the Colchester Historical Museum is once again organizing a major seminar with genealogist and author Dr. Terry Punch. He will be presenting the following two related lectures "Planted, but Still on the Move" and "Can We Follow Them?" These two lectures will be based on our Ulster ancestors during the plantations by King James VI, Scotland and James I of England. There will also be considerable time for questions and answers throughout the program. The seminar is being held on May 9th 9:30-3:30 at the Museum on Young Street. Advance tickets are recommended, Jacqueline Archibald 895-6284, at \$30.00 each which includes a light lunch at noon.

Debert Royal Canadian Legion has announced the most recent winners for the Cash/Gas draw: 1st prize: Danny MacEachern, \$100.00; 2nd prize: Elizabeth Crossman, \$50.00; 3rd prize: Kathy Barclay, \$25.00.

People on the Move a new monthly column makes debut in this issue of the Shoreline. The column's purpose is to provide news and information on local people who have started a new job, been promoted within their own company or who have started a new business. All listings are free and should be faxed to 902-647-2194, or email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

July 1st in Great Village is just around the corner. With posters, I will start out with a bike parade, followed by O'Canada, local talent, food, kids games, photo contest, movie for the young or the young at heart to relax and chill, photo booth, physic, many displays from local and visiting vendors..

West Colchester 75 KM Yard Sale. Last year was a great success so we want to do it again. Business' or anyone wishing to help sponsor/promote this event with an ad please contact the undersigned. This is also a great opportunity for Community organizations, clubs, etc. to raise some money. We want to get this going again with some help from the community. The date will be the weekend of July 10 and 11. The sale will start at Mingo's corner in Onslow and run through to Parrsboro. This is a great opportunity for households to turn those unwanted items into useful cash and recycle instead of hauling them off to the landfill.

Please contact & leave message at The Shoreline Journal, Box 41, Bass River, NS B0M 1B0, PH: 902-647-2968; Fax: 902-647-2194, E-mail: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com, or Clair Peers at 902-895 0788, or 902-897 5951, E-mail c.peers@ns.sympatico.ca

Inclement weather played havoc with the Holocaust event at Veteran's Memorial park last week. Regardless, 50-70 dedicated individuals got protection from canopies erected so the event could continue. A Rabbi from Halifax offered a prayer and was astonished by the attendance and the ceremony in such a small rural area. 3 families told stories and lit candles on the star of David and then everyone placed a candle on or under the star.

A pruning workshop will be held at the Great Village Apple Orchard Wednesday, April 29th from 2-4pm and again 6-8pm. Apple trees can also be adopted by new people at this time.

Our apology to members of the Great Village Fire Department, and Debert students who participated in the Heritage Fair. We ran out of room, to give the events adequate coverage, and had to reschedule until next month.

2009 Tide Times

You are invited to pull out our page 15 and 16 from this edition of The Shoreline Journal. This Tide Times Table should be helpful to fishermen, hikers, and anyone hoping to take advantage of our terrific shores. The times are based upon the high and low stages of the Bay of Fundy measured at Bass River and Burncoat Head.

Truck Slams Into Cobequid Toll Plaza

By Linda Harrington

It was a clear and quiet sunny day April 20th on the Cobequid Pass, until a five-tonne truck slammed into the Toll Plaza at about 11AM. The air was soon filled with the sounds of sirens as emergency workers raced to the scene.

Medical responders worked to free the trapped toll booth worker, who was then airlifted by helicopter. The injured truck driver and an on-site construction worker were taken to hospital by ambulance.

Many on-lookers stood in

disbelief as they viewed the accident scene. Workers from the Toll Plaza were gathered outside in shock as they looked at the damage to their building and the booth where fellow their co-worker Stuart Mills had been collecting tolls only a few hours before.

A grey Mazda sat eerily about a hundred feet from the toll plaza. The PEI vehicle, with driver Nora McCarthy and Doreen Pippy, was at the toll booth window when the truck hit. Their car was pushed forward upon impact and received extensive side damage, a broken window and it was covered in a spray of diesel fuel. The two occupants were lucky to escape without injury.

Driver Nora McCarthy told CTV news that toll booth operator Stuart Mills was able to give them a quick warning to get out of the way just seconds before the truck slammed into the plaza. She said that the truck driver was walking around but appeared to be in shock. He apologized to them and said he did not know what happened.

A second vehicle remained parked in the toll lane with significant damage as well.

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A small red compact car sits in the toll plaza along side a twisted pile of metal and a severely damaged five-tonne truck. The NB couple and their dog were on their way to the Valley when the accident happened shortly after 11AM at the Cobequid Toll Plaza. (Harrington Photo)

Tatamagouche Elementary To Receive \$5.4-million Renovation

A renovation project for the Tatamagouche Elementary School is being announced as part of the Nova Scotia government's Building for Growth economic stimulus plan.

This \$5.4 million dollar project will include a new gymnasium. In addition, the current gymnasium will be converted to a kitchen/cafe designed to provide students with modern facilities and a state of the art gymnasium.

"The government is making a tremendous commitment to education in our province," said Karen Casey, MLA for Colchester North.

"This renovation project will enhance educational experiences for our children and be a big part of this community for many years to come."

"I am very proud of the commitment the PC Government has made to new schools and renovation projects since the last capital construction list was announced in 2003."

Tatamagouche Elementary School serves students from

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Casey Nominated

Karen Casey, MLA and Minister of Health was nominated by acclamation to be the incumbent Progressive Conservative candidate for Colchester North at a nomination meeting held at the Onslow-Belmont Fire Hall on Saturday, April 25th.

Approximately one hundred supporters attended the nomination meeting/barbecue. In accepting the nomination, Casey says she feels honoured to be the choice of the voters to represent them in the provincial government.



Pictured above following Karen Casey's nomination for the next provincial are (l to r): Karen Casey, Kim Johnson (moved Karen's nomination), Christine Barrett (seconded the nomination) and Reid MacVicar, President of the Colchester North PC Association.



Showing off his bright new coat of the feathers, this goldfinch was merrily chirping out a song letting everyone know that spring has arrived. (Harrington Photo)

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