



The Christmas Eve Service, held at Lower Onslow United on Dec. 24th, 2009, included candlelight singing as the finale. The Church was officially closed at the end of the year. (Harrington Photo)



Rhianon Crowe sang a beautiful solo during the Christmas Eve Service at Lower Onslow United Church on Christmas Eve. Accompanying her on the organ was Ann Fiddes. (Harrington Photo)



Grace Fiddes read scripture passages during the Dedication Service at Trinity United Church, Central Onslow on Jan. 3rd. (Harrington Photo)

Planter's Logo with Flax Flower Approved



The logo for Colchester's planter celebrations has been approved by the planning committee. The design submitted by Hannah Guinan, a 2009 summer assistant with the Colchester Historical Society Museum, was the successful design. You will see more of this logo as plans and materials develop between now and spring of 2011.

The rationale for the design follows:

The blue flax flower was suggested because flax was the most important crop grown by the planters in Cobequid. Census figures document its presence on almost every farm. Flax seed was sold to traders, and, in many households, men, women and children, working together in a family setting, produced fine, marketable linen.

Top quality linen, which procured the highest market price in Boston and Ireland, required expertise at every step: from proper spacing of the minute seeds to bleaching finished fibre by dipping it alternately in buttermilk and cow dung. Contemporary observers complimented Cobequid's industry.

In 1767, Sir William Owen described Londonderry as a kind of little colony settled from the North of Ireland, where they begin to carry on

a linen manufactory, adding that his party was offered some well fabricated pieces of cloth. Visiting farmers from Yorkshire reported, in 1774, that Cobequid was chiefly inhabited by Irish who carry on a linen manufactory.

In 1768, when asked to give an account of manufacturing in Nova Scotia, Lieutenant-Governor Franklin cited only two examples, distilling rum in Halifax and weaving linen in Cobequid. He reported:

The Townships of Truro, Onslow and Londonderry, consisting in the whole of 694 Men, Women and Children, composed of people chiefly from the North of Ireland make all their own linen and even some little to spare, to neighbouring towns. This year they raised 7524 pounds of flax which will be worked up in their several families during the winter.

Franklin assured Britain that the Government of Nova Scotia discouraged production of linen lest it interfere with British manufacturing, but weavers, the largest group of artisan/farmers in Cobequid, continued to ply their lucrative trade and supply merchants with finely woven, carefully whitened linen cloth.

Along the Shore Health Activities

A Holistic Approach to Mental Wellness Information session, "Taking Charge" Program & Along the Shore Community Health Board Activities: Monday, Feb. 1, 2010 - The Bass River Senior's Center, Bass River - 7pm. Monday, Mar. 1, 2010, Debert Court (New Senior's Complex) Meeting Room, 7 pm and Monday, April 12, 2010, Great Village Community Center, 7pm.

Everyone is Welcome!!

If you are looking for some additional funding for a wellness project! Call the Along the Shore Community Health Board. The board provides annual funding to community groups. If you would like to volunteer on the board...you are welcome-contact us!

Request information from alongshorechb@hotmail.com or at 893 7311 (CEHHA Community Health Boards)

Badminton in Economy

The badminton committee at the Economy Recreation Centre would like to thank the "Along the Shore" Community Health Board for the funding we received. We have purchased new badminton nets, rackets and extra shuttle cocks.



Badminton is Wed. nights at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. Drop in fee \$2.00 per person. Come out and join in the fun.

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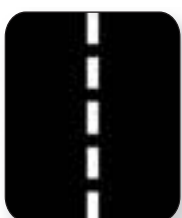
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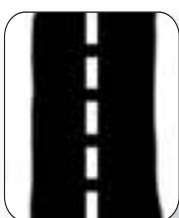
Slow down. It's winter.

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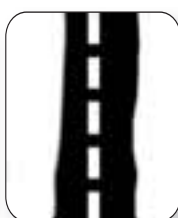
1	100-Series and trunk highways, and other high traffic roads	Salted to achieve bare pavement within 8 hours after snow stops
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3	Local paved roads, most subdivisions and residential streets	Salted to achieve centre strip bare up to 2.5 metres within 24 hours after snow stops
4	Gravel roads	Sanding as needed



Bare pavement



Centre line bare
(2.5 - 5 metres)



Centre line bare
(1.5 - 2.5 metres)



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