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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS February 2011

It's not 12 cups of salt. What an embarrassing error in the last issue of Dorothy's Kitchen Corner. In the recipe for Lady Rose pickles, the recipe should have listed ½ cup salt, not 12 cups. The intention was to make delicious pickles, not salty brine. Additional recipe submissions are required as soon as possible. Please mail to the Shoreline Journal, Box 41, Bass River, NS, Fax: 902-647-2194, or email to: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

Lifetime Achievement Award nominations are being sought by The Truro and District Chamber of Commerce. Created last year, the award recognizes a lifetime of commitment to Colchester County's business and charitable communities. The nomination form for the Lifetime Achievement Award can be found on the homepage of the Chamber's website at www.trurochamber.com. All nominations must be received no later than Monday, February 21st at 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact: Tim Tucker, Executive Director (902) 895-6328, or tim@trurochamber.com.

Rose Hill-Johnson, Bass River is the new CAP intern for sessions to be held at the Bass River Elementary School at the level of 20 hours per week. The internship will continue until the end of May. Services provided include: free internet access as well as assistance with computer questions and issues. Hours of operation are: Monday -12:30 pm-4:30 pm; Tuesday - 6 pm-9 pm; Wednesday -12:30 pm-4:30 pm; Thursday -11am-2pm; and Saturday - 10 am - 4 pm. Closed Friday and Sunday. She can be reached at the CAP site at 647-2763.

More pet photo submissions are needed for "My Favourite Pet" contest. Our list of available entries is running low. Ideal submissions are dogs, cats, other household pets, horses, calves, sheep, etc. Please mail to the Shoreline Journal, Box 41, Bass River, NS, or email to: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com.

Every time I have requested the name and address coordinates of local residents, who will be celebrating their 90th or 90+ birthday this year, a few more names appear. We are now up to 12. There must be many more in our coverage area. A special celebration is being planned for later this spring. Please send details to: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com, or call 902-647-2968.

You are cordially invited to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade 50th Anniversary Celebration on January 29th, 2011 from 7:00 - 9:00PM. The event will take place at the Onslow Belmont Fire Hall, 12335 Highway #2, Lower Onslow. Refreshments will be provided. A special program and ceremony will begin at 8:00PM. Everyone welcome!

Mayor Bob Taylor has changed is mind and will not be supporting the motion he made at council's committee meeting, which would changed garbage collection charges from a flat rate collection system to a general rate system increasing rates for properties assessed higher than \$112,000. The motion passed committee with a 6-4 vote and is to be ratified by council at its meeting on January 27th.

Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley Liberal Association will hold their Annual General Meeting at Saint Andrew's United Church Hall, 46 Main Street, Stewiacke, commencing at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 27th. Nova Scotia Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil will be speaking.

Here's a bit of diversion. This year we will experience 4 unusual dates.... 1/1/11; 1/11/11; 11/1/11 and 11/11/11. Math brings about some unusual results. Now try this. Take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year and it will equal 111. If you have some unusual mathematical observations, send them along. We'd be interested in having a look at them.

MLA Pensions to be reviewed. Tory leader, Jamie Baillie is asking that the independent panel reviewing MLA pensions should not consist of any past or current elected officials, or appointees designated by the political parties. The Speaker of the House of Assembly announced an independent review of pensions for Members of the Legislative Assembly, and asked other parties to submit names for the panel. "Leadership begins at the top. The age of gold-plated pensions needs to end," said Baillie. "The solution is simple. We need a plan for MLAs that is open, transparent, and fair to taxpayers."

The 2011 Progressive Conservative Annual Meeting will be held in Halifax, February 4-6. Delegate registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 4th. For more information contact: PC Headquarters at (902) 429-9470 or Angie Zinck at 902-225-1630.



Theodore Wilson, Ruby Baker, Theodora MacPhee, Edna Snyder and Helen Yorke (l to r) enjoy a visit in Theodore's beautiful gardens last summer. Theodore turned 91 on January 19th, 2011. (submitted). Enjoy his birthday story and photos on page 10.

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Nova Scotia Public Education in Turmoil

By Maurice Rees

To say the province's education system is in turmoil and very little is being done to address today's needs in the classroom is an understatement.

In early December school board officials from across the province were called to Halifax for a meeting during

which they were asked to prepare scenarios based on: reducing expenditures by \$197-Million to be achieved through: no inflationary cost increases for three years and a five percent cut in each of three years. Mathematically, this worked out to equate to 22% cutback.

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Regional School Board (CCRSB), upon completion, released the results to the public. Their share, if implemented, was \$34-Million. Immediately, lines were drawn in the sand. Dexter's government is at logger heads with school boards; students and teachers are upset, school board staff are nervous about

the future, and the unions are developing their own strategy.

The mainstream media started having a field day. Within a day or so, ATV investigative journalists reported: ATV reported during the last decade the number of educators earning in excess of \$100,000.00 increased ten-fold from 16 to 160. On January 18th, ATV reported it had uncovered the Dept of Education has a budget of \$6.5-Million for staff professional development, which includes several teachers travelling to Florida in May.

Upon release of the CCRSB report, Premier Dexter and Joan Jessome, President NSGEU, criticized the board for fear mongering. Reacting to criticism from the premier, Keith MacKenzie, CCRSB vice-chair, said, "We're being made out by government to be the

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Casey Crosses Floor

By Maurice Rees

Just before 10:00 am on Monday, January 10th, Colchester North MLA, Karen Casey resigned from the PC caucus in a brief meeting with newly elected leader Jamie Baillie. Minutes later she was in a press conference with Stephen McNeil, Liberal leader announcing she had crossed the floor to become a member of the Liberal caucus.

Casey was first elected in 1996 as the Tory member for Colchester North and served as a minister in Rodney MacDonald's cabinet as Minister of Health and then as Minister of Education. Following defeat of MacDonald's tories, she served as interim leader for 14 months commencing on June 24, 2009.

In the press conference with McNeil, Casey stated, "I decided to enter politics not because I was a Tory, but because I believed I could make a difference for the people in Colchester North".

After Premier Darrell Dexter shuffled cabinet and added two new ministers bringing cabinet up to 14, McNeil's Liberals announced changes to caucus on January 19th. Casey has been given responsibilities as critic for Education & Aboriginal Affairs and sits on the Community Services committee.



Some of Team Nova Scotia Athletes took part in the big apple crunch at Grand Parade Square in Halifax on Jan. 22nd. Thomas Harrington, Glenholme, although not shown in the photograph, was in Halifax piping for the Canada Games Pep Rally. Canada Games begin on Feb. 11th, with Freestyle Skiing at Ski Wentworth on Feb. 13th, 15th, 16th & 17th and Alpine Skiing on Feb. 21st to 25th. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

Ski Wentworth will be hosting Freestyle and Alpine Skiing events for the Canada

Games beginning on Feb. 13th. Hours of operation are 9AM until 9PM, during the games.

Freestyle Skiing will be held on Feb. 13th, 15th, 16th & 17th, events include moguls, aerials, dual moguls, and half-pipe Freestyle. Training begins on Feb. 11th.

Alpine Skiing, featuring Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super Combined, as well as Para-Alpine events will run from Feb. 21st to 25th.

A "Park & Ride" Shuttle will be available from the Gravel Quarry to Ski Wentworth, running every 15 minutes. No parking is permitting along the highway. Vehicles illegally parked will be towed at the owner's expense.

Spectators are welcome to watch the Freestyle events located part way up the mountain. Non-skiers will be able to walk up the mountain, approximately a 15 minute hike up the slope. It is advised those making the trek should wear appropriate winter footwear and be in good physical condition.



Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter attended the Team Nova Scotia Pep Rally on January 22nd at Grand Parade Square in Halifax. Athletes from across Canada will soon be travelling to Nova Scotia to take part in the Canada Games. Alpine and Freestyle Skiing will take place at Ski Wentworth. (Harrington Photo)

Washroom facilities are located at the Freestyle sites. There is no admission charge for non-skiers.
Official 2011 Canada Games merchandise will be on sale at Dave Wilson's Ski Shop.
Alpine events can be viewed from the bottom of the ski area. Come cheer on our Nova Scotian athletes!

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