

# Farm Credit Donates \$500 to Truro-North River 4-H



Several members of the Truro North River 4-H Club gathered together for a photo showing the Appreciation Certificate to be presented to the Farm Credit Corporation for its \$500.00 donation to the club. (Xavier LeBlanc Photo)

**By Xavier LeBlanc**  
On December 22, 2015, the T.N.R. 4-H Club received a cheque from Farm Credit Corp. This cheque was worth \$500.00 and will be put towards new club shirts for members.

For years, T.N.R. has made sure to provide every member with a gift of some sort at some point in the year, and with the new 4-H Canada logo that was released this past August, it's only fitting the members get new shirts that go along with this change.

If anyone wants to see what a meeting is like, and get a feel for the 4-H atmosphere before making the commitment to join, T.N.R. holds its monthly general meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm, in the North River Fire Hall. Feel free to drop in, we're friendly!

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**The province's Crown Attorneys** contract with the Province of Nova Scotia was ratified on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The new contract includes an agreement on wages with no increase in the first two years; 1% increase on April 1, 2017; 1.5% on April 1, 2018 and .5% increase on March 31, 2019. The Years of Service credit for the service award is frozen effective April 1, 2015. The amount of the award is based on salary at retirement.

**A Letter-writing Workshop** hosted by Colchester Adult Learning Association in partnership with the Truro Branch of the Colchester East Hant Public Library welcomes everyone to help celebrate Family Literacy Day at the Truro Library at 754 Prince Street, Truro, Saturday January, 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Participants will write and send letters and cards to area seniors and participants in the VON Adult Day Programs in the area just in time for Valentine's Day. Try your hand at cursive hand-writing, calligraphy, and use a variety of art materials to create a beautiful letter or card that will brighten someone's day. There is no cost to attend the event all are welcome to drop in. For more information email: [contactcala@gocala.ca](mailto:contactcala@gocala.ca) or call: 902-895-2464.

**On February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Nanos Research released a report on the Qualities of a Good Political Leader. Trudeau is two points below his 12 month high on the qualities of a good political measure. Asked a series of independent questions for each party leader, 71.6% of Canadians thought Trudeau had the qualities of a good political leader while 56.9% thought similarly of Mulcair, 35.3% for May and 28.7% for Ambrose.

**The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)** is inviting Canadians to share their views on the telecommunications services they need to participate in the digital economy. The CRTC is currently reviewing telecommunications services, including Internet services, which are offered in Canada. Canadians have until February 8, 2016 to send comments and request to appear at a public hearing in April 2016. They can do so by: Filling out the online form at <https://services.crtc.gc.ca>; writing to the Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2; or sending a fax to (819) 994-0218. The CRTC is also making available a short questionnaire for Canadians to fill out in order to share their views on the telecommunications services available in their region. Canadians who cannot access the questionnaire online may call 1-877-249-2782 to fill it out over the phone with an agent or to request a paper copy (a prepaid return envelope will be supplied). Canadians may also send a fax to 819-994-0218 to request a copy to complete and send back.

**Preferred Prime Minister:** Three months after the Federal Election, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau continues to enjoy a significant 40 point lead over the other federal party leaders. More than one in two Canadians (53.5%) preferred Trudeau as PM, 16.8% were unsure as to their preference, 13.7% preferred Ambrose, 10.6% preferred Mulcair, and 4.5% preferred May.

**CCRSB is seeking** nominations for educators who exemplify the Provincial Education Week April 17-23, 2016 theme: Media Literacy: Empowering Critical Thinking in a Digital Media World. The provincial awards ceremony will be held on Monday, April 18, 2016. The Provincial Education Week Awards nomination form is available on the CCRSB website at [www.ccrsb.ca/content/provincial-education-week](http://www.ccrsb.ca/content/provincial-education-week). The nomination deadline is Friday, February 19, 2016.

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## MacCaul Villa Notes

**By Hazel Hill**

On December 19<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a social time. We wish to thank Marilyn Adams and Betty Hill for making and serving the lunch. Jodi and Sharon decorated our Christmas tree in the lounge, thanks to you also.

Many of our tenets had Christmas away. Shirley Ryan went to Truro with her family. Sharon Roode went to her son's for a few days. Bernice Kaulback had Christmas dinner at the Double C with her family. Shannon had dinner with Jim Chipman from Bass River on Boxing Day. Helen Patriquin had her brother Edmund Jordan for Christmas dinner. Helen had company for New Year's Day as well. Jodi Robinson went to his mother's in Bass River for dinner; Kevin Field went to his

mother's in Londonderry for Christmas day. I went to my granddaughter Margaret's for dinner on Boxing Day along with the family. On the following day, my son Carleton came for another dinner.

Faith Baptist Church members delivered lovely baskets to everyone here and sang carols for us. Thanks to them.

Kevin Field has recently been ill and he is now on the mend and back home after spending a week in Colchester East-Hants Medical Centre. He wishes to thank the nurses in the ICU for the kindness and excellent care he received. He has only the highest praise for his experience there. We wish to express our sympathy to the family of the late Myles Eagles of Londonderry.

## Truro Presbyterial UCW to Host Biennial Meeting

**By Christine Urquhart**

On Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup> there will be the Truro Presbyterial UCW Annual Meeting at St. Andrew's United Church in Truro.

The theme is: "Take Time For You". Registration is from 9:30 to 10 am and then a great day to follow! Guest speakers in the morning will be Josh Chisling of the Truro Fire Department and Pastor Brian Johnson of the Zion Baptist Church.

There will be a Memorial Service in the afternoon along with a short business meeting. Storm date is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Bring a bag lunch and lug a mug! Everyone Welcome!

Truro Presbyterial UCW are hosting the Maritime Conference UCW Biennial meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> at Knox United in Brookfield.

The theme is: "Love In Your Heart". UCW members can become delegates to this fun filled weekend but must apply. Visitors are also welcome.

There will be a choice of six different workshops of which you can attend two. These are: Chair Yoga, Move With Me, Photography, Fashions For Seniors and Music. Cost is \$10 a meal and \$15 for the Banquet. Applications can be found on the UCW web site.

## Landfills may be Eliminated by Chester's Sustane Technologies

**By Maurice Rees**

Normally, we don't report on companies from other parts of the province, but this story is a bit different. Colchester County might not need landfills if a new technology being developed by Sustane Technologies Inc., Chester is adaptable to Colchester's needs.

If Sustane Technologies Inc. of Chester is able to commercialize its technologies the need for municipal landfills maybe be eliminated. The start-up company is operated by Peter Vinall, Javier De La Fuente and Robert Richardson.

Sustane was the 1st place winner of for Zone 2 comprising Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth Counties as part of the I-3 Technology Start-up Competition winners announced by Innovacorp on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Data about the company

taken primarily from its website and in a press release issued by Innovacorp states that Sustane Technologies Inc. has developed a system that enables complete recycling of municipal solid waste, eliminating the need for landfills. Through a series of technologies, the waste is transformed into clean, value-added products such as biomass fuel pellets. After completing its initial full-scale plant in Chester, the company will deliver its solution to municipalities globally through a licensing model.

Its website states, "We are a CleanTech company in the advanced recycling space and we have developed disruptive *separation* technologies to transform municipal solid wastes (MSW) to *high value* fuels and recyclable materials. Our initial commercial products are high purity recovered biomass energy pellets and synthetic oil which is derived

from waste plastics in MSW. Other value streams are in development.

The new technologies are operating at pilot and small commercial scale. Our results prove this to be the highest value creating option for municipal waste streams. We are actively developing commercialization projects in various parts of the globe and we welcome inquiries to co-develop opportunities using these exciting new technologies.

DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY is described as: Core product is a high purity/energy density biomass fuel pellet that is "carbon neutral" - Replaces coal and other fossil fuels; Virtually zero plastic & other impurities so can fuel a regular boiler; Reduces landfill and disposal costs for municipalities; Increases recycling rates to over 90%; Segregated plastics pyrolyzed to Syn-Oil; Reduces green-

house gas due to landfill gas elimination plus replacing coal and other polluting fossil fuels; Order of magnitude lower capital costs than mass incineration and enables high margin transformation opportunities for municipalities and MSW operators.

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