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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS April 2010

RRFB Nova Scotia is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Mobius Environmental Awards. Now in their 12th year, the awards recognize the achievements of innovative individuals and organizations that have helped make Nova Scotia a leader in waste reduction, recycling and composting. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2010. Details on the nomination procedures and nomination forms are available at <http://www.rrfb.com/mobius/index.cfm> or by calling toll-free 1-877-313-RRFB (7732).

Seaside High-Speed has launched a program to encourage existing customers to pass on the benefits of high-speed Internet to their neighbours and friends. Seaside is a provincial partner in the Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia project. Company spokesperson Adam Conter explains: With Seaside's Refer-A-Friend program, we can partner with those who are already comfortable with the technology, to encourage computer and internet literacy." Details on the program can be found at the Seaside website.

Nova Scotia residents will receive their 2010 War Amps key tags starting this week. An enclosed letter will explain how these tags are hard at work assisting amputees in their community. May of this year marks the 65th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day and, in August, VJ Day, the surrender of Japan which brought World War II to a close. For those veterans able to return home, it provided an opportunity to re-establish ourselves. For The War Amps, it meant starting the Key Tag Service."

The Shoreline Journal has been selected as one of the standing finalists in the "Best Overall Ad" in the Better Newspaper Competition conducted by the Atlantic Community Newspaper Association. 40 members papers submitted 1083 entries in 34 different categories. Winners will be announced at the awards gala on Saturday, May 29, in Halifax, in conjunction with the 38th annual ACNA conference. Finalists in the category are: Angela Isenor, Enfield Weekly Press; Staff, Shoreline Journal and Angie Pearson, Bridgewater Bulletin

An Ambassadors List for the area is being developed by the Shoreline Journal to help promote the area. Maurice Rees, publisher wants to collect names, address and other contact information of local residents who have moved away and become very successful in their chosen vocation. After compiling the list, we will develop a plan, offering them the opportunity to become a member of "West Colchester Ambassador Network" to promote the area as a tourist destination, a place to live and work, a place to establish a business and a variety of other initiatives. We will also be in a position to develop "success stories" of former local residents. If you have relatives who fit into this category, please send their contact information, company name and their position within the company to: The Shoreline Journal, Box 41, Bass River, NS, B0M 1B0, Phone 902-647-2968, or via email to: Maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

Note to residents of West Colchester: CALA's doors at the Great Village Legion are open to new learners every Monday 10:00 am - 2pm and Wednesday evenings 6-9 pm. These classes help people who wish to achieve any level of academic learning up to GED. All CALA learning classes are FREE. Families are welcome. Just call 895-2464 for any further information.

If youth along the Cobequid Shore want to get involved in doing something for Haiti, they can join more than 100,000 Canadian youth participating in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine on April 16. By doing the Famine, youth go without food for 30 hours and learn about issues resulting from poverty in order to better understand what the world's most vulnerable go through on a daily basis. The goal this year is to raise \$5 million. Funds raised from this campaign will go towards Haiti relief and recovery efforts as well as other development projects. Please visit www.worldvision.ca/30hrFamineNews for more information about the World Vision 30 Hour Famine.

Smoke Detector Saves Man and Dogs

By Linda Harrington

Great Village: A smoke detector is being credited for allowing a man and his two dogs to escape their burning home on Warf Road.

Great Village and District Fire Brigade received the call at 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 20th and

immediately knew they were responded to a call from one of their own members.

Home owner Rob Hudson joined the Brigade as a Junior Firefighter, serving for several years before going away to school. He moved back to the Village a couple of years ago

and re-joined the Brigade at that time.

Firefighters arrived on the scene within three minutes of receiving the call but the building was already engulfed in flames.

A mutual aid call was placed to surrounding

Brigades. Debert and Onslow Belmont Brigades assisted at the structure fire, with Bass River Fire Brigade on stand-by at the Great Village Fire Hall.

Firefighters battled the blaze for several hours. They found, as is common with many older homes, it was difficult to get at the flames as a result of renovations like false ceilings and the older construction methods in use at the time.

The fire appeared to have burnt through both floors of the two-storey home, fully destroying the house and its contents. Mr. Hudson was thought to have carried out extensive renovations to the house since he bought it a few years ago. New wiring was reported to have been one of the first renovations.

The Fire Marshal has not determined the cause of the blaze. Mr. Hudson is currently staying with family and friends in the area.

The fact a smoke detector alerted Mr. Hudson, and most likely saved his life, is a reminder for everyone to have properly installed smoke detectors. Check their batteries twice a year.



Great Village Firefighter Larry Kinsmen ties warning tape across the driveway, following a house fire at Rob Hudson's property on Warf Road, Great Village. (Harrington Photo)

Bass River Elementary School Will Remain Open



Principal Hazel Sherren, Bass River Elementary Closure Committee Chair Martha Brown and Primary/One Teacher Robin Boutilier (left to right) are all smiles as they leave the CCRSB Board room, following the vote to keep Bass River Elementary School open. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

A vote was held March 10th, at the monthly meeting of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board, on a motion that Bass River Elementary School remain open. The motion passed unanimously and over twenty supporters from the Bass River community immediately erupted into applause.

The Joint-Education Services/Operations Services Committee of the CCRSB met on Feb. 16th and held a detailed discussion regarding the possible move of Bass River Elementary students to West Colchester Consolidated School. They reviewed the associated impact of this move, along with previous

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Members of the Great Village and District Fire Brigade take a well deserved moment of rest, before proceeding with equipment cleanup, following the house fire on March 20. (Harrington Photo)



Team Mascots made their first appearance during the first night of Debert Winter Carnival activities. The four teams were each assigned a season as this year's theme. (Harrington Photo)

Look for more pictures and story of the Debert Winter Carnival on page 12.

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