



The catchy title of Cassandra Dash's Science fair project peaked the curiosity of those in attendance. Her project "Barefoot Aphobia" looked at what organisms might be growing on a pair of socks. (Harrington Photo)



Central Colchester Junior High held their school Science Fair on March 8th, with students presenting a wide variety of interesting topics. Dylan Peters was the overall winner during the Fair, with his project titled "Testing the Strength of Hardwood and Softwood". He will be one of 12 students representing CCJHS at the Regional Science Fair on March 30th and 31st in Truro. (Harrington Photo)



Kelsey MacLeod's project "Accident Phone" looked at the hazards of cell phone distraction. The library at CCJHS was filled with many interesting projects during the school's annual Science Fair held on March 8th. (Harrington Photo)



6PM FRIDAY, APRIL 2

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH

Onslow Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby

It would appear Spring just may have arrived. The other day I saw at least 4 to 5 dozen robins on someone's lawn and loads of geese as well. Our winter was very short which was nice but makes me wonder what kind of summer we will end up with-hot and dry most likely, sure hope not.

Services for the Trinity United Church are as follows: Palm Passion Sunday on Mar. 28 at 10:00 a.m. Maudy Thursday will be Apr. 1 at 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion.

There will be a Good Friday service on April 2 at 9:00 a.m. and an Easter Sunrise will be held on April 4 at 8:30 a.m. with a light breakfast to follow and an Easter service at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

Belmont Baptist church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Prayer meeting is held every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Sarah and Darren Petrie of Belmont on the arrival of their baby girl weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ozs on Jan. 21, 2010. Also to Leigh and Michael McKeigan

of Crowes Mills on the arrival of their baby boy weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 ozs, on March 4, 2010.

Condolences go out to Starlene (Allison) Smith of Karen Avenue and the families on the loss of her mother Anne Loretta "Laura" Mooney on January 26, 2010.

To Steven (Kathy) Willis of Onslow and the families on the loss of his father James Edward Willis on Jan. 5, 2010; Carol Robertson and the families on the loss of her father Eric Robinson Simpson on Jan. 13, 2010; Florence (Jimmy) May of Onslow and the families on the loss of her sister Miriam Olive "Buck" (Frizzell) House on Mar. 4, 2010.

To Debbie (John) Lindsay of Onslow Mountain and the families on the loss of her father Ralph Burton Gamble (Sam) on March 8, 2010 and Stephen (Lislie) Saunders of Onslow and the families on the loss of his brother Ronald "Sach" Douglas Saunders on March 15, 2010.

March break is over and the kids are all back in school and by the sounds of things had a great time with all the activities planned for



Paul Meredith, 3 years old, looking at the Shoreline Journal while he waits for his brother to get a haircut at the barbershop.

them. It won't be that much longer and they will be on summer break. The days are going by so fast it is hard to keep up. I know the time change was early this year as well but that is fine as it makes for longer daylight in the evenings for doing things outside like lawns, and all that good stuff.

Happy Easter to everyone.

BRE Will Remain Open

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input from the community and the BRE School Closure Study Committee.

There was further discussion held at a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 3rd and a recommendation was put forth from the Joint-Education Services - Operations Services Committee which read, "That Bass River Elementary School not be closed and that the review process ends with no subsequent review for at least two years and that costs relating to storage, playground, and washroom facilities at West Colchester Consolidated, be determined." Committee Chair, Vivian Farrell, presented this motion at the March 10th CCRSB monthly meeting.

Ron Marks, Financial Services Committee Chair, asked for an amendment to this motion. He requested that the words "not be closed" be changed to "remain open". Mr. Marks felt that the original wording made it seem like the intention of the committee was to close the school and

he said from his prospective he never had any intention to close the school. This amendment was moved and seconded before the vote on the motion was taken. All CCRSB members voted in favor of Bass River Elementary School remaining open.

The Bass River Elementary supporters quickly left the Board Room following the vote, obviously pleased with the positive outcome.

BRE School Closure Committee chairperson Martha Brown had a look of relief on her face. "I am obviously really pleased with the decision and happy that the process worked in our favor. I am very relieved!" she said.

Principal for BRE and


WCCS Hazel Sherren was also very pleased. "The committee worked really, really hard and put in an incredible amount of hours into the closure review study. They did a very good job," she said. When asked about the future for BRE she added, "I think in two years time the parent committee needs to be aware. They have a two year reprieve, and they need to make sure if this comes up in two years, that the things they have in the motion have been tended to."

Kyle Patriquin has two children at BRE and he says he is both happy and relieved to have this process over. "It has been quite a battle," he said. "I think in two years we will be back into it again and there may be a different outcome. We have two years to fight for changes at WCCS to make it

more child friendly for the younger students and a better learning environment for them."

Greg McLaughlin and Nelly Williams have one child at BRE and one who has not yet started school. They felt the process was very educational and enlightening. "A lot of volunteers have done a lot of work and we definitely want to thank them," said Nelly.

Garnet McLaughlin says he has realized that as a parent he has to more proactive now and in the future. He plans to talk to other schools that have been going through this and get some information. "I can appreciate that work needs to be done to fix things, and if they make the necessary concessions, I will not have a problem with the students moving to WCCS," he says.



Municipality of the County of Colchester

Property Tax Exemption

DEADLINE - MAY 14, 2010

Colchester County property owners may be exempt, to a maximum of \$262.13, from the payment of their 2010/2011 property taxes. To qualify, applicants must fall into one of the following categories as outlined in the Low Income Tax Exemption policy:

Family Size	Gross Income	Exemption
Single	Less than \$20,900	\$157.28
Family of 2	Less than \$27,500	\$209.70
Family of 3 or more	Less than \$33,000	\$262.13

Income refers to total gross income from all sources for the calendar year ending December 31, 2009. In your calculation of income, you are required to include the income of all members of the household, except full-time students. However, you should not include income pursuant to the following sources:

1. War Veterans Allowance Act (Canada);
2. Pension From Veterans Affairs Canada;
3. Child Tax Benefit; or
4. GST Rebate.

To qualify for this exemption, applicants must own and occupy the property. Application forms will automatically be mailed to last year's successful applicants. Otherwise, applications can be obtained from the Colchester County Tax Office at 1 Church Street, Truro or by calling 897-3150.

For income verification purposes, PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR 2009 INCOME TAX RETURN when applying for the property tax exemption.

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