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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS April 2012

The Veterans Memorial Park will host the Holocaust Remembrance Day service on Wednesday, April 18th, at 7:30PM. This year Anne Frank and the children of Auschwitz will be remembered with the planting of a Chestnut Tree. There will be several readings from her personal diary done by students of the West Colchester Consolidated School. Everyone is welcome, with a reception following at the Bass River Firehall. Anyone wishing to place a candle please come early to get one, and dress warm as the service will be held outside in the park regardless of conditions.

A "Newcomers' Reception" was hosted by CoRDA at the Holiday Inn on Prince Street on Wednesday, March 28th with participation by Truro Mayor Bill Mills, Colchester Mayor Bob Taylor, a representative from MLA Lenore Zann's office and the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce. The event included refreshments and local musician Amy Brandon. The latest census numbers show that is happening, as the Truro-Bible Hill central core has grown by 4 per cent since 2006.

Truro Presbyterian UCW will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of UCW at their Spring Rally May 15th at Knox United, Brookfield. Registration will be from 9am to 10am. Program will include honoring UCW ladies who are 80 and over, plus all the past Presidents. Lunch is provided.

Glenda Morrissey is on the hunt for paintings done by her grandmother, Rose Aylward. Glenda has two goals: (1) Locating as many paintings as possible; (2) she is willing to purchase if possible. She may be contacted at (902) 452-1226 or via email: glendamorrissey@ns.sympatico.ca

The Colchester Historical Museum, Truro is developing an exhibit which will focus on "Logging & Lumbering in Colchester County" running from mid May to October this year. Museum officials are eager to locate artifacts, photos and things which may be of interest to the public for this exhibit. In particular they are trying to locate a photo of the lumber sluices built in the Belmont. If anyone has anything to be loaned for this very important display please contact Stacey Culgin at 662-3867 or email sculgin@eastlink.ca.

The Great Village Shotokan Karate Tigers meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 7PM in the Great Village Gym. A new session is starting now and new members, of all ages, are welcome to join.

The Debert Fire Brigade's 40th Anniversary will be featured in the May issue. The issue will also include team and award presentation photos from the Saturday night finalization of the Debert Winter Carnival, because we did not have enough room in this issue.

Great Village Fire Brigade annual banquet and awards presentations were held Saturday March 24. Complete details and photos will be published in next month's Shoreline Journal.



Jim Chipman, Bass River and daughter, Carolyn are shown at the farewell dinner with Her Majesty the Queen in Toronto July 2010. (Submitted)

Bass River Credit Union TO CLOSE

By Maurice Rees

Soon the doors of the Community Credit of Cumberland Colchester Limited, branch in Bass River will close for the last time. It was learned last week the decision to permanently close

will be made at the Annual Meeting to be held at the Wandlyn Inn, Amherst on April 25th.

All accounts handled at the branch will be transferred to the branch on Willow Street, Truro. No date on the closure has been

announced, but it is anticipated on or before July 1, 2012.

The credit union website states additional business decisions for membership will include: Consider a Special Resolution to approve an amalgamation with Valley

Credit Union under Sections 103 to 137 of the Credit Union Act. Both Boards of Directors have unanimously endorsed this proposal for amalgamation at a meeting held on March 3rd, 2012.

Almost a year ago, the Bass River area was devastated when it was announced the local credit union branch was going to reduce hours of operation to three afternoons a week, rather than permanently close. Although the Shoreline Journal could not get confirmation from Credit Union officials, it is expected the Bass River branch will close on or before June 30th with the new entity being officially launch on July 1, 2012.

The business plan, based on an amalgamated structure, has been developed to ensure an informed decision is made by the members of Community Credit Union of Cumberland Colchester and Valley Credit Union on this proposal for amalgamation.

These credit unions include over 20,000 members

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It feels like summer has arrived today and in the Brookville area sap is gathered the hard way by Sandy & Mackie Ross, Fraserville. Buckets and pails, a carry up-hill where the boil-off process is done and finally the wonderful gift of Maple syrup the reward. (Lawrence Nicoll Photo)

Chignecto-Central School Board to Eliminate 125 Positions

"These reductions will translate into fewer services, supports, programs and interventions for our students..."

TRUDY THOMPSON, BOARD CHAIR.

By Maurice Rees

The Chignecto Central School Board (CCRSB) will be handing out pink slips to 125 staff as part of its process to reduce 2012-2013 expenditures by 1.7% which equates to a direct reduction of \$2.98-Million. On February 10, 2012, all school boards were directed to absorb cost pressures such as negotiated wage increases and inflation. CCRSB estimates these cost pressures will be about 1.8%, leading to an expected budget shortfall of approximately \$6.5 million for 2012-2013.

Combined with a series of cuts last year, this means a total \$10.3 million reduction over two years. At its meeting

on March 21st board meeting, the Chair and Vice-Chair advised that all departments, including elected board members, will experience reductions.

The reductions will include, but not be confined to: Central office expenditures will be reduced again, over and above last year's 19.5% reduction; Over 125 positions will be reduced. All employee groups will be affected, some more than others; possible elimination of Adult High School; significant reduction in professional development activities; reduced supplies and materials in all departments; reduced funding to schools

and School Advisory Councils; reductions in transportation services (busing); reductions in major maintenance projects and reductions in custodial supplies.

"These reductions will translate into fewer services, supports, programs and interventions for our students," says Trudy Thompson, board chair. She continued, "We believe the reductions we are being forced to make will erode our comprehensive education system, and will greatly impact the lives of our students and staff."

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board is comprised of 17 Board members and over 3000 staff striving to develop independent lifelong

learners in a student-centered environment, with high expectations for all. The Board serves approximately 22,000 students from Primary to Grade 12, throughout East Hants, and Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou counties.

The job cuts, for example, will include: Classroom teachers - due to enrollment decline, and over and above enrollment decline; Educational assistants; School-based administrative assistants (school secretaries); Library services personnel - will experience severe reductions; IT staff; Property services staff; Transportation staff (bus drivers) and Central and regional office staff.

Shoreline Journal FINALIST IN TWO CATEGORIES

The Shoreline Journal has been selected as one of three standing finalists in two categories of the upcoming Better Newspaper Competition at the annual conference of Newspapers Atlantic, a member based organization of over 65 community and weekly publications in

Atlantic Canada. The conference will be held in Halifax on May 11 & 12th.

The categories are: Best Overall Ad for John MacLean's creation of the Masstown Market ad in the September 2011 issue and Best Red Lobster for a series of errors in the January 2011 issue.

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