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An early apology is extended. If readers or advertisers sent information for this issue via email and it's not in this issue, I sincerely apologize. Just after March 10th, my computer was infected with a very nasty virus. Two days earlier, while watching CBC - TV news, I learned about a couple in British Columbia whose computer was affected the same way with all data being encrypted and it cost them \$800 to get relief. I got this weird message, what happened to your files? Then as you read on they give you 10 days to resolve the problem. Whoever was behind the virus asked for \$500US to be paid in BITCOIN through Western Union or Wells Fargo.

After consulting with my computer supplier, he knew of three other cases locally and so far no way has been found to re-establish the files. With a cost of over \$800 Canadian and not knowing who you are dealing with and no assurance files will be re-established, I decided to install a new drive, software and virus protection.

As a result all data files, including Word, spreadsheets and photos have been lost. The one salvation it did not affect internet or website accounts. I've spent the last week rebuilding all forms, and all the things I use on a regular basis.

In closing if you sent me something for this issue and it's not here, I apologize. Please resend again. **Maurice Rees, Publisher**

Our 5th annual 90 & 90+ Birthday Party will be held Saturday, May 9th at the Economy Recreation Centre. If sometime this winter you provided names of those who should be invited, please send along again, as updated data in the files for 2015 has been lost. We would have been working on the invitation list and preparing them to go in the mail later than week. Now we are behind the eight ball, but will get the invitations out in the next week or so. Please email your nominee, who will be 90 in 2015, or perhaps was born prior to 1924 to: Maurice@theshorelinejournal.com or call me at 902-647-2968.

Nova Scotia's P to 12 students are invited to help design a symbol to represent Nova Scotia Heritage Day. The Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage is looking for unique and original submissions. The final design will be revealed for Nova Scotia Heritage Day 2016. Deadline for submissions is June 1st. Guidelines, registration and consent forms are available at: <http://heritageday.novascotia.ca>

CNTA will not be offering Amherst Border Display Space any longer. Renovations have taken place at the Amherst Border VIC and CNTA can no longer access this space. If tourism operators had utilized space this past year and have not been contacted they are asked to remove any business related advertising by April 1, 2015.

In May, the Age of Sail Museum, Port Greville will host a group of students from Washington Waldorf School, Bethesda, Maryland who will be visiting the museum and doing some volunteer work. A series of photos and detailed story will be published in the next available issue of the Shoreline Journal.

MP Scott Armstrong announced on March 16th volunteers from the Colchester-East Hants Public Library, are holding a tax preparation clinic to promote the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP). In April the clinic is being held at the Colchester - East Hants Public Library, 754 Prince Street, Truro, NS., April 07, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; April 11, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; April 14, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm; April 16, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm; April 18, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm; April 21, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm; April 28, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, and April 30, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. By appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Call (902)-895-4183.



Soon...Soon. The Wild Blueberry Assoc. of NS held their Winter Information meeting in Truro. Growers look forward to scenes like this soon. See Linda Harrington's report on page 10 & 11. (WBANS Photo)

Gorgeous Gorges Initiative - Dr Ewing

(Dr. Karen Ewing, a member of the RASCALS (Rural Association for Sustainable Communities ALong our Shore), made a presentation at the RASCALS March meeting. She addressed the ongoing problem of garbage dumping in our rural communities. The following is Dr. Ewing's presentation.)

"Last Spring I began repelling down Brown Road's gorges and gullies and hauling up garbage. Thus began the

Gorgeous Gorges Initiative.

Every morning my Newfoundland dog Bo and I walked the Brown Road in Upper Economy. Every few days I would bring a garbage bag for the beer cans, cigarette butts, Tim Hortons' cups, shell casings and wrappers we'd find along the road. The Gorges however were something else again. Every gorge along our route was full of garbage; from old tents and chairs, to car parts and tires, sofas, microwaves, barbeques,

carpets, blinds, bottles and glass. It is a mystery how some people can view the natural world as their midden. I watched in dismay as grouse tried to make their home amongst the garbage and small animals drank the water amidst the shard. I determined not to watch any longer and to start to clean this up.

I wanted to ask for community help but was concerned about liability in what turned out to be difficult and somewhat dangerous work,

re: steep, uneven and slippery inclines, unrecognizable waste, metal and glass and heavy lifting, not to mention ticks, mosquitos, coyotes and bears! As I gathered and hauled and piled, some folks complained to me that someone was dumping garbage on Brown Road. When I explained it was me, one man decided to help and used his 4 wheeler to haul what I had piled to his home. Waste Management agreed to do a pick up and also agreed to send manpower to help finish the job this spring.

With your help the Gorgeous Gorges Initiative can be expanded and with community support and engagement the practice of *continued on page 3*



Beautiful coastline looking out to sea at Cape Chignecto Provincial Park. (Wayne Talbot photo)

Up to \$50K Available to Community Groups

By Maurice Rees

Scott Armstrong, Member of Parliament for Cumberland - Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley is encouraging local organizations to submit their projects for consideration under the newly launched Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) Call for Proposals. Deadline for submissions is April 27, 2015.

Organizations can receive a grant of up to \$50,000 and are encouraged to apply for funding for projects that will help improve accessibility in community facilities. Proposals can involve a wide variety of projects, however priority will be given to projects enhancing access for children with disabilities (e.g. playgrounds and recreational facilities), veterans with disabilities or seniors with disabilities.

Municipalities are also eligible to apply in support of the first priority (access for children with disabilities) since a large number of recreational facilities are under their management. As such, all municipalities, irrespective of size, have been included as eligible recipients under this priority only and are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application information is available on Employment and Social Development Canada's website at <http://www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/>

Cash Returned to Owner

By Linda Harrington

What would you do if you discovered \$200 in cash at your feet?

For Tammy Garnham of Little Dyke there wasn't a moment of hesitation, she had to find the owner.

Tammy and her husband Danny were out for a drive up Folly Mountain looking at all the snow banks. Driving along one of the side roads, Tammy yelled for Danny to stop as something caught her eye in the snow along

the road.

"I was shocked to discover a wad of folded money just lying there," says Tammy. "It was crisp and dry and neatly folded like it had just come out of a bank machine."

She immediately took the money to the nearest house, owned by Cindy Smith and asked her to call around to find the owner.

"I figured it had to have fallen out of someone's pocket, so they either lived locally or were a snowmobiler," says

Tammy. And with just a few phone calls, Cindy had soon found the owner.

The money belonged to Dylan McMullen, who hadn't noticed it was gone from his pocket until his mother, Brenda, asked if he might be missing money. Brenda (who writes Londonderry Community Council Notes for the Shoreline) and Tammy both work at Masstown Market.

"I was very impressed that someone would be so honest and look for the owner of the money right away instead of just putting it in their pocket," says Brenda, "My son, Dylan was very grateful to have the money returned. That was a very nice thing Tammy did."

Tammy, who wouldn't even have her photo taken for the story, says what she did was no big deal. "Sure \$200 would have come in handy, but I immediately thought it was probably someone's payment for a power bill or something and they would need it."

Well done, Tammy, you have certainly paid it forward!



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