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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS April 2016

Chase the Ace fever is starting to happen in Debert on Saturdays from 2-4 pm. This event will support the Debert Legion and West Colchester Cobras. Draw time 4:15pm. Must be there to win! \$2 per ticket.

The Youth Internship Project offered through the Nova Scotia Association of Community Business Development Corporations (CBDs) has received a \$919,425 contribution from the Government of Canada. This support through ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund (ICF) will provide 38 recent college and university graduates with one-year employment opportunities in rural-based small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and community economic development (CED) organizations.

Bob Murphy became the new host of CBC Mainstreet on CBC Radio One in mainland Nova Scotia on March 21. The award-winning journalist has been with the CBC for 25 years, reporting from Charlottetown, Moncton and Halifax and dozens of communities in between. On many occasions, Murphy has filled in as host of Information Morning and Mainstreet on mainland Nova Scotia. CBC Mainstreet can be heard on CBC Radio One and online at cbc.ca/ns weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The new Truro Library will open this June and the local committee has done a fantastic job fundraising attaining approximately 60% of the goal, leaving \$400,000 yet to be raised to outfit the new library. More community support is needed to complete the process. Until funding is raised, there is possibility the empty or partially completed rooms on the first floor will include: Main Hall, media lab, main hall atrium with seating and the youth collection. Second floor facilities which may not be fully furnished include: Kitchen, teen program room, historical collection, adult non-fiction adult fiction, community lounge and fireside lounge.

Blake Jennings, manager of Bayview Poultry Farm is featured on a 5:12 minute Global News, Buy Local video with Alex Haider – Bayview Poultry Farms on Facebook. The farm is one of the many successful agriculture businesses in the Masstown area. A few years ago, the Jennings family renovated a laying barn and were one of the first poultry farms in Canada to install an enriched cage system to house the laying hens. Here's the link to view the video:
<http://globalnews.ca/video/2597732/buy-local-with-alex-haider-bayview-poultry-farms>

Premier Stephen McNeil has appointed Kristan Hines as his new chief of staff. She had served as director of strategic operations since October 2013. Premier McNeil also appointed Ryan Grant as the deputy chief of staff. He has worked in the Premier's Office as a senior policy advisor and strategic initiatives analyst. The appointments became effective March 7.

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A Honeymoon ... Not to Remember!

By Linda Harrington

Colin and Trish MacMichael were young, newly married, planning a dream honeymoon. After considering several destinations, they chose Belgium and the Netherlands as their perfect

romantic getaway. Never did the possibility of a terrorist attack ever cross their minds and even now, back home in Canada enroute to their home in Rocky Harbour, NL the events of the past week seem unbelievable and surreal.

Colin is the son of Beth and Terry MacMichael of Debert. He and Trish were married this past July 18th, in Pasadena, NL surrounded by friends and family. They decided to delay their honeymoon until the following spring,

booking their dream vacation in September with plans to visit Brussels, Amsterdam and Bruges in March, 2016.

The honeymooners left Deer Lake, NL on Monday, March 21st at 2:00PM, travelling via Halifax to Montreal, and expected to land in Brussels at 7:30AM on Tuesday, March 22nd. While in Montreal they received word that their flight to Brussels would be delayed by over an hour due to technical issues (which later turned out to be a problem with the brakes). "I was a little annoyed," says Trish, "Thinking we would miss our first breakfast planned for Brussels." Little did they know how fate was intervening in their travel plans.

The flight from Montreal began as planned and Colin and Trish spent the time watching in-flight movies and catching a bit of sleep, with Trish often checking the flight status screen to note their progress. "At one point I checked and we had two hours remaining in our flight from Montreal to Brussels, so I watched a movie and then checked the status screen again. I couldn't believe it was now showing our flight as Montreal to Paris. I thought there must be a mistake," says Trish. It was about 20 minutes

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Colin MacMichael (who grew up in Debert) and his wife Trish were planning on a honeymoon in Belgium and the Netherlands when terrorist attacks in Belgium caused their plane to be diverted to Paris and this was the end of their dream honeymoon. The only souvenir of their non-honeymoon is a pair of mugs from Disney-Paris, even though they didn't visit this theme park. Trish bought them last minute at the airport as a souvenir of their two days in Paris and an experience they will never forget. (Harrington Photo)

Casey Announces \$15,000 in After the Bell Funding

By Maurice Rees

Young people are taking part in hockey, swimming, rock climbing and more through After the Bell programs in the Fundy region following an announcement by Karen Casey, Education and Early Childhood Development Minister in Tatamagouche at the end of February. On behalf of Health and Wellness Minister Leo Glavine, she announced more than \$15,000 of funding for after-school activities in Bible Hill, Truro, Stewiacke and Colchester County.

After the Bell aims to

increase physical activity in youth ages 12 to 15 years old, with a priority to involve girls. Research shows just 21 per cent of girls meet the daily standard of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity. Last year, 79 per cent of the 1,958 After the Bell participants were girls.

Groups that receive After the Bell funding can decide which activities they would like to run based on the needs of their community. Government is investing \$282,000 in After the Bell projects in 67 communities across the province.

The following is a list of grants Casey announced in Tatamagouche: Bible Hill, outdoor trails, various outdoor education pursuits such as snowshoeing, and hiking, \$4,000; Rath Eastlink Community Centre, various physical activities for girls, such as rock climbing and yoga, \$3,400; Stewiacke, recreation facilities, recreational sport opportunities for youth, \$4,000 and Rath Eastlink Community Centre, recreation facilities, hockey, rock climbing, swimming and other physical activities for youth, \$4,000.

90 & 90+ Birthday Party

The Shoreline Journal's annual birthday party for area or former area residents who are 90 & 90+ will be held at the Economy Recreation Centre on Saturday, May 7th.

In previous years, we have enjoyed the company of many people from the South Cumberland area, who joined with others along the shore for an afternoon of fun concluding with a great meal catered by an Economy area volunteer group.

A few years ago, nearly 100 attended the afternoon event.

If you know of a friend or relative, who will be 90 this year, or who is over 90, please ensure their name is submitted as soon as possible.

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