

REES' Pieces

Biosolids, Terrorism & Roads

Easter had come and gone, and the robins are here, so it must be close to when the leaves will start popping out. Overall the winter has not been as bad as we feared, although, we can still get a bit of nasty weather and cold wet spring. So don't head for the beach yet.

I enjoyed a very informative bus trip to Aerotech Business Park along with the municipal councillors, who decided to check out the treatment of biosolids, since there are hundreds of truckloads just off Crowe's Mills Road, awaiting spring weather to be spread on hundreds of acres of what will be a very large new dairy farm.

Several residents from Crowe's Mills and Lower Truro joined us on the bus. According to the presentation given by Liz LeBlanc, LP Consulting, the biosolids far exceed any regulations and are safe. They cannot be used for gardens, or field crops for vegetables. 35,000 tonnes are produced at the plant each year, and it's marketed under the name "N-Rich Soil Amendment" and is available only to famers, so have a Soil Application Plan.

The terrorism that is going on around the world is of concern, which makes one wonder when and if it will happen in Canada. The most recent bombings in Brussels certainly had an effect upon Colin and Trish MacMichael, a honeymooning couple from Rocky Harbour, NL. Colin grew up in Debert and is the son of Beth and Terry MacMichael. You can read their story elsewhere in this issue, but to cut to the chase. Their plane destined for Brussels was delayed leaving Montreal, which is a good thing. If it had left on time, they would have arrived in Brussels, about a half hour before the bombings. One never knows how we might be affected and how lucky we are.

Spring is not really here yet, but things are already being planned for the fall. My how we let time escape us. The Municipal elections will be held in October and there's a story elsewhere in this issue, that anyone thinking of running in the municipal elections should go to "Campaign School".

Speaking about municipal election reminds me that both Tom Taggart and Doug MacInnes have indicated or will soon indicate they are running again. Early in March they teamed up to have a community meeting on a Saturday afternoon at the Peg. The crowd was not overly large, but it sure had quality. Everyone there participated in the discussion or asked a very pertinent question.

One matter which got a fair amount of discussion was the lack of treatment NS TIR does on gravel roads to keep the dust down. In the last couple of years on the Shore Road instead of treating the entire road earlier in the spring, TIR has confined treatment to the centre of the road, and only in front of houses. Residents there say the dust is so bad, they can't hang out the laundry, and have to keep windows closed all summer long. They also fear it's a health hazard, and there was some discussion about contacting the Department of Health.

Both Councillor's Taggart and MacInnes, along with Mayor Taylor who was there for part of the meeting said they will ensure the matter is brought up to TIR at the next meeting. This problem is typical of the many calls municipal councillors get about matters, which are not within their control, but as the front line person to all levels of government they work hard to address residents' problems.

Earlier I mentioned this month had been very busy. If you look at the back of this issue you will see why. In fact the last seven pages are printed upside down. If you look at the back page, you will see it's another "front page".

We have always served the South Cumberland area around Parrsboro, but with this issue, we are expanding to cover Advocate-Southampton-Parrsboro and will do so each and every month in the format at the back of this paper with pages under the banner of "South Cumberland New".

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Maurice

Letters to the editor

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Hi Maurice:

Just finished reading the latest journal. I will be contacting ITC ENG SOL INC on solar panels. Read about councillors and MLA subjects. Bill Casey on his appointment which I will be speaking to him about on my meeting with him on March 29 on health care costs regarding my invention. The issue on roads not just in this county but Canada wide. This relates to a transportation system we are taking apart in this country the railway that built this country. Ottawa talks of emissions well that's one answer to putting the best most efficient way of moving goods

and we are destroying it mile after mile. The roads would be in much better shape and the emissions for the environment we are hearing about, if the trucking system was the way it is in Switzerland where one of my uncles lives. He says not much bigger than one tons can move any goods with in any county and the big rigs are only allowed on highways and little of those because most freight is moved by RAIL!!! Plus as you know my invention that many millions around the use could help in EMISSIONS that only part of it.

Sincerely,
Walter Rodler.

Maurice,

Used tires could be put to good use for making paving material. By rights we would not even need a landfill if all packaging were to go back to the manufacture. I see some people putting leafs in bags for pick up. Leave leafs on the lawn till spring dry up. This will give something back to the lawn.

Furthermore about the lumber industry talking about energy. Would not even need kiln's or very little. Mill all logs into three sides and leave for a year better quality from just using nature. Makes me laugh,

government is making big statement on emissions; just listen to people like me.

Plus electrical power, why do you think we do not have three phases like big industry? It would not make the power companies big profit. I've done a test on a 25 HP motor. It drew about 84 amps, when up to speed only drew 3 amps to run. The list of what we could do is endless. Another thought on electrical power its self. I have fingered out that all the power we ever would need is not on EARTH.

Sincerely
Walter Rodler

Opinion Editorial

By Scott Armstrong

On March 22nd, the Liberals introduced their 2016 federal budget. Despite spending nearly \$30 billion in borrowed money, the Liberal budget has no real plan to create jobs and very little support for families and businesses in Nova Scotia.

While I was pleased to see that the Liberals decided to continue supporting ferry services in Atlantic Canada, including the Wood Islands-Caribou Ferry and the Saint John-Digby Ferry, and maintain the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program introduced by our previous government, I am very concerned by the lack of a jobs plan and the fact that future generations are now on the hook for billions of dollars in reckless Liberal spending.

Since the Liberals have taken office Canada's unemployment rate has increased for three consecutive months, despite the Liberal Government spending billions of dollars during the same time period. Atlantic Canadians, particularly those employed out west in the oil and gas industry, have been negatively impacted as layoffs have left families struggling to make ends meet.

Unfortunately, the Liberal government's changes to EI fail to recognize that a lost job is a lost job, no matter which part of the country you live in. In addition, the elimination of the Universal Child Care Benefit, the Children's Fitness Tax Credit, the Children's Art Tax Credit, tax credits for post-secondary education and textbooks and income splitting for families will result in families having to do more with less.

Conservatives know the recipe for job creation and economic growth: low taxes, free trade and spending taxpayer money responsibly. Going forward, Canada's Official Opposition will continue to demand a real plan to create jobs, fight to keep more money in the pockets of hardworking Canadians and press the Government to live within our means by getting the budget back to balance as soon as possible.

Scott Armstrong is Conservative Critic for Atlantic Canada



Scott Armstrong

March Busy Month for T.N.R. 4-H Club

By Xavier LeBlanc

On the 3rd, we had our annual club rally. Congratulations to everyone who did their speeches and demonstrations, you all did great. I would also like to congratulate the other winners (placings will be at the end of the article) who will be moving on to county rally on April 9th.

To really kick things off for events, we spent the first weekend of the month at Gitten's Lodge, from Saturday afternoon to around noon on Sunday. The trip was complete with a sleigh ride at Lance's Stables, a wandering Sasquatch sighting, glow-in-the-dark bowling, and stories around a candle; it was too cold and windy for a bonfire, so we did the next best thing.

At our general meeting, we had project reports from Chocolate, Cake Decorating, Woodworking, Rabbit, Sheep, Crafts, Fine Arts, Photography, Beef, Scrapbooking, and Computer. Wishlist items were also confirmed for Rabbit, Computer, Goat, Beef, and Exploring 4-H. There are two important upcoming events: Apr 6: Truro-North River 4-H Club general meeting, North River Fire Hall, 7 pm and Apr 9: Colchester 4-H County Rally, South Colchester Academy, 9:00am.

At this point, I would also like to announce the return of T.N.R.'s Pink Potty fundraiser. Prices will be the same, although this year, the money won't

be going towards out East-West Exchange, since we aren't participating this year. Instead, it will be going towards a club-exclusive scholarship we've had for the past few years. Throughout the year, we build up funds for this scholarship, and present it at Achievement Day at the end of June.

CLUB RALLY RESULTS: Jr. Speech - 1st: Ava O'Brien-Fisher - "Seal of Approval"; 2nd: Nicole McGill - "No Matter the Weather" and 3rd: Owain Fisher - "Throwing Rocks!".

Int. Speech - 1st: Jason O'Brien-Fisher - "The Jumping Flea"; 2nd: Daniel Brownell - "Things you didn't know about Time Travel".

Sr. Speech - 1st: Xavier LeBlanc - "To: Diane, From: Xavier"; 2nd: Alyssa Millar - "Breaking The Silence" and 3rd: Ashley Higgins - "Senior".

Jr. Single Demo - 1st: Cerys Fisher - "Recycled Bird Feeder"; 2nd: Rebecca MacLaughlin - "Bombs Away"; 3rd: Jade Thompson - "Making Pancakes".

Jr. Double Demo - 1st: Payton and Olivia Pugsley - "Dubs-mash Everything"; 2nd: Abigail and Sarah Brownell - "Pyramid Pals"; 3rd: Emma MacNutt and Jessa Cock - "All About Us".

Sr. Single Demo - 1st: Alyssa Mills and Josie Dean - "Rodeo in 3... 2... 1"

I think I speak for everyone when I say that this might just be turning out to be one of the best years that we've had as a club in a while.

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