

PHOTO FEATURE

There was a colourful group of volunteers helping with the Saint Patrick's Day Debert Legion Friday Night Supper on March 17th.



Servers for the day were (left to right) Robert Collins, Jimmy Adshade, George Cook, Bob Pash and Gordon Slack. (Harrington Photo)



The Debert Legion Friday Night Supper was well decorated for Saint Patrick's Day thanks to Debbie Barclay. (Harrington Photo)



There is always great entertainment at the Debert Legion Friday Night's Supper. (Harrington Photo)



Deanna Martell presents Paul McLellan with a cheque for \$500 as the grand prize in the Debert Legion Surf 'n Turf Raffle. (Harrington Photo)

36 Organizations Get 50% Insurance Rebate

By Maurice Rees

Council committee agreed to provide \$5,000 in supportive funding for the NS Women that Hunt "Youth Expo" which will be held at the Brookfield Sportsplex on April 22nd. The motion moved by Councillor Stewart and seconded by Councillor MacInnes will see the funds taken from the 2017-2018 Economic Development Budget.

Organizers have targeted youth within the Chignecto-Central School Board and anticipate 1500-2000 youth will attend. The unique event is designed to expose youth of all ages to new activities related to the outdoors, fitness, art, community programs, and overall better health and wellness. Expo is interactive guided by professionals and

experts in various fields in an effort to expose, educate and inspire. Admission for kids is free, while adults pay \$5.00. In its first year attendance was 1,110 youth and 574 adults. It's current event poster has been viewed by 6.9-Million people on Facebook.

ON motion by Tom Taggart staff have been given approval to negotiate, and if they feel comfortable to ask the CAO to sign a contract with True North Tax, a firm who has conducted reviews of other municipalities in the Maritimes with regard to an HST review. The company does the review without any upfront cost to the municipality, but take 40% of any rebate obtained from Canada Revenue Agency. Should CRA

claw back and amounts from the review, True North Tax would refund the municipality.

Council approved a list of tax write offs amounting to \$5,952.97, most of which involved mobile homes that have been demolished or removed. Council is expected to review policy on mobile homes to see if trailer park owners who lease the lots could be held liable for the outstanding taxes.

A \$65,800 contract was awarded to J. R. Eisener Contracting for upgrades to the Parkwood Drive pumping station in Truro Heights. An additional \$12,820 is added to the cost of the project to cover staff time, (\$5,000); rebated tax, (\$2,820) and design fees (\$5,000).

Over the past five years, the number of non-profit organizations qualifying for 50% rebate on insurance costs has increased to 36 for the March allocation with a number which come forward in October would put the annual \$18,000 budget in deficit by over \$3,000. As a result council authorized the addition of \$3,000 to the upcoming budget, which permitted approval of the 36 applicants totaling \$13,588.

Council approved Tom Taggart to put his name forward for another term as a Nova Scotia director to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Taggart volunteers his time, but the municipality covers the \$6,000 travel and accommodation costs.

Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce Elects New Officers

The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated 127 years serving the business community at its annual general meeting held in Truro. A new slate of officers and directors was elected by the membership, which will see Alex Stevenson of CIBC step into the president's seat.

Stevenson recognized the commitment to the organization of past-president Andrew Lake who served two consecutive terms. "Over the past two years, his leadership, dedication, commitment and collaboration has raised the profile of the Chamber," said Stevenson. "He has guided it to the successful completion of a number of key initiatives."

"Going forward, my intention is to continue to build on the momentum we have created and continue to focus on the key initiatives that we

have outlined in our 2017 Business Plan," said newly elected president. "These initiatives include serving our membership, supporting tourism marketing efforts, advancing our economic development initiative, lobbying for transportation and infrastructure improvements, supporting youth retention, focusing on operational excellence, promoting investment and opportunities in information and communication technology and to work with all stakeholders to support a sustainable and prosperous business environment."

Other newly elected executives and directors are: Vice-President Dan Clarke, Stanfields; Treasurer Joanne McRae, MNP; Solicitor Heidi Walsh-Sampson, Patterson Law; and Directors Don Locke, RBC; Dr. David Gray, Dean of Dalhousie Agricultural Campus; Karen

Baillie, Elegant Steps; Karen Gillespie, Nova Scotia Community College; Fran Grant, Remax/Fairlane Realty; Matt Robblee, Caldwell-Roach Insurance; Ron Smith, Old Fletcher's Farm Property Ltd., Masstown Market; Bob Brown E. Lynds Enterprises; Nancy

Johnstone, Lock and Stone Property Management; Peter Theisen P.T. Property Care; Connie Baird, Party Time Rentals and Sam Abushenaf, PuroClean Restorations.

Lake, Will-Kare Paving and Contracting, will remain on the board as past-president.




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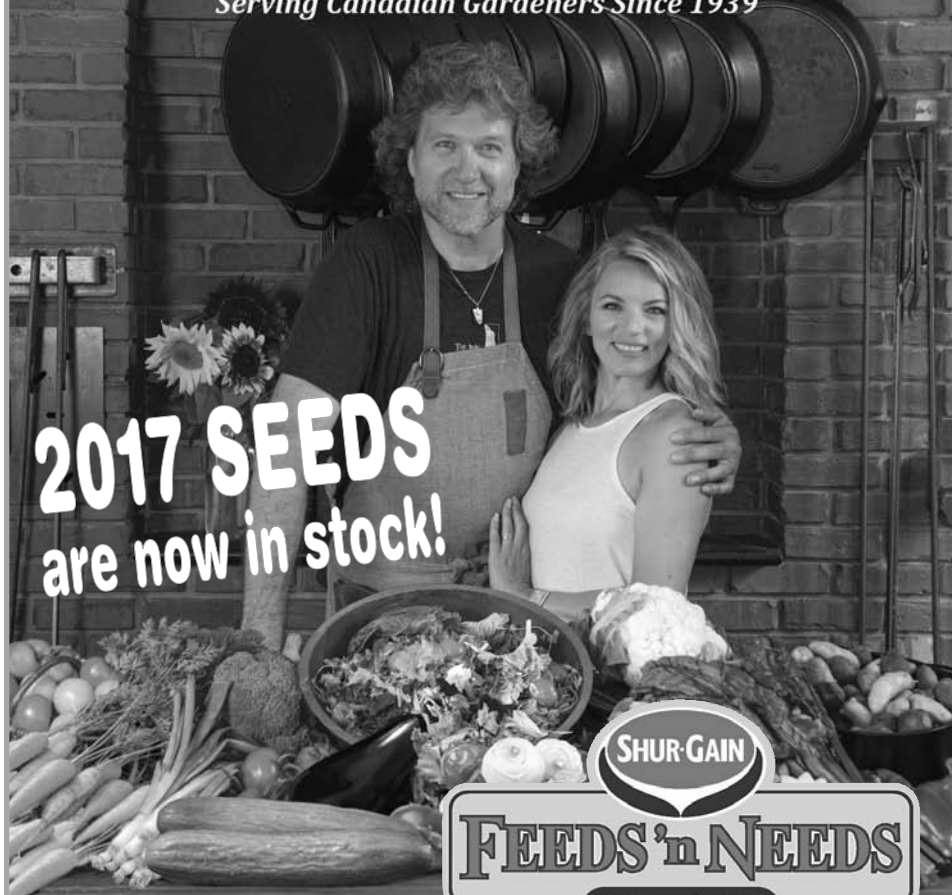
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