

CHB's Award \$50,000 in Funding

By Maurice Rees

Grants to 30 applicants were given out by the three community health boards in the Colchester-East Hants area in a ceremony on February 21 at the J Harris Read Room, Colchester Public Library, Truro. Total amount awarded by the three Community Health Boards was in excess of \$50,000, although a total of 42 groups had submitted requests totaling \$118,071.

The Along the Shore Health Board approved applications from the following organizations for Wellness Fund grants: Riverside Community Hall Association, for Beginners Ukulele; Colchester Adult Learning Association, Debert Connections; Colchester Adult Learning Association, Meet your Neighbours; Debert & Area Community Association, Home Alone and Londonderry Community Council, Londonderry Fun Day.

Truro and Area Community Health Board approved the following applications: Archway

Counseling Association, Support Group; Canadian Mental Health Association, Nova Scotia Division, Healthy Relationships Plus Program; Canadian Mental Health Association, Nova Scotia Division, Wellness Art Studio Series; Cobequid Arts Council, Let Music Feed the Soul; Colchester Adult Learning Association, Wonder-Maud Lewis Inspired Art; Colchester Community Workshops, Slow Cooker Favourites; Le Centre communautaire francophone de Truro, Strive for Five Healthy Eating afterschool workshops; Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre, Mother to Mother support project; and Native Council of Nova Scotia, Family Affordable Meal Planning.

Other grants to Truro and area organizations included: Northern Healthy Connections Society, Better off in the box; Redcliffe Middle School, Movement in the Classroom and Scotia Pool Society, Swim With a Health Professional.

Great Village Antiques Exchange to Re-Open

Anticipation is high and the heart of Great Village will soon be abuzz with activity.

Antique lovers near and far await in anticipation for Great Village Antiques Ex-

change 2018 season opener on April 2nd. Each year the destination closes for a winter break from Christmas reopening as the calendar is turned to April.

Cees van den Hoek acquired the business in early 2014 and the business has steadily grown and now features 30 antique dealers and approx 11,000 sq ft of stock. Great Village Antiques Exchange is well known as Atlantic Canada's antique destination.

The business will now span to three historical buildings including the former Layton's General Store, the St. James church and

opening later this spring the former Community Hall.

From April to December hours during the week remain the same at 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, however Sundays vary according to the season. April, May, November and December the destination is open 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. During the heavier traffic season of May through to end of October, Sunday's store hours are 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Updates and information about new arrivals can be found on its website or Facebook pages.



Just about this time last year shoppers lined up waiting for the doors at Great Village Antiques to open after being closed since Christmas. (Submitted)

The Savvy Shopper in Downtown Truro

April Downtown is humming with Easter Specials, several new businesses, and the Easter Egg Hunt in Victoria Park. Businesses such as Grow & Brew and East Coast Hydroponics can help you with the growing. Don't forget the Spring Fashion Show brought to you by Elegant Steps. SHOP LOCAL! SHOP LOCAL!

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PHOTO FEATURE

The 34th Truro Sport Heritage Awards were presented in a gala event held at the Best Western Glengarry. Host Bruce Rainnie, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame and former host of the CBC News emceed the event, Sunday, March 4th, 2018.



The Sports Heritage Chair Award, presented to Keith MacKenzie, was presented by Ashley Simms, and was accepted on his behalf by son-in-law, J P Ashton and grandchildren, Max and Carlie Ashton.

Truro Sport Heritage Chair Award

Keith MacKenzie has had a positive influence on thousands of young people and their families over the years through his volunteer involvement in sports. MacKenzie may have been best known as the long-time coach of the CEC football team and the CEC girls basketball team. Through the 1970's and 80's, MacKenzie led the highly respected football Cougars for 15 years to five provincial championships. Once football season was completed in November, he switched to girls basketball which he coached for 14 years, producing six provincial championships and advanced to the championship game for 12 consecutive years. Keith was the first to be awarded Coach of the Year by B-ball NS in 1979.

In 1979 Keith coached the Nova Scotia Canada Games girls basketball team to a first ever bronze medal finish. As the long-time CEC Athletic Director, MacKenzie also served as the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation Regional Director from 1983 to 1988 and Chairman of the Board of Governors from 1989 to 1991.

In 1966, MacKenzie was player-coach for the Keith's Fastball Team which were the Truro & District League Champions 1966 to 1970, and included the provincial title in 1970. He promoted the team to the Senior B Truro Olands from 1971 to 1974.

In hockey circles, Keith was President of the TSN Bearcats from 1984 to 1996. He then became President of the reborn Truro Junior A Bearcats where he led the team for 20 years until his retirement at the end of the 2017 season.

Other impressive sports credentials include: Registered Umpire with Softball NS, Secretary Fundy Umpires Assoc., Lifetime Member of Assoc.; Founder and first president of Colchester Men's Slo Pitch League; Founder of Colchester Men's Oldtimers Hockey League; Chair of NS. Sport Hall of Fame selection committee for 6 years; awarded Football Canada Merit Award in 1990; Member Football NS Hall of Fame; Member Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame (builder) - 1991.

Last, but not least, Keith MacKenzie was a former long-time member and Chair of the Truro Sports Heritage Society. He invested a huge amount of time into various aspects of encouraging and supporting in various ways the sporting excellence culture of the Truro area. We have Keith MacKenzie to thank for a huge volunteer effort over the years. Those athletes, their families, and the community in general are all the better for it.

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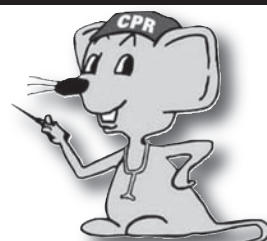
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