



The remains of Skyler Blackie with a regimental escort, immediately flanked by members of his Truro Fire Service.



Fire trucks from all over Colchester County joined the procession in honour of Skyler Blackie.



Members of the Debert Fire Brigade positioned trucks over the Debert overpass, as did other brigades at every overpass.

Accident Claims Firefighter

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 seas. The video continued throughout the morning to engage more people. By 11:30 am, 40,000 more views were recorded increasing to 299,000+ engagements. Within the next 90 minutes, viewing increased by 15,000, totaling 314,000+

Firefighter Skyler Blackie, who lived in Debert and was employed with Truro Fire Service passed away March 20th, after being injured in a training exercise earlier this month at the Nova Scotia Fire Fighter's School, Waverly.

He was a certified life guard and received a medal for his life saving efforts. A volunteer firefighter since the age of 18, he was trained through Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Services and served as a Lieutenant with Station 45 in Fall River; during this time he attended NSCC and received his HVAC certification and then

began his career as a firefighter with Truro Fire Service on October 1, 2013.

The Department of Labour has interceded asking the school to remove all extinguishers from its training materials and to supply all records on maintenance and inspections of the extinguishers.

The Shoreline Journal was informed by a professional, who regularly conducts training of firefighters and other department training said the extinguishers were approximately 40 years old and had been given to the school prior to the closure of the Imperial Oil refinery, Dartmouth. The source did not wish to be identified.

A regimental funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Colchester Legion Stadium, 14 Lorne Street, Truro.



Madi and Taylor Nichols hang a Canadian flag over the Debert overpass in honour of Skyler Blackie.



A lone fire fighter stands on the Debert overpass waiting to pay his respect to Skyler Blackie.



Over two dozen emergency vehicles lined the ramp at Masstown waiting to join the procession to Truro.



Representatives from Colchester Ground Search and Rescue joined the procession.

Antiques Shops open March 30

By Clair Peers

It's been a quiet winter in Great Village. Cees van den Hoek, owner of Great Village Antiques Exchange, says "that will all change come March 30". That's the official re-open date for the antiques shops and venues in Great Village.

Last year's opening day was a real surprise when he looked out at 9:30. The village was full of vehicles and the line up extended all the way across the parking lot to the other shops. That day was the highest sales day of the year and April was almost as good as

the best months of the summer.

Dealers have been restocking their booths and cabinets during the month of March. There will be lots of new treasures to pick from.

We all agree that's it's mostly due to a lack of antique shopping in the area in winter and maybe just cabin fever. The regulars are anxious to get back at it and some new customers have heard about us and want to poke around.

Cees says that this year we are starting off with a few new vendors and a total of 33.

Since Grant Dickey first opened the shop, in the former Layton's General store, with 5 dealers, it has continually expanded. Van den Hoek took it over 4 years ago and has done expansions and renovations each year. This year some new glass display cabinets have been added on the main floor as well as upgraded lighting upstairs.

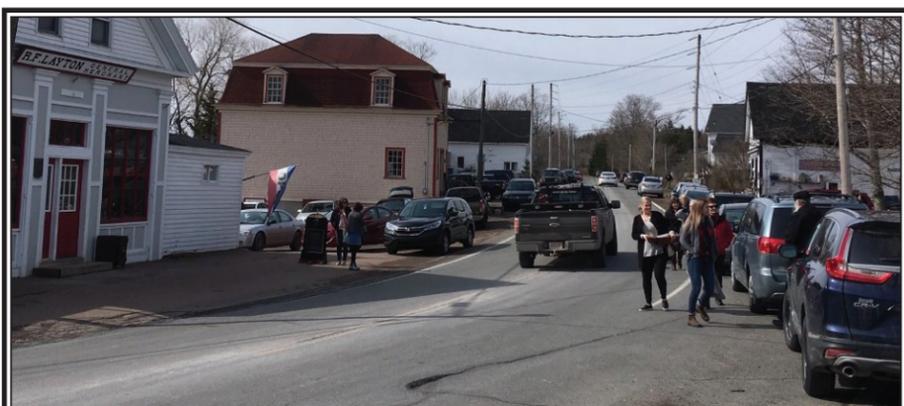
Two years ago Cees & Clair Peers rented the church for displaying various antiques and some newer items. Peers' shop across the street continues to be popular for vintage

decore items and garden decorations.

Regular hours this year will be everyday 10 am- 5:00. On facebook: great village antiques exchange or great village and central ns antiques.



Maybe it was cabin fever, but there was a long line-up last spring waiting for Great Village Antiques Exchange to open for the season. The iconic destination closed just before Christmas for the winter. The antique shops in Great Village start their 2019 season on Saturday, March 30th. (Contributed)



Parking was at a premium for the 2018 opening of antique shops in Great Village. Shop owners indicated sales on opening day were the highest of the season and April was among the top sales for the season. (Contributed)

Wellness Fair Service Providers

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 Onslow Preschool; Schools Plus; The Shoreline Journal; Caregivers Nova Scotia; Yoga with Ashley; Mental Health and Addictions; Maggie's Place Family Resource Centre; EfficiencyNS and Autism Nova Scotia.

An additional 11 service

providers have committed to attend, but paperwork is not completed. These vendors include or will deliver the following services: VON, Earth Angels, Karate, Peaceful Places, Dietician, Today Nurse; Massage Therapist, Tai Chi, Colchester Recreation, RECC and Hike NS.



ALONG the SHORE

Community Health Board

Along the Shore Health Board Wellness Fair

Saturday April 13, 2019
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

West Colchester Consolidated School
 27 Maple Ave, Bass River, N.S.

The Along the Shore Community Health Board will be hosting a Wellness Fair to help make individuals and families who live Along the Shore more aware of programs and services available to them to support a healthier and more vibrant lifestyle.

There will be over 25 exhibitors in attendance to answer questions and provide information on the services they offer within our communities.

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