

**MASSTOWN MARKET**  
"An experience for all!"

**"Celebrating 40 years of Excellence!"**

www.masstownmarket.com

**The Shoreline Journal**  
Serving the Glooscap Trail • From Truro to Parrsboro

PO BOX #41 BASS RIVER, NS B0M 1B0  
VOL. 13 NO. 8  
AUGUST 2009

**\$1.95 + HST**

FIVE ISLANDS PARRSBORO ECONOMY  
BASS RIVER GREAT VILLAGE MASSTOWN  
DEBERT BELMONT ONSLOW

**MARGOLIAN'S**  
"Famous For Value"

Mens • Ladies • Childrens  
Fashions • Footwear  
Home Decor  
DOWNTOWN TRURO  
(902) 893-9475  
www.margolians.com

## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS August 2009

**Last month's story** about voting to support the Bay of Fundy, could have been repeated, now that the we have reached the "Top 28" in the world. Over the next two years, the 28 entrants will be reduced to "7 Wonders of the World". As local residents, we need to encourage everyone we know to vote on our behalf. Another committee or organization is not needed, Terri McCulloch in Parrsboro has things in hand. However, with "global microscopes" looking at our area, we need to "pull up our socks". Interested citizens, community groups and businesses, must all come together to form a strong organization to oversee developments in the area. A strong community group representing the areas from Advocate Harbour down to Onslow, would lobby for protection of "public access to beaches and the shoreline; encourage sustainable development, encourage young professionals to locate or relocate here on a 12 month basis; encourage Governments and NGO's to provide services to support area initiatives; business retention; business start-up; and the infrastructure required by younger professionals to become part of our communities and raise their families here. If you agree with me, and would like to see such an initiative move forward, contact me and The Shoreline Journal will work to coordinate the initial stages of organizing the infrastructure for community involvement. But we must not forget to encourage friends and family, regardless of where they live, to Vote for the Bay of Fundy.

**My Favourite Pet**, the monthly feature, which awards a \$20.00 gift certificate to Clarence's Farm Services needs additional entries. With families enjoying summer fun-times, we'd like you to send along your entry. Please include your mailing address and phone number.

**Karen Casey** has been chosen interim leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia. She has excelled in representing the area, and is now applying her talents on a provincial basis.

**Continuing Education**, or life-long learning is a multi-page feature to be published in the next issue. If you are involved in training and would like to be involved, please contact Maurice at: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com, Special conditions apply and editorial opportunities exist.

**History, heritage, culture** is very important to all of us, whether we realize it or not. Several people have suggested they always enjoyed articles dealing with heritage properties, and article, which would be of interest to historical society buffs. As publisher, I'd like to start a monthly feature, which would address these issues, especially since I live in a Cape Cod house built in 1831. I'm looking for three residents to guide me, and assist in development of monthly articles. Contact: Maurice at Maurice@theshorelinejournal.com, or call me at 902-647-2968.

**Local 4-H members** and leaders are busy preparing and anticipating results in the upcoming Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, Truro. 4-H members along the shore, work hard each year to do their best within the area, and should be most proud for the great way which they represent this area.

**Don't forget** August 1st and the big celebration day at the Bass River Museum as the community celebrated Heritage Days. For an afternoon and early evening of fun, and to learn how things used to be done in the days of the "make 'n break" engine, drop by and see the antique cars, tractors, and equipment. Don't forget to tour the Museum, and be sure to give a larger donation than you did last year.

**Community Metals** and Quality Built Mini Barns of Debert is celebrating their second anniversary. Originally from Jacksonville, NB, founders Gerald and Donna Cole are enjoying the hard work to grow the business and provide employment in the Debert area. As an added tid-bit, Gerald and Shoreline Journal publisher, Maurice Rees are classmates from the early 60's having lived in the same community.

## RCMP Veteran's Association selects Hospice for recent lottery proceeds

On Wednesday, July 15, 2009 Charles Parlee and Gary Bishop of the Northwestern area, RCMP Veteran's Association, Nova Scotia Division, presented the Colchester East Hants

Hospice Society with a donation of \$4340. The Hospice Society was selected from among the regions many worth charities as recipients of the proceeds from their recent lottery.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association, proud of their traditions, commits to promote the physical, social and economic welfare of former members of the Royal Canadian Mounted

Police and their immediate families and to be of service to our communities and Canada when required or requested through rendering assistance to the Police, especially the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, in matters of common concern. "We are pleased to be able to support the Hospice this year" noted Charles. "We hope that this donation can assist in helping the Hospice touch more lives in our communities with their important programs and services."

"The Hospice is so pleased to have been selected as a charity of choice by the local RCMP Veteran's Association members" said Cathrine Yuill, Executive Director of the Hospice Society. "The RCMP are such an integral part of Canadian life, and to see the RCMP Veteran's Association leading the way in community support and development is a testament to their strength and commitment to improving the lives of families in their own neighborhoods."

The Hospice Society provides care and support to families in Colchester East Hants communities who are facing

*continued on page 2*



High flying! A unique photo of one of the planes out of the Truro Flying Club in Debert. Could they be trying to rendezvous with a Canadian Astronaut in the Space Station? (Harrington Photo)

## Sea-Mail Answer Received

By Linda Harrington

Tossed into the ocean on a summer holiday, a note in a bottle recently brought a nine year old Belmont resident a very long distance reply.

Each August Michaela Priest and her family vacation at Old Shipyard Campground along the Bay of Fundy. They always take a boat ride and about four years ago

Michaela's grandmother Valerie Priest suggested they put a note into a bottle and drop it into the ocean.

Michaela and her younger sister Mallory always hoped that they would hear back from someone who might find their bottle. They were pleased when they received a few replies, one from Parrsboro and one from Kentville, but a recent letter was a very unexpected surprise.

"When I saw the post mark on the letter with my name on it, I had no idea who it could be from, as we don't know anyone in the United Kingdom," said Michaela.

The letter was written by 87 year old Bill Batt of Sunderland in the United Kingdom. He wrote the letter on behalf of his wife Joy, who passed away from cancer in

December 2008. He had been going through some of his late wife's personal affects when he came upon Michaela's note and Bill decided to send her off a letter, just in case his wife had not gotten around to it.

Bill writes that his wife vacationed in Guelph, Ontario in the summer of 2006 and at that time she visited Lunenburg, NS. "I would think there is a good chance that Joy found your bottle on the sea shore there," he says.

Michaela, who is now nine years old, put the note in the bottle back when she was only 7 years of age.

The bottle made it's way from off the coast of Spencer's Island in Nova Scotia to Lunenburg, then off to Guelph, ON. Mr. Batt writes that the note would have flown from Toronto to Newcastle-upon-Tyne by air,

*continued on page 2*



Michaela Priest of Belmont, shows the note (on the left) that she put into a bottle and the reply (on the right) that she recently received from a man in the United Kingdom. (Harrington Photo)



The Double C Truckstop, Glenholme, has been getting a few unusual visitors recently. The windfarm under construction at Mt. Thom will eventually contain 34 turbines. Manufactured in Brazil, the blades were picked up in Portland, Maine. If all the blades, each measuring 123.5 feet long, were shipped in a convoy, it would require 51 trucks with a payload of 28,000 pounds (2 blades). (Tom MacLean Photo)



**C.D. Armstrong Insurance**  
Since 1903  
Auto • Home • Business

**Jill McMullen**  
38 Dominion St., P.O. Box 695  
Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 5E5  
Bus: 902-895-4427 • Fax: 902-897-4422 • HOME: 902-662-3536  
Email: jmcullen@cdarmstrong.com  
Website: www.cdarmstrong.com

**GUTTER DONE**  
Certified Ventilation Installer

Div of Mark Bonnell Contracting

- ✓ 5" Seamless Gutter
- ✓ Custom Made On-site
- ✓ Professional Installation
- ✓ Fascia & Soffit
- ✓ Siding, Roofing
- ✓ Sheds & Fences

gutter&clean SYSTEM

902.895.5645  
899.2775

**Burchell MacDougall**  
LAWYERS  
Put experience on your side.

**JOHN R.M. AKERMAN, Q.C.**  
**PEGGY POWER CHARLES THOMPSON**

Litigation Real Estate Criminal Law Family Law Personal Injury Wills/Estate Planning

710 Prince Street TRURO, NS B2N 5H1  
www.burchellmacdougall.com  
Phone: 902-895-1561