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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS August 2015

The driver of a motorcycle, who suffered a leg injury as a result of a collision in Highland Village on Friday, July 10th, has been charged under the Motor Vehicle Act with driving to the left of solid double line. The collision occurred when the motorcycle attempted to pass a car in a no passing zone. The driver of the motorcycle, a 23 year old male was transported to the QEII in Halifax for assessment/treatment.

The Advocate District Development Association (ADDA) has received \$ 2,841.00 through the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) to improve accessibility for Canadians with disabilities. Funding will allow for the construction of an exterior wheelchair accessible ramp. The funding was announced in Advocate on July 15th by Scott Armstrong, MP for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, on behalf of the Honourable Candice Bergen, Minister of State for Social Development.

Kaulback Hall at St John's Anglican Church, Truro is receiving \$50,000 through the Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF) to improve accessibility. This funding will allow for the renovation of the entrances, installing automated door openers, renovating the washrooms, and installing an elevator. Funding was announced on July 22nd by Scott Armstrong, MP on behalf of the Honourable Candice Bergen, Minister of State for Social Development.

Halifax played host to Energy and mines ministers from across the country who concluded discussions on the responsible growth of Canada's natural resources and energy sectors at their annual meeting on July 21. Approximately 250 delegates were involved in the two day event.

Sherry Martell has been appointed Executive Director of the Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 125 year of service to the local business community and represents 450 businesses. In addition to several years as a reporter and managing editor, Martell is presently the vice-chairwoman of the Phoenix 596 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Parent Support Committee and past president of the Sunny Brae Cemetery Committee. In addition, Sherry has served as a 4-H project leader, treasurer of the North Shore Community Development Association, president of the Sunrise Trail Museum Society and is a chartered member of the North Shore Business Women in Action Society.

Closures for 12 hours from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm continue to plague the South Cumberland Collaborative Emergency Centre in Parrsboro. A recent story in The Shoreline Journal outlined the frequency of closures since January 1st, 2015. Since our last issue, the 12 hour closures have occurred on June 29, July 1, 3, 6, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22 and 23. On Friday, July 10th the centre was closed overnight from 8:30 pm to 8:30 am.

More farmers will have access to an important interest relief program as a result of changes announced on July 14, which will expand the eligibility criteria and how the FarmNEXT program provides assistance. The two changes that have been made to expand eligibility are more than one child in a family may apply provided each child operates his/her own farm entity as a separate and unique business, and new farmers may be eligible when they purchase farmland. The FarmNEXT program supports beginning farmers by reducing borrowing costs. Under the program, up to \$30,000 in benefits is assigned to interest on a farmer's loan from the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board.

\$1.08 Million Program for Low Bush Blueberries

By Linda Harrington

Far off in a distant wild blueberry field owned by Millen Farms, stood a podium framed by Canadian and Nova Scotia flags. Soon three bus-loads of wild blueberry pro-

ducers arrived from their field day tour, accompanied by Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell and MP Scott Armstrong, who had an important announcement to make.

MP Armstrong made light of the "good technology" available at this remote location of Millen Farms as he lead into the announcement saying, "I am very pleased to join Minister Colwell in launching

the Low Bush Blueberry Development program. Together our Provincial and Federal Governments are investing over \$1 million, over the next three years, in your industry through our Growing Forward 2 framework. Congratulations, it is a great program."

Nova Scotia's wild blueberry farmers will have access to new funding that will help them increase production capacity and adopt more efficient and effective production practices. The Program aims to improve production techniques and allow the industry to remain cost-competitive on the global fruit market.

"Nova Scotia wild blueberries go to more than 30 countries around the world," says Peter Rideout, executive director WBPANS. "This new program will enable existing and new farmers to expand and grow their business, thereby contributing to the economic growth of the province."

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Wild Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia President Jeff Orr (left) and Curtis Millen (of Millen Farms) show the current progress of this year's crop of wild blueberries to Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell and MP Scott Armstrong following the exciting announcement of a \$1.08 million Lowbush Development Program. (Harrington Photo) Additional story and pictures on pages 11, 12, 13 and 14.

Debert Residents Can Relax

By Maurice Rees

Debert residents can breathe a sigh of relief knowing the fracking wastewater held in ponds in Kennetcook will be processed on-site and requests will not be forthcoming to process at the Atlantic Industrial Services plant in Debert.

On July 16th the Department of Environment has authorized a request from Atlantic Industrial Services to begin treatment and disposal of hydraulic fracturing wastewater stored in two holding ponds near Kennetcook, Hants County.

Last year millions of litres of reverse osmosis treated fracking fluids were transported from Debert to the LaFarge plant in Brookfield in a pilot evaporation testing project. Like the pilot, wastewater will be treated for naturally occurring radioactive materials and put through reverse-osmosis. The treated water meets the Canadian Council of Environment Ministers and Health Canada guidelines for release into freshwater.

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\$50,000 Grant will Enable Handling Polystyrene Foam in Colchester County

A \$50,000 grant from the Foam Recycling Coalition will enable the Colchester Material Recovery Facility in Kempton to purchase capital equipment and redesign the recycling conveyor sort line to handle polystyrene foam - egg cartons, meat trays and protective packaging to be added to the container recy-

cling blue bag by next year.

The new process will compact polystyrene foam into bricks prior to transportation to the end markets. Without the compaction it was not economical to transport foam as it was too bulky and filled with air. The facility provides processing contracts with neighbouring municipalities

and waste management authorities, which adds to the volume of foam to be collected. Colchester is the first recipient outside of USA to receive such a grant.

In 2016 residents and commercial outlets will be able to add polystyrene foam foodservice packaging, egg cartons, meat trays and protective packaging to their recycling bins. To stay up-to-date on when this product will be added to the recycling stream for Colchester residents are encouraged to sign up for the electronic calendar at: <http://www.colchester.ca/col> collection-schedules to receive reminders and updates of any service changes in solid waste management by your choice of email, telephone or twitter. Public Service announcements will also be available to provide updates on expansion of the sorting line.



The Wild Blueberry Association of Nova Scotia (WBANS) held its Annual Field Day at Millen Farms in Great Village on July 18.

The Shoreline Journal has extensive coverage on pages 11 to 14 and the preliminary schedule of the upcoming Wild Blueberry Festival in August can be found on page 16.

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