

PHOTO FEATURE

Over \$50,000 Federal funding through the Flood Risk Infrastructure Program should improve the Great Village River channel.

(Harrington Photos)



MLA Karen Casey was in the West Colchester area on July 24th making two major funding announcements on behalf of the Municipal Affairs Minister. Above, MLA Karen Casey and District 10 Councillor Tom Taggart discuss how the \$52,143 in Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program money will help the Municipality of Colchester take steps to reduce flooding from the Great Village River. (see also Debert Legion notes, page 23)



Local residents Logan Spencer and Art Haskin discuss their flooding concerns with Colchester County Chief Administrative Officer, Ramesh Ummat and District 10 Councillor Tom Taggart following the announcement of Federal funding to improve the Great Village River channel.



Toni van den Hoek has had over a hundred thousand dollars in flood damage to his property over the years as a result of the Great Village River spilling its banks. He chatted with Colchester County Mayor Bob Taylor following the announcement of over \$50,000 in Federal money from the Flood Risk Infrastructure Program to the County, to help make improvements to the river channel.

Megan Wynn Awarded Trip to Belgium

By Linda Harrington

Summer can't pass fast enough for Megan Wynn of Crowes Mills, who has been awarded a trip of a lifetime to Belgium.

Megan is a member of Onslow Belmont 4-H Club and she took top Dairy showmanship honours out of 60 participants at EastGen last year. She will join 5 other 4-H members from across Canada at the European Young Breeders School from Sept. 2nd- 5th in Battice, Belgium.

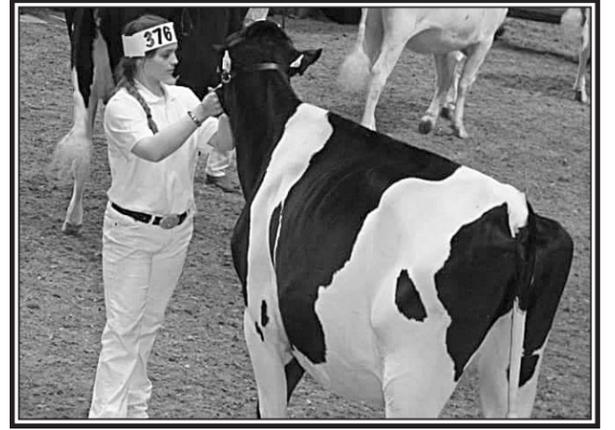
The School was created in 1999 with the goal of teaching young breeders (13 to 25 years) to know their cattle better, optimize selection and prepare them for shows.

Holstein Canada is funding the 6 Canadian participants travelling to Belgium.

Megan is excited to explore the different culture, visit farms and learn about the dairy industry in another country.

During her 4 years in 4-H, Megan has enjoyed completing Dairy, Beef, Lighthouse and Vet Science projects. She attended the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto last year, after placing in the top eight at Pro-Show.

Aspiring to be a Veterinarian, Megan will begin the Veterinarian Science course at Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture in the fall.



Megan Wynn will be attending EYBS (European Young Breeders School) in Belgium this September after winning Overall Dairy Champion at EastGen 2014, showing GS Cobequid Sunset. Megan and GS Cobequid Sunset are shown here at Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. (submitted)

Program to Spur Agriculture Competitiveness & Market Share

By Maurice Rees

Agriculture is an important part of Colchester's economy. With a new three-year Market Development and Investment Attraction program beginning in the 2015-16 fiscal year, the impact on the local economy could show substantial growth with a few years. \$450,000 will be available annually to support the program.

Agriculture and tourism are seen as the major components to increase the province's economy, particularly in the rural areas.

The agriculture, agri-food and seafood industries will benefit from a new program to expand market share and foster economic growth. "Our producers and processors are pivotal to growing the Nova Scotia economy, and this new program will help them have access to new markets and increase the positive impact their businesses have on our rural communities around the province," said Agriculture Minister Keith Colwell. "The ability to improve domestic and international competitiveness through collaboration and partnering is integral to what we are launching."

The program will also help agriculture, agri-food and seafood businesses increase added-value and market-driven initiatives, partnerships and collaboration, and to better attract and retain investment.

More information on the Market Development and Investment Program is available at <http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/growing-forward2/>



The firemen's bbq was a busy place during the annual Fireman's Day festivities on July 1st. To attract a larger crowd, this year's event was moved from the firehall to the Town Hall grounds. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

The gardens are coming along well with some fresh vegetables already ready for picking. We have been lucky so far in not having to water our gardens much due to the plentiful rain we've received. Driving around you will notice how well the lawns are being kept up and how the flowers in our gardens are changing as summer progresses.

With the summer's heat drying up the puddles and often small brooks please make sure you have clean water in your bird baths. Our feathered friends need our help with providing them water to both drink and bath in. Although those coming to our feeders have dwindled

down in numbers many still come to feed. Keep your hummingbird feeders clean and filled as well.

On August 15th, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. there will be a Blueberry & Salad Supper at the Debert Fire Hall. This will consist of a ham salad plate with a variety of blueberry desserts. Yes, there will be a few other desserts if you aren't fond of blueberries! Cost is Adults \$12, Children

under 12 \$6. Proceeds for the Masstown United Church.

A special 80th birthday party was held for Lois Bowers at her cottage in Brule on July 25th. Her sons and their families came home from Ontario for this special event and many neighbours and friends as well as relatives from Great Village, came to express their congratulations as well. Lois enjoyed this very much and thanked all who came, brought or sent cards, flowers or gifts. As always,

Lois was her usual charming self! Congratulations Lois!

Visiting this month: Paul and Marion Farrugia, Bolton Ont.; Colin Starratt from Ottawa and Doug Hayman from Victoria BC visited with Ron and Chris Urquhart.

Condolences go out this month to Carolyn Stone and family, and to John and Paula Weatherbee and family on the death of their mother Dorothy Weatherbee.

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