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STRESS RELIEF: I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So, please forward this to your friends; they may be my friends, too

APOLOGY: In last month's (July) issue, it was inadvertently recorded Councillor Taggart voted Nay when in fact he supported live streaming of Council meetings. In error, it was reported Councillors Cooper, Parker and Taggart voted "NAY" on possibility council might consider live streaming of council meetings. That was in error. The motion was carried with Councillors, Masters, Cooper, Gibbs, Pash and Cavanaugh voting NAY. My apology for the inaccuracy with regard to the matter. Staff is to investigate and report to council.

Mandy Moore, Community Health Board Coordinator for the Along the Shore Community Health Board is searching for community champions who wish to use their expertise by becoming a board member. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9th. Mandy can be reached at 902-890-4383, or AmandaM.Moore@nshealth.ca

Debert Baptist Church has reverted service time back to 10:30 a.m. The change became effective July 14th. Former Shoreline owner and publisher, Ken Kennedy, Lic, has suggested people come for a coffee and help the congregation welcome Rev. Hudson Trenholm.

Agriculture On-Farm Student Bursary Program
"We see the program as a positive for the industry," said Victor Oulton, President of Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture when speaking on the provinces \$500,000 bursary program. This program will provide high school and university students working on farm, family farms included, with funding to put towards their education. He continued, "This is a step towards inspiring the youth of our province to consider pursu-

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Brooklynn Warman from Londonderry (center) dropped by North Star Masonic Lodge #74 to express her thanks to the Lodge for the \$2,250 Bursary she received to assist her to attend St. Mary's University, Halifax. Congratulations were extended by Worshipful Master, George Hudson (left) and Jack Johnson (right) Chairman of the Lodge's Bursary Committee. (Submitted)

Will GeoPark Include Palliser Site?

By Maurice Rees

Will the former Palliser property, now owned by the Municipality of Colchester, be included as part of the Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring GeoPark complete with UNESCO designation? Councillor Tom Taggart and others were told featuring the Bay of Fundy would elevate this proposal, when approved, to be "#1 GeoPark in the World". Committee members realized, the proposed GeoPark area would instantly rise to be in the top three iconic areas of the province.

The two UNESCO evaluators from Greece and Spain suggested all parts of the Bay of Fundy should be included. They are of the mindset it is

important to promote geology of the area, but in this instance since the Bay of Fundy is one of the seven wonders of the world focusing on tides would have greater appeal and global recognition would be much higher.

The site, just off Hwy 102 at the Truro exit has thousands of vehicles passing by on a daily basis is now owned by the Municipality of Colchester. The site has been renamed "Fundy Discovery Site" and is undergoing a \$-Multi-Million phased development plan.

GeoPark committee members listened intently to the recommendations from the evaluators. For decades the business and municipal lead-

ers have felt the shore was an important area, but still undiscovered. They have been banking on the GeoPark raising the profile of the area and being a catalyst to increase economic well-being through tourism and not destroying the areas pristine assets.

When the evaluators suggested a path to become #1 Geopark in the World capturing the interest of Millions of people, local committee members instantly they realized they were on the right track and the Bay of Fundy shore between Joggings and Truro would quickly rise to be in the top three iconic areas in the province, rivaling Peggy's Cove and Cape Breton for top spot.

A decision to include the site and other parts of Colchester as part of the GeoPark will be up to Municipal officials but that was the recommendation of the two GeoPark UNESCO appointed evaluators who visited Cumberland and Colchester areas for a two day evaluation tour on July 27th and 28th.

The evaluators can not mandate the site's inclusion, but it is expected their final report to UNESCO headquarters will include the recommendation and suggest the level of successes achievable. Dr Nickolas Zouros, who is president of the Global GeoPark Network and credited as the founder of GeoParks lives in Lesvos, Greece. Both he and his colleague, Dr Asier Hilano, from Basque Coast, Spain, were overheard to state, if the Palliser site is included in the GeoPark, the area will become the #1 GeoPark in the world.

The two member evaluator
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Marlee Leslie, GeoPark Coordinator prepares to answer a question from Dr Asier Hilano during the GeoPark evaluators tour at Cape d'Or evaluation tour on July 27th. The evaluators completed their visit in Parrsboro on Monday, then rushed to the Halifax airport for an evening flight. (Rees Photo)

Shore Road Residents Upset

By Maurice Rees

Residents of Shore Road, just outside Glenholme, are raving mad and upset no one informed them what was going to happen over the next few days. Instead of providing a treatment of dust control on the gravel road, as they have been requesting, a demolition crew showed up to chip and mangle roadside trees and brush.

It all started to happen on Friday, July 12th, when Nova Construction, hired by Nova Scotia Transportation Infrastructure Renewal, started chipping along the road. By the end of the day hundreds of trees had been mangled with chips being strewn in the ditch, on lawns, driveways, in cornfields, pastures full of grazing cattle and children's play areas of the homes.

Although not the responsibility of the municipality, it didn't take long for residents to contact local councillors and the municipal office. District 10 councillor, Tom Taggart, received several calls, toured the site and contacted municipal

staff, who in turn made contact with TIR staff to make them aware of residents concerns.

Mayor Blair got involved even though it isn't a municipal issue, nor come under her jurisdiction. She indicated she has spoken to residents and TIR and it was her understanding TIR was taking care of the matter.

The worst section so far is between Upham and GPorter. Some residents didn't mind because they thought it was about clearing for power lines but that is not what's happening at all. Calls from several residents to TIR went unanswered, nor had they dropped by to talk to residents.

In the past residents have complained and a couple of years ago took their concerns to municipal council requesting pressure be put on TIR to have dust control applications applied to the roadway. In fact they had been expected dust control applications would have been applied earlier this year.

(See photos on page 2)

Lenore Zann wins Nomination

Lenore Zann won the Cumberland-Colchester Liberal nomination to succeed Bill Casey, who is retiring after being the area's representative in Ottawa for 30 years. The nomination meeting was held at the Holiday Inn, Truro on Saturday, July 27th.

Constituency officials had wrestled with possibility of holding nomination speaks and voting in Cumberland area and Colchester, but choose to eliminate speeches in Cumberland and offer only voting in Amherst. Amherst's ballot box was transferred to Truro and included in the overall count.

It is estimated approximately 80 voted in Amherst, while Truro's afternoon meeting attracted in the vicinity of 220-250 supporters.

Jim Hardiman, a retired Colonel from the Armed Forces, and Joel Henderson, Bill Casey's former Executive Assistant were the other candidates seeking the nomination. Members voted on a preferential ballot, which permits them to list first, second and third choices should the nomination not be secured on first ballot.

Zann's success in winning
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