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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS December 2014

Trudy Thompson, Maitland, who has served as CCRSB chair since 2004 was re-elected chair of Chignecto-Central Regional School Board at a meeting held on November 12th. The 17 member board has selected Keith MacKenzie as Vice Chair. He has served in that position since 2005. During the meeting members were appointed to four standing committees: Human Resources Services, Financial Services, Education Services and Operational Services. Committee composition will be available on the CCRSB website soon.

Each year the Debert Military Museum conducts a variety of fund raisers. Winner of the Debert Military Museum 2014 Quilt raffle was Jane Boehm, Portauquique.

Apology is issued to Connie Smith, principal Great Village Elementary School for omitting the school's news from the last issue. It was the first time that principal Smith was debuting as author of the column. Another apology is issued to Lynn Strong for two omissions which she had submitted. One was for the Bake Sale sponsored by the Debert Garden Club and the other was for the Debert Kitchen Party. Haven't figured out what happened, but they are terrible omissions, for which I am sorry.

CCRSB will hold its next full meeting as Committee-of-the-Whole on December 3 at 7:00 pm at the Central Office, 60 Lorne Street, Truro.

Heather MacKay, Great Village is seeking comments and input if Great Village area residents would like to continue the annual Christmas Eve Service in the St James Church. She has indicated she would love to put together a gathering of family and friends of our community and if it goes forward this would be a service comprising non denominational gathering of traditional songs and stories. If you think that this is a tradition which should continue, please contact her.

Staples in the Fundy Trail Mall, Robie Street, Truro is downsizing by eliminating 14,000 sq ft of retail space. Although not confirmed, but a source within the store indicated Boston Pizza is supposed to be opening a store in their former space.

A Benefit Evening in support of Bill Green, Central Onslow will be held at Onslow Belmont Fire Hall, December 12th from 7pm-10pm. Evening activities will include: entertainment, area to dance, silent auction, 50/50 draw and light lunch. Everyone welcome.

HUMOUR CORNER: Stress Reliever: Girl: When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.
Boy: It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.
Girl: Well that's because we aren't married yet.

Jason Kenney: "Education Abandoned"

By Maurice Rees

In an interview with the Shoreline Journal on November 7th, Jason Kenney said, "We need to recreate Vocational High Schools". Kenney, Minister of Employment and Social

Development, was in Truro as a keynote speaker at a Scott Armstrong fundraiser.

Earlier in the day, Minister Kenney made two appearances in Halifax - Irving Shipyard, where he spoke to employees and later addressed the Halifax

Chamber of Commerce. 'The focus of his messages was skills development and employer-led training to meet the needs of Canada's economy today and into the future.

In the limited time for questions, I focused on what can be done to provide training so more jobs are created for Atlantic Canadians and how things could change to avoid the migration west of our youth and tradespeople.

Speaking to what is needed, Kenney said, "Education has been abandoned for decades. More emphasis needs to be placed on post secondary education in the trades". He continued, saying for many years,

all levels of government had mis-directed youth instilling in them a university education was mandatory. Not all people are suited to university to become a doctor, lawyer, nurse, etc. Many are more suited to the trades and should look at community colleges, trade schools and vocational programs. He continued, "It got off the rails some time ago".

He said he is encouraging provincial governments to work with his department to implement programs which provide employer-led training and to harmonize apprenticeship programs across various jurisdictions.

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"What'cha looking at? You might have been fooled by record temperatures in September and early October but not me. Now if I can only remember where I hid these cones come winter."
(Harrington Photo)

Armstrong-Casey Battle Looming?

By Maurice Rees

With Bill Casey's announcement, last week, he intends to seek the nomination to be the Liberal candidate for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley the election campaign in this riding has already started. It's not known who candidates for the other parties will be, but Scott Armstrong, the current MP who replaced Casey when he resigned six months after winning as an independent candidate in the last federal election will definitely be the flag bearer for the Conservatives.

Casey was first elected in 1988 under the Progressive Conservative government of Brian Mulroney. The former

MP was kicked out of Harper's caucus in 2007 after breaking ranks with the government over a budget bill, claiming it broke the Atlantic Accord with Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

He ran successfully as an Independent MP in October 2008 and held the seat until April 2009, when he retired to take a high-profile provincial government job.

Since Casey's retirement in 2009, Conservative Scott Armstrong, who had been a dedicated worker and Casey's campaign manager for numerous elections has held the riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley for the Conservatives.

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Medals of Bravery Presented in November

By Maurice Rees

Wade Smith of Londonderry and David Grandy, Tatamagouche were decorated with the Nova Scotia Medal of Bravery by Premier Stephen McNeil at ceremonies held in Halifax on November 20th.

On September 14th of last year, Wade Smith of Londonderry was a passenger travelling with Dillon McMullin when their SUV struck two horses that were running loose on Highway # 104 near Masstown.

Smith was able to free himself but couldn't free the driver. Even though he was injured, he managed to flag down two vehicles to help. The vehicles were being driven by David

Grandy, Tatamagouche and Shawn Hardy, Manguerville, New Brunswick.

Returning to the vehicle where Dillon McMullin was trapped in the SUV, Smith,

along with David Grandy of Tatamagouche and Shawn Hardy of Manguerville, New Brunswick, were able to free McMullin from the burning wreckage and pull him to safety just moments before the vehicle exploded.

Shawn Hardy, who was driving one of the vehicles flagged down by Wade Smith also received the award. He is the first person from New Brunswick to be given the Nova Scotia Medal of Bravery.

In presenting the Medals of Bravery, Premier Stephen McNeil said, "The actions of these three gentlemen were heroic, and their quick response and selfless acts of bravery saved Mr. McMullin's life".



Wade Smith, Londonderry and David Grandy, Tatamagouche were presented with the Nova Scotia Medal of Bravery in Halifax on November 20th. Shawn Hardy, Manguerville, NB was also presented with a medal for his participation in the same accident. (L-R:) Premier Stephen McNeil, Wade Smith, Shawn Hardy, David Grandy, and Vice Admiral Duncan Miller (Retired), Chair of the Nova Scotia Medal of Bravery Advisory Committee. (Communications Nova Scotia Photo)



Sappo Thompson, places a poppy on the wreath in memory of her great grandfather Bert Fulmore. The Shoreline Journal's coverage of our area's Remembrance Day services can be found on page 13 through 19.

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