

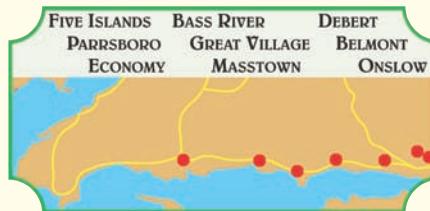


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Catherine Rushton encourages Aliyah Lewis at the sucker pull during the Lower Onslow Preschool Fall Fun Fair held at the Lower Onslow Community Centre. More Fair photos on page 23.

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS December 2015

Pearl & Daisy has been chosen as one of the newest contributors to Cottage Life's growing consumer product line. They will produce an exclusive line of natural soaps and bath products that will be sold under the Cottage Life brand at specialty boutiques, department stores and groceries across the country. In addition to Pearl & Daisy's personal care products, Cottage Life will also be launching natural laundry detergent and home cleaning products from Bebbington Industries, also based in Nova Scotia. As a new licensee, Pearl & Daisy joins Canadian manufacturers RuffSawn Furniture, Country Home Candle, Brunelli, and Dundalk Leisure Craft as Cottage Life continues to move forward with their consumer product lines.

The winner of the Debert Military Museum quilt was Heather Fisher, Masstown.

The Town of Amherst indicated in late October, it will commence discussions on the possible benefits of amalgamating with the Municipality of the County of Cumberland and has suggested Oxford and Parrsboro should be part of the discussions to make one governance unit for the entire county.

Trudy Thompson, Maitland, who since 2005, has served as Chair of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) was re-elected as chair at a meeting of the board on November 4th. Gordon Anderson, who has previously served as Chair of several CCRSB Standing Committees was elected for his first term as Vice-Chair. Four standing committees were elected: Human Resources Services, Financial Services, Education Services and Operational Services. Membership lists for each committee are available on the CCRSB website. The next full meeting for the board will be Committee-of-the-Whole on December 2 at 7:00 pm at the Central Office, 60 Lorne Street, Truro.

MP, Bill Casey is pleased with the October 26th announcement by Canada Post that the conversion from door-to-door mail delivery to community boxes has been put on hold. Within Cumberland and Colchester Counties only Amherst and Truro would have been affected by the conversion. Casey wrote to the president and CEO of Canada Post on July 7 requesting these conversions be suspended in Colchester County but did not receive a positive reply at that time. Casey's letter was published on Page 4 of the August issue. Casey said, "Canada Post appears to have had a change of heart since the election and I welcome this new position." In his July letter, Casey questioned why Colchester was one of the communities targeted for conversion even though it has a higher than average population of veterans, seniors and disabled.

NSGEU, representing 7600 civil servants has reached a tentative agreement on November 13th. Details of the tentative agreement will not be released until the agreement is ratified by union members. Negotiations began on Oct. 21. The parties met for five days. The last agreement with civil servants expired on March 31.

Experience Through Opportunity, a new program, announced on November 13, begins by filling 70 public service positions with new graduates and younger workers. Jobs will be advertised across the province next week. The jobs will be posted on Career Beacon, www.careerbeacon.com, and at www.makethere.novascotia.ca

1.636-Million Litres For Less Than \$1 a Day

By Maurice Rees

It would be hard to describe if Colchester Councillors and Mayor were shocked, saddened, upset or flabbergasted, when they were informed 1.636-Million litres of quality ground water

is extracted on a daily basis from bottled water wells within the municipality and sold by the province for less than \$1 per day.

The facts came to council's attention on November 10th during a presentation by

Gordon Check, Senior Hydrogeologist with Nova Scotia Department of Environment, who provided an update on groundwater resources within the Municipality.

He mentioned the ground-

water observation well network, established in 1965, had grown to 40 wells, up from 35 in 2010. One of the observation wells is located in Murray Siding. The province must approval wells pumping more than 23,000 litres/day (3.5 igpm).

Provincial studies estimate 16% of rainfall eventually ends up in the groundwater system. Some councillors mentioned the proliferation of massive clear cutting is having an affect of the water table, because large volumes of water rush down the waterways toward the ocean causing erosion and flooding of communities along the way.

On an overall basis, the Salmon and Debert River Watershed is being utilized at the rate of 4.7% of available ground water. In the Salmon/Debert River watershed there are 9,679 water

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The barge which will deploy the Open Hydro Turbine #1 to the FORCE test site outside Parrsboro is nearing completion. See the story on page 9. (Submitted)

A Proud Nova Scotia Tradition Continues

By Lawrence R. Nicoll

October 27th 2015 was an auspicious occasion when the 24-metre schooner 'Katie Belle' was launched from the Stewiacke River at approximately... 2:30 pm. For cousins, Evan and Nick Densmore a dream was coming to fruition that began in 2010 when the boat shed construction in Stewiacke began. Under the banner "Cameron Shipyards Ltd.", to honour their great-

great grandfather, Arthur Cameron who operated under that banner in South Maitland nearly 100 years ago, the long journey was underway. They arrived safely just ahead of the storm at the Parrsboro Wharf about 2:15am October 29th with the help and guidance of local fisherman.

Launching in the Stewiacke River with a tide window of a half hour and at

least a month before the tides would be right again, left everyone in suspense, but the Katie Belle launched with only minor hitches and began a story yet to be told.

The Densmore cousins created the plans which began with a basic model, built in 2000, with Grandfather Dan Densmore. After receiving their grandfather's finishing touches, the

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After its launching in Stewiacke the Katie Belle sailed to Parrsboro, arriving at 2:30 am on October 30th, for installation of its masts and final outfitting, where it sits on the ocean floor.

(Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo. See more photos on page 24)

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