

Mild Winter Helps Age Of Sail Construction



Pictured above is the new walkway leading to an observation Kiosk at the Age of Sail Museum. The mild weather has enabled construction to be more advanced than previously expected. The remainder of the construction in this expansion phase will be completed in time for the upcoming tourism season. (Submitted)

By Oralee O'Byrne

The new wharf and kiosk at the Age of Sail Center is almost complete and construction on the 2nd phase of the new wind and wave addition is starting. The mild weather has been a real plus for Parrsboro's Rafes Construction, general contractor for the project. The contractor and museum officials hope

a milder winter will continue until the outer walls are up.

The new building will be opened this coming season with the rest of the museum complex and is a much anticipated addition. Additional exhibit area as well as research, archive and meeting space will be features of the new building. As well as rais-

ing money for their portion of costs through the founder's tree and fundraisers the society is seeking additional grant opportunities to help with access and furnishings. Grants from ACOA, Economic Development, CMAP and CRDA have been awarded to help with the cost of building and interpretive.

West Chester Road Problem: Illegal Dumping

By Maurice Rees

Jack Patriquin, technically a resident of Cumberland County at Sutherland's Lake, is always looking out for the betterment of Colchester County. A portion of his land lies within the Municipality of Colchester, fronting on the 8 Km gravel road from Sutherland's Lake toward Londonderry and is the victim on continual illegal dumping.

Over the years Mr. Patriquin has kept a watchful eye on the amount of garbage dumped along the highway. On numerous occasions he has contacted the municipal office and obtained several "No Dumping" signs, which he has erected.

In the spring of 2011 before anything started growing he picked up 9 bags of

garbage and again erected more signs. However, last fall it was the last straw. He noticed some newly dumped garbage and upon further investigation he found a washing machine and a box from a 42" flat screen television, including all the foam core filling had been dumped over the bank.

He spent the best part of one morning with ropes and pulleys getting the washing machine up the steep embankment. The cardboard box which contained a serial number has been turned over the legal authorities for further investigation.

The Shoreline Journal spoke with Mr. Patriquin in early January and he says he is 95% sure the most of the dumping is done by

Sutherland Lake area residents on their way back to Truro, because all the dumping occurs within the Colchester County boundaries.

J. P. Wood, Colchester's Waste Management Officer, says illegal dumping is a constant problem with the biggest problem being the reluctance of area residents to report illegal dumping activity and sites. He said the dumping along the West Chester Road in Londonderry has been an ongoing issue for residents.

Other areas of the municipality are not immune to being victims of illegal dumping. In early November, a site that was cleaned up was along the Hwy 236 near an entrance to the Cobequid Trail in Old Barns, (see photo). There was a large amount of green wooden siding. The material was cleaned up by the County's Public Works Dept. and was received at the Balefill under the Illegal Dump budget.

J.P. Wood has asked that if anyone has information regarding this material or any other site to call the County of Colchester's Waste Management Officer at 897-0450 Ext. 111.



Other Illegal Dumping Hot Spots

By Maurice Rees

The West Chester Road area near Londonderry is not the only place being victimized by illegal dumping. Going back several years even the Pony Club in Salmon River has been cleaned up multiple times for the past several years.

Other hot sites which have faced similar problems include:

Black Rock swimming hole in the Valley/Salmon River area (yearly clean up needed to address material dumped); McWilliam Rd., in Onslow; Jollytown Rd., in East Mountain (various logging roads have

been used for dumping over the past couple of years); Camden Rd., from Camden to Middle Stewiacke (multiple sites over the past couple of years); Debert Industrial Park (multiple dump sites behind Kohler over the last number of years); Irwin Lake Rd and Pleasant Brook Rd., area in Hilden (multiple sites over the past number of years) and Pony Club in Salmon River (multiple clean ups over the past number of years).

More recently an issue that is cropping up more and more is the dumping of mate-

rial at commercial properties. This is classified as Illegal Dumping as in some instances property owners have contacted RCMP to look into the matter as there has been identification found in material that was dumped at their site. A couple of locations where this has been an ongoing issue are Main St. Car Wash and Central Radiator on Main St. in Bible Hill.

Area residents are urged to help solve the problem by contacting the County of Colchester's Waste Management Officer at 897-0450 Ext. 111.

Debert Elementary Notes



Debert Elementary School PTG sold tickets on a gift basket before Christmas, with the draw made during the Christmas Concert. The winner was Gerald Cole. A total of \$812.25 was raised and a donation has been made to assist Brian Esau with expenses and equipment required during his recovery. Colette Wyllie and Carmen Wyllie (representing Team Brian) accepted the donation at the January PTG meeting, on Brian's behalf, from PTG Treasurer Shannon Barnes and President Tina Fisher (left to right). (Harrington Photo)

By Erma Cox

A return to school on January 3 has seen students at Debert Elementary School busier than ever. We have launched a scavenger hunt for our community on the website with some fun and exciting prizes. Students are delving in to a day of literacy activities on January 27th as we celebrate Family Literacy Day. Teachers are madly trying to prepare for our midterm reports. All of this while we face the bitter cold temperatures of the past few days that force us to keep the children in and thus they do not get the opportunity to be as active as we would like.

We are very excited we have registered 27 new boys and girls for grade primary. Should you have or know of a child who turns five before December 31st, 2012 and who has not yet registered please encourage their parents to call the school to register. We want to insure we give all our families an opportunity to have their child visit with us and learn more about how much fun it is to attend Debert Elementary.

On January 3rd we welcomed a new international teacher into our grade one class. Ms. Menezes is here for the month of January and hails from Brazil. She treated

the Mrs. Higgins' class to a presentation of her home country this month so they could do some comparing of Canada and Brazil - quite a difference in temperature for one thing. Ms. Menezes will be doing a similar presentation to the grade six class before she finishes her stay with us on the 27th of January. She

has come to Debert to learn more about the teachings in Canadian schools so she might take this knowledge back to Brazil and apply it to her classrooms there.

With cold weather and the variance in temperature we have experienced this month has come many sicknesses. The school has asked custodians to be extra vigilant about wiping down surfaces that are constantly being touched by numerous individuals. We hope our efforts in this area along with encouraging healthy eating habits will reduce both the spread of germs and the cause for absenteeism.

PTG in conjunction with the school is busy planning for Winter Carnival. We will be going skating on the 17th of February and later on that evening students will be treated to a Winter Carnival Dance. This dance is for families to attend as a unit and will wrap up a fun filled week of activities. We would also like to remind anyone who wishes to volunteer in our school that they need to complete a volunteer package which can be picked up at the office.

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