

# Clean Water Available

By *Chris Urquhart*

Just a quick reminder, in case of power outages or frozen pipes, please remember that the well at our Masstown Community Park works all year round, with just a bit of work pumping the handle! The water is fit to drink - we had it tested last spring.

You can fill up buckets and jugs of water to use at home. Check with elderly neigh-

bours, they may need you to carry water home for them as well. As my grandmother always said: "it's nice to be nice".



One of Masstown Hardware Castle Building Centre's customers was the lucky winner in the Great Canadian Fall Home Renovation Contest. Brian Connolly won a \$5000 home reno credit for the Atlantic Region, one of only three winners from across Canada. Presenting Brian with the big cheque were Noel and Kirk Gratto of Masstown Hardware and Terry Mulock, Business Development Manager for Castle Building Centre. (Harrington Photo)

## How will Colchester Participate in Saltscapes?

By *Maurice Rees*

Colchester may have a significant presence at Saltscapes Expo, Halifax April 12-14. On December 4th council asked staff to investigate. Devin Trefry, who has several years tourism related experience has been leading the analysis.

At the January 10th committee meeting a portion of his findings concluded: Saltscapes Expo has been Promoted as "a performance-driven, non-stop, three-day, ultimate-lifestyle experience - Celebrating Canada's East Coast Together". 2018 saw the most successful Saltscapes East Coast Expo yet, with more than 500 exhibitors; 100's of local tastings, demos, live entertainment and a 12.4% gate increase over 2017. The 2018 show attendance was just over 43,100.

Several municipalities or area tourism marketing groups have participated for years. Destination Cape Breton, which promotes all area of the Island historically occupies at 1,600 sq ft Pavilion and has become one of the "must see" displays.

In speaking on the matter councillors were of the opinion a 10' by 10' booth, which would cost \$1,345, would not be suffice. Councillor Masters suggested if it cost \$10,000 to be adequately represented, then that's the area, which the municipality should

be thinking.

In his submission to council committee, Trefry's comments included:

Staff or volunteers would be required to set up and oversee the booth, therefore meals and travel expenses would have to be considered (approx. \$1000).

The regional rate for a 10x10 space is \$1,345 plus HST. If the municipality were to partner with others (e.g. Town of Truro, Cliffs of Fundy, etc.) there is a 10% discount for bookings of four spaces or more.

The Municipality does not currently have a tradeshow display; one would have to be purchased. Generally, full 10' displays with lighting and design cost approx. \$2,000-\$2,500. Cost of promotional material should be considered (\$500-\$1,000).

Projected total budget would be \$5,500-\$6,000 (not including staff or volunteer time).

The tradeshow display included in the cost of this initiative could be used for several other purposes in future.

Council committee requested a more detailed report and plan be presented at council's meeting on January 31.

## Unspoken Words

(Wistful words of love)

I would love you  
If you would let me  
I would love you  
If I could  
I would love  
To have you love me  
But I am afraid  
That if I should  
That someday you may leave me  
With a heart and soul  
I cannot mend  
But I will always promise  
To be a loving caring friend!

God bless and thank-you  
Thomas A Marshall (Ex-Navy)

## FREE DOG

Normally, community newspapers do not publish ads about dogs, as there is a questionable past. However, Joni Pratt, Great village reached out to the Shoreline Journal for help.

Her daughter is moving to a new apartment and can not take "Sookie" with her. They

are in a quandary but want to find a good home.

Sookie: I have a four year old female boxer/great pyrenees mix blonde dog to give to a good loving home. She is friendly, protective, good with kids and a guard dog. She is full of energy and deserves a good loving home. If interested please email: Jonie Pratt, Great Village, mk-lipp86@gmail.com

## Garden - One of many 4-H Projects

By *Jessica Porter*

The Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club has many projects avail-

able to its members. One of these projects is Garden. Our garden leader is Jennifer



This photo shows an early start to a 4-H member's Garden project. This photo was supplied by Jessica Porter, reporter for the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club.

Porter. She has been a leader in 4-H for 15 years and is also the Crafts leader. Garden is a project in which members are required to grow vegetables in their garden. The vegetable types range from beans to zucchini. There are a total of 40 plants that can be exhibited. Members can show one herb instead of one vegetable.

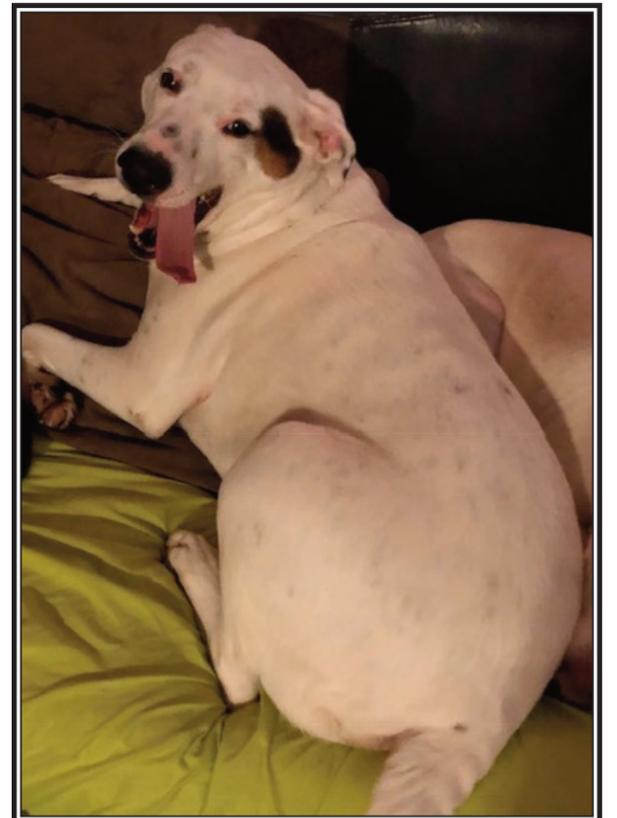
When the plants have grown, the members show them in a 3x3 garden box. For junior members the minimum is 7 vegetables and for seniors it is 10. Members must also make a separate item, a specialty item. Specialty items have to be about your garden and could include written garden reports or seed collections. Garden, despite being a lot of hard work, is a lot of fun and in the end, is worth it.

Our next general meeting



is at 7 p.m. on February 12th, 2019 at the Lower Onslow Community Centre in Onslow. We will be talking about Club Rally. Club Rally will be on March 3rd at the Trinity United Church in Onslow, and it is where members complete their communications by doing speeches or demonstrations. We will also be discussing the annual chocolate bar fundraiser. The chocolate bar fundraiser is a very delicious way to raise money for 4-H Nova Scotia.

Jessica Porter is reporter for Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club



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