



Joel Corcoran from the NS Environment adds an item to Skylar Rushton's fishing line so she can decide where it belongs. A NS Environment team was at Chiganois School on June 7th, as part of Environment Week activities, to talk to students about where water comes from, how they can protect it and how to test their water to make sure it is safe. (Harrington Photo)



Chiganois Elementary student Mallory Llewellyn assists NS Environment's Jennifer MacDonald with the Ground Water Model. Students were given "hands on" learning tools to help them understand the importance of water quality and what they can do to make a difference. June 6th to 10th was Environment Week. (Harrington Photo)

Community Members Invited To September 6TH Meeting

By Joan Millican

Along the Shore Community Health Board will be meeting at the Economy Recreation Center on September 6th from 7-9pm. The board will be inviting the community members and all recipients of previous Wellness Grants to attend.

There will also be a short information session on the

role of the Community Health Boards. Anyone with questions about the Health Boards and their role in the communities is encouraged to attend. The Along the Shore CHB represents communities from Onslow to Five Islands.

If your group or organization has a project that would like to apply for Wellness Grant money, please attend this meeting to get informa-

tion. The Wellness Grant Proposal deadline will be October 31st 2011.

The main areas that the ATS CHB Wellness Grants focus on are: Nutrition, Physical Activity, Transportation and Access to Health Services.

For more information contact: Sarah - alongshorechb@hotmail.com or Luanne, 902-893 7311

Joan Millican is co-chair of the ATS CHB

Historic Sites Along The Shore - UPPER FIVE ISLANDS SCHOOL

The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, have inaugurated an ongoing feature utilizing a combination of the digital "A. F. Church Maps" to pin point the circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that frame.



By Dick Akerman

The arrow pointer on map #318 pinpoints the location of the Upper Five Islands School. The photo of this building was taken after it was renovated as a commercial enterprise, and is, we believe, the same building pictured in the "Landmarks" section of "The Story of Five Islands". The 1861 Nova Scotia census revealed a deplorable state of education in the Province and that a total of nearly 115,000 children were unable to read and write. In

1863 it was revealed that more than 50,000 children between the ages of 5 and 15 years were not attending school.

These facts inspired the Nova Scotia Legislature to pass Sir Charles Tupper's "School Act Of 1864". By 1870, a total of 76,237 pupils were enrolled in public schools in the province, the majority of them in small country schools like the one pictured.

It was reported in September of 1874, that 66 schools had been completed to that date, and 46 more were under construction. The buildings were far from idyllic, most with no well water, and some did not even have out-houses, "or suitable shelter in nearby woods".

The lack of equipment in those early schools Vilas indicated by an article in the Journal of Education, September of 1875, which asked, "Will not every board of trustees see that the school under their care is supplied with a good, serviceable, spacious black board without delay?"

Through consolidation and lower enrollment, all of these small schools are gone, some have been demolished, others turned into private homes and businesses. The era of the one room, one teacher, all grades, is gone forever.

Be sure to see next month's "Historic Sights" feature in the Shoreline, and if you have a suggestion for future "sights", submit it to the editor or the Archives, at 895-9530.

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, which will be published as a monthly column in the Shoreline Journal.

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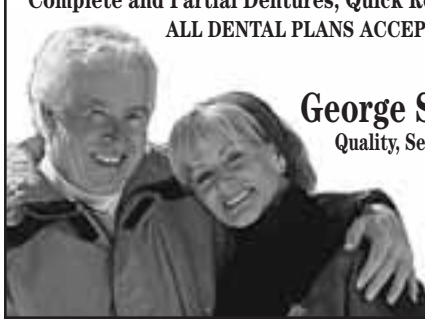
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