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July 2013

The following students are receiving bursaries from the Andrew Yorke Memorial Bursary when they graduate at the end of June. They are: Attending CEC, Carly Taggart, Bass River; Natasha Whalen, Bass River and Taylor Eagles, Five Islands. Nolan Hunter, Economy, who attends school in Parrsboro will also receive a bursary.

The Debert Military Museum, in cooperation with Fallout Complex Inc., has been granted access to host two fundraising weekends of the Cold War Debert Diefenbunker bunker tours. This may be the last time to visit and tour this historic site. The tour dates are July 27th and 28th, and August 17th and 18th from 10 am to 2pm each weekend. Cost: Adults \$15.00 each, Children under 12 half price, under 4 free. Families (2 adults & 3 children) \$45.00. Bunker tours take approximately 45 to 60 minutes. Drop in for a tour of the museum after your bunker tour. Make a day of it! For more information contact the Museum at 662-2860

Margaret (Meggie) MacMichael ('12) A Debert resident and recent Mount Allison University graduate received a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, valued at \$17,500 to pursue her master's degrees through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). She will be completing her master's, focusing on the sustainability of rural communities in the Maritimes at Dalhousie this fall.

David Yuill has been appointed the new President of the NS Association of CBDCs. CBDCs are a network of 13 independent, not for profit organizations that work in cooperation with all levels of governments, serving the needs of small business through access to capital, training and advice, each dedicated to the development of small business and job creation in their communities.

Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company Inc. are celebrating their 50,000th bar of soap and 4th birthday with a 'Soap Factory Sale' on Saturday July 6 from 9 am to noon. We're selling soap for sale by the pound at 80% off our regular retail prices at 475 MacElmon Road, across from Tim Hortons in Debert.

On June 19th at the 17th Annual General Meeting of RRFB Nova Scotia, the Board of Directors announced Nova Scotia's 54 municipalities will receive \$7.3 million (83.9% of net revenues) to fund waste diversion programs and initiatives across the province. This brings the total municipal waste diversion funding provided by RRFB Nova Scotia to more than \$117 million dollars since inception in 1996.

Humour Corner: The Senility Prayer: Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.



A Sea of Red!

Local employees, invited guests and Home Hardware Executive personnel applause the announcement of the expansion. See the full story and photos on page 3. (Harrington Photo)

Home Hardware Celebrates Expansion

DEBERT: Home Hardware's Eastern Distribution Centre hosted an official ceremony on June 26th to celebrate the 236,000 square foot expansion of its facility.

Construction on the two phase project began on March 1st of this year. Phase One is anticipated to be com-

pleted in January, 2014 with the second phase starting in spring of 2014 and completed later in the year.

Cornerstone, of Ontario, is overseeing the project, with 50 to 200 local trades workers and contractors employed from the Debert, Truro and Halifax region.

"We couldn't be more pleased to celebrate the continuous growth of our dealer-owners in Eastern Canada," said Paul Straus, president and chief executive officer, Home Hardware Stores Limited. "The expanded distribution centre will have a number of state of the art benefits, including a



The 100th Anniversary of the Bass River School was celebrated on June 20th. It was also an opportunity for many to gather and share memories of the school which is scheduled to close sending all current students to West Colchester Consolidated School. Above, Burchell Fulmore had his 1937 Chevrolet 1/2 ton panel deliver on display at the Open House. Burchell, along with his wife, Lucia Fulmore and Betty (Taylor) Fulton were reminiscing about the days when they used to hitch a ride to school sitting on butter boxes in the back of an identical vehicle. Burchell says this was the first unofficial school bus in Bass River. See the full story and pictures on page 7. (Harrington Photo)

St. James United – FOR SALE?

By Linda Harrington

Friends sit among the historical pews sharing memories and relating stories of past generations, a time when no one ever thought of doing anything on Sunday morning but attending Church services. Their conversation turns to present day reality, where times have changed, and now Saint James United Church congregation is facing some tough decisions.

Arthur Chisholm started coming to Saint James as a youngster, both his parents and grandparents were married in the Church. He attended Sunday School, Young Peoples, has been janitor, turned the crank on the pump organ, sang in the choir, taken on positions such as elder and treasurer and has even rang the Church bell calling the congregation to services. His grandfather Avon Chisholm was the first to paint the stonework on the interior walls.

"I used to get paid 10 cents a Sunday to turn the crank on the pump organ for two serv-

ices," says Art. "There is a gauge on the side and you had to keep an eye on it and turn the crank just the right tempo to keep air flowing and the organ at a proper volume."

Vernon McCully considers himself a "newcomer" to the Church, having only been in the community for about 40 years. His wife Carrie has played the organ, and they have raised their children as part of Saint James United congregation. "Back in 1975 there were 75 or 80 in Church each Sunday, with a large choir of about 20 members and a huge Sunday school of about 40 children. It has been a steady decline ever since," he says.

Vernon recently chaired the Congregational meeting where a motion was unanimously passed to put Saint James United Church up for sale. "Valerie Kingsbury is our supervising minister, and we have a student minister named Shalome MacNeill Cooper, who will be leaving on August 15th. We weren't sure what to do after that

time. The congregation had to face the fact that the Church does not have the numbers to keep going. We are sending a motion to Presbytery to ask for their approval to sell the

building," says Vernon, who quickly adds, "This means the building, not the Congregation. Saint James United Church congregation will continue to meet, whether it is at the Legion Hall or perhaps even my back yard."

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The colourful American Redstart was so happy he just had to sing about it! (Harrington Photo)

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