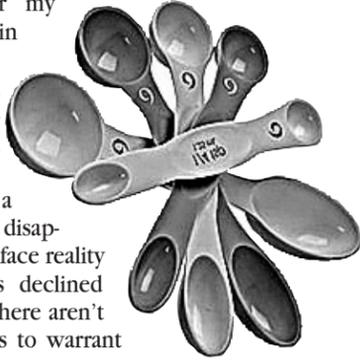


# Dorothy's Kitchen Korner

I feel sorry for my neighbours here in Maitland, because they got the final word the small elementary school will be closed effective June 30th. It was not a shock but a major disappointment. We must face reality the community has declined over the years, and there aren't just enough students to warrant keeping the school open.



As a result of this situation, a strong message has been sent to other areas where families are abandoning rural life in droves. Instead of waiting until the last minute to fight to keep a school open, look ahead 5-10 years and start to implement to rebuild, or stave off further out-migration.

Get the community to come together working first with your local municipal councillor, get them to mobilize expertise within the municipal structure to then bring in the provincial and federal people. Out-migration could be curtailed, if jobs could be created.

If there is little local employment and churches, schools, gas stations and other community services are to continue to be closed, you can not expect young families to stay. It would be akin to asking them to live off the grid and raise their family in a cabin deep in the woods.

That's my take on how we can stop or curtail the constant downward spiral of further decline of rural communities from the eastern tip of Cape Breton to Yarmouth and all points in between.

Now back to the kitchen.

This month I've chosen "Dutch Cheese Salad". Perhaps we can support the local economy by getting the Gouda cheese from That Dutchman's Farm in Economy.

## Dutch Cheese Salad

- 8 oz gouda cheese
- ½ green pepper • 1 red pepper
- 1 sweet dill pickle • 1 cucumber
- 1 apple • 1 cup diced cooked ham
- 2/3 cup plain yogurt • 1 tblspn sour cream
- 1 tblspn lemon juice • ½ tsp grated horse radish root
- 2 tsp chopped dill • 1 tsp each of salt, pepper and sugar

Cut the cheese into strips, see and dice the peppers, chop the pickle, dice the cucumber, and chop the apple. Mix together the prepared cheese, ham, peppers, pickle and apple.

Blend together the yogurt, sour cream, lemon juice and horseradish. Add the dill and season with the salt, pepper and sugar.

Mix the salad ingredients with the sauce and leave to chill for 30 minutes. Serves 4.

### Variation:

Use ½ cup diced cooked ham and ½ cup diced continental sausage or salami.

If you have a favourite family recipe, please send by July 15th, so I can use in the August issue. If you are dropping off recipes to the store, please note we have moved to 94 Esplanade and are located three doors away from Murphy's Fish & Chips or send to:

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## Notes from our National Capital

### Prime Minister Visits Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley

Recently while visiting our riding, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the new Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, which will provide significant support for existing community and cultural infrastructure across the country as a way to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation. He was joined by Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Member of Parliament for Central Nova; Rob Moore, Minister of State (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency) and myself.

The program will provide support for the renovation, expansion and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure that provides community and cultural benefits for the public. Projects under the following categories may be eligible for funding: community centres (including Royal Canadian Legions), cultural centres and museums, parks, recreational trails, libraries, recreational facilities, tourism facilities, docks, cenotaphs and other existing communi-

ty infrastructure.

The program, which is anticipated to support up to 1,800 projects in communities of all sizes across the country, will be delivered nationally through the Government of Canada's regional economic development agencies. Eligible recipients for funding include provinces, territories, municipalities, regional governments, Aboriginal organizations and not-for-profit organizations. Applicants can submit their application online through their respective regional economic development agency. Extensive consultations with Canadians helped inform the initiative.

Selected projects are expected to be completed by the end of the 2017 construction season to best support Canada 150 celebrations. The program is expected to boost economic activity



Scott Armstrong

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## Notes from our Provincial Capital

### Curriculum changes designed to improve student learning

Changes to the curriculum for grades Primary to 3 are designed to better support learning for students.

The streamlined curriculum with an emphasis on math and literacy is the result of the Minister's Action Plan on Education and was introduced to teachers and principals in May and will be implemented in September.

Along with an emphasis on math and literacy, the updated curriculum also sees a reduction in the number of learning outcomes to give clearer expectations for student learning.

Teachers from across the province worked on the revised curriculum and established a set of outcomes that were more manageable for the teacher and will result in a more focused approach for both math and literacy.

They looked for any outcomes that were not developmentally appropriate for their age level and were repetitious and/or redundant.

There was also a change in the amount of time teachers spend on math and literacy each day.

For example, the time spent on English Language Arts in Grade 2 has increased from 90 minutes per day to 120 minutes per day.

Teachers will now have the time to delve deeper into the curriculum and to create richer learning opportunities for students and there will be more time to focus on those outcomes. As Minister, I support the belief that we need to "do a few things well".

The streamlined curriculum is in response to what more than 3,000 teachers told the Minister's panel in the fall during the consultation on public education. It provides a curriculum that is focused on essentials and provides our students with the skills

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Karen Casey

## News from our Municipal Council - District 10

### FCM is the most influential lobby organization in Canada

I would like to begin by recognizing and thanking the West Colchester Community Development Association for the work they have done in placing Community identification signs up along the shore. They are wonderful signs and their effort is appreciated.

Once in each four year term a councillor gets an opportunity to represent the Municipality at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. This year was my turn and I was at the conference in Edmonton from June 4 to June 9. These events are packed full of workshops, study tours, trade show and evening social events. This gives us a chance to see and understand what other Municipalities are doing that may benefit us as well as learn what not to do in some cases.

The highlight for me was, you guessed it garbage, a tour of Edmonton's solid waste facility that was billed as state of the art.

On the trip to the site their staff explained how 20 years ago they were faced with a crisis, in that the existing site was near capacity and they did not have suitable land available to construct a facility. It was just simply there was not the land available with suitable soil conditions.

Their council made the decision their goal would be to achieve zero waste in 20 years.

Well, they have not quite reached their target but it appears they are getting close and expect to achieve their goal when their new waste to energy plant comes on stream in the next year.

Their facility was very impressive, but in my opinion our operation in Kempton is much better. I acknowledge it would be easier to operate and find efficiencies in a smaller site like ours

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Tom Taggart

## News from our Municipal Council - District 9

### Jennifer MacKay and Johnathan Torrens - both rock stars in my book

I always find it amazing how our communities come together in support of our non-profit organizations. I'm writing this column on June 21st, Fathers Day, the first day of summer and the night after the Onslow Rocks Fundraiser. The Lower Onslow Community Centre in conjunction with the Lower Onslow Preschool hosted a fundraising dance to help finance a wheelchair ramp, chair lift and a few other upgrades to our building.

I'm always nervous going into such a venture because you never know if the support is going to be there or not (kind of like an election). To make a long story short, WOW. The event was a huge success. The business community came through with thousands of dollars in merchandise and gift certificates. The volunteers, who agreed to set up, work the event and clean up afterwards were truly amazing.

This was definitely a community effort and I must say the most fun I've had in a long time. I would like to say thank you to every-

one who helped out in anyway. I do have to single out two extraordinary individuals who without their support and enthusiasm this fundraiser wouldn't have been possible. Jennifer MacKay and Johnathan Torrens are both definitely rock stars in my book. Thanks again everyone, I'm still blown away at what we have accomplished and hope we can do it again next year. Onslow really does rock!

Now let's move on to a totally different subject.

The County has been having issues with odours coming from our wastewater treatment plant for years. You may have read in a local paper these odours are linked to Scotsburn Dairy in the Truro Business Park. This is true but there is also more to the story than just pointing the finger at Scotsburn Dairy. In knowing the facts I made a conscious decision not to name Scotsburn when I

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