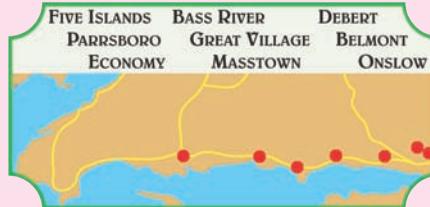


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STRESS RELIEF: The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down; I'll remember it."

Senior Moments: A day or so prior to my recent birthday my youngest brother, baby of the family, thought he was being a smartie and sent an email to his older brothers and sisters, with the following note: "You are older than me so maybe you can relate. I don't get it! Lol!". You will enjoy what you find when clicking this link: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/Xv1tMioGgXI?rel=0>

The Shoreline Journal has complained to CBC about copyright infringement when it posted an online story on June 1st, which included a photo from the November 2013 issue without seeking permission. The photo formed part of its "Little Yorke Road" investigative story by Yvonne Colbert and Phlis McGregor. We called CBC Investigates to express our disapproval for using the photo without seeking permission. They replied stating, CBC News published the photo from the Shoreline Journal, with credit to the photographer and the publication, under the fair dealing provisions of the Copyright Act.

Fun in the Sun Day Camps registration will be held at Masstown Market on Wednesday, June 28th from 6-7PM. The Municipality of the County of Colchester's Fun in the Sun Day Camps are coming to you. We will be in Great Village, at the Elementary School from July 24-28th. We will also be at Debert Elementary from August 14-18th. Both camps will run from 9-3pm. You can also register at 1 Church Street, Truro, or print and mail forms at: www.colchester.ca/fun-in-the-sun-day-camps Feel free to call, email, or drop by for more information, 902-897-3185 or recreation@colchester.ca

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A little fox kit prances through the dandelions in the sunshine!
(Harrington Photo)

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Internet Feasibility Study Approved

By Maurice Rees

Fiber or equally as fast internet service could be coming to all of Colchester County if an Internet Improvement Study and Plan determines it's feasible and possible. Residents, including constant pressure from Councillor Tom Taggart, have been calling for improved internet service for ages. At its committee meeting on June 15th a recommendation will

go forward to council on June 29th to undertake a \$9,000 feasibility plan and study.

In a presentation to council committee by Mark Austin, acting Economic Development Officer and staff researcher, it was recommended Council Committee recommend to Council staff undertake the work necessary to produce a Colchester Internet Improvement Feasi-

bility Study and Plan; and, source external funds or allocate funds from the existing Economic Development and Community Development operating budgets to a maximum of \$9,000 to cover the expenses and consultant fees. Staff will report back to Council on or before November 2017.

In mid-May the County of Annapolis announced it was borrowing \$13-Million to im-

plement a county wide internet project. External funding for the \$18-Million project has been received from other levels of government. It is anticipated the build-out will take 18 months.

With a \$14-Million allocation being part of the provincial government's budget proposal and a \$750-Million CRTC lead project undergoing regulatory development, it appears funding participation might be possible. Staff wants to have a "shovel-ready" action plan in place as soon as funding allocations at the federal and provincial level is confirmed.

Content of the Study and Plan will include: Mapping the current state of available service and gaps in Colchester County; Mapping and identifying ownership of existing system infrastructure (backbone, middle mile, last mile); Describing under-serviced areas according to system challenges and opportunities (including property ownership and terrain mapping), number of households/businesses/institutions, gap solutions (with future-proofing perspective), jurisdictions, active ISPs in areas, and anticipated costs

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Fundy Fun Day, Economy – July 8th

By Marlee Leslie

The Glooscap Bazaar is celebrating its 40th anniversary in a big way. A group of local volunteers are pitching in to celebrate the occasion and to raise funds for a new roof. Locals are being encouraged to participate in the annual 75 Km Yard Sale from Mingo's Corner, Onslow to Parrsboro.

One of the volunteer organizers, Marlee Leslie says, "On July 8th join us at the Economy Rec Centre for 'Fundy Fun Day' to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Glooscap Country Bazaar. Following the yard sale and barbecue fundraisers, from 6:30-8pm we'll have all-ages activities, games, desserts, and refreshments".

She added, "From 8:30 onwards enjoy the bar and Old Time music at the Economy Rec Centre. As a fund raiser it's \$10 admission for adults, free for children. Committee members have been busy arranging for a number of door prizes. Admission automatically enters you into many door prize draws and proceeds go towards a new Glooscap Bazaar roof.

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"We Have Just Begun" - MacFadden

By Alan Johnson

The Little Dyke Residents' Association is heartened by the fact more than 53 families and 10 government officials have taken the time to produce written statements about the plan by Irving-owned OSCO Aggregates to expand their Little Dyke gravel quarry into a mega-pit.

The group's Ian MacFadden says comments show people are extremely upset with the way the Irving-controlled company is planning to push ahead. MacFadden points out many people are expressing their disbelief by submitting photographic evidence of suspected wrongdoing on what Irving-OSCO has developed in their smaller pit over the past ten years.

"The comments will serve us well as we secure a meeting with the new Environment Minister, Iain Rankin," says MacFadden. "People aren't going to roll over and let industry ruin their lives anymore. This is a new generation of home-owners blended with long-time residents in the Little Dyke area who know cor-

porations need to exist, but they also know giant projects like this one have to be done in consultation with people living nearby. We just haven't had a chance to make ourselves heard until now, so the Minister will definitely hear what we have to say from now on."

MacFadden says there are currently two meetings in the works as residents mobilize their efforts into the early part of the summer.

He says "it's especially useful that people who are commenting on things as varied as the water table disruption, destruction of watercourses running through the proposed

area, light and noise pollution and wildlife habitat destruction are adamant."

"Some have even proposed lying across the road to block the project," says MacFadden, "which is expected to produce dozens of new heavy trucks on the Little Dyke Road, Highway 2 and Highway 4 near Masstown's new interchange."

"We've only just begun to get this thing on the public radar. Expect to hear more about this in the weeks to come, he says. "The Irving's and OSCO have demonstrated no economic benefits with this project. It's just not worth the risk."



The above photo shows the Canada Post boxes which were relocated to the Belmont Ballfield now preventing people from sitting in their vehicles to watch activity on the field. Residents have complained but are reporting Canada Post has not been cooperative to find another location for the boxes. We also want to bring your attention to Councillor Doug MacInnes' description of this story on page 5 and 6. (Submitted)

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