

The Shoreline Tid-Bits Journal

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Autism Spectrum Disorder Supports

A new pilot program is supporting parents of toddlers with autism spectrum disorder. QuickStart Nova Scotia is a one-on-one parent-coaching program that uses play-based activities to help parents further develop their child's communication and social skills. The pilot program is initially being offered in Halifax through Autism Nova Scotia. The QuickStart Nova Scotia program is a model adopted from the QuickStart Early Intervention Program in Ottawa in partnership with Emerging Minds. Additional partners include the IWK Health Centre, Nova Scotia Health Authority, Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Centres, and Nova Scotia Early Childhood Development Intervention Services. The province is investing \$2 million over four years to support QuickStart which will be delivered to up to 35 toddlers (12-36 months old) in its first year, and up to 50 in each of the following three years. Nine autism resource centres have also been created to ensure families in rural areas have better access to the information, supports and services available to them. The locations are: Amherst, Halifax, Hebbville, Lunenburg Co.; Kingston, Kings Co.; New Glasgow, Port Hawkesbury, Sydney, Truro and Yarmouth. The autism resource centres opened in 2017. Last year 5,174 people with autism were supported in rural Nova Scotia through these centres. For more information, visit www.autismnovascotia.ca

Film Productions Announced

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) has announced three newly approved productions through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund. Documentary, Hear! Here!, produced by Rarely Heard Films Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$21,615 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$ 78,600. The TV mini-series, Short Film Face Off 2019, produced by Short Stop Pictures XII Ltd., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$82,589 based on an eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$300,323. Documentary, History's Horrible Humans, produced by Underfoot Productions Inc., has been approved for a funding commitment of \$272,935 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$941,155. More details about productions approved for incentives through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund are available on the NSBI website at <http://www.nsbi.ca/filmfunding>.

Progress on Ecological Forestry

Scientists, researchers, and subject-matter experts are working with Department of Lands and Forestry staff to improve Nova Scotia's Crown land forests. These individuals are members of the department's project teams that are addressing changes recommended by Prof. Bill Lahey in his review of forest practices in Nova Scotia. Harvest improvements are already happening on Crown land, with more trees being retained on site. It is preferential to retain longer-lived species, with the objective of a greater mix of species, sizes and ages. The project teams are focused on: reviewing the current pre-treatment assessment process and updating the forest management guide; a peer-reviewed assessment of Nova Scotia's natural disturbance agents, like fires, floods, insect infestations and large storms and their impacts on harvest planning; reviewing the old forest policy and criteria, and revising policy following input from stakeholders; defining high-production forestry and develop procedures and criteria for implementation on Crown land, followed by a framework for site selection and designation; investigating the efficiency of small-scale wood energy projects and a converting some government buildings to wood heat energy for the 2019-20 heating season; establishing a manual that includes priority policy and procedures to govern the Endangered Species Act and completing outstanding recovery plans and status reports as needed for species solely listed in Nova Scotia and designing an outcomes-based approach to Crown forest management. For more information on the latest progress, visit https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestry/Forest_Review/.

New Immigration Pilot and Changes to Existing Programs

A new immigration pilot and changes to existing streams will attract more entrepreneurs and skilled workers to the province. The new Occupations in Demand pilot will target specific professions, starting with continuing care assistants and truck drivers. Nova Scotia's two entrepreneur immigration streams, Entrepreneur Stream and International Graduate Entrepreneur, are also being updated. Existing business owners will now be eligible under the entrepreneur stream and can include operating expenses towards the required minimum investment. The ownership requirements for international graduates looking to start a business will change from 100 per cent to one third. Changes will allow for collaboration with other entrepreneurs and give recent international graduates more flexibility in achieving entrepreneurship and immigration goals. For more information, visit novascotiaimmigration.com

EHS Employees Honoured for Service Emergency

Gordie Parker, Truro with 45 years service topped the list of eighty four EHS employees honoured for decades of service. The annual ceremony held at Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax including the following professionals from Cumberland and Colchester Counties: 20 years: Kelsey Wells - Truro; Carla Middelburg - Baie Verte, New Brunswick (operating out of Parrsboro) and Chris M. Mizuik - Amherst. With 25 years, also Chris Mizuik - Amherst, while John (Dale) Bartlett - Bible Hill, Colchester Co has dedicated 40 years. 45 years - Gordie Parker, Truro.

Congratulations Connie Smith on Retirement

By Linda Harrington

Great Village students and teachers surprised their principal, Connie Smith at the Volunteer Tea with several presentations in honour of her upcoming retirement.

Mrs. Smith began her career as a speech-language pathologist with the Colchester East Hants District School Board, providing support to students in a circuit of nine schools, from Five Islands to North River. Her first teaching position was a Grade 4 class in 1993-94 at Great Village Elementary School. She stayed at GVES for the remainder of her career and during that time taught various grade levels Early Literacy Support and was fortunate to enjoy five, one-year deferred salary leaves.

Mrs. Smith's role as a teaching principal began in the 1999-2000 school year, and it is from that role that she will retire.



Nicole Morse presents Mrs. Smith with a Retirement cake on behalf of the Home & School. Students and staff enjoyed the treat together as they celebrated with Mrs. Smith. (Harrington Photo)



Mrs. Rushton presents Mrs. Smith with memory books completed by all the students. (Harrington Photo)

Her connection to Great Village Elementary School is strong and extends back many years. This is the school where she attended from Grade Primary to Grade 4, and where her mother graduated Grade 12.

She says, "I am truly appreciative of the opportunities and experiences I have had, and the support I have received from the school community. After 30 years, I can will look back on my career with warmth and fondness, taking with me countless, wonderful memories in retirement."

Her students were excited to hear she will be adding her name to the substitute teaching list next year and could possibly spend a few days back at Great Village Elementary again.

Best wishes Mrs. Smith on your retirement, thank you for your commitment to education for the last 30 years.



Mrs. White presents Mrs. Smith with a lovely painting on behalf of the staff. (Harrington Photo)



Amanda Langille presents Mrs. Smith with a plaque in her honour that will go on the Chalk Boards of the playground. (Harrington Photo)

The Christ Childs Day (MON DIEU)

Hey look me over
Lend me an ear
While you are at it
Pass me a beer

On the christ childs day

Bubbles and soap
Thongs and songs
Socks and keys
Prayers and knees

On the christ childs day

God bless and thank-you. Thomas A. Marshall (ex-navy)

Rugs and thugs
Jail and court
Wicks and bics
Propane and profane

On the christ childs day

Doors and glass
A desert past
A saviour born
One special morn

On the christ childs day

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martel

On Tuesday evening, June 11th, the Debert Legion handed out their yearly educational bursaries to four very deserving students, namely, Ryan Rath who will be off to NSCC in Pictou to take up Welding, Bailey Duvall, who is off to St. Mary's to take up Criminology, Julie Blackwood will be going to NSCC, Truro to take up Game Development and finally Danielle Hamilton, who is off to Maritime Business College to take up Human Services and Counselling Skills.

Comrade Dave MacPhee presented the lucky students with their bursaries. To Ryan, Bailey, Julie and Danielle good luck and good marks as you go

forward to better your education. (Thanks Dave).

A tip of the hat and a very big thank you is passed along to Bill and Paula Wood for the great job they did in decorating the graves of our Veteran's, thanks Bill and Paula.

A date for our crib players to mark on their calendar is Sept. 4th. The Crib League will be off and pegging on the 4th at 7:30PM.

To all the people who are saving and dropping off pull tabs, thank you they are much appreciated.

Happy Birthday wishes for June are passed along to Maurice MacDougall, Marilyn Dykens, Ardith McCully, Donna Eastcott, Charlie Borden (Sr.), Lee McCulloch, Deb-

bie Cock and Annette "Jo" Williams.

Happy Anniversary wishes for June are passed along to Jean and Don (Padre) MacQueen, Loyis and Loyal Crocker.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran. It is because of their sacrifices we are able to enjoy our country and our freedom.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.



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We want to get this going again with some help from the community. The date will be the weekend of July 13 and 14. Saturday & Sunday.

As before the sale will run along Highway #2 from Mingo's corner in Onslow to Parrsboro!

This is a great opportunity for households to turn those unwanted items into useful cash and recycle instead of hauling them off to the balefill.

For further information contact Clair Peers

Call 902-897-5951

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