

Dorothy's Kitchen Korner

Can you believe this weather?



Finally, we got a week of nice weather. The type we have been urging to come our way for ages. The leaves are out, can almost hear the grass grow, and gardeners are in their glory. Their only lament is they are later than desired getting seeds in the ground, and transplants forming neat rows.

But as much as we express dismay of the lateness of fine weather, remember last year. We worked like beavers gardening, only to have a June "killer" frost. Many had to start over, or replant a large portion of the garden.

As much as we enjoyed a week of fine weather, on Friday night we must have had two inches of rain. Saturday, was so cool and overcast, by mid-afternoon, I was freezing so had to turn the furnace on for a few minutes. Didn't take long to get rid of the chill, but even so, can you believe this weather.

I suspect once the calendar changes over to July, we will be sweltering. I predict a streak of extremely hot weather, extremely dry and we'll be wishing for at least one day overcast and wet.

Back to the weather at hand. One thing that has happened with all this cool, wet weather. Strawberries are about 10 days late. Maurice was telling me on Wednesday he was visiting one of the major strawberry producers in Great Village and the phone was ringing off the hook. Grocery stores were looking for berries. Even though berry picking was over a week late, one of the big box grocers jumped the gun featuring strawberries in their flyer, which had just been released that day..

This sent produce managers into a tizzy. They were spending most of their day searching for fresh Nova Scotia strawberries. Overhearing one side of the conversation, by the time you are reading this column, it appears berries in any amount will be happening now.

Look out for some extremely hot weather, which will ripen berries faster than they can be picked. No need to search for a recipe for strawberries, you either have a family favourite, or you will use the one on the CERTO bottle. However, I did start preparing myself. I went through my supply of empty bottles and have set aside enough for at least two batches. I've even got enough bottles for a couple batches when it's pickling time.

I was gleaning through one of my binders searching for a quick idea should it turn cool again. I could warm up the kitchen by baking something. I chose "My Grandma's Molasses Cookies", which I got from her many decades ago.

My Grandma's Molasses Cookies

- ½ cup shortening • ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 egg • ½ cup molasses
- ¼ cup warm water • 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda • ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp ginger • ½ tsp nutmeg
- 2 cups flour • ½ cup raisins.

Cream together shortening and brown sugar. Add egg. Measure molasses and warm water together and add to the mixture. Add dry ingredients and mix well.

Drop by spoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 over on middle rack for up to 15 minutes.

Surely someone has some great new BBQ recipes. I'm looking for a suggestion of an entire family meal is done on the Barbeque. If you have a favourite family recipe and would like it published in the August 2019 issue, please send on or before July 15th. Send to:

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Notes from our National Capital

Over 850 POWs in the Amherst POW Camp

In my March column, I wrote about the First World War Prisoner of War Camp in Amherst. In fact on this very date one hundred years ago, there were over 850 POWs in the Amherst POW Camp on Park Street. Most were German sailors but there were others including many Ukrainians interned as well.

On Tuesday, July 2, a commemorative event will be held at the Amherst Armouries in recognition of the German and Ukrainian prisoners and also the Canadian soldiers who stood guard over the camp. A reception will follow.

The highlight of the event will be the 42 member German Luftwaffe Band which will hold a concert at the Amherst Armouries from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

The event will also include a slide show with great historic photos of the camp, dozens of models, toys and artifacts made by the prisoners 100 years ago. A diorama of the camp has been made and much more. The artifacts are from the collections of the Nova Scotia Highlanders Regimental Museum, the Cumberland County Museum and the Age of Sail Museum as well as from private homes in the area. They are amazing.

One of the artifacts to be on display is a one meter long model of the German ship, Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse. The first prisoners in the Amherst POW Camp came from this ship which was sunk off

of the coast of Africa. While in the camp, the sailors made a model of their own ship.

After the Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse was sunk, the British brought the crew to Halifax where they were transported by train to Amherst. They were then housed in the former Malleable Iron Factory on Park Street until the war was over.

Officials at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ottawa have gone back to their archives in Germany and told us this week that they have found that the German prisoners in the Amherst POW Camp produced a prison newspaper. Even better, they have copies of this paper printed in Amherst 100 years ago. I am anxious to see these papers and read what life was like in the Amherst POW Camp in 1915 to 1919.

I was very excited to learn from the German Officials that they had determined the name of the prisoner who actually made the model of the Kaiser Wilhelm de Grosse in 1916. One of the 1916 newspapers referred to the ship model and told its story. Who would have thought that we could find that out? Eventually I hope to connect with members of the family of the man who made this incredible ship model.

The prisoners had few materials and tools to work with and no *continued on page 6*



Bill Casey

Notes from our Provincial Capital

Learners of today are actually leaders of today!

Graduation time for all students across the province has arrived. This includes students leaving pre-primary to move into the primary to grade 12 public school system.

It also includes time for students leaving our public school system to pursue further studies, employment or other opportunities they wish to follow.

At this time, regardless of age or grade, students, parents and teachers celebrate the accomplishments achieved throughout the year. Support, excitement and celebration for all of our students is also very much a community effort.

For many of our students, graduation from Grade 12, there are accomplishments both academic and athletic that receive and deserve recognition. Many individuals, organizations and businesses provide financial support in the form of bursaries and scholarships that lead to further study and to acknowledge individual student achievements.

We often refer to our students as "the learners of today who become the leaders of tomorrow". However, I am convinced that those learners of today are actually the leaders of today.

So many young graduates have leadership skills, social skills, communication skills and confidence that allow them to provide that leadership on a daily basis. Each graduate has contributed in some way to the fabric of their school and their community. Quality education, athletic achievement and volunteerism have come together to help shape these graduates. As a community we must be very proud of them.

As the MLA for Colchester North I wish to say congratulations, be strong, be safe, and prepare yourself for the next phase of your life.

Karen Casey, MLA, Colchester North is also Deputy Premier and Minister



Karen Casey

News from our Municipal Council - District 10

Doctor from England wants a rural practice

Hello from District 10.

I have had a relatively busy Month. First report update on Doctor Recruitment, we have, I believe a wee bit of optimism, in that we have had some very positive interaction with, Health Nova Scotia, their Recruiter for the Northern Region and the Colchester County Doctor recruitment committee.

June 6 we actually got to meet a Doctor from England that is actively looking for a new practice somewhere in rural Nova Scotia. He is a very nice young professional and with the support of the above mentioned and Dr Ewing we showcased our clinic and our communities.

The three things, I learned from this exercise are yes we can succeed, absolutely, thru other eyes, we may be rural, but we have very attractive communities and a wonderful quality of life. Thirdly however, I, and I think our committee recognized the very significant competition and challenges we face in order to become successful.

The Cliffs of Fundy Geo Park committee is working hard to be prepared as the evaluators from the Global Geo Park Network, will be arriving sometime in the next 45 days.

Marlee Leslie is the Coordinator of our Cliffs of Fundy Application and she along with staff from our Municipalities and community volunteers are doing outstanding work in preparation. I would invite all to go to the Cliffs of Fundy Facebook site and view the Tourism N S video that Marlee was instrumental in developing. It is impressive.

As for the Broadband project, I am sure you are tired of my, "cannot say much, but things are going well" comments. Pretty much

the same today, however optimistic that there will be public info and announcements before next month. It is quite frankly exciting.

Council is also working with and in support of the community of Middle Stewiacke over their concerns of a pending environmental approval or denial of an Asbestos disposal site at a current privately owned and operated construction and demolition disposal site in their Community.

I am sure this would be concerning for any rural community in our Municipality, however, my actual more serious concern is the transportation of this material. I believe for small amounts it is relatively safe to transport providing it is double bagged in the yellow heavy plastic bags provided and identified. However when large institutional buildings, such as old schools or hospitals are demolished, the potential for bulk transport become a very serious concern.

Research provided by Health Canada identifies that for the most part, if left undisturbed the risk is low, however when these fibers become airborne that is when the real health concern is present. These airborne fibers or particulates are proven to be cancer causing, clearly there are environmental regulations to follow in transporting. However the idea of a private for profit business operating, bringing concerns of asbestos from different regions being trucked thru our communities especially in South Colchester.

The remainder is a mix of self promotion and info. For me it is *continued on page 6*



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