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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS June 2010

The Annual Glooscap Trail Yard Sale from Onslow to Parrsboro and Debert area will be held July 10 & 11. Individuals and families are encouraged to start preparing. Community Groups are requested to plan to operate fund raising activities (refreshments and snacks) in addition to conducting a yard sale. (See story and advertisement on page 14)

The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers will be celebrated on May 29th at Veteran Memorial Park, Bass River by a very diverse group of veterans, from the retired to the serving RCMP, a veteran motorcycle club, Veteran Peacekeepers Assoc, Blue Helmets, along with cadets, reservists, and serving personal. Hope you will be able to make it. A reception will be held at Bass River Consolidated School with a lunch and entertainment provided by the students.

Next month, The Shoreline Journal will be awarding five pairs of tickets to the Nova Scotia Tattoo to advertisers and subscribers as outlined on Page 5 of this issue.

Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME) is celebrating its 58th Annual Meeting Day on May 28th at CFB Halifax, Stadacona. Since this is the 100th Anniversary of Canada's Navy, CME is paying tribute with recognition of this milestone for the province. Luncheon Keynote speaker **George T H Cooper** - McInnes Cooper, will speak on **Canada's Military Mission in Afghanistan**. Mr. Cooper will talk about the mission of the Canadian forces in Afghanistan, with particular reference to the participation of the Reservists from all three Canadian Forces branches (Army, Navy and Air Force).

The Central Nova Tourism Association (CNTA) held its annual meeting and awards banquet Thursday evening (May 6) at the Truro Holiday Inn to acknowledge the region's best in tourism from 2009. Recognized for their 2009 accomplishments and recipients of CNTA's Annual Tourism Awards were: Attraction Award: Creamery Square, Tatamagouche; Accommodation Award: Truro Holiday Inn; Festival and Event Award: Dutch Mason Blues Festival, Truro/Bible Hill; Food & Beverage Award: Bare Bones Café & Bistro, Parrsboro; Gift Shop Award: Studio Glass, Maitland; Super Host Customer Service Award: Gordon Pictou, Glooscap Heritage Centre, Millbrook; Ambassador Award: Jim and Patricia Yorke, Hidden Hilltop Campground, Glenholme and President's Award: Bill Hay, Mastodon Ridge.

The Best of Colchester is a new event being organized by the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce for the first time this year. Winners will be selected by online voting to determine the winners in 25 categories. More details and procedures for voting can be found at www.trurochamber.com. Only one vote is permitted in each of the 25 categories for each email address. See complete list of nominees and voting instructions on page 1 and 7 of this issue. Voting ends on June 3rd. Awards will be presented at a gala banquet in Truro on June 17th.

The Shoreline Journal has been nominated for "Best of Colchester" in the "Best Media" category. If readers believe, the Shoreline is worthy of this designation, we encourage you enlist the support of friends and relatives to vote on our behalf. Visit www.trurochamber.com and click on the voting link.

Phyllis and Gordon McCully will receive friends and neighbours at their home from 2-4 pm on June 8th on the occasion of Gordon's 90th birthday. Best wishes only.



Thomas Harrington, of Glenholme, will be performing along with several other entertainers at a Celtic Ceilidh on May 29th at the Marigold Centre in Truro.

Celtic Ceilidh at the Marigold

The Cobequid Educational Centre's Gaelic Society was established in 2008 with the assistance of a grant from the Department of Education to promote Gaelic language and culture though after school activities and workshops.

The Society is hosting a concert at the Marigold Cultural Centre on Saturday, May 29th to showcase some of the talented musicians in the Celtic music scene and to raise awareness of the rich Celtic culture there is in Nova Scotia

Entertainers will include fiddler Gillian Boucher, guitarist Seph Peters, two gifted young musicians Cassie Anne and Maggie Jane MacDonald, Gaelic singers Betty Lord and Hector MacNeil and local musician Thomas Harrington.

Thomas is from Glenholme and plays a variety of instruments including the fiddle, tin whistles and bagpipes. He has been helping to organize the event and he is very pleased to be performing with such a talented group of entertainers.

"We are excited to have been able to bring this Celtic talent to Truro. It will be a very musical evening and I feel very privileged to be performing, as well. I hope people take this opportunity to hear these entertainers at the Marigold Centre," says Thomas.

Tickets are \$8.00 each and may be purchased at the Marigold Box Office or MacQuarries Pharmasave on the Esplanade. All proceeds from the show will be used to promote Celtic culture.

Best of Colchester 'TIL JUNE 3RD

By Maurice Rees

The Truro & District Chamber of Commerce embarked on a bold move to increase the appreciation of local businesses and to stimulate a positive mood about the local economy, when it announced the "Best of Colchester" initiative in April.

A list of 25 categories was developed and the process started with online nominations until May 19th. When nominations ceased approximately 290 businesses had

been nominated in the 25 different categories. Online voting commenced Thursday, May 20th and continues until June 3rd. To vote visit: www.trurochamber.com

Initially, it was planned voters could vote once for each email address, but at the last minute, the procedures were changed to permit voting up to five times from each IP address.

Voters are reminded that each time, they click on the "submit" button is counted as

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a vote. If it is the intention to select a firm in several or all categories, it can be done by scrolling down through all the categories.

A complete list of all nominees within the 25 categories is included on Page 7 of this issue. At the end of voting on the first day, chamber executives were pleasantly surprised over 1600 voting transactions had been cast. Tim Tucker, the chamber's executive director, calculated if voting continues at this pace,

tens of thousands of votes will be cast.

Maurice Rees, publisher of the Shoreline Journal, said he was humbled to have been nominated in the "Best Media" category. "I guess this level of appreciation is reflective of our improvements and efforts since purchasing the Shoreline over two years ago", Rees said.

The chamber has a membership of 430 and hopes this event will be successful and *continued on page 7*

\$146,000 Engineering Study for Advocate Harbour

By Maurice Rees

On Friday, May 21st, Scott Armstrong, MP, Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley was able to deliver on another of his election promises, when he announced funding for an engineering study in Advocate Harbour. Armstrong announced a \$146,000 Government of

Canada investment toward a comprehensive assessment of the Advocate Harbour seawall.

Mr. Armstrong made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of National Revenue, Minister of the

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Ratchford Merriam, Councillor for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland; George Reid, Chair, Advocate Marsh body; Murray Scott, MLA for Cumberland South; Don Fletcher, Advocate District Development Association; Scott Armstrong, MP for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley (on location at the hole in the Advocate Harbour Seawall)



Little Matthew Rector, son of Denise Rector (left) was not sure he wanted a close look at the clawed creatures. Charles Parlee and Carl Crowe (right) were busy handing out 200 lobsters to supporters of the Trinity United Church take-out Lobster Supper on May 8th. (Harrington Photo)

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