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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS June 2011

The Westchester Fire Department are sponsoring the 19th Annual Fishing Derby at Isaac's Lake, Westchester on Saturday, June 4. The event runs from 7 am to 7 pm, no fishing licenses are required. Registration fees are \$10, adult; \$5 for children (12 and under). Harvie Montrose, chief, says there are lots of prizes, it's open to all ages, Boats are welcome and a canteen is available. For more information contact Justin Rushton 902-548-2373 or Harvie Montrose, 902-548-2306.

Yesterday was the deadline for submissions to host the 2013 Nova Scotia 55+ Games. CoRDA put together a submission which included Town of Truro, County of Colchester, Village of Bible Hill and a variety of community groups from within the communities. Presentations will be made to the provincial society in Bedford on June 13th. It is anticipated the winning community will be announced later that day. The 55+ Games are expected to draw 600 to 800 people over a 4-day period as they provide a venue for various sport and recreational competitions. They range from competitive games of bridge, darts, tennis, hockey and lawn bowling, to name a few. The mission of the Games is to bring together individuals from across the province, aged 55+, to an event featuring games of both physical and mental challenges, and at the same time provide a venue emphasizing social interaction.

The Cobequid Planters 250 Society is hosting community events to mark approximately 200 graves in 12 cemeteries throughout the county. The cemetery events will be held Sunday, June 26 beginning at 2 p.m. at cemeteries in Economy-Bass River. Other events are being held: June 4, Upper Stewiacke area cemeteries; and June 25, Robie Street Cemetery, Truro. For information, contact Elinor Maher at 895-9344.

Peter MacKinnon, CEO of the Colchester East Hants Health Authority will provide an update on the new Colchester East Hants Health Centre project in the Truro Chamber of Commerce 1st Friday event at the Glengarry from 8 am to 9 am on Friday, June 3. The new 124-bed facility, opening next year, will serve more than 73,000 residents of Colchester East Hants.

The top three nominees in each category of the Best of Colchester, as determined by the public votes will receive certificates and the top nominee will receive an award. Winners will be named at the Best of Colchester Awards night on Thursday, June 16th, 7 pm at the Best Western Glengarry. For tickets to the awards night, please contact the Chamber office at 895-6328 or email events@trurochamber.com. Tickets are \$25.00 plus HST.

Cobequid Explorers Club, a new club formed to serve all those interested in exploring the great outdoors, holds meetings the first Wednesday of each month at the Bass River Community Hall. A member of N.S. Dept of Environment has been invited to attend the June 8th meeting. Membership in the club is \$20.00 per year and includes all family members. Everyone is invited to join the club. For more information contact: Bernie MacLellan, 902-647-2441 or bandlmac@northnovacable.ca

Photo Contest for Readers

The Shoreline Journal is pleased to announce a "Keep West Colchester Clean" photo contest for area residents and visitors. In recent months, it has become apparent there is illegal dumping of garbage and debris in isolated rural areas of West Colchester and not just by local residents.

In an effort to increase the amount of garbage diverted from the balefill facility, the Municipality of Colchester recently adopted a "clear" bag policy for garbage, which will require more recycling at source. Many residents are fearful those who do not want to recycle will simply dump their garbage in the woods and isolated areas.

To counteract these fears, the Shoreline Journal is

announcing a "photo contest" asking residents to send in a photo when they find illegal dumping areas.

Residents are encouraged to email a photo indicating where it is located and when the picture was taken. Photos can also be mailed to: The Shoreline Journal, Box 41, Bass River, NS, B0M 1B0. The winning photo will be published and a prize will be awarded each month.

Email submissions to: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com.

For more information contact, Maurice Rees, Shoreline Journal publisher at 902-647-2968.



Illegal Dumps Endangered

By Maurice Rees

Recently the Municipality of Colchester has been receiving an increased number of calls from area residents reporting illegal dumps in

West Colchester. As of press time it is not known if dumping is becoming more prevalent, or if residents are becoming more concerned.

However, it is very clear the municipality is placing illegal dumps on the endangered list, and will aggressively pursue convictions and cleanup.

In speaking with officials from the municipality's waste management group, they advised me that as soon as they receive a call, the enforcement officer is directed to visit the scene and start an investigation. IN his column on Page 5 of this issue, District 10 councillor, Tom Taggart, is adamant he will press for full force of the law to achieve convictions for illegal dumping.

The Shoreline Journal has received several pictures of an illegal dumpsite on Lornevale Road, Great Village. (See photos elsewhere in this issue). Another site has been located in the Bass River area and the media have been



Illegal dumpsite on Lornevale Road, Great Village. (Submitted).

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Clear Bags start September 1; Enforcement January 1

The 51,000 residents of Colchester County in the Towns of Truro and Stewiacke and the Municipality of Colchester will be joining the other 33 Municipalities in Nova Scotia to choose clear bags for their garbage disposal. The decision to go clear was an easy one for Councils once the privacy concerns of their residents was addressed by allowing one garbage bag per collection that could not be seen through. Clear bags for garbage will be for everyone businesses, schools, apartments and institutions.

Public education sessions will be held in September and by request during the months of May to August. Contact 895-4777 to schedule one for your worksite. The clear bag program becomes effective on September 1 and education will continue throughout the year. On January 1, 2012 enforcement will begin where the non-clear bags (exception privacy bag) will not be collected or accepted for disposal at the Colchester Balefill Facility.

Residents in Colchester have been doing a great job



in recycling and composting. The clear bag program will encourage those that need to do a better job of coming

into compliance with the 1996 Provincial Disposal Ban Regulations.

The clear bag for garbage programs across the Province have reduced garbage disposal on average about 30%. This garbage reduction will have direct benefits to the people of Colchester, by saving valuable and expensive landfill space, lowering green house gas production, and processing more recyclable resources.



Students at West Colchester Consolidated School were busy packing perennials from Balamore Farms for a yard and bake sale held at the school on Saturday, May 7th. Shown above are Racheal Ann McLellan and Emily Prescott. In the background are Carolyn Cooper, from Balamore Farms, Monica Fiddes and Mrs. Gail Smith acting principal. More in the story on page 10. (WCCS Photo)



Joslyn Carree shows her mother, Christa Carree, how to use a digital microscope. The students demonstrated how to use a digital microscope, and the interactive white board. They had their parents help complete a book which was written using a digital on line book creator, called RealeWriter, and also demonstrated the benefits of using Photo Story when writing. (Submitted)

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