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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS June 2014

On May 13th, the province welcomed BP Exploration Canada's fleet of 10 exploration vessels today to kick off one of the largest seismic programs in the world. During the event, Premier Stephen McNeil announced a \$12-million investment in geoscience research to help the offshore sector grow. Shell Canada and BP Exploration Canada have each committed to \$1-billion exploration bids in Nova Scotia. Shell Canada completed its seismic work last year, and is reviewing the data collected over 10,000 square kilometres. It also plans to drill up to seven exploration wells, starting in 2015.

Sections of Plains Road, from the intersection of Masstown Road west to Highway 4, will be reduced to one lane for repairs to the road and the bridge over the Debert River. Temporary traffic signals will direct traffic over the bridge. Motorists are asked to use caution through the construction zone. The project is scheduled to be finished Friday, August 8.

Nova Scotians can again experience life in a fishing community and at sea with the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in Lunenburg reopening on May 17th. The museum was closed for several months of work to replace the foundation. Most of the exhibit space will be open, as well as the restaurant and gift shop. The In-Shore Fisheries section will be closed while workers put the interior back together. There will be minimal disruption to visitors. To learn more about the fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, go to: www.fisheriesmuseum.novascotia.ca

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Tony Wright, general manager of FORCE (the Fundy Ocean Research Center for Energy), has announced two new staff members and two new volunteer board members have joined the team to help realize the clean energy potential in the Bay of Fundy. Anne-Marie Belliveau joins FORCE as the new director of operations, while Simon Melrose has been named the project manager for the FAST (Fundy Advanced Sensor Technology) platform. Janet MacMillan and Paul Jamer join FORCE's newly expanded board as independent director.

The Great Village Community Association is in need of members and volunteers who can assist with program delivery. One problem the groups faces is there are so many groups and only so many people to do the things which need to be done. While each group is accomplishing great things, people can't volunteer for everything. It's time for new people, who are not aligned with any group, to step forward and make their community a better place to live, work and play. If you have some ideas on what can be done to re-activate some events contact Heather MacKay at greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com

Humour Corner: Q: What happens if you eat yeast & shoe polish? A: Every morning you'll rise & shine!

LaFarge gets "Letter of Support"

By Maurice Rees

Colchester Municipal council at its May 15th committee meeting approved a letter of support for LaFarge Eastern Canada; approved \$20,000 for Music Nova

Scotia, and is considering developing a taxi by-law.

At the invitation of a committee of council, Truro Police Chief, Dave MacNeil, appeared before Municipal council on May 15th to

explain how synergies could be developed if the county wanted to develop a taxi by-law.

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Earlier in the winter Music Nova Scotia made a presentation to council explaining they are planning on bringing the event to Truro area every three years. The presentation was followed up with a formal request for \$20,000 funding. Craig Burgess, manager recreation services was asked for input. He explained that with what has been allocated, and he is aware will be forthcoming. He explained with approval, the entire year's budgeted amount would be exceeded.

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Colchester and Truro called to task

By Maurice Rees

The dismantling of CoRDA was a backward step and will have a negative impact on economic development in Town of Truro and Municipality of the County of Colchester according to Truro industrialist, Tom Stanfield. Stanfield is calling on the two municipalities to increase the level of cooperation and ensure the area shows increased economic growth.

Stanfield's remarks were made in front of 300 Truro and Area business executives who gathered for the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce Gala Dinner on May 22nd. Stanfield humbly accepted the Chamber's Lifetime Achievement Award, and took the stage to tell 300 business owners that it's time they stepped to center stage.

During his remarks Stanfield said the differences between the two municipalities should have been corrected before CoRDA's detractors let it die. In telling those present it's time they stepped up to the plate, Stanfield said the negative impact from the elimination of CoRDA will keep Truro as an economic junior to Halifax for many years to come.

Allan MacDonald, CEO, Canadian Tire, keynote speaker to the Chamber's largest audience in 20 years, talked about global competition, and Canadian Tire's history and plans for expansion.

Fill-up your feeders the "boyds are back in town"! Or better still - plant some bee balm now and the hummingbirds will thank you later in the summer. (Harrington Photo)

New Horizons Seniors Program Deadline – July 4th

By Maurice Rees

Applications will be accepted up until July 4, 2014 for Community-based projects under the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) that enable seniors to share their knowledge, skills and experiences with others and help communities increase their capacity to address local issues are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 per year, per organization.

Projects must address one or more of the program's five objectives: (1) Promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations; (2) Engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of oth-

ers; (3) Expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse; (4) Supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and (5) Providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

Eligible applicants: not-for-profit organizations (e.g., churches or church associations, charities, activity clubs, volunteer organizations, professional associations, museums, or in some cases sports associations); coalitions, networks; municipal governments; research organizations and institutes; educational institutions (e.g., universities, colleges, CEGEPs),

public health institutions and social service institutions are eligible with the agreement of the provincial or territorial government.

For-profit enterprises are eligible provided the nature and intent of the proposed activity is non-commercial, does not generate profit, and meets the objectives of the NHSP.

Applications must be postmarked by July 4, 2014. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your project 800-277-9914 (press "0" to speak with an agent) or you can go online to: <http://www.edsc.gc.ca/eng/seniors/funding/community>



Mike Morrisey and Nick Redden from Masstown Hardware stopped by the Lower Onslow Preschool with an exciting donation of a brand new steel entrance door. Teachers and students were very pleased to receive such a generous donation from Masstown Hardware. (Harrington Photo)

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