

Dorothy's Kitchen Korner

Even though we have only had a few warm days, it has not slowed the grass from growing. The lawn needs mowing at least once a week.

My how time flies, within a week or so, some farmers will be hauling their first loads of silage off the fields, while some are facing the problem some fields are still too wet to plant grain or corn.

It's still too early to put the transplants out, as there is threat of frost in low lying areas. Sure has been a weird spring. All this will be happening while many will still be thinking about planting their garden. I'm not sure if time is running faster or if I am slowing down.

The 4th Annual 90 & 90+ birthday party which Maurice and I organize and sponsor for area residents is now history. The Economy Recreation Centre has proven to be an ideal place, as it seems to be central for those coming from Advocate or Onslow and all those who attend report having a good time.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend. Our t-shirt store on Prince Street is open Saturday's and I couldn't find someone to work it for me. Last year I missed it, because I was in Cape Breton. I've already put the oar in the water to get my son, Bradley, to tend to the store for me.

This year, we added a couple of new things. Maurice was able to get a couple of RCMP members to come and give a short talk on some safety tips for seniors. He was even able to get them to help serve the meal.

The other items added to the agenda was recognition of Emily Prescott and Ella Porter, the two area 4-H members who were awarded \$1,000 Ram Truck Scholarships in a national 4-H contest sponsored by the Chrysler Canada Foundation, and the van den Hoek family at That Dutchman's Cheese Farm for winning a national award for Dragon's Breath Blue Cheese.

From my part, it was a pleasure to develop a special t-shirt for each winner. I'm hopeful it is something they will cherish for years to come. I'm sure Maurice and Linda Harrington were able to get some pictures, which probably are located elsewhere in this issue.

Everyone tells me the cheese casserole served by the Economy UCW at the birthday party was fantastic. He brought some home, and it sure was yummy. I'm going to ask Maurice to see if he can get the recipe from Carole Dibbons.

Guess everyone has been busy, as I have not received any new recipe submissions in the last couple of months, so I'm going to present another recipe from Hazel Hill, Great Village. (Unfortunately Hazel was not feeling well, and was unable to attend the party, but Maurice tells me she is feeling better, because he received her MacCaull Villa Notes).

Turkey Casserole

**6 Tbsp Butter • 6 tsp flour
3 cups milk • 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 ½ cups diced celery • ½ cup onions
4 cups cooked turkey
1 cup mushroom pieces
1 pkg noodles**

Combine the first 8 ingredients - butter to mushroom pieces. Cook and drain noodles according to instructions. Combine cooked noodles with turkey mixture.

Pour into greased casserole.
Bake at 350 for 40 minutes.

I'm always in need of recipes. Please send to me by June 20th, so I can get in the next issue.

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Notes from our National Capital Honouring the Sacrifices of our Afghan Vets

Our men and women in uniform represent the very best our country has to offer. Over the last 12 years the brave men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces fought and served this country valiantly in Afghanistan to defeat terrorism, and to promote security and development so that Afghans can build a viable, stable, and secure country.

Sadly, this service was not without loss as Canadians made the ultimate sacrifice for these goals and many others were injured carrying out their duties.

With the completion of the Afghanistan mission, Prime Minister Stephen Harper made May 9th a National Day of Honour to commemorate the valour, strength and sacrifices of the more than 40,000 Canadian Armed Forces members who served in Afghanistan. At events across the country to mark this special occasion, Canadians had the opportunity to pay their respects to the Veterans and families of fallen soldiers.

Notes from our Provincial Capital Correspondence courses at Drake University

There have been recent reports, political releases, releases by the opposition party, and others regarding video correspondence courses offered through Drake University. Some of the information that has been written is inaccurate or incomplete. It is important that comments and opinions be based on fact, and the following is being shared for that purpose.

Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, is a respected, accredited university, and offers undergraduate and graduate degrees. It also offers video correspondence courses that are delivered via DVD.

Concerns regarding correspondence courses from Drake University were brought to my attention early in my mandate. It was also brought to my attention that the Advisory Council to the Minister on Teacher Certification had received similar concerns as early as November 2012. At that time, there was a motion to place a moratorium on the pre-approval for teachers to use this

News from our Municipal Council - District 10

Good Morning,

Once again spring is here and I am back on my usual rant - illegal dumping. Before I begin I would like to say a great big THANK YOU to all those residents who have been out over the past 4 weeks to clean the litter on the sides of the roads in your communities.

Illegal dumping is an ongoing problem and I believe it is getting worse. The Municipality does have a staff member with special constable status who has had some success with opening bags to find identification and having the offender clean up the mess.

However, as of yet we have been unsuccessful in getting the RCMP to lay charges. They have advised us that even though the personal identification is in the bag they cannot proceed because they cannot actually prove the person identified actually dumped the garbage there. It was even suggested we place cameras in locations with repeat offenders and they advised this would not

News from our Municipal Council - District 9

Hello again everyone and welcome to spring finally. The smelts have been up and gone in Portapique and my buddy Shawnn and I have already caught our first string of trout out of the creek beside the house. These are all signs of summer being just around the corner.

It's nice to see the parking lots beside our trail systems in Colchester full when I visit. We have some of the most gorgeous trails in all of Nova Scotia right here in Colchester County. Take a few hours some evening or weekend and get out and explore them. You'll be surprised at what you'll discover.

During our April 29th Council meeting Mr. Michael Johnson, Executive Director, Regional Planning and Development and Deputy Minister Simon d'Entremont, NS Economic and Rural Development gave a presentation to Council on Regional Enterprise Networks (RENs).

The idea is to replace what used to be 12 Regional Development Agency's (RDA's) with 6 REN's. Our local RDA was



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In Ottawa, the official ceremony was attended by Veterans and the families of the fallen—who were flown in especially for this event—as well as Prime Minister Stephen Harper, David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and General Thomas J. Lawson, Chief of the Defence Staff. The day was marked by a parade beginning at the Canadian War Museum and ending at Parliament Hill with a two minute moment of silence.

After the moment of silence, a two-part fly-past salute and a public viewing of the Afghanistan Memorial Vigil in the Hall of Honour took place in the Centre Block on Parliament Hill.

This National Day of Honour builds on our Government's continued efforts to honour and support Canadian Veterans. Previously, we honoured the sacrifices of Canada's Korean War

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Karen Casey



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course for upgrades to their teacher certification, pending a review of the courses. However, no action was taken by the minister at that time (2012), no review was conducted, and pre-approvals continued to be granted.

When this information was brought to my attention, I acted immediately, put a moratorium on pre-approvals, and called for a review, including an assessment of the quality and rigour associated with the DVD courses in question. This was effective February 19, 2014. I also sought opinions and advice, including legal, regarding my decision.

The review concluded correspondence courses are delivered via DVD, with little or no instruction-student interaction. In addition, the DVDs are not developed by Drake University, they are

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work as a judge would consider this to be entrapment.

Recently, I attended a meeting of the Northern Regional Waste Management Committee. It was reported at this meeting Cumberland County has had several successful convictions in the past year. They advised me they used a process called the long form complaint.

Apparently a Municipal Special Constable has 2 choices the commonly used one is a summary offence ticket which carries a fine that can be attached to the property taxes. It is my understanding this is very difficult to get a conviction based on my previous comments.

The second, which I was unaware of, the long form, is very similar to if a police officer was to gather all evidence in a very

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