

In the Village Cafe Opening June 3

By Dawn Sprecher

In the Village Café at St. James Church in Great Village will be opening the weekend of June 3-5th. The Café is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for the month of June. Beginning July 6th, we will be open from Wednesday through Sunday, with the following hours: Wednesday and Thursday, 9-4:00, Friday 9-7:00, Saturday 8-8:00 and Sunday 11-4:00.

Our popular breakfasts will resume on the first Saturday we are open, June 4th. Music night will also resume on Saturday nights, with music playing from 6-8:00.

Many exciting things will be happening at the café this summer, with the availability of fresh-baked bread daily, an ice cream cooler, takeout drinks, sandwiches and salads and our usual delicious menu for sit-down service. We will also have chairs and tables set up outside in the shade of our large lawn for customers to enjoy the weather while they eat or have a glass of café-made iced tea.

During the 75 km yard sale we will be serving BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and sandwiches on our lawn and tables will be available for rent on the side lawn. This is an excellent location for anyone wanting to set up a table during the very popular sale. Tables are available for \$10. Please see contact information below.

The workshops planned for May and June have started. Coding for Kids began May 11th and will continue on May 18th and 25th, from 3:30-4:30. We were fortunate to have two students from NSCC come out to Great Village and share their knowledge. Also taking place is a couponing night on May 18th, Garden Ceramics May 31st, a Vital Relaxation Workshop June 1st, and a Calligraphy workshop on June 2nd.

All of this information is available on the In the Village Café facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/InTheVillageCafe/?fref=ts>

The church is available to rent for weddings and the café is available for wedding receptions, meetings and other functions. We also cater events.

For more information or to take part in music night please contact Dawn Sprecher at 902-655-2020 or dawn_sprecher@yahoo.ca

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administer the program and provide loans to small businesses and social enterprises, ensuring lending decisions are made in the community. Government partners with the Nova Scotia Co-operative Council to provide the guarantee and management of the portfolio.

Everyone is encouraged to use the BurnSafe map rules to reduce wildfire risks. The colour-coded map at www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe shows when burning is allowed or not allowed. The map is updated daily at 2 p.m. The same information is also available by calling toll free 1-855-564-2876.

Burning brush or campfires is illegal and unsafe between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on any day.

On April 25th, Environment Minister Margaret Miller dismissed two remaining appeals on the industrial approval provided to Alton Natural Gas Storage LP for the proposed brine storage pond in Colchester County. The environmental assess of the project was completed in 2007. The decision letters can be found online at <http://novascotia.ca/nse/issues/alton.asp>.

Government is repealing the 1928 Blueberry Associations Act. The act has not been used in many years and is no longer relevant. All matters associated with it are now dealt with through other pieces of legislation. "Last year, growers exported \$123 million worth of Nova Scotia blueberries and government announced \$1.08 million over three years to increase the amount of land for the blueberry growing industry. Blueberries account for half the value of fruit production in Nova Scotia.

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Passage as an experiment. That company, like others doing research there and like the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy, is undertaking this experiment to answer questions like, What is the impact on fish habitat? What is the impact on marine mammals? and Will their turbine actually work?

The waters of the Minas Passage are rarely calm, as the fishers know better than anyone. Underneath the surface, rocks and trees and all kinds of debris are tossed about by the world's most powerful tides. Lobsters regularly bash into obstacles as they sail

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the MLA for Colchester North, I was able to work successfully with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Minister of Natural Resources to have the condition of the road improved. These improvements have taken place with a complete new surface, along with ditching, culverts and guardrail to provide an entrance to the Park that is second to none.

I am very proud that our Government recognized the importance of these road improvements as part of our provincial park's maintenance. Visitors to the Park are encouraged and excited to travel on the newly improved road. I want to thank the maintenance and administrative staff at the Park for their sense of pride in providing a safe camping experience and a beautiful environment for the many visitors who will visit the Park and one to which they will return.

Safety of property within the Park, as well as lands adjacent to

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and still be profitable? I wish I knew. Is it possible this company needs the volume to try and make their operation more efficient or sustainable? Very possible, as it clearly would have a negative effect on our operation

Is it possible that once the private company has established new clients they will then slowly increase their price? Possible that is business.

Is it possible a private company does not have to adhere to the same environmental standards? I do not know. However, what I do know, for example, is the Nova Scotia Dept of Environment mandated organics were banned from being land filled. They had to be composted. That is the law.

That is why Colchester County had to bring in those green bins everyone loves so much - to meet Government requirements. As a member of the Northern region waste board I get the information on how much and what each Municipality in Nova Scotia sends to land fill, how much they compost, and how much they sort and recycle. Low and behold, there are municipalities that do not have green bins. How can that be?

Are we to believe, you can have a municipality which includes at least one town, every single resident does their own composting? One of those Municipalities just happens to be the Municipality which sends their solid waste to the same private company which is offering to take our commercial garbage at a reduced rate. Do you think it is possible, the private company does not have to follow the same strict guidelines that a Municipal operation does?

I cannot honestly answer these questions. I will tell you is my opinion we must protect the investments made over the past 25

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ple have created and successfully marketed are truly inspirational. Not to mention the enthusiasm and energy brought to the table by Jessie Jollymore founder of Hope Blooms. This amazing lady has changed the lives of so many inner city kids through a passion to create a healthier life style for low income families. I have always been a firm believer that if you set your mind to something you will succeed through determination and this program is definitely the proof.

The second presentation I want to share with you was on regional cooperation between municipalities in Nova Scotia.

along the currents looking for their next meal. It is a hostile place for fish and human alike.

The scientific knowledge gained from these tidal power experiments will prove invaluable to all the ocean's stakeholders, I have no doubt. The technological insight developed here could be deployed around the world. I support calls for caution and consultation, but I also support moving ahead with this important research. It is important for all stakeholders that these researchers be allowed to carry out their work in a responsible way.

Bill Casey is MP for Cumberland-Colchester

the Park, is of utmost importance. Lands within the Park are under the authorization of the Provincial Parks Act. As always, consideration of fire has been and will continue to be part of the decision making process within the authority of the Act. We are fortunate in our province to have a track record of no fires in provincial campground parks and that indicates these practices are effective. These practices are reflective of the diligence of both staff and users recognizing that safety continues to be a number one priority.

In order to encourage families to visit any one of the twenty camping parks within Nova Scotia's provincial parks system, our Government is offering two free nights of camping through the Grade 4s Outdoors Program, which is supported by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. As the provincial parks celebrate their opening, let us wish everyone a safe and happy camping season.

Karen Casey, MLA Colchester North

years allowing us to meet the mandated requirement.

As strange as it may seem I feel when we look at the big picture or should I say the long haul it is in the best interest of our residents that we must ban the export of solid waste out of Colchester County.

Just for the record, for those who think this is anti competitive or price fixing by the Municipality, the courts in Nova Scotia have already ruled in favor of this in a previous case for the exact reasons I have mentioned above.

To close this off, I have said many times before, that shortly after being first elected I recognized the cost of Municipal solid waste to our residents. I have taken a keen interest and tried to ensure I have been well educated on this subject. I have attended conference's and actively researched this industry, and honestly feel that I have as much knowledge in this field as any other elected Municipal official in Nova Scotia. Trust me when I say this is only one of the Solid Waste challenges we will face in the near future as new bans and regulations are put in place to protect our environment.

One more note on this. There are many times, whether in these articles or at meetings I have been critical of the Nova Scotia Dept of Environment. They clearly have a job to do. At a recent national solid waste conference I attended in Halifax there was a seminar on how different provinces, British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia dealt with solid waste. Nova Scotia Dept of Environment went last and trust me, when you compare us to those other larger provinces we are head and shoulders ahead of them. It made me proud of the overall job that is being done. So as much as I have been critical, I also recognize the challenges that they face and the work they do.

Tom Taggart, Councilor District 10, Colchester County

When it comes to regional cooperation the municipality of Colchester and the Town of Truro stand out from the rest of the pack. Mayor Bob Taylor and Mayor Bill Mills gave a presentation called "Working with a Common Purpose". They explained how the Town and the County continue to explore new ways to cooperate together. There is always more that can be done when it comes to regional cooperation and we as a council consciously seek out ways to share services. This doesn't stop with the Town of Truro our council also partners with the Millbrook First Nation and the Town of Stewiacke on many projects and committees. Here are just a few examples of the type of things we are talking about: Waste Water Treatment Facility; Kempton Balefill; Joint Flood Advisory Committee; Rath Eastlink Community Centre; Colchester Regional Library; Region Economic Development (Committed to developing a strong business partnership component); Region Event Coordination; Fundy Gateway Project; Transit Feasibility Study; Inter - Municipal Planning & Development; Cobequid Trail system; Regional Emergency Measures Organization and Joint Council Meetings & Briefings.

All of these shared services save our tax payers money. When someone tells me we should work together with other municipalities more closely I sometimes wonder if they realize the work already being accomplished on this front.

The joint meetings we now have between our councils continue to strengthen these relationships even more. In the future, as in the past, any opportunity to partner with the Towns, Villages or the Millbrook First Nation will definitely be explored.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

Picnic at Masstown Community Park?

By Christine Urquhart

Many folks have their cottages open now but for those of you who are not fortunate enough to own a cottage, or can't always find the time to get there when you need some peace and quiet, I suggest that you do up a nice picnic lunch and stop off at our Masstown Community Park!

There is a well with safe drinking water, a port-a-potty,

picnic tables and large maple trees giving lots of shade. Please, if you use the Park, remember to place any litter in one of the garbage cans.

If you just feel like a good, old fashioned game of ball, stop in at the Park and have a game! There is lots of space to play ball and a good back stop as well. You may have to mark your own bases!

As of May 1st, any clothing, household textile or commercial linen as long as it is **DRY** and has **NO ODOUR** can be placed in your **RECYCLING BAG WITH PAPER PRODUCTS** for collection.

When you place your unwanted textiles in your paper recycling bag it will be reused or recycled. By doing this, you are helping save valuable landfill space and are helping people both near and far enjoy a better life!

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