

**Catch of the Bay
Fish & Chip Boat**

Now Open 11AM - 9PM

Serving the Glooscap Trail • From Truro to Advocate

The Shoreline Journal

PO BOX #41 BASS RIVER, NS B0M 1B0
Publications Mail™ #40048924 - VOL. 23 NO. 6

JUNE 2019 **\$1.95 + HST**

**MARITIME
AUTOPARTS**

NEW & USED PARTS
ON TIME ... AS DESCRIBED!

www.maritimeauto.com

**Drive Ford of Canada's
Best Selling SUV.**

**Hollis Ford Escape
Certified
Pre-Owned
SUV's now at 1.9%**

SEE PAGE 25

www.HollisFord.com 1.800.461.3673

Is the Future of Shubenacadie River at Risk?

By *Maurice Rees*

Although Alton Gas' multi-\$-million project to create several storage sites for natural gas in the Alton area has been ongoing for several years, concerns about the future of the Shubenacadie and Stewiacke Rivers continues.

The Shubenacadie is famous for its tidal bore and as a result six businesses by local entrepreneurs have been created to offer the world's only, "Up River White Water Rafting". During the summer, when tides are running at their most turbulent as many as up to 300 tourists show up

daily to ride the tidal bore with up to 8-10 people in a Zodiac.

Many are concerned the river's made be change forever with the addition of salty brine over a period of several years.

An article in The Weekly Press, Enfield, May 1 edition by Zack Metcalfe states "as much as 3,000 tonnes of salt daily in the course of coming years".

The project is being done by Alton Gas. Documents obtained by Sipekne'katik First Nation (Indian Brook) from Alton Gas through a Freedom of Information request indicates salinity would be as high

as 290 Parts per Thousand (PPT). Metcalfe's article says anything over 40 PPT is considered a "deleterious substance" (harmful or dangerous) by Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The Shoreline Journal contacted Mike Dadswell (retired) who spent approximately 20 years as a biologist at Acadia University. Dadswell replied, "Optimum salinities for eggs and larvae are 0-2 parts per thousand for eggs and larvae. This should be in the Masters thesis (woman) from Truro and the Dunston et al 2018 paper. The larvae can survive

higher salinity after a few days (10-20 ppt)".

The Striped Bass spawning site is near the railway bridge on the Stewiacke upriver from Alton's outflow pipe. We asked Dadswell about the rate of salinity and dilution rate. He replied, "I have not seen the detailed consultant work on the dilution rate at the Afton site. My guess is the salty brine will dilute rapidly because of the high river tidal flow. Down the river is not so important. Up the river is what counts. The bass spawn below the railway bridge on the Stewiacke. Salt penetration upstream would be the problem.

continued on page 19

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS June 2019

STRESS RELIEF: A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money... so I woke up and searched with him.

Former customers of Nova Scotia Power may apply for Maritime Link Rebate. Former customers may be eligible for a rebate based on their 2018 energy usage. The rebate is for certain Maritime Link costs that were included in 2018 power rates. If you were a customer of Nova Scotia Power last year, but are no longer, you may be eligible to receive the Maritime Link Rebate based on your 2018 energy usage. Former customers may apply for the rebate at nspower.ca/ratestability. Qualified current customers have already received the rebate as a one-time credit on their bill and do not need to apply.

There are many benefits and joys from publishing a small community newspaper like the Shoreline Journal. One such joy is talking to subscribers, particularly those of senior age, who moved away many years ago. One such person was Bertha Gaudet, who would call from her Cape Breton home, two or three times a year if for no reason that to chat. Unfortunately, those enjoyable calls will be no more. This week, I learned Bertha suffered a series of strokes and the fifth one sent her to hospital. She is now a victim of several serious strokes.

Residents with private wells are encouraged to test their drinking water against new national guidelines for the acceptable level of manganese. The acceptable level is 0.120 milligrams per litre. Well water should be tested twice a year for bacteria and every two years for chemical contaminants. People drawing water from lakes and rivers should always filter and disinfect it, and test twice a year for bacteria and once a year for chemical contaminants. More information is available at novascotia.ca/well-water-testing.

continued on page 6



Ashlyn Johnstone, Julie Johnstone, and Morgan Patriquin performed at the Senior Dinner at the Wentworth Learning Centre. (Linda Patriquin Photo) See more on page 16.



Staff from Wilson's get ready for their 19th Annual Community Fair held on Friday May 17 at the corner Arthur and Pleasant Streets. The rain held off and a huge crowd stopped in for good food, face painting, games and entertainment. (Debbie Brown Photo)

Onslow Rocks for Charity Supporting Lundie Family

By *Maurice Rees*

After four years of success and a growing annual event, **Onslow Rocks for Charity** will be held June 22nd, 2019 at CCJHS in Central Onslow starting at 9pm with **No Where Road** performing. Last year, directors of the Lower Onslow Community Centre developed a **Hero family** program, whereby funds raised are shared each year to try and help make someone's life just a little bit better.

Last year's event raised approximately \$13,000 which half went towards helping to send Miranda Pickrem, her son, Maverick, and members of her family to Disney World. Miranda had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and Maverick's wish was to see Disney World with his Mom.

This is the fifth year and it grows each and every year. The directors hope to be able to help families, individuals and non-profit organizations in their time of need.

The fundraiser has earmarked half of the funds raised will go to the Lundie's - the 2019 Community Hero Family. They are an amazing family who has raised three grown boys and whose monarch stays at home raising six foster children, four of which they have adopted as their own. All six foster children have been diagnosed with diverse needs such as autism, global

development delay, complex trauma, turrets, alopecia or Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). Several of these children have multiple diagnoses.

Tragically, the family lost their third born son, Marshall, due to a motor vehicle accident in Masstown nearly four years ago. Mr Lundie operates a machine tool sales business located in the heart of Lower Onslow and this is the family's main source of income.

Doug MacInnes, chair Lr. Onslow Community Centre board of directors says, "Onslow Rocks for Charity is now in its fifth year of operating. Our focus has turned from raising money to maintain the Community Centre to raising money to help out deserving community members. This year we have chosen the Lundie family as our Community Hero Family and will be donating half of the profits of Onslow Rocks for Charity 2019 to them".

MacInnes continued, "Their wish is to go on a family vacation that they would otherwise not be able to afford. We will hopefully bring joy to children that would otherwise not be able to go on such a trip and reward a deserving family with incredible memories to last a lifetime".

Chad MacPherson, CCJHS principal says, "We believe the Lundie's "deserve a medal" and this

continued on page 7

"Let's Talk Tidal Power" A GREAT FIRST STEP

By *Darren Porter*

Thanks to Chris White for pulling together "Let's Talk Tidal Power", the first ever public forum on tidal power at Halifax Public Library on Monday, April 1st. This talk brought together a diverse group of important players and their perspectives, the panel consisted of top figures, who often have opposing views of this industry.

Tidal power has been plagued with controversy for many years in Nova Scotia. This forum provided the arena for the public to listen to and navigate the diverse perspectives around this industry.

For years the fishermen have been actively lobbying both the provincial and federal governments as well as the tidal power industry, scientist and Force to meet publicly, all attended with the exception of the provincial government both NS Environment (regulator) and NS Energy (regulator) which declined to participate.

First Nation by way of the APC also joined the panel. DFO was commended by the fishermen for attending such a public forum, as it can be a very hard environment for them to put themselves in. DFO has recently assumed a regulatory role for in-stream tidal power by way of authorizing in-stream tidal power projects.

This move by DFO although not publicly understood well yet, is a positive step in the right direction for the tidal power industry as the

continued on page 13

Know you're covered.

**Caldwell Roach
INSURANCE**

Coverage for all your insurance needs.
Home • Auto • Farm • Travel • Business

www.caldwellroach.com
1-888-511-0777

**GUTTER
DONE**

Certified Roofing Installer

Div of Mark Bonnell Contracting

- ☑ 5" Seamless Gutter
- ☑ Custom Made On-site
- ☑ Professional Installation
- ☑ Fascia & Soffit
- ☑ Siding, Roofing
- ☑ Sheds & Fences

gutterclean SYSTEM

902.895.5645
899.2775

**Burchell
MacDougall
LAWYERS LLP**

With over 70 years of providing reliable and reasoned legal advice, it's time to *put experience on your side.*

710 Prince St. Truro • burchellmacdougall.com