



Mushroom Stairs. I challenge any of you to take the path of the leprechauns to climb a tree on this stairway to the top side. Found in a backyard near you, our maritime moist weather is ideal for these shrooms to thrive and thrill us with their beauty. The tree may not agree as these fungi have already built a network within the tree and will, in time, consume it from the inside. (Liza Madore photo)

Home Energy Projects Program Planned

By Maurice Rees

At the April monthly meeting Colchester Council approved several recommendations from the April 15th committee meeting as listed below:

Mentoring Plus Strategy - Council approved the Municipality become a supporting partner of the Mentoring Plus Strategy with Truro and other municipalities.

Tax Exemption Request - Council approved the Truro Horsemen's Club be granted the tax exemption, the same as all other Community Halls in Colchester County. Voting against the motion were Councillor's MacKenzie and Patton.

FCM Community Efficiency Financing - Council approved the Municipality's contribution to the Solar Colchester program expansion, including the addition of a home energy efficiency retrofit PACE program; and a Borrowing Resolution. The borrowing is subject to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for sums not exceeding \$5,565,400.00 and the borrowing of funds will be used to offer a financing program for property owners in Colchester for home energy projects. All councillors voted to approve the motion.

Five Islands Woman Faces 5 Charges

By Maurice Rees

Rebecca Elizabeth Moir, 37, of Five Islands, was arrested on May 18th and is facing four charges in relation to the May 24, 2020 homicide of Robert Campbell, 51, Wolfville Ridge near St Croix, Hants County. Arrested at the same time was Brandon Doucette, 28, of L'Ardoise, Cape Breton. Both were charged with the following: Murder of Robert Campbell, Criminal Negligence Causing Death, Possession of a Weapon for a Dangerous Purpose and Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm.

Moir is also facing an additional charge of Possession of a Weapon while Prohibited under section 117.01(1) of the Criminal Code, while Doucette is facing additional charges of Discharge of a Firearm under section 244(b) of the Criminal Code and Pointing a Firearm under section 87 of the Criminal Code.

Both have been remanded into custody. Moir appeared in Kentville Provincial Court on May 19th, while Doucette appeared in Port Hawkesbury Provincial Court on May 19th. Additional charges in relation to Mr. Campbell's homicide were laid against Darroll Murray Atwell, 42, of Robinson Corner, and Devyn Adam Dennis, 26, of Bishopville. Both were arrested on May 14th, 2021, without incident, in relation to Mr. Campbell's homicide. Both were charged with the following: Indignity to Human Remains; Accessory after the Fact; Break and Enter with Intent to Commit an Indictable Offence and Arson which involves burning a vehicle.

Bikes for Kids Program

United Way launches Bikes for Kids Program

After taking a COVID-19 break in 2020, the United Way of Colchester County is very happy to be offering the 21st Bikes for Kids program. Through this program, the United Way collects and repairs gently used bicycles for distribution to Colchester youth aged 2 - 18, so they can enjoy a fun, active summer with friends and family - needed this year more than ever! Thanks to generous community partners and volunteers, the United Way is able to provide roadworthy bikes, as well as a brand-new helmet, lock, and safety booklet for each child who registers for the program. The Bikes for Kids program has given over 1,000 local youth a sense of independence, the joy of participating in recreation with their friends, and the ability to live a healthy life.

If you would like to volunteer your bike-fixing skills or donate a gently-used bike or tricycle, please contact the United Way of Colchester County office.

To register your child for a bike, learn more about the program, or make a donation, contact the United Way office at 902 895-9313, online at www.unitedwaycolchester.ca, or email uwcolsummer@gmail.com

The deadline to register is Monday, July 5th. Please note that a parent or guardian's approval is required when requesting a bike and the child must be present when the bike is given out. All COVID-19 safety protocols will be strictly followed during this program.

For more information, please contact: Julian Krizsan; Program Coordinator, United Way of Colchester County
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Annual Meeting of Electors Delayed

Bible Hill's annual meeting of electors is being delayed due to COVID-19 public health restrictions while under the Provincial state of emergency. Village of Bible Hill defer its annual meeting of electors to instead be held at a later date within a period of 90 calendar days after the last date of the declared state of emergency or earlier if so es-

tablished by resolution of the Village.

The Village will provide the public further information regarding the annual public meeting once a decision can be made. The decision was made at the May 18th meeting of village commissioners. For further information, please contact: Mitchell Bell, CPA, CA, Clerk and Treasurer.



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