

Volunteers Recognized with Awards

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facing a lack of places to eat, while travelling the roads.

Glenn MacKinnon represents the Town of Truro in the province-wide competition, MacKinnon was selected by the town of his many years of service in the local sporting community. Prior to his retire-

ment his activities included coaching basketball, hockey, soccer, archery, volleyball, badminton, floor hockey, and golf.

2021 Royal Pettigrew Recreation Leadership Award went to Mike Forbes. As a dedicated father of two young children, Mike still finds time to be an outstanding commu-

nity volunteer. He is the Vice President of the Tatamagouche Minor Hockey Association as well as the coach for the Under 11 team.

Headlining the list of individual winners from West Colchester were Anita MacLellan, Economy; Stacey Culgin, Belmont and Doug MacInnes,

Onslow. Culgin and MacLellan had been nominated by The Shoreline Journal.

Other individual Awards were presented to: Nigel Leggett, John Corlett, (posthumous), Jessica Frenette, Amanda Weatherby, Leanne Roberts and Betty Byers.

Community Groups Awards

were presented to Five Islands Volunteer Fire Brigade, (nominated by The Shoreline Journal), The Willow Lodge Bingo Volunteers and The Ladies Auxiliary of the North River Fire Brigade.

Youth Volunteer Awards were presented to Mataya Veno and Delani Underwood.

Family Volunteer Awards were presented to Jol & Maura Hunter, Wayne & Linda Mingo, Allen & Laurie Treen and

James & Kristelle & Family.

Corporate/Small Business Awards were presented to: Fulton's Pharmacy-Tatamagouche (Chris & Wendy MacLean); Dexter's Butcher Block- Dexter Rundle-Woolcock and Diane's Restaurant- Five Islands, which was nominated by the Shoreline Journal.

Sherry Alexander and Harold "Butch" Borden were also given awards by the Town of Truro.

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Provincial Representative - Colchester County Crystal Blair

Crystal Blair was selected as Colchester's 2021 Provincial Volunteer Representative for her dedicated efforts to feed long haul truck drivers during the Co-Vid-19 shutdown in 2020.



Crystal Blair was chosen as Colchester's nominee as provincial volunteer for her dedication to serving free meals to truck drivers during the pandemic in spring 2020. (Submitted)

The year 2020 in Nova Scotia has been one we all will not forget. Instead of taking a well-deserved rest after serving customers for 31 years, Crystal Blair owner of the

Glenhome Petro Pass did the complete opposite. Considering such tragedies and the current pandemic she realized how bad things had gotten for essential workers and made the decision to remain open and provide a resting place, along with a home cooked meal free of charge. Crystal turned down offers from people to help cook as to not risk anyone else getting sick.

As time went by more and more drivers heard of the welcoming service and as a gesture nicknamed her "Angel". Crystal is a compassionate and extraordinary individual. Her kindness has led the community to thrive. Crystal cares so much and really feels we are all in this together and when this is all said and done that will still all have that connection.

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Municipality of the County of Colchester Stacey Culgin



Belmont's Stacey Culgin was surprised to receive her volunteer certificate from the County of Colchester. (Submitted)

People who volunteer their time provide a valuable service to their community. Stacey Culgin of Belmont is one of those special people; she has developed such a strong invaluable connection to the community. You may not always see her volunteering at traditional activities or events in the community, but she has done something no one else has achieved!

Stacey is in the unique position of operating the home-office for the family business, Culgin Construction. This has allowed her the time to explore something she truly enjoys, studying local history. Local history has been a passion for decades, beginning when her grandparents, Sid &

Lill McCully, encouraged her to take an interest in the McCully Family genealogy.

Stacey has been able to turn this passion for local history, into two books (An Historical Miscellany of Debert & Area, and An Historical Sketch of Belmont and Area) as well as multiple papers and articles that give history back to the people who shared it with her. As interest in family genealogy and the historical importance of rural communities continues to increase, Stacey's is truly providing a service that is lacking in many communities. Her hard work recording the history will live for eternity.

Her love for digging through old pictures, newspapers, books and whatever else she could get her hands on led to eventually volunteering at the Colchester Historeum, which she has now been doing for about 23 years. She has served on the Colchester Historical Society archives committee and the celebrations committee for the 250th year of the Planters.

In addition to compiling community history, Culgin has served as treasurer for the West Colchester Minor Hockey Association.

Nominated by the Shoreline Journal

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Municipality of the County of Colchester Doug MacInnes



Doug MacInnes

Doug MacInnes is a pillar in the community of West Colchester but is known far beyond the limits of this district. Doug is one of the most determined and community-minded individuals he currently is the President of the Lower Onslow Community Centre which has experienced great success since it's inception.

You can find Doug at any given day helping to establish solid foundations for local children through the Onslow Preschool that helps them before they head off to the public school system. He has helped in the creation and execution of local successful annual events such as "Onslow Rocks". This entertainment experience initially came to fruition as a viable fundraiser to support the community centre but now has blossomed into a highly anticipated joint charity event.

Proceeds in the past have contributed to assisting a ter-

minally ill single mom take her child on a once in her lifetime trip to Disney, supported an amazing foster family with help of raising six children with special needs this year, (2020) and will facilitate the opportunity for a group of local children to play hockey. Doug's role in the implementation and execution of this event has been fundamental to it's success. He is without a doubt a change agent and a difference maker.

Doug is an active member of the Scotia Pool Board of Directors and the Colchester Community Workshop Board of Directors. He is very involved with both of these boards and is a strong advocate for each cause. Doug is a Big Brother with the Big Brother/Big Sister Colchester. Doug and his little brother can often be seen at various community events over the last seven years. He has also served as a past co-chair and a member of the Along the Shore Health Board which has helped many community events and projects which otherwise would not have been possible.

Above all, Doug is a man of character who stands by his work and whose reputation precedes him. He is a friend to all and someone everyone calls a friend. People like Doug are needed to make it successful and Lower Onslow is very proud to call him our own.

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Youth Award • Mataya Veno

Mataya is a go-to person for any help; she is quiet, sweet, kind, and always on time. Mataya volunteers her time to the youth on the North Shore. She is great with young kids

and certainly a mentor. Mataya is a Junior Hockey coach for the under 11 age group, and she volunteers in the North Shore Recreation Centre Puckster Program.

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Municipality of the County of Colchester Anita MacLellan



Anita MacLellan, Economy was recognized by the County of Colchester for her years of volunteering. (Submitted)

Anita MacLellan of Economy, has spent most of her life working tirelessly for the betterment of West Colchester. In the mid-60's, when area strawberry growers were facing difficulties, Anita worked with other community members to form the West Colchester Community Development Association (WCCDA) to find solutions for these farmers. Over the last 50+ years, the WCCDA has gone through many chal-

lenges and achieved many successes.

Anita's dedication to WCCDA continues to this day. She has been a loyal, reliable and hardworking volunteer working hard for the better of her community.

For many years Anita volunteered her time as a reporter for CBC's Information Morning. She also serves as a member and director of the Central Nova Tourism Association, (CNTA); in addition to sitting as a member and committee chair for the Economy Recreation Centre.

Anita is the driving force and sometimes the only volunteer working to keep the Cobequid Interpretive Centre (CIC) - the home of Canada's only remaining original World War II Observation Tower open as a "welcome" centre. Today the site has been renamed, "Cliffs of Fundy GeoPark Welcome Centre".

Nominated by The Shoreline Journal

Nova Scotia Volunteer Recognition Program Municipality of the County of Colchester Diane's Restaurant

Diane's Restaurant is well known in Five Islands; owned and operated by the Cormier family, the business has been thriving for over 40 years. Home of the "World's Best Clams" their season runs from the first week in May through until the end of October.

In addition to being one of a very few eateries between Masttown and Parrsboro, Diane's provides a valued service to a loyal local customer

base. The staff at Diane's is also dedicated to supporting community groups in the local area, they are always ready to help in any way that they can.

Diane's provides an added summer time community service to every community event such as the Not Since Moses Run, the August -50 KM Yard Sale and the Peniel United Church Annual Flea Market.

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