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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS March 2010

Seaside High-Speed Internet it is now offering service to residents in the following Colchester and Cumberland County communities: **Colchester:** Carrs Brook, Clifton, East Mines Station, Economy, Economy Point, Little Bass River, Londonderry, Londonderry Station, and Upper Economy; **Cumberland:** Lower Five Islands, and Sutherland Lake.

Scott Armstrong, MP for Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley has officially opened his new Amherst constituency office at 16 Church Street, Unit C, Amherst, NS, B4H 3A6, Tel: 902-667-8679; Fax: 902-667-0742. His Truro constituency office is located at: 28 Esplanade, Truro, NS, B2N 2K3, Tel: 902-893-2455; Fax: 902-893-1959.

The Truro and District Chamber of Commerce has expressed its pleasure with the February 18th announcement the Nova Scotia Government has committed another \$25 million towards a new Colchester Regional Hospital. The price tag on the facility has jumped from \$104 million to \$185 million over the course of five years. Local businesses and residents are committed to raising \$26 million for the new complex.

Two hospitality projects with a combined value of more than \$30 million are in the advanced planning stages for the Truro Power Centre Millbrook Mi'kmaq First Nation Chief Lawrence Paul and Glenn Squires, CEO of Pacrim Hospitality Services Inc (PHSD) announced on February 18th. The two, partners in both projects, said planning for a 150 seat new concept restaurant/retail facility and a major destination attraction—a 30,000 sq ft indoor water park and 100 room hotel at the Truro site are well-advanced and will be signature additions to the provincial hospitality industry.

Subscription Renewal Winners. Last fall the Shoreline Journal informed subscribers a ballot containing their name would be entered into a draw for each subscription they purchased or renewed prior to early December. We are pleased to announce the four winners of the \$25.00 gift certificates purchased from local businesses. Each year, Bernice Kaulback, R.R. # 1, Great Village purchases seven gift subscriptions, plus her own, wins the \$25.00 gift certificate to Wilson's Gas Stop, Great Village. The Bayside Pharmacy certificate is awarded to Audrey Spencer, Great Village. Larry & Donna Rushton, R.R. # 1 Bass River win a \$25.00 gift certificate to Masstown Market. The fourth and final winner is Gerald Elliott, R.R. # 1 Economy, who will receive \$25.00 certificate to That Dutchman's Cheese Farm.

Millbrook First Nation. Chief Lawrence Paul has announced a project that will preserve and protect the Mi'kmaq language. "We are committed to preserving restoring fluency and literacy in the Mi'kmaq language, it is apart of our province's history that needs to be revitalized and preserved for future generations." Said Lloyd Johnson, Chairman of the Glooscap Heritage Society. The Glooscap Heritage Centre has recently purchased 3 units of a new technology called the "Phraselator". With this cutting edge translating technology, the GHC will be able to preserve the many nuances of the Mi'kmaq language as spoken by the Elders in various Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia. The GHC also hopes to form a permanent Department of Language within their centre. By involving Elders from around the province, the GHC hopes to capture every distinct aspect of the Mi'kmaq language. As the first Mi'kmaq cultural preservation center to acquire this new technology in Atlantic Canada, the GHC is now at the forefront of language preservation and education. With the aid of the Phraselators, the GHC will upload the entire Mi'kmaq language database to their new website and increase awareness of the many different nuances the Mi'kmaq language has and how it is spoken.

Matthew Pryde, who has been a regular contributor to the Shoreline has accepted a new position as the Physical Activity Specialist with the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative in the Atlantic Region, effective March 8th.

Addiction Services is now offering a life changing, life saving program to help those addicted to opiates within the Colchester East Hants, Cumberland and Pictou County health authorities. There is limited space in this program for approximately 30 individuals and all those who express an interest in the service will undergo a thorough assessment to identify their specific needs. This is a self referral program. For more information individuals can call 902-893-4776.

Atlantic Horse Fair set for April 17 & 18 at the Exhibition Grounds in Truro. Education, Entertainment, information and great shopping for all ages under one roof for a \$ 5.00 admission price (children 10 and under free) of the third annual Atlantic Horse Fair in Truro. Further details maybe obtained by contacting the Exhibition Office at 902-893-9222 or www.agridome.ca/ahf website.

Debert Father and Son Serving in Haiti

By Linda Harrington

Joan Lalonde has a keen interest in watching the news reports from Haiti. Her husband Ron and son BJ are both members of the Canadian Navy on board HMCS Halifax assisting in

Haiti.

Ron and BJ left for Haiti two weeks after the earthquake first devastated the country. They had originally been enroute to the Caribbean for another mission when the HMCS Halifax

was called back to the port of Halifax and redirected to Haiti. The HMCS Halifax is not BJ's usual ship but when the earthquake hit, and they asked for volunteers, he was very eager to go.

"This is their first time

working on the same ship," says Joan. "They are pleased as punch to be together."

Ron had retired from the military after 21 years in the airforce. He had spent some time in the reserves and then signed up for the navy about a year ago. BJ has been a Leading Seaman in the navy for 6 years.

Joan is very proud of her husband and son and their involvement in helping out in Haiti. She decided to post a giant greeting card at Barnhill's Superette in Debert for family and friends to show their support and send along greetings from home.

People have been signing the card all week with cheerful sayings such as "Keep Smiling", "Take care", "Keep up the good work" and many more words of encouragement and support.

Joan plans on sending off the giant card with another unique surprise included. "I am going to include a couple cases of Kraft Dinner for the whole crew," she laughs.

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Thirsty Church Wins Community Support

By Linda Harrington

The Thirsty Church in Londonderry is overflowing with acts of kindness, thanks to many community businesses and volunteers.

Amanda Langille entered the Londonderry Station Community Church into the Aviva Community Fund Contest last fall, in hopes of getting a well installed. The title of "Thirsty Church" had garnered a huge amount of attention and support but when the winners were

announced, on Sunday, January 24th, the Church had not been awarded any funding.

"We were certainly disappointed when we heard the results of the contest," said Amanda. "Our disappointment changed in a hurry when we received the call from Greg Johnson on Tuesday, Jan. 26th."

Greg Johnson, owner of Hub Well Drilling, had been contacted back in November to give an estimate of costs involved in getting water

hooked up at the Church. He says he was quite amazed the Church had never had water and thought for sure they would win.

"When I heard they hadn't won the contest I immediately knew I wanted to make sure the Church got their well. I thought they must be feeling quite disappointed, after working so hard on the project, and I wanted to cheer them up a bit, while the project still had momentum," says Greg.

Hub Well Drilling was at Londonderry Station Community Church by Wednesday, Jan. 27th. After drilling 140 feet and installing 46 feet of casing the first stage in getting water flowing at the Thirsty Church was complete.

Greg Johnson and his two sons, Brian and Mitchell, were pleased to be able to help. "We do a lot of work in this area and it is nice to be able to give something back and help the community out," said Brian. Brian and Mitchell were

back the next day to run the water line into the Church and hook up the pump.

Amanda Langille says what Greg did acted as a catalyst for any many more good deeds.

Randy Culgin, owner of Culgin Construction in Belmont, was at the Church on Thursday, Jan 28th donating his excavator to dig and backfill the 5 foot trench from the well to the Church, while inside, George Hudson, of Great Village, was voluntarily hooking up the electrical work needed for the pump. George said he had done some work at the Church in the past and he was pleased to help out again.

Amanda is overjoyed that offers to help the Thirsty Church continue to pour in. Daryl Deuville, a carpenter from Salmon River has offered his labor. Richard Lane will donate labor for construction and to help draw up a floor plan. Jane Upham of VROD is donating free internet service. Earl Casey, of Casey Concrete, has offered a septic tank.

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Londonderry Station residents and supporters of the Thirsty Church were overwhelmed with appreciation, when Hub Well Drilling's, Greg Johnson and sons arrived to donate drilling a well and connecting it to the church. The rig is shown here in full operation. (Langille Photo)

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 Feature article from Commander Peter Crain,
 Commanding Officer, HMCS Athabaskan, starting page 4

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