



MLA Karen Casey (center) greeted a group of Brazil students during their stop at the Masstown Market on Feb. 7th. Joining the students was host/chaperone Jennifer McKay- Shreve (third from left). (Harrington Photo)

## Brazilian Students Enjoy Winter Visit

By Linda Harrington

While many Canadians were heading south to escape winter, a group of 15 students from the Jeanpajet School in Santos, Brazil were here experiencing snow and plummeting temperatures, most for the very first time.

Jennifer McKay Shreve and her husband Tom Shreve, a Behavior Support Teacher at Truro Junior High, were one of ten host families in the Colchester area. They welcomed two students into their Lower Onslow home for the 15 day visit.

The visit was part of an International Student Exchange Program that will see Truro Junior High Students heading to Brazil on March Break. Jennifer and

Tom, along with their 5 month old son Coen, will be chaperoning the Truro students on this adventure in March.

The Brazil students experienced some of our finest winter weather while they were here, with school cancelled for two storm days.

MLA Karen Casey greeted the students on Feb. 7th during their lunch break and tour of the Masstown Market and Lighthouse. She welcomed them to the area and encouraged them to come back to Nova Scotia to further their education.

The Brazil students also toured the NSAC, went skiing at Ski Wentworth and enjoyed a sleigh ride at Hamilton's farm in Lower Onslow.

## \$20,000 in Prize Money is Up for Grabs



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AgriTECH Park and the Colchester Regional Development Association (CORDA) today announced the start of the Agri-Marine Innovation Competition, a contest designed to find and fund high-potential, early-stage innovative agriculture and aqua-culture companies.

The aim of the competition is to attract companies looking to add more value to traditional agriculture and marine resources in such areas as food, energy and health.

The first prize winner will receive \$20,000 in cash and incubator/start-up space in the Park's new Innovation Centre, an environmentally-friendly 25,000 square foot facility that offers a pilot plant for small product runs, lab

and office space, and technical support for tenant companies located in Bible Hill.

At the time the prize is awarded, the competing companies will need to be incorporated in Nova Scotia, with the intent to build the business here.

Entrepreneurs have until 12 p.m. noon on Friday March 30th, to submit their entries for round one. The judging panel will select a short list that will be invited to move on to round two of the competition. The short list will be announced on April 19th. The winner will be announced in June 2012.

For more information on the competition and to make submissions, visit [www.innovationatagritech.com](http://www.innovationatagritech.com)

## Debert Elementary School celebrated Literacy Day on Jan. 31st with several interactive stations for students.

(Harrington Photos)



Principal Erma Cox (far left) helps students Chyler Smith, Nina Green, Taniah Freill and MacKenzie Farrell (r to l) learn how to email other students in the computer lab.



Hannah Lane, Blaise Taylor, Dana Spence and Marlene Green (l to r) cooperate with one another to see how tall they can build the stack of cups in a set amount of time.



The playdough making station invloved following directions, taking turns and teamwork to get the task completed. Left to right- Jacob Spencer, Sarah Kittilsen, Tina Fisher, Dylan Sloan, Bryan Spence, and Jared Hohnsbehn- Noel.



Author Lisa Light reads to a group of students gathered in the Library.

## Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

February brought us a taste of winter but in general the season has been quite easy for us country folks. The popular snowmobile drag races were held on February 11 at Sutherland's Lake but due to very heavy rain some races were cancelled. Attendance was down about fifty per cent from last year. Since then, a few small storms left enough snow to make the snowmobilers happy. According to Shubenacadie Sam (groundhog) spring will arrive early this year. Lets hope he called it right.

The Council is planning a corned beef and cabbage supper for March 18 from 4-6 pm. Take outs are available. The price will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. In case you don't get a chance to enjoy this type of dinner on St. Patrick's Day, come out and join us for this tasty Irish treat. After all, our community is named after Londonderry, Ireland.

The Londonderry Township was established in 1762 by Irish settlers. In 1954, the Lord Mayor of Londonderry, Ireland visited our community and greeted many residents outside Hayward & Lane's store. He was escorted around the remains of the old iron ore works by L.K. Smith and saw first hand where many of the settlers lived and worked. It was an exciting day for the citizens of Londonderry to meet such a distinguished visitor.

Our condolences to the family of the late Lydia Fisher. Lydia lived in Lornevale for many years until she and her husband Arthur moved to MacCaull Villa in Great Village because of health reasons. Lydia attended the Acadia Mines United Church and was active in the Ladies Aid. She was a caring and loving foster mother of 14 children.

Also sympathy is expressed to our post mistress Valerie (Rushton) Carter on the passing of her mother on February 21 at Glenhaven Nursing home in New Glasgow. Mrs. Carter was 96 years of age and before entering the nursing home, she lived in her own home in Philips Cove, Guysborough County.

The pot luck supper fundraiser for Holly Grue raised a total of

\$1,700. Becky Rushton and Shaun Eagles wish to thank everyone who supported this effort to help Holly. It is truly amazing how our small communities can rise to the occasion when help is needed. I agree with our editor West Colchester is a great place to live.

Best wishes to Georgie Rushton who recently celebrated a birthday and to Jack and Evelyn Patriquin who both celebrated a birthday as well as their 43rd wedding anniversary. Mae MacLean celebrated her 91st birthday on Valentines day. She enjoyed a cake and lots of good wishes at her weekly bingo game in Great Village. I also celebrated a milestone and wish to thank my family and friends for their wishes for many more.

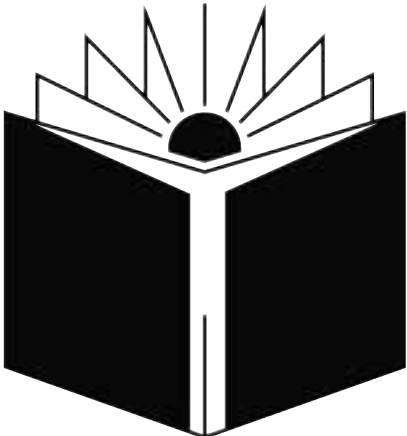
On February 20, Kenneth Garbeau was the keynote speaker at the Truro Rotary Club's 86th annual Charter Night celebration held at the Best Western Glengarry. Kenneth is one of 20 directors on the Rotary International Board which oversees the groups humanitarian work of its 31,000 clubs around the world. He has traveled extensively in this position. This speaking engagement brought him to an area close to his mother's roots.

Kenneth is the grandson of the late Logan and Bertha (Williams) McSween of Londonderry. As a boy Kenny and his sister often spent summer vacations here visiting their grandparents and playing with cousins and the local kids. Kenny, as we know him, is also a very successful business man.

He owns and operates a business which manufactures machine parts. He owns several patents related to machinery. He lives in Nashua, New Hampshire and operates his business from Lynn, Massachusetts. Since there are probably many folks here who would remember Kenny as a young boy and likely played with him, it was thought this article may be of some interest in our area.

Doug Lake and Curtis Eagles conducted outreach services at the Community Center on a weekly basis during the month of February. Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. New members are needed. Card parties are held on Monday nights at 7 pm. A light lunch is served. Contact Amanda Langille for hall rental inquiries (668-2300).

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