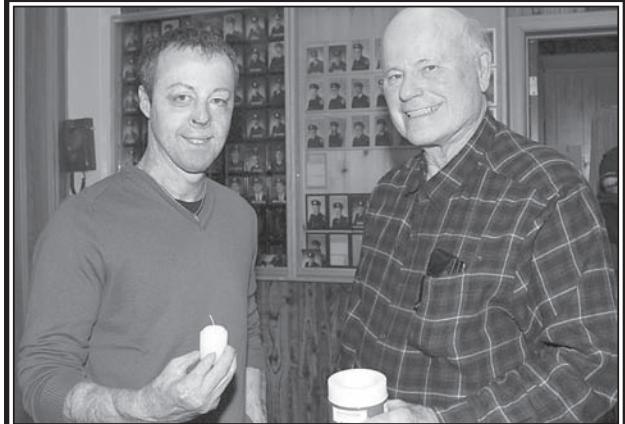




Michael Gaultois, a burn survivor from Newfoundland, gave an inspirational presentation at the Onslow Belmont Fire Hall on Feb. 19th. Michael posed for a photo with representatives of OBFB and Wilson's Fuel, co-sponsors of his most recent trip to Colchester County. OBFB Treasurer Walter McElhinney (left), OBFB Chief Greg Muise presenting Michael with a few gifts on behalf of the Brigade (center right) and Mike Menzies- Wilson's Fuel (right). Mr. Gaultois planned to visit students at Cobequid Educational Center and South Colchester High School on Feb. 20th. He visited 6 Junior High schools in the area on a previous visit. (Harrington Photo)



Michael Gaultois was burned 22 years ago in a fire resulting from a candle that fell over and ignited a couch. He presents a fire safety message within his inspirational presentation. Lee Higgins (right) holds a new flameless candle, something Michael endorses as a much safer form of lighting. Lee, a member of Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade, is also a burn survivor. He was burned in a gasoline fire in 1951 and spent 5 months recovering in hospital. (Harrington Photo)

I heard it at the Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard..... I heard the students at WCCS had a good turnout for their yard sale fundraiser. These students are now selling tickets on a gift basket full of gift cards. This fundraising goes towards a trip to Ottawa in the spring. I also heard Miss Holly has a business trip to Calgary, hope she has fun and gets a chance to have a visit with Kohl and Megan when she is there.

The playground at the 'big school' WCCS is almost complete, at least the first phase of it. We are now waiting for a bit of spring weather to arrive to spread some gravel, get some benches built

and place some wear mats under the swings. I am very thankful to Alexia, Garnet and Nellie McLaughlin for keeping this project going.

The paper work for grants and work orders was a large undertaking, especially for a lady who was ready to have a baby. (Congratulations to Lex and Garn on the birth of a handsome baby boy, Seth). So if you see any of these people you should thank them for all their hard work on this project.

The park and playground committee is planning to name this new park and place a sign at its entrance. We were trying to think of an appropriate name for this new park and it was mentioned at one time the area with the ball field was known as Mayflower Park. I remember hearing or reading about this somewhere, so I called on our local historian Judy and she brought me this poem:

*It was eighteen and ninety-five, the twenty-eight of June,
The Fossil Flour Railway, was opened that forenoon.
This road is built with poles for rails, and cross ties on the ground
Depressions levelled up with blocks, and every stick is round.*

*The Steamer is a four-wheeled car; made heavy graded to scale
Her wheels are made with double flange to clasp the rustic rail
She lags along with her four cars, two front and two behind
The engines and the car wheels are all of the same kind.*

*Those cars were fitted up with seats, upon that opening day,
And the people sat with comfort, as we sped along the way,
About eight o'clock we left "Saints Rest" the morning being fine,
At Christie's Camp on Mountain top we did intend to dine.*

*Manager Collins and his staff were all on board that day;
And Mrs. Wiggins who keeps house at the lake in Castlereagh
We had clergymen, editors and doctors, two or three;
W.D. Dimock was on board, our jolly M.P.P.*

*There were ninety gents with ladies, together with the band,
As we steamed up through the forest the music sounded grand.
"All on board" at Vance's Crossing, the steamer on did steam.
And soon the valley stations were left away abeam.*

*Our engine scaled the mountain side and climbed the steepest grade,
And shortly after twelve o'clock out destination made
We landed on the platform in front of Christie's stand
And in that camp we all took lunch where everything was grand.*

*We lunched and talked an hour away, then while the band did play
We had our photos taken for the third time that day.
We gave three cheers for Collins, and three for his helpers all,
And three for Christie and his camp, as loud as we could bawl.*

*And when we got aboard the train our spirits were not low
As we steamed back for "Saint Rest" as fast as we could go
We rattled down the mountain side and down the valley gliding.
Until the train brought up 'long side the grand "Mayflower Siding".*

*Some went to Mayflower Park, and some went to the shore,
And back to "Vance's Crossing" came, when the days programme was o'er.
Success to D.S. Collins as business onward rolls
And long may MacPherson's engine run up and down the poles.*

*This poem was composed by Robert Starrett Fulton, Castlereagh NS,
June 1895.*

This poem refers to Mayflower Park as one of the destinations to celebrate after the opening of the Pole Railway, which means there was a park on the grounds over 118 years ago.

Amazing history we have here in Bass River. I will let you know when the official opening of the new park will be and what it will be named as soon as I can.

There is a baked bean and brown bread take out at the Economy Church on March 9th. Anyone wanting to place an order contact Shirley Soley at 647-2603.

The Bass River TOPS group has the gym for walking on Monday nights 6-8 and the

Economy Rec Center gym is open Mon. Wed. and Fridays 9:30 - 10:30am and 7-8 evenings. Everyone welcome.

We send our condolences out to the families and friends of the late Margie Taggart (Bass River), Hazel Linkletter (Five Islands), and Keith Corbett (Bass River). Keith was the local taxidermist.

Get Well Soon to anyone who may be ill or in hospital. A speedy recovery to Sharon Burns who just had hip surgery, your bus kids will miss you.

Remember I heard this at the Company Store and if you want to see it here just let me know and remember enjoy life and play safe.

AIS Clarifies Business Practices at Debert Facility

Atlantic Industrial Services (AIS) believes there are some important aspects of their business which are currently misunderstood and felt it was important for to clarify these items. Andre Lachevrotiere , General Manager at AIS, was pleased to answer some questions during a Shoreline Journal interview.

Could you please clear up the confusion about "radioactive/nuclear wastes" and "wastes containing NORM's", are these two very different things?

Mr. Lachevrotiere: Nuclear wastes are not a waste we deal with as part of our business. We have never taken nuclear wastes into our Debert facility and we never will. Waste containing NORM's is what is currently the hot topic and what is misunderstood is that NORM's are in everything around us, the soil and the ground water. To address this their exists guidelines, The Canadian Guidelines for the Management of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials which identifies what levels are considered safe to be released to the environment. ALL of the controversial wastewater currently accepted and being held at our Debert facility has been tested by independent 3rd party laboratory and all results show all elements are already well below or can be filtered to be below the acceptable limits for release into the environment. If you refer to Table 5.1 in the guidelines for aqueous solutions, our proposed wastewater discharge is well below all those numbers. This analysis has been given to both Nova Scotia Environment and Colchester County.

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/alt_formats/hecs-sesc/pdf/pubs/contaminants/norm-mrn/00ehd245.pdf

Is Atlantic Industrial Services self-regulated?

Mr. Lachevrotiere: Our Debert operations have always been regulated by both the provincial and municipal levels. We have a provincial Industrial Approval to operate our Oil Re-Refining business and Waste Water treatment business. This approval has existed since the very beginning but there may be confusion associating us with a Hazardous Waste Transfer facility that is located beside our property, that is a completely different business with a different name and in no way related to Atlantic Industrial Services. We are also regulated under the municipal sewer use bylaw. We have always had an open and honest relationship with both agencies and I would suggest they both would support this statement. Both of these agencies have visited our facility not only recently but also almost annually as part of their duties regulating us since our existence.

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