



Noah Tremblay, a Grade 4 student at WCCS, won multiple awards for his project "K-9 IQ" at the Regional Science Fair in Truro. Noah won a Bronze medal in Elementary Life Science, the Best Elementary Visual Display Award and the Elementary Participant's Choice Award. (Harrington Photo)



The Last of April

April came with sun and showers
Robins hopping on the lawn
Mayflowers blooming by the river
Birds singing in the dawn

Wind came chilly from the northeast
Damp and chilly for a spell
But forsythia blooming golden
Speaks of spring as well.

Maybe to-day the wind is warmer
Like the touch of a loving hand
The sun now shines more warmly
As spring spreads over the land.

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Local Students Shine at Regional Science Fair

By Linda Harrington

Local students received several medals and awards at the Regional Science Fair held in Truro on March 30th & 31st.

Elementary Life Science: Bronze medal - K-9 IQ, Noah Tremblay, West Colchester Consolidated; Junior Life Science: Science Bronze medal - Lifecycle of the Darkling Beetle, Brooke Vance, West Colchester Consolidated; Intermediate Life Science: Honorable mention - This Might Hurt, Bryan Grue, West Colchester Consolidated; Junior Health: Gold medal - Active Beat, Tristan Clark, Central Colchester Junior High; Silver medal - Are Adults or Grade Eights More Concerned About Their Health?, Shelby Roberts, Central Colchester Junior



Grade five WCCS student Byron Wood attended the Regional Science Fair in Truro on March 30th and 31st. He displays a geophone, used to record echoes underground. (Harrington Photo)

High; Bronze medal - "Could You Pass The Salt Please?", Amy Harrington, Central Colchester Junior High;

Elementary Physical Science: Gold medal - Tea Anyone?, Michael Congdon, West Colchester

Consolidated; Honorable mention - Mega Magnets, Brianna Crosby and Bailey Faulkner, Chiganois Elementary; Save Time Or \$, David Cooper, West Colchester Consolidated; Junior Physical Science: Bronze medal - The Puck Drops Where?, Cody Reid, Central Colchester Junior High; Jonathan Waugh, Central Colchester Junior High and Wood Strength; Junior Computer Technology/Engineering: Bronze medal - Water Wheel, Russell Hill, West Colchester Consolidated; Special Award Winners: Best Elementary Visual Display - K-9 IQ, Noah Tremblay, West Colchester Consolidated; Elementary Participants' Choice - K-9 IQ, Noah Tremblay, West Colchester Consolidated.

Hundred Plus Attend Holocaust Service

By Ken Jamieson

On Sunday April 11, the Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River hosted the Holocaust Remembrance Day service. The evening service was attended by over 100 guests and community in the efforts to ensure that never again shall such horrors befall man-kind, and that we will continue to remember the over 6 million men, women, and children killed, only because of their faith.

Members of the legions, descendents of survivors and many locals helped by taking part in the unique, somber evening service followed by a reception at the Bass River Fire Hall. The

Holocaust service has become an annual event.

The organizing committee wishes to recognize and thank those who made donations to the event: That Dutchman's Cheese Factory, for their donation of cheeses, and family attendance; Stone Hearth Bakery, Halifax for the breads and rolls.

Important contributions were received from Elizabeth Shein and Michele Rigby and their families for their guidance and support and the entire Jewish Community in Nova Scotia and beyond, for allowing the Veterans Memorial Park to host such an important event.

Playschool Patter

By Joann Michelin

Well, if the weather is an indicator, spring is trying really hard to take over. We are doing our best to encourage it. We have planted some sunflowers and scarlet runners and hope by summer's end, they will be as tall as us.

We had many visitors these last few weeks. Thank you to Rebecca Michelin who brought in animals from Hope's Rehabilitation Center, Dr. Deanna Field who showed us what she does at her Doctor's office and Jennifer Mackay who brought in Olivia and showed us how important it is to take care of our animals.

Thanks to Ronnie Llewellyn who arranged our trips to the Fire Hall... always an experience! The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade has been a great supporter of our cen-

ter.

This month we are trying to get ready for our closing in June. We will also explore the world of dinosaurs... always a favourite. We are planning our first (hopefully annual) Playschool Fun Fair for June 5. There will be cake walks, a silent auction, raffles, a Labrador tent, craft tables and many activities for the young at heart. All are welcome...mark your calendar.

We have openings for next year, so if you would like to give your child a good start on their primary year in a caring environment... we are your center. Please call Joann at 662-4075 for more info on our Open House this month.

Until next month...Shoot for the moon... even if you miss, you will land among the stars.

Joann Michelin is Director, Lower Onslow Playschool

Nature Notes

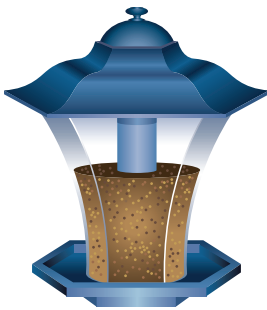
By Fran Spalding • 647-2837

At the beginning of April male goldfinches were starting to dress for the summer season and by the time this appears will have completed the process. As usual the species has been the most common visitor to our feeders since we put them out last fall.

What's unusual is how relatively scarce many of the other spring visitors have been - only one white-crowned sparrow

(seen by Bobby McLaughlin in Economy), no fox or white-throated sparrows, a few juncos. The loons are back at Little Dyke Pond as of April 14. Of course I don't hear of everyone's sightings, but it doesn't seem to have been a busy spring so far - it may be here by the calendar but doesn't really arrive until the hummingbirds return in mid-May.

Two turkey vultures feed-



ing on a very old deer carcass were photographed by Janet Quinn in Lower Economy; another was seen near the Economy River bridge by the Merediths. They're paying us their now usual spring visit but haven't

yet decided to spend a summer. A likelier candidate for new addition to the nesting list in the Bass River to Five Islands area is the Canada Goose. Two were on the beaver pond on the Point in mid-April (J.Quinn) and another pair was on Pleasant Street, seen by Shirley Keenie.

A bird-watcher knows that if he catches a glimpse of a small bird creeping head-first down a tree instead of up it he's looking at a nuthatch. If the tree is a softwood the bird will turn out to be a red-breasted nuthatch, if a hardwood then a white-breasted nuthatch. One of the latter (the less common of the two) paid a brief visit to the maples in our yard recently and wouldn't have been noticed as something a little out of the ordinary on a gray day except for this upside-down habit.

An interesting report from Joelle McLaughlin is of three mourning cloak butterflies sighted on an April walk to Newton Lake. As the guides tell us, butterflies in its genus hibernate as adults; in this case they woke up to some pretty wintery weather; look for this beautiful species, the wings purplish with a yellow fringe, when it passes through your flower garden this summer.

At mid-month the Economy River was black with smelt, says Doreen Cook; usually we think of Portapique for that phenomenon and with it the end of the harsh weather - but not this year.

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