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The Great Village Post Office is changing hours as follows: The existing Saturday am hours (8am-11am) will be eliminated and moving these hours to Wednesday afternoon. Currently the office is closed on Wed. pm.

Parents are the single greatest influence on their child's education and career decisions. That's why the Department of Labour and Workforce Development offers Parents as Career Coaches, a program offered at no cost to parents and guardians of high school students across Nova Scotia. This program equips parents to better support their children in making informed and successful education and career choices. The program will be offered on May 3rd and 10th by the Truro Chamber of commerce. Please pre-register.
events@trurochamber.com

Biosolids: "Safe or a concern?" was the focus of a public meeting, sponsored by the Great Village Garden Club was held at Faith Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 26, 2011. A Panel Discussion included: Dr. Gordon Price, NSAC; Daniel Gillis, Research Assistant, NSAC; Bill Hurst, concerned Great Village Resident and Tom Taggart, Municipal Councilor for District 10.

May 18 - Mental Health & the Workplace. The Canadian Mental Health Association, Colchester East Hants Branch has answers to the questions you didn't know how or where to ask. How do I recognize mental health problems? What can I do to help myself or someone else? How can I help to reduce workplace stress? For these and other answers join the Truro Chamber of Commerce for lunch on Wednesday May 18th. Please pre-register.
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The Colchester-East Hants Hospice Society are sponsoring the Hike for Hospice 2011 on Sunday, May 1st at two locations. East Hants - 10am-12pm, starting at Time Horton's in Elmsdale, ending at the Enfield Firehall and in Truro from 2pm-4pm in Victoria Park. Barbeque and social gathering to follow at each location. 100% of funds raised stay within our communities. Everyone is welcome to come out and HIKE in memory of a loved one or to help raise awareness - no need to gather pledges or sign up, just join us on Sunday, May 1 at the location of your choice.

United Nations Peacekeeper Day celebrations at Veteran's Memorial Park with parade muster at WCCS at 10:00 am. Several guest speakers. Event will include low level fly-past of Aurora aircraft and a Sea King Helicopter. Reception to follow at WCCS.

A Three Decade Era Expires

By Maurice Rees

A three decade publishing era, in the Truro area, has expired with the sudden passing of Thomas C. "Tom" MacLean, Glenholme on Friday, April 15th, while vacationing in Cuba. In Truro's media environment he was highly respected by peers, customers and colleagues.

For over thirty years, Tom worked in the advertising field, starting with the Truro Daily News, moving on to the Weekly Record and then spending the remainder of his career with Advocate Printing and Publishing, Pictou. There he wore several hats: salesman, publisher, and by times, bulldog. In 2010 he started on part-time basis with the Shoreline Journal.



Over the years, Tom volunteered his time to Debert Minor Hockey, and enjoyed gardening, landscaping and motorcycling. In his immediate family, Tom is survived by wife, Leslie; two daughters, Megan and Casey; one son Ryan and his cherished grandson, Hunter.

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Fire Razes Parrsboro Home

By Lawrence Nicoll

Around 7:00 pm on March 30th, the sound of

sirens could be heard. Parrsboro Fire Dept responded to an alarm for

a house fire at 4008 Eastern Ave., the residence of Larry Strong.

Fortunately, the family was out for the day including the dog so no lives were at risk.

The fire was on the second floor, and without the rapid intervention of the fire dept. would have soon taken down the entire structure. Although the first flames were knocked down work continued to locate the hidden spots including the attic and between ceiling structures. Eastern Ave. was blocked off for several hours with the assistance of the RCMP, NS Power disconnected the power to restrict that danger.

The Fire Marshall was to arrive to discern the cause of the fire. Local citizens were grateful once again for the rapid response and fire loss stop by the Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department.



Quick action by the Parrsboro Fire Brigade contained a fire at the Larry Strong residence on 4008 Eastern Avenue, Parrsboro. The alarm sounded at 7:00 pm on March 30th. (L Nicoll Photography).

48TH Annual Spring Tradition Continues...



The Great Village Garden Club has been organizing a plant sale for 48 consecutive years. This year's event will be held May 14th. (Arthur Haskins Photo).

By Arthur Haskins

There is a traditional spring event held in Great Village every May that signals the true start to that wonderful season called "Spring". This is of course the huge plant sale put on by the Great Village Garden Club. This May 14th signals the forty-eighth consecutive plant sale, probably making it one of the oldest sales of any garden club in the province. The first sale was held on the grounds of the Fire Brigade and had a few select perennials and shrubs and also featured trays of annuals sold on consignment from Amon's Greenhouses in Great Village.

Through the years the amount of plant material

grew and became too large for the small corner lot by the Fire Hall and so arrangements were made with the Fire Brigade to allow us to use the two bays of the Fire Hall for the sale. This worked well for a number of years, entering through one bay and exiting through the other and paying for your plants on the way out. This site soon became too small as well and the rush of people when we opened frightened both sellers and buyers at times. It was decided to try a larger site and so the sale moved to the Masonic Hall. An additional feature was added to the sale at this site and that was a coffee station where you could buy a coffee and have your

numbered cup entered in a draw for a large potted perennial, it was a take-off on the Tim Horton's "Roll Up The Rim" but was called "Show Me

Your Bottom" as the numbers were printed on the bottom of each cup. Because of the narrow door opening there was concern that someone might get hurt in the rush so an alternative site was chosen for the sale, the Great Village School Gym.

The gym has been the site of the sale for several years now and allows us plenty of room to spread out the plant material for easy viewing and has plenty of room for buyers to purchase their plants without the crush of a crowd and provides a safer environment for everyone, there is even easy access to the tables for those in wheel chairs.

This is a unique sale as it offers a wide selection of both the old fashioned perennials and shrubs that

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The executive of the Age of Sail Museum in Port Greville are excited about the new Wind and Wave addition. More pictures and story on page 13, only in the Shoreline Journal.

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