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Area Volunteers Recognized in Halifax

By **Maurice Rees**

Five of the sixty five volunteers from around Nova Scotia who were honoured at the province's 42nd

Provincial Volunteer Award Ceremony on April 4 in Halifax were from within our coverage area. Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant, Premier Stephen

McNeil and Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard celebrated 65 family, youth and community group volunteers nominated for

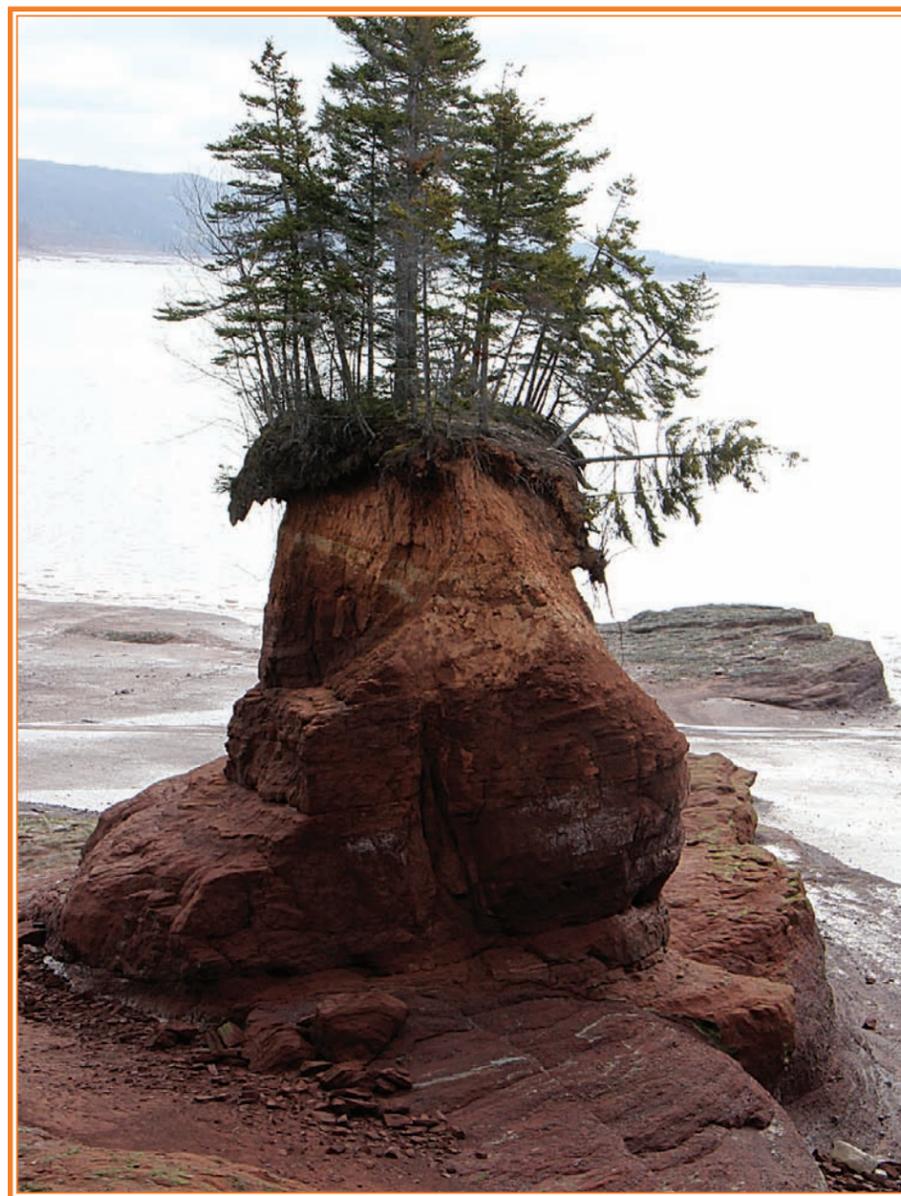
their selfless contributions by their municipalities

The five included: **Jude Clyde**, Town of Truro started actively volunteering when he was 25. He returned to his home community of Truro and began assisting with the Truro Jammers, a basketball program that transcended the sport for local African Nova Scotian youth. He eventually became the head coach of the program and went on to coach the CEC High School's basketball program and the Halifax Community YMCA Basketball Program.

Ron Logan, Bible Hill, who has volunteered at the Bible Hill Fire Department for a total of 62 years! During that time he was chief for 11 years, an active member for 34 years, and an honorary member for the last 17 years.

Frank Arseneau, Municipality of Colchester started volunteering at the early age of 16. Since then he's helped start Cubs and Scouts groups in Hilden and played a key role in the minor hockey scene in Truro and Brookfield. Frank has also been part of the Hilden Volunteer Fire Brigade for 40 years, serving as fire chief for three years and treasurer for 22 years. During that time he was awarded Fireman of the Year and Officer of Year.

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A faithful Shoreline Journal reader suggested we include a photo of this unique sandstone rock formation viewed from Soley Cove Road, Economy. An amazing sight with the changing of the tides. (Harrington Photo)

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS May 2016

South Colchester Academy in Brookfield won \$20,000 in Phase 2 in Samsung Canada's first-ever *Solve for Tomorrow* competition. The students created a video about how the river by their school continues to flood their soccer field. They researched why this is happening and what can be done to fix it. The Brookfield school was one of 11 finalists in the nation-wide campaign, which offers a prize of \$50,000 and an amazing STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering) experience for their entire school. Voting ended on April 18th.

Nominations closed in early April, but if anyone was missed to be invited to attend the Shoreline Journal's annual 90 & 90+ birthday party on May 7th in Economy, please send along their name, date of birth and contact information by April 30th to maurice@theshorelinejournal.com or call 902-647-2968.

Belmont Area Correspondent needed. Since the untimely passing of Debbie Weatherby, we are in need of a Belmont Area volunteer who will send a few paragraphs of notes and community happenings on a monthly basis. For details contact Maurice at 902-647-2968, or maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

Adopt a highway roadside clean up Saturday, May 7th (or a few days prior to) from Glenhome to Highland Village and all roads in between. Bags are provided and garbage is picked up by Department of Transportation. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Debbie Smith at 902-662-3742 or smithranch02@hotmail.com. We thank residents who keep the roadside area in front of your own properties clear of litter. It makes a huge difference on the clean-up day!

Nova Scotians are asked to share their views on proposed changes to the building code regulations regarding home-based businesses. The proposed changes would exempt home-based businesses from certain building code rules intended for commercial spaces if the business occupies less than 25 per cent — or 50 square metres of a residence. Businesses still have to meet all municipal zoning and land use bylaws. Nova Scotians are asked to submit their comments on the proposed changes by May 20th. For more information on the proposed amendments, and information on how to submit comments, go to <http://novascotia.ca/dma/firesafety/BuildingCode>

Tidal energy testing is being carried out in Grand Passage on Digby Neck. A new research platform, the EcoSpray, a marine structure designed to gather data to verify the behaviour of floating tidal energy platforms and their moorings in high-energy turbulent tidal flows. The platform has been deployed in Grand Passage between Freeport and Westport, NS in the Outer Bay of Fundy. Key project partners include: Acadia University, Dynamic Systems Analysis Ltd., Fundy Tidal Inc., Dalhousie University and University of New Brunswick. The

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Important RASCALS Meeting – May 17

By **Joy Laking**

There will be an important public meeting that we hope all residents of our shore will consider attending at West Colchester Junior High on May 17 at 7 pm.

A year ago, a small group was formed called RASCALS (Rural Association for Sustainable Community ALong Shore). We met monthly and organized and hosted several small initiatives: a road side clean up, a music night, a games night, regular social drop-ins in several communi-

ties, and a RASCALS facebook page that lists all of the communities activities.

We are experiencing a lack of interest in this organization and a lack of participation from all of our communities, Five Islands through to Masstown. Our goal was not to replace any organization but to form an umbrella group that might be able to work together to strengthen the community feeling along our shore and to work together on some projects that would help all of our communities.

We are calling this public meeting to see if we have enough interest to continue to meet as RASCALS or to form a new umbrella community group for "Our Shore". At this meeting we will also discuss all of the ideas and see what we should focus on if we continue.

Please attend this meeting if you are interested. (If you are interested but can not attend the May 17 meeting please email joy@joylaking-gallery.com or call 1 902 890 8450)

Winning at the Canadian Cheese Awards is becoming a regular event for That Dutchman's Cheese Farm, Economy Nova Scotia. The awards are held every two years. In the 2016 competition held in Montreal on the weekend of April 16, That Dutchman's Cheese Farm walked away with the Best Blue cheese in Canada and Best Gouda in Canada.

Since 2004, the small rural Nova Scotia cheesemaker has won 6 Best in Canada awards and placed in the top three 15 more times.

2016 awards included Best Gouda Cheese in Canada for their Gouda, Old Growler. Old Growler is a premium aged Gouda that has a zesty, sharp flavour with a brittle texture.

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