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Dr. Keltie Jones, Board Chair, for the United Way of Colchester presented Mary Brown, Board Chair, for the Library Foundation with their first installment for the new Colchester-East Hants Public Library in a ceremony held at the library on April 5th. United Way has committed a total of \$75,000 to be paid in \$25,000 installments over 3 years towards the "Love My Library" campaign.

BioNova and Innovative Medicines Canada announced on April 19th, the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the organizations to foster collaboration in Canada's life sciences communities between the pharmaceutical sector and life sciences organizations in Nova Scotia. Innovative Medicines Canada is the national voice of Canada's innovative pharmaceutical industry advocating for policies that enable the discovery, development and commercialization of innovative medicines and vaccines that improve the lives of all Canadians. BioNova is Nova Scotia's life sciences industry association and sector development organization leading and supporting its members to build a successful, self-sustaining life sciences industry in Nova Scotia. By promoting the industry and its successes, building relationships both inside and outside the province and creating networking and educational opportunities BioNova aims to accelerate the commercialization success of Nova Scotia's life sciences businesses and organizations.

Honouring and remembering our veterans is a special feature we are planning for publication this fall. We have not done analysis and planning, so we are asking for your input. We are thinking of a multi-page commemorative edition, which could be as many pages as this issue of the Shoreline Journal. We have looked at similar initiatives published in the prairies last fall. If the public wanted and we proceeded, we'd group the photos and bios by community throughout our coverage area. Would family members be comfortable supplying a photo (in uniform) and a short bio of their loved one whose life was shortened during WWI and any level of conflict where Canadians served up to and including Afghanistan? There probably would be a small charge, maybe \$15-\$25 per photo and bio. We need your input as soon as possible as it would be a major undertaking. Please call or send your comments to Maurice Rees, Publisher, 902-647-2968 or email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

Now that farmers will get a 25% Food Bank Tax Credit for donating surplus food, or food that doesn't meet the high standards demanded by larger grocery stores should help alleviate a shortage of perishable food available to FEED Nova Scotia for it to increase the amount of healthy, fresh food distributed to food banks, shelters, and meal programs. There is a network comprising 147 member agencies across the province. Perishable product distribution is down 10 per cent compared to last year. It's also welcome news for farmers as they will at least get something for their product.

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Debert Elementary Notes

By Erma Cox and Jolene Green

WOW! Another month has passed by and students have been extremely busy with a number of initiatives throughout the school. Grade 6s have just begun new novels for their literacy circles. Grade 3/4 & 4/5 are preparing for a learn to fish opportunity. Our Grade 3s have just finished up a swim to survive program at the RECC. Grade 2s are hatching chicks and our grade P/1 & 1 class are learning how they can help the environment. All students participated in a number of stations on April 21st during the Blue Marble Initiative here in our gym.

Teachers have been getting in-serviced on the new 4-6 integrated curriculum, preparing for our grade 6s to transition to CCJHS and eagerly awaiting arrival of our new primaries for a half day of 'big school'.

Parents are being encouraged to participate in many of

the activities that we undertake here at the school. Our facebook page asked parents to turn their lights out and be active with their children on April 22nd as part of Lights Out Canada. Mrs. Barnhill has 61 students and a number of volunteers training for our annual 4K Fun Run. Now that the weather has warmed up we will also be starting to organize our school garden. We hope to have community participation with this project. On June 17th Mr. Caudle will be hosting our annual Fun Day which also will require support from parents.

On a final note we, the staff of Debert Elementary, would like to thank each and every one of you for your efforts in making this a true community school. Our children are very fortunate to have families contribute in whatever way they can and to show our appreciation for this effort we will be hosting a volunteer tea in May. Hope you can make it!



Always a gorgeous view driving down the Fundy Shore through Five Islands. (Harrington Photo)

Colchester Trefoil Guild Notes

By Goldie Chisholm

Our Trefoil members met for our April meeting listening with great interest to our speaker, Tawnya Barrington, speaking on the subject "Days for Girls". Days for Girls International is a grassroots non-profit organization creating a better future for girls by providing sustainable feminine hygiene products.

Thanks to thousands of volunteers and supporters, over 100,000 women and girls in 85+ countries have been reached and helped. Help is provided by volunteers providing materials and making donations.

After hearing Tawnya's presentation she was pleased and thanked our Trefoil members for their donations of flannel material, facecloths, quilting thread, bars of soap, panties and ziploc bags. Several of our members expressed interest in helping with this worthwhile project.

Cards provided by the Central N.S. Women's Resource Centre were given to the members suggesting performing an act of kindness and then passing it on to others. This act of kindness is being done in memory of the life of Catherine Campbell who was a dedicated police officer with the Truro Police Service and a Volunteer member of the Stellarton Fire Department. Her life was tragically cut short a year ago. She truly believed one single act of kindness can make a difference.

Several Trefoil members are looking forward to attending the Provincial Semi-Annual Meeting April 30th in Dartmouth, hosted by the newest Trefoil Guild, Salt Water Sisters.

Our May meeting will be held at Sobey's Community Room with a speaker on the subject "Water for Tomorrow" as well as singing a few Guide songs.



Tawnya Barrington, spokesperson for "Days for Girls" with donations received from members of Colchester Trefoil Guild. (Sheila Stewart Photo)



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St. James Church of Great Village Preservation Society

By Dawn Sprecher

In the Village Café is gearing up for another busy summer. The café will open the weekend of June 3-5th and will be open weekends only for the remainder of June. Beginning July 1st weekend we will be open five days a week, from Tuesday to Sunday.

The café is undergoing some changes this year, with the addition of fresh baked bread available for purchase on a daily basis, as well as a cooler with drinks, salads and sandwiches available for grab-and-go takeout.

We will still be serving in-café options such as daily soups and daily and seasonal specials, all using fresh, local ingredients as in other years. Seating will be available outside on our spacious lawn for those who wish to enjoy the lovely summer weather.

Saturday music nights will start Saturday, June 4th, with the musical guest to be determined. Join us for some delicious pub food like nachos, wings, potato skins, and

pizza. Music night will continue throughout the summer season and once a schedule is available you can visit our facebook and web pages for an update.

Please also visit these sites for information on coming events, such as our July 1st outdoor barbecue and for information on some of the featured local goodies we will be selling this summer. As always, we are available for booking for special events, meetings and celebrations.

Other activities taking place include two workshops in May - May 18 is Coupon Night, beginning at 7:00pm. Please bring a donation for the Truro Homeless Outreach Society (items like soap and deodorant are suggested). On May 31 at 7:00 pm a garden ceramics workshop is being held at a cost of \$10. Keep tuned for a more complete list of upcoming workshops.

Please call Dawn at 902-655-2020, or after June 3rd 668-2659, if you have any questions.

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