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Wild Blueberry Producers: PREPARE TO FACE NEW NORMAL

By Linda Harrington

Wild Blueberry Producers are currently facing an unprecedented low price for their berries. A recent Wild

Blueberry Producers Association of Nova Scotia (WBPANS) Winter Information Meeting held in Truro on March 25th was well

attended by producers looking for answers on how to keep farming when output costs are exceeding the price paid per pound.

WBPANS President Barron Blois opened the session saying, "I would like to say things have drastically improved but the reality is sales are growing but not fast enough to overcome the level of storage." He said he was optimistic with discussion that has been ongoing with industry players and government but added "None of this is going to correct overnight and we must do things to help ourselves."

Peter Rideout, WBPANS Executive Director stated the 2016 crop exceeded 400 million pounds for the first time ever, with a growth of 89% since 2013. He also noted there is growth in the markets but not fast enough and suggested there needs to be a focus on farm and processor management for cost control, yield and fruit quality.

Neri Vautour, Wild Blueberry Association of North America (WBANA) Executive Director was encouraged to see labels now using "Canadian Wild Blueberries". WBANA promotions continue to focus on the

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STRESS RELIEF: Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so, too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full. Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline.

Nova Scotia's new College of Paramedics became reality on April 1, making paramedicine a self-regulated profession in Nova Scotia. In 2015, the province passed the Paramedics Act to establish the College of Paramedics. The college will serve as the regulatory body for more than 1,400 paramedics in Nova Scotia. Government provided a one-time \$350,000 subsidy to help establish the College of Paramedics. After that, the college will be financed through member dues collected from paramedics. For more information about the College of Paramedics, visit www.cpns.ca

Notice to Readers: The spring sitting of the provincial legislature was recalled yesterday, April 25th. Many political watchers are speculating not long after the is presented tomorrow, April 27th, Premier McNeil might, within a day or so, call an election for May 30th. If that happens, we will change the publishing date of the June Issue. The June issue is scheduled to be published May 31st. Should an election be called, as many suggest, we will change the publishing date to May 24th, which is one week earlier. As a service to readers we want you to have opportunity to read responses to a questionnaire from all candidates for Colchester North and Cumberland South. If an election is called to be held on June 6th or later, our original publishing date will remain the same at May 31st.

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At least five World War I planes will grace the skies over Debert and be on the ground during the Vintage Aircraft and special events at Debert Airport on Saturday, May 20th. Many of these planes are just returning from attending 100th Anniversary Ceremonies at Vimy Ridge. (See story page 2) (Submitted Photo)

Testing to Continue at Debert Business Park

By Maurice Rees

A few years ago, it could be said Colchester looked at archaeological testing in Debert, just as blasting through rock to prepare lots for sale is a cost of doing business in HRM for Burnside or Bayer's Lake parks. Council set direction for the redevelopment of Debert in 2013 and has invested in upgrades as well as new infrastructure with the objective of attracting new business.

Today's attitude is a reversal with testing viewed as a cost of doing business in Debert, just as blasting through rock to prepare lots for sale is a cost of doing business in HRM for Burnside or Bayer's Lake parks. Council set direction for the redevelopment of Debert in 2013 and has invested in upgrades as well as new infrastructure with the objective of attracting new business.

The 2013 directive has provided results and will continue to be an important tool for significant economic development. Without an investment in archaeology land is not available for sale.

It's not a one size fits all, because commercial lots size varies. Over the years

land requirements for development can be illustrated with the following: 3 acres Black River Construction, 15 acres Kohler, 5 acres Community Metals, 23 acres Sobeys, 13 acres Tim Horton's and 60 acres Home Hardware.

A staff report to council committee on April 12th stated: Because of the time required for archaeology, it is important for the Municipality to invest in ongoing testing. Just as sewer, water and roads are required to create a lot, archaeology, is also a mandatory investment.

The annual demand for available sites could increase dramatically with a growing interest in the airport, which also needs separate significant investment in infrastructure, because the small general aviation sector across the province contracts to fewer locations. With the Waterville airport closed and aviation interests forced to relocate to Greenwood, some have looked at Halifax to serve their needs.

However, it is well known Halifax would like to reduce its small aviation sector and have reached out to Colchester expressing an interest to assist with how it might be possible to expand facilities in Debert.

The archaeology program has focused on the development priorities at Debert with existing lots on Lancaster Crescent fully serviced and available for immediate sale and development. Two sites were tested and cleared at the airport with the understanding that Council prioritized the redevelopment of airport infrastructure.

Council set the design and construction of a roundabout to access land at the entrance to Debert from highway 104 as a priority in 2013. Archaeology at this location cleared land for both the construction of the roundabout, sewer connection and the future sale of building lots.

The Municipality has a supply of cleared land on Ventura and Lancaster

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Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Geopark Meeting May 16

By Dr. Tim Fedak, Acting Chair of the Steering Committee

A public meeting on the Cliffs of Fundy Global Geopark initiative will be held at the Economy Recreation Centre on May 16 starting at 7:15 pm. Community interest and support for the Cliffs of Fundy Aspiring Global Geopark continues to grow.

Global Geoparks are not "parks" as most people think of them. Geoparks do not impose any new or special restrictions or limits on what can occur in the area. Rather, Global Geoparks are established to link geologically significant sites with tourism experiences and cultural attractions in a defined area, to increase international tourism and support sustainable economic development.

A series of public meetings were held last year in Advocate, Port Greville, Parrsboro and Economy. More than 100 people attended these meetings and there was unanimous support that the Geopark concept was a great fit for the Parrsboro

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Ed Sealy to Appear in Bass River – May 19-21

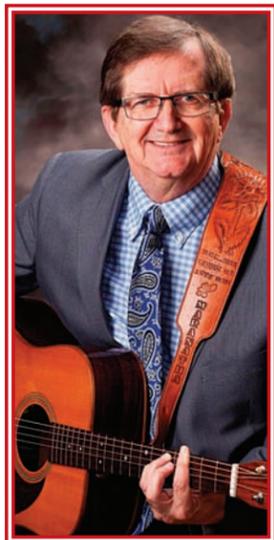
Singer, songwriter, and evangelist Ed Sealy will hold special meetings at Bass River Baptist Church, Bass River on May 19, 20, & 21. He recently released his eighth CD entitled "Winter Coat".

There are eleven songs on this recording, all of which have been written by Sealy. His previous recordings have enjoyed international success. At the 2004 NB Gospel Music Hall of Fame awards, Sealy received a Mercy Award for Male Artist of the Year. On September 24, 2016, Ed was inducted into the NB Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

Ed Sealy was born in Bathurst, New Brunswick, the oldest of eight children. After graduation from high school, he moved from Bathurst to

Amherst, Nova Scotia where opened a chain of fast food

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