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The Shoreline Journal is a standing finalist in Newspapers Atlantic Better Newspaper Competition Outstanding Community Engagement category. The two other finalists are the Montague Eastern Graphic and Lighthouse NOW / Progress Bulletin..

Brent Butt, Star of Corner Gas, will be performing at the Cobequid Education Centre (CEC) in Truro, Friday, May 5th at 6:30pm. Butt will also be joined at You'll Die Laughing by special guest, Bill Carr. All proceeds in support of the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. Tickets for You'll Die Laughing 2017 with Brent Butt and Bill Carr are now available from www.ticketpro.ca, 1-888-311-9090, and all Ticketpro outlets.

Cliffs of Fundy Geopark Steering Committee will hold a public meeting at the Economy Recreation Centre May 16 starting at 7:30 pm. Join Dr. John Calder, Dr. Tim Fedak and members of the Geopark Board to learn of progress to date surrounding the steps taken to create a Global Geopark for the Parrsboro Shore from Economy to Cape Chignecto. Lots of opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

Ground search and rescue teams in the province are benefitting from a new single dispatch point that will allow them to respond to search requests faster. Previously 23 search and rescue teams each had their own dispatch system and contact list to call members individually when needed. The new system, located at the provincial Shubenacadie Radio Operations Centre, can send requests to every member of a team, or several teams, at one time. The total cost of the project is \$69,000. The federal Search and Rescue New Initiatives Fund provided \$39,000 and the province and ground search and rescue volunteers contributed the rest through in-kind funding. More than 1,300 volunteer ground search and rescue members respond to about 50 lost person searches each year. For information on volunteering in your community, visit <http://sarvac.ca/nova-scotia-ground-sar/>.

Hub NOW has been selected as a standing finalist, top 3 newspapers, in two categories in Newspapers Atlantic annual Better Newspaper Competition in the Outstanding Ad - Class 2 for an advertisement submitted by Helen Dalton, and Outstanding Local Columnist for work done by Herb Peppard.

The Department of Agriculture is collecting feedback through an online survey to help shape future policy that will succeed the Growing Forward 2 agreement between federal and provincial governments when it ends next year. The next federal, provincial and territorial agricultural policy framework will launch in 2018. The survey is available at <http://novascotia.ca/agri/> and is open until April 28.

A white 2007 Dodge Ram 3500 truck was stolen from a residence on Harmony Road in Salmon River during the early morning hours of April 2, 2017. Colchester District RCMP would like to remind the public to lock their vehicles and homes when left unattended. Anyone with information on this theft is asked to call Colchester District RCMP at 902-896-5000. Should you wish to remain anonymous, residents can also call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), text TIP202 + your message to CRIMES (274637) or submit a tip by secure online tips at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca

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Ed Sealy

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exposure and research.

In a Skilled Trades Centre, more course offerings are available and students can choose trades courses at both the Grade 11 and Grade 12 level. In fact, students may also have the opportunity to register in Skilled Trades Cooperative Education 12, where they further apply classroom learning in a workplace setting. They will be mentored by a journey person and can track their hours for credit for Apprenticeship.

Our sons and daughters in Colchester County deserve the

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tain what is considered acceptable service levels when you can only spread the cost over a limited number of subscribers.

Colchester County is not the only Municipality to face this challenge. It is a problem from coast to coast. One of the current challenges the small providers face is should they decide to take advantage of the government assistance or cost sharing then they must make their current infrastructure available to their competition. (At a cost of course). This is understandable because the government wants to ensure when they give out public funds it benefits as many as possible.

However, it is my understanding smaller providers are afraid by taking advantage of this will enable the bigger providers to come in use their infrastructure to take their customers. Seems we are in a catch 22 and rural communities are losing out. The big guys cannot be bothered for a few here and a few there and the little guys are concerned they will be adversely affected.

As I said, Government's have declared this an essential service and provided funding, but no one is taking advantage. As a result rural communities are suffering. Unfortunately, I am confident in

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future success of economic development within Colchester.

May 20th, 2017 would be a great day to drop by and look at the Airport as it sits the way it has virtually been since the Second World War. On Saturday May 20th, there will be a small airshow at the Debert Airport. The Truro Flying Club is the host of this show in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge and in celebration of Canada's 150 birthday. Everyone is welcome.

There will be five World War One aircraft coming through Debert on this day. They include 3 Nieuport Elevens (WW1) 2 Sopwith Pups (WW1), joined by a 3/4 Spitfire (WWII). I'm told there will be a few food trucks on site with some classic cars to round things off. Check out the County web site for more information in coming days.

On another note, I would like to speak on an article recently published in our local daily news paper on the Fundy Gateway Project. I have had some feedback on this from the community and the consistent message I'm getting is it's too much money from taxpayer's pockets.

At \$21 million as advertised in our local paper I would be the first to agree. I'm also the first to agree a taxpayer's dollar is a dollar no matter weather it comes from municipal, provincial or federal department's it all comes from the same pockets. I believe

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Crescent for smaller lot businesses that do not demand highway exposure. At a modest sale rate of 10 to 15 acres annually, the Municipality could quickly deplete the supply of cleared land at more desirable locations. As a result testing must continue testing to avoid the loss of a sale.

A target market for

Debert is the regional distribution and support sector. Land currently being cleared at the proposed roundabout could be in demand in short order for ancillary business like gas bars or food stops.

Council accepted and approved staff's suggestion of continuing its archaeology program for the 2017 season, concentrating on the McElmon Road area at

opportunity to explore a career in the trades. The expansion of skilled trades course offerings and upgrades to provide appropriate work spaces is exciting. We have many students who will benefit from this initiative and I encourage parents and students to seek additional information.

Meetings are currently underway between school principal, teachers and school board staff, along with Department of Education to determine course offerings and the focus of the Skilled Trades Centres.

Karen Casey is MLA, Colchester North and Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.

saying, we will never attract new residents and will struggle to retain those we have without this essential service.

In my nine years on council we continue to discuss what are considered to be CORE MUNICIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES, water, waste water, solid waste and policing. These services are predominantly provided for the urban core where it is both needed and more cost effective. I feel it is time for OUR MUNICIPALITY to consider high-speed broadband to be a core municipal responsibility.

With this in mind I have asked to have this added to the agenda for our meeting on April 27. My ask will be that we bring in the stakeholders, to see what is needed to ensure this service is provided and that Rural areas get the same level of service provided in the towns.

I hope to use this as a stepping stone to identify what is needed to facilitate this and take advantage of funding provided by senior governments to enable this to happen. I hope to do this with limited expense to our taxpayers, possibly some seed money but with a plan to recover it.

Enjoy the spring and our Beautiful Shore. Tom

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

this would be the perfect project, not unlike the Airport to attract private investment to invest in infrastructure while the county creates revenue from a long-term lease on the land. We would have to invest in the amenities but this cost would be minimal compared to the suggested price of the overall project.

Once again these are only my thoughts and the final say will be left to our entire council and possibly Truro's council if they agree to cost share on the project. The most important thing to remember is there have been no decisions made on investing anything into the Fundy Gateway Project to date. This is a plan and only a plan, what happens next is up to you.

There have been three public meetings so far along with an online survey that received 264 responses. Councillor Geoff Stewart who chairs the Steering Committee for the Gateway project and his team of fellow councillors and Citizen Representatives have done an amazing job engaging the community. Anyone who hasn't had a chance to attend one of the public information meetings on this project don't worry. Something tells me you will have plenty of opportunity as this project moves forward. Meanwhile I do hope to see some movement this spring on a permanent washroom facility at the site. With at least 200 visitors a day during the summer these facilities are very much needed.

Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County

the following locations: 20 acres north of Tim Horton's and on the east side of McElmon Road; 10 acres west of McElmon Road, fronting on Highway 104; 3. A third site option is the continued testing of the final four acres on Lancaster Crescent Lots #226 and #227.

Cost estimates for sites is likely to be in the \$20,000/acre range. CRM Group has provided a cost estimate of \$170,000 to

complete work on lots #226 and #227. The cost of the work to be recorded as a deferred expense until the land is sold."

Debert Business Park includes land that was transferred from DND/Federal Government to the Municipality. These lands do not require archaeology prior to development. However, should artifacts be found, development would halt until an assessment is conducted.



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