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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS
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Fran Spalding, Economy, who with great passion has devoted many years as a "bird watcher" and has developed a loyal following for his monthly column, "Nature Notes", has asked the Shoreline Journal to advise readers that due to poor health he is unable to continue. The column published in the October issue was the final version.

The Mobile Breast Screening Clinic will be in Bass River at the Fire Hall on Nov. 16th and 17th. Women 40 years and over are encouraged to make an appointment, as long as it has been 1 year since a previous mammogram. One of the best ways to protect and care for your breast health is to have regular screening mammograms (breast x-rays). The criteria for screening includes no breast implants, no personal history of breast cancer, minimum of 1 year since last breast surgery and a minimum of 6 months since last aspiration. Appointments can be booked by calling 1-800-565-0548.

Lucille Harper, of Pomquet, Nova Scotia, was recognized on October 18th by receiving the 2010 Governor General's Awards in Commemoration of the Persons Case. She is a long-time advocate for social justice and women's equality. As Executive Director of the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre since 1988, she works with girls and women on issues of poverty, violence, social exclusion, health education and training. Ms. Harper helped to found several key women's organizations, and has contributed to the work of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women.

The Veterans Memorial Park is taking orders for natural wreaths to be laid November 11th for the Remembrance Day service for anyone wishing to purchase a wreath in memory, or to honor a veteran. The Veterans Memorial Park committee is also accepting nominations for our Military Mothers Pin, presented to any mother who has had children in our military or may be still serving. Wreaths and nominations can be sent to: Ken Jamieson, 902-647-2895, or vmp.br.ns@gmail.com Jackey Leslie, 902-254-2607, or jackey.vmp@gmail.com

Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Leadership Convention will be held in Halifax October 29-30. Special speakers will include Canada's Defence Minister and Central Nova MP, Peter MacKay; will be a special guest speaker. MacKay will join keynote speaker, New Brunswick Premier David Alward, on Friday night's program. Incoming Progressive Conservative Leader, Jamie Baillie, will address Progressive Conservatives on Saturday, October 30

The Glooscap Heritage Centre has been awarded a \$1,000 prize for their efforts in cutting electricity consumption by close to 14 per cent for finishing first in the inaugural "Cool Truro Business Awards". Second-place recognition went Fair Trade Café on Prince Street. Owner-operator Ray Merriam is being recognized for building the café using 98 per cent reclaimed construction materials. Third-place goes to The Clay Café on Prince Street for their incredible waste reduction initiatives. They've set up 3 recycling centers within the business.

Susan Cameron was recently honored for 30 years of service with Canada Post. Susan became the postmaster in Economy on September 7, 1980. Prior to this she worked at the post office on a part time basis for three years with Madeline McBurnie, until Madeline's retirement. Susan's supervisor, Sherry Friis, Amherst, visited Susan's home in September and presented her with a 30 year charm and a cake. At a recent postmasters meeting in Truro, she was presented with a 30 year pin by the Local Area Manager, Hugh MacEachern.

Credit Union Reduces Hours

By Maurice Rees

Residents of the Fundy Shore area of West Colchester are trying to come to grips with the announcement the Community Credit Union branch in Bass River will soon be operating on reduced hours. The announcement shocked the community, who are upset with the inconvenience and the negative on area business.

Commencing on November 15th the credit union branch in Bass River will commence operating at 12 hours per week. Open

hours will be 1:00 to 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The branch will be closed on Monday and Wednesday.

Executives of the credit union have been approached to attend a public meeting, but have declined the invitation.

On October 11th staff at the branch were informed of the amended hours and were asked to immediately start advising customers. The Board of Directors and Management of Community Credit Union of Cumberland Colchester

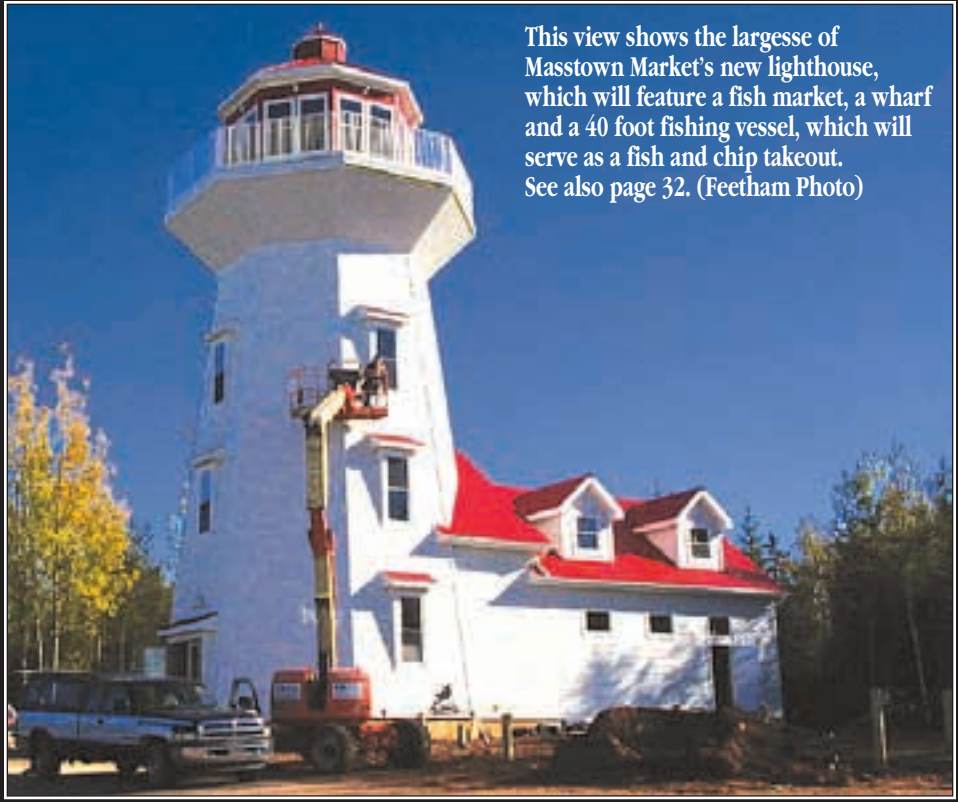
prepared a letter to be distributed to members advising then that effective November 15th, the branch in Bass River would be reducing its open hours to 12 hours per week.

When contacted by the Shoreline, Darrell J. Kuhn, CEO who works out of the Amherst Administrative Office said the branch has been operating at a loss for several years and it's unfortunate we have to take this action. He said management has tracked usage times and have selected open hours to best reflect peak usage times.

To gauge the reaction to the announcement, the Shoreline sent an email to subscribers, contributors and advertisers asking five questions. Here's a response from one subscriber, "Although I do not live in the Bass River area, I feel very strongly regarding essential services such as banking being accessible in small communities. To take it away could contribute to the demise of the community".

95% of respondents to the Shoreline's online survey said members and residents should lobby to have hours reinstated; while 63% or those replying said they are considering moving their business elsewhere. As to usage of the branch 35% use it regularly; 30% occasionally, and 35% don't use

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This view shows the largesse of Masstown Market's new lighthouse, which will feature a fish market, a wharf and a 40 foot fishing vessel, which will serve as a fish and chip takeout. See also page 32. (Feetham Photo)

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Early snow is shown in the Blueberry Fields on Prospect Road, Cumberland County. Join Gayle Shaw for another spectacular journey along the 209. Her travels begin on page 24. Featuring master photography by Lawrence R. Nicoll – Maritime Landscape Photographer



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 Five pages of results and photos from the 2010 NS Provincial 4-H Show exclusively in the Shoreline Journal beginning on page 9.



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