





FRONT PAGE BRIEFS November 2012

The Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation contributed \$27.055 million towards the cost of the new regional hospital. The province contributed \$157.2-million. The facility was completed with the approved budget of \$184.5-million.

The move to the new Colchester Regional Hospital will take place between November 19 and 25, with patients being relocated to the new health centre on the final day of the move. The new emergency department will open at 7 a.m. on November 25.

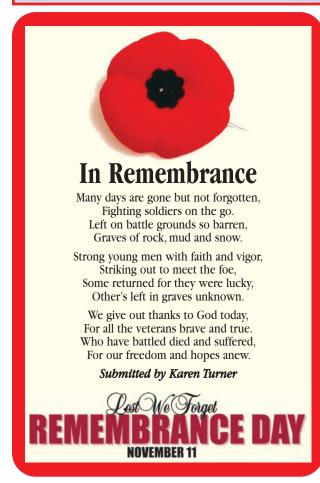
Colchester's new health centre which will open with 98 beds has the capacity to expand to up to 124 beds in the future.

Londonderry area residents are invited to a public community meeting focusing on "Protecting your property from Vandalism" to be held at the community centre November 14th starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting is being sponsored and organized by the Shoreline Journal to assist the community in dealing with two incidents of vandalism which resulted in approximately \$7,000 in damage to the Londonderry Community Centre.

Grass Roots Up Co-Operative Limited, a cooperative to unite consumers and farmers to promote the raising of beef in Nova Scotia, is moving forward by signing up new members and anticipate developing a Community Economic Development Fund (CEDIF) to generate the capital to purchase cattle, which will be leased back to farmers. Those wishing to join the cooperative can get more information by sending an email to: grassrootsup@live.com for subscriber forms to Grass Roots Up.

Do you have a small business idea, but it's in its beginning stages or is one that you've always wanted to expand and have a store front but costs hold you back? If so, contact Terry Francis 668-2766 or Heather MacKay 668-2501. The Great Village Community Association is investigating a Business Cooperative Model as a Social Enterprise where members would share common costs that would normally drag a small business down. It will also give each business more exposure when having more than one business in one location.

Humour Corner: Each month in this space we are going to take a few lines for Humour Corner. Here is the first attempt: I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked, "Are you having it catered?" And that, my friend, is the definition of "OLD".





Londonderry Centre Vandalized

By Maurice Rees
The Lo Londonderry Community Council's community centre has again been vandalized. The latest incident occurred on the night of October 2nd, when 19 windows were broken and the vinyl siding was damaged in several places.

Long gone are the days of prosperity for Londonderry.

Nestled away from the main centre of today's activities, Londonderry is a prime example of a Nova Scotia community which has declined from it's better days. Now an aging population is faced with a highway system which needs updating, no local stores, travelling for work, students travelling for upwards an hour each way to achieve an edu-

cation, plus travel again for shopping, health care or government services.

With the decline of rural communities maintaining former local schools, which have been converted into a community centre, is left to a group of citizens, the youngest of which are in their mid to late 60's. The Londonderry Community Centre is no exception.

Over the past couple of years, it's been very discouraging to the community council committee because the centre has been vandalized more than once.

The centre is important to the community. It's used for weekly card parties, weekly Zumba classes, receptions, birthday parties, anniversaries, Mason's dances, celebrations, reunions, and a polling station for elections.

Approximately two years ago someone fired a high powered rifle at the building with several shots destroying some windows. One shot entered a window, passed through the ceiling and out the back wall, while other shots were fired into the ceiling of the entry way. Damage from those shots has not been repaired and is still visible.

This year has seen another form of vandalism. The adjacent ball field and the driveway to the centre is constantly under attack with motorcycles and ATV's. Over the Labour Day weekend on September 2nd entry into the

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the Halloween Enjoy upcoming on Wednesday night. Remember to wear light colored clothing and take a flashlight as well.



A group of dedicated volunteers struggle to raise \$7,000 each year to keep the Londonderry Community Centre open and running. As the result of two vandalism incidents this fall, they are facing an additional \$7,000 to replace stolen kitchen equipment from a break-in on the Labour Day Weekend, and another incident on October 2nd resulted in approximately \$6,000.00 in damages to 19 windows, entrance lights and vinyl siding. (Rees Photo)

Bass River auction raises \$5,000

By Peter Christensen

This is an abridged version of Fireman Pete.

All is well at the hall, have been to water rescue training session in Parrsboro last month. It was a very informative evening for sure. Like others there, I got to try on their new water and ice rescue suits. I have to say they are

The Firemen's Auction went well. Thank you to all who bid on articles and to the girl's vol-



The goat of many colours! Keep clean and make a fashion statement. Enjoy more images, results and more from the Nova Scotia Provincial 4-H Show on page 19 to 24.

levball team for helping at the canteen. I believe our total was approximately \$5,000. Thanks once again to the community for your continued support.

A special thanks to the brigade members who gave their time and gas to help collect and pick up items from the various shops and stores in our area. Every person who gives to the cause contributes in their own way, big or small the contribution is their all. Thank you.

The Annual Trail Ride was a resounding success. A cool and cloudy day, but the trees and their contributions of color did the trick to enthrall and enjoy. See pictures on page 11.

We had a total of twenty two horses with riders. The horses came from all over the country side, and were a sight to behold. The food at the top of the top of the mountain was very good and everyone went back down the hill very well fed. While we were waiting for the horses to trot up the mountain, we did get to see some white fluffy stuff. It was kind of nice for sure, more to come I think so!!

So that will mean the fires should soon begin in earnest, hope all your pipes are clean and ready to go

Well off to bed, Saturday morning we have M.F.R training at the hall. A course to renew some of our cards so we will be registered and ready to help.



Shep Scott looks over a team of horses with attached bob sled, made many years ago by Alden Knight of Portaupique. Shep recently shared with the Shoreline Journal his stories of lumbering in the Londonderry area. Find the story and more photos on page 26 of this issue of the Shoreline Journal. (Harrington Photo)





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