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November 2013

In its fund raising effort and to give back to the community the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade is organizing a dance on November 2 from 8:30 to Midnight at the Central Colchester Junior High School with Ivan Hicks & The Berry Hill Band. The brigade is inviting young fiddlers and young fiddle music enthusiasts to attend.

Did you know? Agriculture in Nova Scotia generates \$2.3 billion dollars in economic spin off each year which in return provides the province a renewable resource generating important wealth for all Nova Scotians

Shoreline Timber closes its doors. In a October 1st letter to customers and creditors, Percy and Linda Delaney, president and secretary/treasurer, stated, "We regret to inform you that due to poor economic conditions Shoreline Timber Ltd has no choice but to close our business as of October 1, 2013. The business was located at 512 Crowes Mills Road, Belmont.

A public tribute to the Elliotts will be held at the Economy Recreation Centre starting at 5:30 pm on November 17th. Earlier in the afternoon the Economy Hall Sessions Grand Finale will take place starting at 1:30 pm until 4:30 pm. The concert will feature Fitz and Them (a band from Newfoundland) and The Elliotts. Tickets are \$20.00 for this event and can be purchased from Debbie Moore 647-2753 or Micheline Beaton 647-2985. There is no charge for the public to attend the 5:30 tribute.

Scott Armstrong, MP for Cumberland - Colchester - Musquodoboit Valley, was sworn-in as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment and Social Development on Tuesday, October 15th. Joined by his wife Tammy and a number of family members, Mr. Armstrong swore his oath before Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The oath was administered by the Clerk of the Privy Council, Mr. Wayne G. Wouters in the Reading Room in Centre Block.

HUMOUR CORNER: Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

Casey heads up Education Department

After winning her seat in Colchester North, incumbent MLA, Karen Casey, has been selected by new premier, Stephen McNeil as Minister of Education in a new cabinet, which was sworn in last week.

Casey had previously held the position in the Rodney MacDonald government, which was defeated by Darrell Dexter's NDP in the 2009 provincial election.



Karen Casey



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Platnauer Family Thankful to Remain in Bass River

By Linda Harrington

After an emotional roller coaster, the Platnauer family is finally able to relax and get back to enjoying their lives here in Canada.

The Platnauer's came to Canada from England in 2009, on a four year Work Visa and

settled in Bass River. They were in the process of applying for permanent residency late this summer, when a Temporary Visa was rejected and they were sent an email asking them to leave the country immediately.

The Platnauer's had

received a Provincial Nomination from Nova Scotia and were following up with the required police checks and applications but this takes time. The Federal paperwork has to go through London and can take up to 28 months to be processed.

Becky and Sean's immediate focus was their teenage daughter, Angelica, who is in Grade 11 at CEC. Paper work was filed to try and get her an International Student Visa, and they found a temporary guardian for her to remain behind if they had to leave.

In the meantime, Sean was continuing to apply for jobs, as they tried to sort it all out.

Finally they received some good news, when Sean received confirmation of an employment position in Halifax.

The new job offer was sent to Nova Scotia Immigration, who had nominated the Platnauers for Permanent Residency, for their review and approval.

"We received a call on Thursday morning (Oct. 10th) telling us it had been approved and they had a letter waiting for us," says Becky. "We immediately drove to Halifax, got the paperwork, picked Angelica up at school and headed straight for the closest US border at St. Stephen, New Brunswick."

In order to get a new Canadian Work Visa, Becky and Sean had to leave the Country and apply for the Visa upon re-entry.

"Because we are British citizens it is hard for us to get in to the US," says Becky. "We told them we didn't want to visit their country and explained why we were there. They gave us a standard form, stating we were refused entry to the US, and sent us right back to Canada. We basically went up and around an orange pylon in the middle of the road and we were back in Canada."

The process at the *continued on page 18*

Search Results in Seizure of Drugs & Firearm

On September 27th, the Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit and Colchester District RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence on Staples Brook Road in Debert. A 22 year old female and a 32 year old male were arrested at scene without incident. A 31 year old male was arrested after a brief foot pursuit.

Evidence located at the residence and assistance of the RCMP Police Dog Service lead to another search warrant being obtained for a nearby residence on Staples Brook Road.

The searches resulted in the seizure of a large quantity drugs including over 20 lbs of harvested marihuana, hashish and marihuana oil. Cash and an unsafely stored firearm were also seized.

31 year old Jacob Earle Weatherbee has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking and was held in custody pending a bail hearing on Oct 2nd. The other accused have been released from custody and are to appear in Truro Provincial Court at a later date.

Debert Remembrance Church Service – November 3rd

By Christine Urquhart

Remembrance Day is such a special day. Although it is many years since the First World War we still have wars and still need to remember those who fought for our freedom.

The Debert Legion will be taking part in the Church service on November 3rd in Debert and we encourage all of you to attend this service wearing a poppy to show your support of our veterans.

The legion members will be marching into the Church with their flags and our children should be there to see these fine men and women who continue to uphold our traditions of remembering.

On November 11th they will again march to the cenotaph in Debert for the traditional Remembrance Day service.

Do your best to attend this, it is a show of respect. Remember, it is disrespectful to wear a poppy before November 1st.



These little pumpkin people sprang up on Shore Road in front of the Dave and Annette Jennings' home. (Harrington Photo)