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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS November 2014

Between October 4th, 2014 and October 5th, 2014, Colchester RCMP responded to four reports of break and enter and theft into seasonal camps in the Tatamagouche area. In all reports entry was gained into the camps by cutting the gates and kicking in the door. Once entry was gained, the camp was ransacked and property was stolen. Stolen property includes: electronics, machinery, tools and a 410 Shotgun. Police are requesting the public's assistance for any information related to this matter. Please contact Colchester RCMP Detachment (902) 893 6820 or Crime Stoppers 1 (800) 222 8477.

Forest landowners throughout Nova Scotia are invited to Woodlot Management Mentorship Program Field Day at Jim Crooker's woodlot, South Brookfield, Queens Co., 10 a.m-3 p.m. Saturday, November 8th. Registration is essential. For more information, contact Jane Barker of Mersey Tobetic Research Institute at (902) 682-2371 or jane.barker@merseytobetic.ca

Believe in the Magic of Christmas "VINTAGE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE" is being organized in Parrsboro, November 13th to 16th, from 10 am to 8 pm Thursday thru Saturday and 12 noon to 5 pm on Sunday. The streets will come alive with Christmas spirit as they are transformed to an era gone by as downtown merchants deck their stores in Christmas finery including vintage window displays for 4 days of nostalgic holiday shopping.

Tim Hortons guests and restaurant owners showed off their smiles and community spirit, raising over \$5.3 million in support of local charities for the annual Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign. For one week, Tim Hortons guests had the opportunity to purchase special chocolate chunk Smile Cookies for \$1, with all proceeds supporting local community charities, hospitals and programs across Canada. Nationally, more than 500 charities are supported each year through the campaign

Sleeping an extra hour. This year Daylight Saving Time ends on November 2nd at 2:00 am and the clocks will turn back one hour. People usually love getting that extra hour to sleep in, but many parents don't get that luxury because their children are still used to the pre-time change schedule. Here's your chance to gain back that hour of sleep you lost last spring.

Humour Corner:

Wife: Do you want dinner?

Husband: Sure! What are my choices?

Wife: 'Yes or no.'

Guess Who Came for Dinner?

By Linda Harrington

It is not every day you get to cook with a celebrity in your kitchen. Alice Pugsley, of Five Islands recently enjoyed the opportunity to share her wild blueberry recipes with Rick Mercer of the popular weekly television show "Rick Mercer Report".

Rick Mercer and his production crew were in the area

filming a segment centered around the wild blueberry harvest in Nova Scotia. Alice is a member of the Wild Blueberry Producers of Nova Scotia (WBPANS), Chair of the Promotion Committee and a fabulous cook.

"I had it timed so hot wild blueberry muffins were just coming out of the oven as Rick and the crew arrived,"

says Alice, "The muffins seemed to be a big hit right away."

Video footage was taped in several local locations, following Rick Mercer as he harvested wild blueberries in Folly Mountain, delivered them to a receiver shed and then off for processing at Oxford Frozen Foods. Rick arrived at Alice Pugsley's home with fresh berries in hand and they enjoy cooking up some of her favorite recipes.

"Rick also brought along some of his 'Chapman's Rick Mercer Blueberry Ice Cream' and we prepared a wild blueberry sauce for shortcake. This was topped off with his

ice cream," says Alice. "Afterwards they all sampled baked salmon topped with a wild blueberry sauce and a fresh salad served with wild blueberry vinaigrette."

It sounds like they certainly did not leave Alice's kitchen hungry.

The wild blueberry segment had yet to air at press time but is expected to air on CBC television, on a Tuesday evening within in the next few weeks.

WBPANS has its office on Dakota Road in Debert. The wild blueberry is Nova Scotia's Provincial Berry. Additional exclusive photos are on page 20.



Ricker Mercer poses for a photo with Alice Pugsley of Five Islands after spending some time cooking up wild blueberry sauce in her kitchen. (submitted)

Clarke Family Relief Fund

By Maurice Rees

A bank account, Debbie Clarke Family Relief Fund, is being set up at the Royal Bank of Canada, Truro Branch to accept donations to help the Debbie Clarke family who suffered a serious house fire on October 24th. Unfortunately they did not have any house or property insurance. (Fire story on page 2)

Monetary donations can be made at the Royal Bank of Canada, Truro Branch. Those wishing to supply materials or other services, can chose how they wish to assist from the lists provided below.

The Shoreline Journal publisher, Maurice Rees, is asking for those wishing to help the Debbie Clarke family restore

their house to send an email: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com or by calling 902-647-2968 or Cell: 902-890-9850. If sending an email, please include name, phone and email addresses and how you might wish to assist.

Volunteers assistance will be needed in the following areas:

Carpenter/General contractor to prepare estimates of materials and labour.

Electrician to prepare estimate, materials and Scope of Work.

Plumber to prepare estimates, materials and Scope of Work.

Volunteer(s) who will assist by managing lists of other

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2ND Underwater Cable Installed

By Maurice Rees

The second of four underwater cables was laid on Sunday, October 19th in Minas Passage brings Nova Scotians that much closer to tidal power from the Bay of Fundy. A spokesperson from The Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy (FORCE) stated on Tuesday the 21st, he expected the next cable to be laid this week.

Each cable weighs approximately 100 tonnes and is 2-3 Kilometers in length. Each 34.5-kilovolt cable has a capacity of up to 16 megawatts - approximately enough to power over 6,000 homes during peak flows.

A 6:42 minute video showing the complexity of trans-

porting and laying the underwater cable is available at: <https://vimeo.com/109264425>. The video starts with offloading the cable at Port of Halifax, getting it secured

onto a barge, transporting to Minas Passage then actual laying of the cable. The operation includes a number of vessels - including barges, tugs, and other safety vessels.



An unidentified crew member on a safety boat keeps watch as the barge containing FORCE's underwater cable passes by. The second cable was installed in Minas Passage on Sunday, October 21st. (Submitted)

"This operation is the final piece of the FORCE facility," said Tony Wright, General Manager of FORCE. "Once installed, tidal developers can plug their devices into the cable and connect to the power grid."

Wright said: "We'll be laying up to four cables over the next two or three weeks, depending on a number of variables, including weather."

The FORCE landfall site and interpretive centre has already become an important contributor to the economy in the Parrsboro area. In addition to a lot of work for local contractors, and suppliers, the FORCE centre has four full-time employees, plus approximately half a dozen part-time and contract workers.

"The Minas Passage is a

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The Grand Opening of Masstown Petro Canada took place on October 18th with MLA Karen Casey carrying out the official ribbon cutting, assisted by (left to right)- Jim Adshade, Wade Jennings, Eric Jennings, Karen Casey, Laurie Jennings, Rick Graham, and Ron Smith. (Harrington Photo)

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