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Christian Academy Eyes East Court Road School

By Maurice Rees

The Colchester Christian Academy, currently located on Elm Street, has outgrown its current facility and has set its eyes on moving to the East Court Road School, when it has been declared surplus and is offered to the Municipality of Colchester.

Johanna Matthews and Cheryl McLeod, representing the academy, appeared be-

fore council at its September 12th presentation meeting. Other presenters during the evening were Colchester 4-H Council, Mattatall Lake Property Owners representatives and Susan Henderson representing Colchester East Hants branch of the Canadian Mental Health association.

Colchester Christian Academy was established in

1979 and has seen enrollment as high as 140 students for pre-kindergarten to Grade 12. It has a staff of 10 full time employees and approximately 60 volunteers. Current enrollment is 85 students from 50 families. In making the presentation it was noted the Academy does not have any debt, is operating on a balanced budget for 2017/18. The East Court

Road school also included a gymnasium, which the current facility does not offer. Presenters suggested it might be possible to offer the gym to local organizations for evening and summer activities.

If the Academy gets the building, they plan to have a green space at the rear of the building for use by the students and also have it serve as a local park for those in the neighbourhood.

At the end of the presentation, Mayor Blair assured Matthews and MacLeod the matter would be sent to council for consideration, but as of the presentation, council had not been advised if or when the school would be declared surplus by CCRSB.

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STRESS RELIEF: Older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

Federal, provincial and territorial ministers met the week of September 11th to discuss ways to ensure a fast, flexible and efficient immigration system to meet the needs of Canada, provinces and territories. Other key discussions at the meeting included promoting increased Francophone immigration outside of Quebec and the development of a pan-Canadian approach to dealing with asylum seekers. For more information and assistance on immigration in Nova Scotia, please visit novascotiaimmigration.com

Baltimore Farm, Great Village hosted the National Junior Limousin Show August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2018. In addition to approximately 70 young people from across Canada participating there will also be parents, Directors of the Canadian Limousin Board, and other interested persons attending the four-day event. Approximately 300 people are expected to register for the four day event. (story and photos on page 3)

Envirosystems will be hosting two open houses on Tuesday, October 3 at the Debert Hospitality Centre. One open house will be held in the afternoon and one in the evening. The purpose of these open houses is to provide area residents an opportunity to speak directly with the Envirosystems team regarding concerns about the recent odours and to find out about the steps are being taken in the short term and for the long term. The sessions will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm and 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

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Grade Primary Debert Elementary students Ryland Langille and Landon Millet show their drawings of what Stand Up. Speak Out. means to them. Students and staff from across the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) together on Thursday, Sept. 14th to promote social justice, respect, anti-bullying and understanding. (Harrington Photo) More photos on page 16.

Two Candidates for District 9 By-Election

By Maurice Rees

As of Friday, September 22nd two people had filed nomination papers for the October 21st by-election to elect a new councillor for District 9. Candidates are Bob White and Bob Pash. As of this writing there was still time for other candidates to file by the 2 pm, September 26th nomination deadline.

Rumours were not indicating there was a candidate in the offing, although several people had hoped a female might seek the seat, which became available when Doug MacInnes resigned earlier this summer.

Bob White owns and operates Wildflower Promotional Products & Apparel, Central Onslow. He had previously served as councillor for District 9 until he was defeated by MacInnes in 2012 municipal elections.

Bob Pash is owner of Robert Pash Auto Salvage, Debert. He serves the community as president of Royal Canadian Legion, Debert.

The election is expected to cost in the range of \$13,000-\$20,000 for labour, space rental, advertising and signage, and other consumables. Lorraine Dawson, who also handled the October 2016 municipal election details, has been hired as the Returning Officer.

The preliminary lists of electors has been prepared for the upcoming Municipal Special By-Election in District 9. Electors may find out if they are on the list of electors by contacting the Returning Office between the hours of 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, before October 12, 2017 at

1 Church Street, Truro, NS, Ph 902-956-2437 or E-mail: ldawson@colchester.ca

Advance Polls will be open 12 noon to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 14, and Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at Admin Building Debert Air Industrial Park 439 MacElmon Rd. Any elector may vote at the advance poll.

Unless one of the candidates dropped out of the race by Wednesday, September 27th, the following dates apply to the election process: Advance polls October 14th and 17th. Election voting will be held Saturday, October 21st.



The Maritime Junior Limousin show took place September 9th and 10th, with 36 junior members- who traveled from all over the Maritimes including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and 45 limousin cattle participating. Members of the Top Fitting Team (L-R) Alex Smith, Amber Lloyd, William Cooper, with presenter, John Calvin Siddall. (Jill Renton Photo) More photos and story can be found on page 3.



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