

Historic Sites Along The Shore



This historic photo from the Colchester Historic Museum Archives shows the "Neddy's Hole" furnace buildings. (Colchester Historic Museum Archives Photo)



This circa 1875 map shows the location of the Acadia Iron Mines in what is known today as Londonderry Mines. (Colchester Historic Museum Archives Photo)

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By Dick Akerman

The Shoreline Journal, in collaboration with the Colchester Historical Society Archives, will, with this month's edition, inaugurate a new feature, (have inaugurated an ongoing feature) utilizing a combination of the new "C.F. Church Maps" (see June issue) to pinpoint the Circa 1875 location of a Colchester site of Historical importance, and connect it to an archival photograph of that site, in that time frame.

Map number 334, which covers an area from Great Village to Acadia Mines (Londonderry Mines of today) has a blown up insert of "Acadia Mines" and in the upper center of the map, on the road to Sutherlands Lake, and straddling the Great Village River, one can locate the "forge", and the "Blast Furnace" where the first "pig iron" was produced. It was hauled by ox team to the "port of Londonderry" at Great Village, and shipped to Europe, where it was used in the world famous "Sheffield Steel Mills." The photograph of the site, known locally as "Neddy's Hole" shows the furnace buildings and in the background behind the horse and wagon can be seen the piles of hardwood used to fire the furnace.

Be sure to see next month's "Historic Sights" feature in the Shoreline, and if you have a suggestion for future "sights", submit it to the editor or the Archives, at 895-9530

Dick Akerman has been compiling information on behalf of the Colchester Historical Museum Archives, which will be published as a monthly column in the Shoreline Journal.

Brooke Densmore and the Thunder Selects

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In late July, Brooke attended the International Basketball Festival in Montreal. Her Thunder Selects Under 14 team won all four of their games, to earn the Championship Title. "I had been to this tournament before but this was the first time with the Thunder Selects and the first time winning any games. Winning the Championship was quite a

thrill. It was a high level of competition and I really enjoyed the whole experience," she says.

Brooke puts forth outstanding effort that does not go unnoticed. She was awarded the Coaches Award for Track & Field, as well as, Most Valuable Player for Girls Basketball at Central Colchester Junior High this past year. She finished in the top ten in all five of her Track

& Field events at Provincials this year, quite an accomplishment in itself.

The return to school in September will see Brooke back on the basketball court, trying out for the CCJHS team, and in December she hopes to try out for the Thunder Selects Team once again. She will move up to the Under Fifteen team this year.

Congratulations on your successes to date, Brooke.

Blueberry Pot Luck Supper raises \$1,000 dispite having to turn away patrons at the door

By Chris Urquhart

I wish to thank everyone who helped out in any way with our recent Blueberry Pot Luck Supper. Although we made over \$1000.00 we had to turn about 50 people away because we ran out of food. To those of you who provided

food - thank you very much.

For those of you who promised food but were unable to send it, we really missed it. Please try harder next time. At \$8 a person, 50 people would have been another \$400. That would buy a lot of oil to heat the Church with!

To those of you who ended up being turned away because we ran out of food, we are very sorry.

Please try to come earlier next time! (we'll also try to have more food!)

Thanks to you all.

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