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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS September 2013

The 2013 Harvest Sale and Auction, which is a major fund raiser for the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade will be held at the Fire Hall in Onslow on Friday and Saturday, September 27th & 28th. Auction will include 100's household items – appliances, furniture, good selection of antiques & collectibles. Sale of local produce, pickles, preserves & bake goods + Donations from local merchants. Members of the brigade will be canvassing the local area and accepting donations of sale items. Sale starts Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 10 am. For information: www.onslowbelmontfb.ca or email: c.peers@ns.sympatico.ca, 902-897-5951

Saturday, August 24th brought the last 2013 Saturday morning breakfast at Saint James United Church, Great Village. It may have been the last breakfast ever, because the church has been listed with a realtor and is up for sale. Also on Saturday, the community centre hosted the last version of the 2013 summer bazaar.

There are no Friday Night Suppers at the Debert Legion in September. At press time, it is not known if suppers will continue this fall. So far no one has come forward to champion the cause this year.

An urgent public meeting was held on Monday, August 26 at 7 pm in the Debert Fire Hall (after this issue was being printed), to discuss the Debert After School Program. Many families have come to appreciate the program, and the new school year is just around the corner. The program, operated for the last two years at Debert Baptist Church, is now in jeopardy.

President Mike Michaud has resigned as President of Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce, a 440-member organization to pursue a career offer in the United States. As a result, Past President Don Hay is coming back to the President's Chair for the rest of this calendar year.

Stephanie Jones, owner of McDonald's Restaurants in Truro, who has been serving at Vice President of the Truro and Colchester Chamber of Commerce will take over as next year's Chamber President three months earlier than usual, to facilitate the departure of Michaud for the United States.

Another big fundraising weekend ahead for the Port Greville area. On Saturday, August 31st, a hot and cold buffet will be held at the FPW Firehall, Port Greville from 4:30-6 pm. Cost is \$10. On Sunday September 1 at 9am an Open Air Ecumenical Church Service will be held at 8098 Hwy 209 Colins' Field, Wards Brook. The Free Will offering goes to local churches. The service will be followed by Pancake Breakfast \$5.00 proceeds go to The Age of Sail Museum. Just after you've finished your pancakes make your way over to the Antique Engine Show 10-4 (show hours may vary) and Customer Appreciation Day 10-6. Free Admission, 8334 Hwy 209 Port Greville/Wards Brook Age of Sail Museum. Organizers hope readers will spread the word to friends to help promote the Labour Day weekend events.

HUMOUR CORNER:

"My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.
Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be."



A very successful Colchester Fire Fighters Day was held on August 24th at the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition. Above, OBBF's Walter McElhinney gave kids a ride in the miniature fire truck. See more pictures on page 7.

2013 'Not Since Moses' Run - Huge Success

By Linda Harrington

With a great deal of mud, muck and motivation participants in the 7th Annual "Not Since Moses Walk/Run" headed out across the floor of the Bay of Fundy on August 11th.

The weather was perfect, with gentle sea breezes keep-

ing the temperatures and humidity at perfect levels for athletes giving their all to finish the gruelling 5 or 10km course. Footwear seemed the only major casualties of the event, certainly not the place to wear your best running shoes.

There were many first timers on the course including Angela Ward, of Debert, who says she had a blast. "The whole event was very well organized. It was definitely hard but awesome!" Two families from the Stewiacke area, the Nielsen's and Harrison's

were using words like "amazing" and "fabulous" to describe their first Moses run.

The event's founder Dick Lemon was very pleased with the success of the run and couldn't help but smile as he looked down at hundreds of runners coming across the finish line. "We started with 182 entries and the event has gotten bigger and bigger each year. We had 1202 last year and 1610 this year," says Lemon. "This year's event was probably the most complex event we have ever had it, and it was run the smoothest of them all."

This is Lemon's last year as organizer of Not Since Moses. He is passing the reins to Rob Chambers, of Halifax Trail Runners and Harold Corbett, of Five Islands and feels very confident in their ability to keep the event going. "I hope to be actually running in the event next year," he laughs.

see the photos on page 13 and 18.



It might have been just a bit muddy! Caught having the finest times of the summer vacation, Jona Tate and Logan Acker from Canning, Nova Scotia, seemed to enjoy mud sliding (and rolling).

April Wine to Open RECC, Sept 28th

The Grand Opening of the Rath Eastlink Community Centre has been set for Saturday, September 28. To celebrate the new state-of-the-art recreation facility, the RECC has a full day of activities planned for the community, capped by a headline performance by April Wine in the new Community Credit Union Arena.

From 12:00 - 4:00 PM all

activities will be available for the public to enjoy at no charge.

There will be entertainment, games, giveaways, food-all things celebration! And of course there will be recreation- extra staff will be on hand in the Fitness Centre, Wilson's Aquatic Centre and on the Kohler Klimb Wall to ensure that everyone who wishes to participate in an

activity will not be disappointed. Instructors will also be holding free group exercise classes throughout the afternoon for anyone interested. The full agenda and details will be available on the RECC website in the upcoming weeks.

But the fun doesn't stop when the sun goes down. That night there will be a Grand Opening Celebration in the Community Credit Union Arena featuring April Wine and other live bands.

"We wanted to plan something that will really engage the community- something affordable and that everyone can be a part of" said Jim Lambert, General Manager. "April Wine will bring a lot of fun to the evening, tunes that will have the crowd dancing all night!"

Tickets to the Arena Beer Garden are \$25 taxes included. It is \$15 taxes included for those who wish to sit in the Arena seating but do not want to enter into the Beer Garden on the Arena floor. "If you want to mingle and dance,

Gather up the clan, this is one event they won't want to miss!

On September 7, come on down to the community "Family Fun Day" in support of Frank and Marguerite Phillips and their family. From 9am to 3pm the field behind Faith Baptist Church (38 Station Rd., Great Village) will be a hive of great fun and games for the whole family, including a Washer Toss Tournament, a barbeque and a yard sale. Games and activities especially for the kids will include face painting, a sucker pull, fish pond game and balloon animals. A Softball Tournament is scheduled for the morning. Come on out and cheer on your favourite team!

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The Lower Onslow Community Centre Society held an auction on August 17th, with Doug MacInnes (left) as auctioneer, assisted by John MacKay (right). Many of the former church windows and doors, removed during recent renovations, were sold at the auction.

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