

# The Shoreline Journal

## 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRONOLOGICAL RECAP

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anniversary. Karen Casey, MLA presents Great Village Fire Brigade with a \$58,000 cheque to build a new fire hall in Londonderry. Carol Ann Naugle builds 252 diameter wreath at Barb's Berries in Belmont to capture a world record.

**June, 2008 (Vol 12, No 6)** – Debert Military Museum celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With financial and mentoring assistance from CoRDA, Economy identifies three priorities for the area; tourism, high speed internet and cell phone coverage. Debert Elementary students and staff raise \$1,704.39 in pennies for the IWK Telethon. Breaking Point Productions, with a \$1.5-million budget, lease the former Orenda building for three months to shoot segments for the Discovery Channel.

**July, 2008 (Vol 12, No 7)** – CoRDA CEO, Joanne Fewer, reports the area created 102 new jobs with 34 new business start-ups. Adam Fisher, unveils his desire to globally market, "The Ditch Doctor", his invention, is an attachment for an excavator, that cleans ditches along highways or dykes. The Shoreline publishes five-page features showing graduates from area elementary schools and CCJHS. A four page feature highlights summer tourism activity along the shore.

**August, 2008 (Vol 12, No 8)** – Debert Airport gets \$265,000 for business plan and infrastructure upgrades. Patricia Stokdijk, 17 y/o, picks 630 quarts of berries at Millen Farms to earn \$283.50 in one day. The Shoreline Journal joins national newspaper association, becomes member of similar group in Atlantic Canada and launches a new website. Former Chisholm's Meat Market on Soley Factory Road, building was demolished by two excavators from Culgin Construction after it became a safety Hazard.

**September, 2008 (Vol 12, No 9)** – Bass River Heritage Days a success as efforts continue to raise funds for Bass River Museum. Federal MP, Bill Casey calls on federal government to directly support dyke rehabilitation efforts. The construction site of Shannex's new Debert Court is beehive of activity as workers push for completion in spring 2009. Local 4-H clubs enjoy another successful provincial exhibition. Plans underway for Wentworth Valley's Fall Festival of Colours on Thanksgiving weekend. Karen Casey, MLA, delivers \$10,000 cheque to for improvements to Debert Military Museum.

**October, 2008 (Vol 12, No 10)** – A total of nine candidates vying for election in the federal and municipal election: four candidates, federally; three for Mayor of Colchester and Tom Taggart is challenging incumbent, Doug Cooke for municipal district 10. GVDFB takes delivery of a new fire truck from MetalFab, Centerville, NB. Sara Densmore, Debert finishes in top five in "Miss Teen Canada" competition in BC. Area schools participate in "pink" anti-bullying activities. Kohler Manufacturing increases K2 facility from 19,000 to 24,000 for a plant total of 130,000 sq ft.

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## Peat Moss Sewer is the Answer



The Lower Onslow Community Centre recently had a new peat moss septic system installed. This system works well for homes/buildings without a large area for a septic bed. (Harrington Photo)

By Linda Harrington

The Lower Onslow Community Centre has just installed a new state of the art sewer system.

"We had one of the old open system set-ups, with the pipe running over someone else's land," says Doug MacInnes, President of the Lower Onslow Community Centre Association. "The pipe became blocked, and we didn't have enough land for a standard system, so we had to look at alternative arrangements."

The answer was a peat moss system. "This system has been around since the 1950's. In Finland, whole towns have been using it for over 50 years," says Doug.

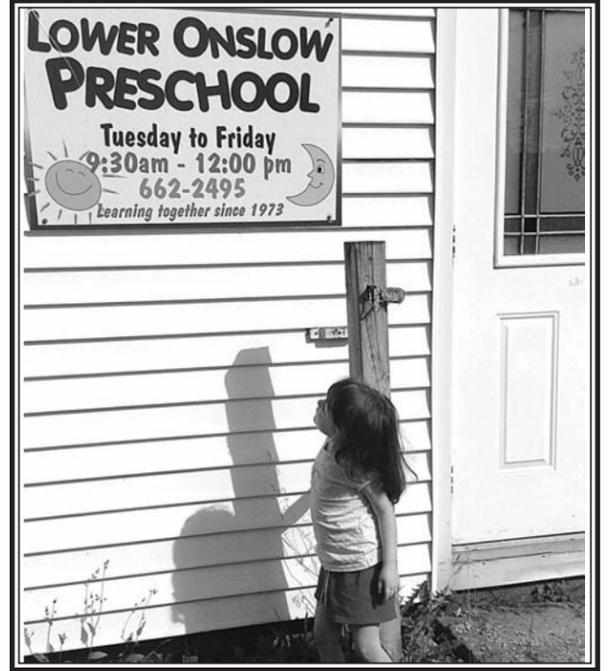
The Community Centre, which is also home to the Lower Onslow Preschool, received a \$10,000 grant from the County and they were able to raise the remaining money through fund raising. "We needed one of the larger systems because of the number of people who use the Centre and thanks to a good deal from Turner Contractor, who installed the unit and Brookfield Concrete, who supplied the tanks, we were able to have the system in place for about \$17,000," says Doug.

Doug MacInnis, who is also District 9's County Councillor, wants home owners to understand the affordability of this system. "Many older homes in our rural areas have these open systems, where a pipe runs into a swamp or over a bank. People think that since they have a small lot, and don't have room for a septic field, they won't have affordable options but this peat system is the answer."

Doug says the Lower Onslow Community Centre system has two holding tanks and the waste is filtered through three holding tanks filled with peat and gravel. The system only needs to be cleaned out every 5 years and also contains filters that can be simply cleaned with a garden hose.

"There are grants to assist home owners and make this new system more affordable," says Doug. "The Provincial Housing Emergency Repair Program offers funding up to \$6500 and the Environmental Home Assessment Program offers up to \$3000."

For more information on these programs visit <http://housingns.ca/programs/financial-assistance-and-grant-programs-homeowners/emergency-repair-program> and <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/hap/>



Summer is over and schools start early in September, including Lower Onslow Preschool. (Submitted)

## Patter from Preschool

By Joann Michelin

The summer has flown by and it is almost time for Claire and Joann to welcome old friends back and meet new ones for the school year. We had our closing ceremony in June and we wish all our Sunbeams a wonderful year at "Big School". We will miss them all dearly but know the adventure they are embarking on is an exciting one.

We will be starting our new year on Tuesday, September 2.

We still have a few spots in our program which is an inclusive Preschool program for ages 3-5. Anyone looking for more info on our program can contact 662-2495. Watch out for our annual Fall Fun Fair and our Bulb Fund Raiser in September.

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning."

But for children play is really the work of childhood." Fred Rogers.

## Welcome back!

On behalf of the elected members and staff of the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) we would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning students, as well as their families.

At CCRSB, our focus is our students. It is our job to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to succeed academically, socially and emotionally. We are proud of the successes that our students have realized in the past and know that our students of today have amazing potential to achieve.

Success for students is realized when there is cooperation, partnership and commu-

nication between home and school.

We encourage all students, parents and guardians to make use of the many ways to become involved with your school and school board.

There are many ways to stay informed about what is

happening in CCRSB schools, including individual school websites. CCRSB's website - [www.ccrsb.ca](http://www.ccrsb.ca) - is updated almost daily with information, photos and stories from our schools. We are also on Facebook and Twitter (@CCRSB\_Official).

Good luck and best wishes to all new and returning students as we start another school year!



Gary Clarke, Superintendent/CEO



Trudy Thompson, Board Chair



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Best wishes from your Chignecto-Central Regional School Board for a successful, happy, and safe school year!



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