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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS September 2016

Before you read further, if you contacted me and I agreed to include whatever in this issue, there might be a problem. If it's not in this issue and I apologize. As I was transferring all the editorial files and stories to a CD, I made a stupid mistake that took about 10 seconds. As a result I lost, forever, every story, obituary, meeting notice, that I had so carefully handled in the last four weeks. As a result, I'm having to work day and night – probably 20 additional hours, in 2.5 days to re-construct everything. If it's not there, call me and lay it on me. If it there, call and say **THANK YOU**.

Ken Kennedy, former publisher, sent a note saying, "This month's CAA Magazine lists Staples Brook Road, Debert, as one of ten worst roads in the Maritimes."

Marion Bird retired in June from organizing the Wheels to Meals program in Great Village for 20 years. The Legion thanks her for many years of dedicated service. On Sept. 20th, Elaine & Harold Dominex, two members of the Legion will be taking over the program for a Roast Pork dinner. Meals are held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month. To reserve a seat call 902-668-2314 a couple of days before each event. Monthly events will be published in the Hollis Ford Calendar each month.

Dance the night away for a good cause. Saturday September 24th, 2016 the Best Western Glengarry Hosts a Mellotones Dance in Support of the Colchester East Hants Hospice Society. **TICKETS: \$25.00** Available at the Best Western Front Desk, 150 Willow Street, Truro.

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Colchester Gets \$2.03-Million

By **Maurice Rees**

The County of Colchester has until March 2018 to complete three infrastructure jobs that will have 75% of the funding coming from the Federal and Provincial governments. The three jobs will have a total

investment of \$2.03-Million once the county's 25% is added in.

Prime Minister Trudeau's announcement in Bridgetown on August 16th, on his first tour through Atlantic Canada since winning the election last fall, included \$87-Million for infra-

structure and \$32-Million for Public Transportation, which enables these projects to proceed immediately.

The \$87-Million for infrastructure is aimed at water and wastewater projects across the province. The feds are contributing 50% and the province

25% for approved projects which are ready to go.

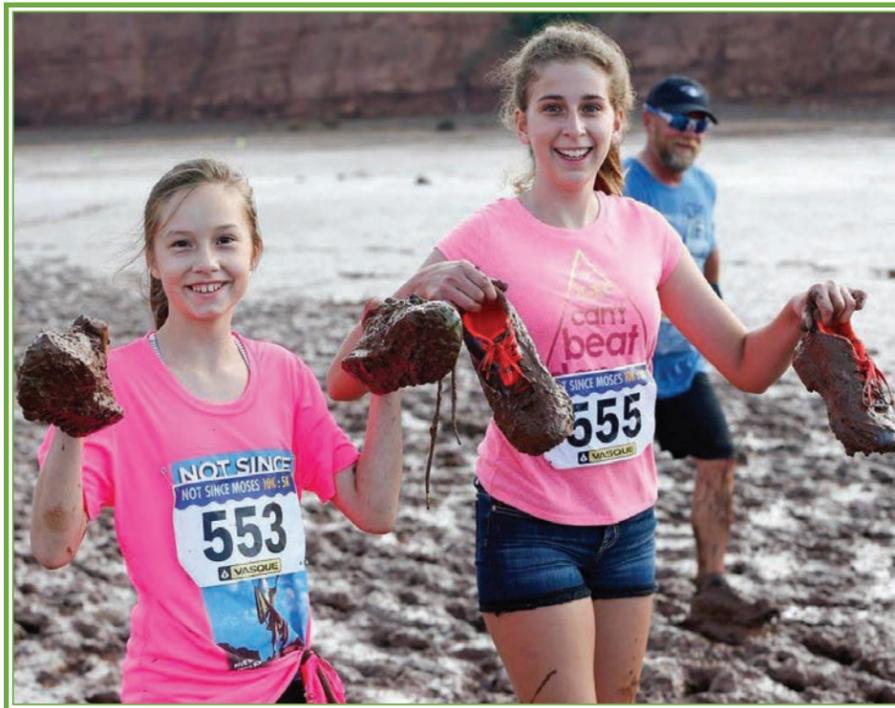
Colchester's the three projects include the replacement of the Pumping Station in Debert (\$731 Federal funding, \$365K Provincial funding, \$365K County funding); the Debert Gateway Water System Installation (\$375K Federal dollars, \$187K Provincial funding and \$187K County funding); and, the Tatamagouche Sewer Replacement project (\$250K Federal funding, \$125K Provincial funding and \$125K County funding).

Speaking on behalf of County Council, Mayor Bob Taylor expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the two (2) senior levels of government for supporting these vitally important projects.

Moreover, he stated: "The funding provided by the Government of Canada and Government of Nova Scotia is instrumental in allowing the County to advance critical infrastructure projects which will protect the environment and meet the current and future needs of County residents.

We genuinely value the support of our Federal and Provincial funding partners and

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These happy young ladies decided to complete the Not Since Moses Run barefoot and proudly display the condition of their sneakers. (Len Wagg Photo) (See story and photos on page 2)

Woodlot Tour in Lr. Five Islands – September 24

By **Maurice Rees**

Lower Five Islands will see a large influx of visitors on Saturday, September 24 as interested woodland enthusiasts flock to the area to congratulate Matthew and Bonnie Harrison, Lynn Road, Lr Five Islands on their selection as 2016 Central Region and Provincial Woodland Owner of the Year. A field day and woodland tour will be held at the property from 9 am to 4 pm.

The Harrison family lives on a 1000 acre woodland and their primary focus is on long term viability of the woodland in order to sustain the many values that the property offers.

The Harrison's property was previously owned by Matthew's grandparents who bought it

in the 1950s. Matthew is now the current owner and has done an amazing job at maintaining the woodland through forest improvement practices, such as tree planting, selection management, and pre-commercial thinning.

They have been very active in developing recreational opportunities such as snowmobile trail development on the land, and primarily developing and operating sugar maple and blueberry businesses. For the past six years, the Harrisons have committed to at least 20 ha (50 acre) of selection harvesting each year. This has resulted in a well-managed forest with continuous cover for wildlife.

In the 1990s

Matthew started growing blueberries; which has expanded to 120 acres. Shortly after starting his blueberry business, he initiated a sugar maple business called the Hidden Mountain Maple Farms. The Harrison family currently manages 12,000 maple taps and has recently added another 1500 taps. The Hidden Mountain Maple Farms sell many sweet products such as maple syrup, maple butter, maple cream, fudge, maple

jelly and many more. Hopefully you will be able to sample some of the products today.

Matthew and his family are also living completely off the existing Nova Scotia Power electricity grid; nearly all of their electrical power comes from the solar panels installed on the property. See more about the Harrison's woodland by visiting the DNR website at: <http://www.novascotia.ca/natr/woodlot/woya/2016.asp>



Photo courtesy Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources and Don Cameron

Busy, Eventful Year for TNR

By **Xavier LeBlanc**

This has definitely been a busy and eventful year for the T.N.R. 4H club. Through the course of the year, we have: Gone camping overnight at Gittens Lodge; Visited a local family in the process of building a schooner; Raised \$5,000 in our November potted arrangement fundraiser and raised money for our Ken McGee Scholarship Fund to help our members going on to university this September.

We also sponsored and operated the canteen at the NS Lumberjack Challenge, and raised \$2,100 to purchase a saw for our Woodsmen team; Received a Farm Credit Canada grant for new club shirts; Went canvassing for the Canadian Diabetes Association in Bible Hill and surrounding areas; Obtained a fitness grant for our Tug of War team and Purchased a storage container to keep our club supplies together.

Yes, we were busy, we also purchased large main items for most project leaders

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A braille sign occupies a prominent place in the new Jim Dooks Memorial Playground at Camp Evangeline. \$80,000 was spent creating this joyful playground. Maurice Rees takes a closer look at the official opening with story and photos on page 28.

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