Bay Area Loses “Community Catalyst”

By Neil Everton

Doug Poulton, the inspiration behind many community activities in and around St. Margaret’s Bay, died suddenly on December 22nd. He was 71.

Doug’s initiative prompted the formation of the Seniors Association of St. Margaret’s Bay where he served as president for 20 years.

In 2009, Doug had convened a community meeting in the Tantallon Superstore to discuss the lack of housing options for seniors in the St. Margaret’s Bay area.

At the time Doug and his wife, Sandra, were running the White Sail Bakery in Tantallon. “Doug had a pretty good idea of needs in the community, not only housing, because the food bank was located on the upper floor of his bakery,” said Heather.

He was instrumental in creating the St. Margaret’s Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Hammonds Plains Business Association.

Heather Cochrane, a past president of the Seniors Association, described Doug as “a community catalyst”, someone who was adept at identifying a need within a community and getting people to work together to find a solution.

She remembered how, in 2009, Doug would place a plate of bakery squares on the table to aid the brainstorming and list making.

From that an association was formed with the goal of making a seniors-friendly community. “Doug was able to identify a need and then the community would step up to make it happen,” said Heather.

In 2014 Doug was named Citizen of the Year by the St. Margaret’s Bay Lions Club. The award was given for his volunteer work in the community.

He and his wife, Sandra, were long-time residents of Glen Haven and they ran the bakery business for 20 years.

When he sold the bakery he focused his business interests on real estate.

Doug was involved with the St. Margaret’s Bay Regional Tourism Association, the St. Margaret’s Bay Business Association, the Wynnacht’s Cove Environmental Society, and Relay for Life. John Glover, the owner of Redmond’s Hardware and a past Saint Margaret’s Bay Chamber of Commerce director, described Doug as “a man truly committed to his community.”

John further said that “As the founder and long-time owner of White Sails Bakery, he was a well-known entrepreneur who felt the local business community needed a voice. “Doug was passionate about shopping locally and was never one to shy about expressing the importance of it. The business community has lost a true friend.”

On another occasion the community room at the Supertestore was filled to capacity with people sitting at the back on the radiators to discuss the possible formation of a seniors citizen group.

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Hubbards & Area Lions Thanks the Community

The Hubbards & Area Lions Club would like to thank everyone who volunteered and contributed to our Christmas hamper campaign. So many people made it possible to give nearly 40 families in need a Merry Christmas.

They ranged from volunteers, local schools and businesses to the Aspotogan Heritage Trust, the Hubbards & Area Business Association, the Hubbards & Area food bank, community members, ATV clubs and Canadian Tire Tantallon.

We even made a visit to the Aspotogan Consolidated Elementary School, thanks to a very generous and caring young man and his classmates.

Keith Goodridge and his friends took it upon themselves to raise money for charity.

Keith’s charity of choice was the Hubbards & Area Lions Club Christmas Hamper program. Clay sculptures made by Keith himself were sold at school.

Keith and his classmates were presented certificates and pins.

We in return received a cheque, our very own clay sculptures, hugs and the best feeling in the world.

It was quite a day. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. We could not have done it without you.

Keith Goodridge holds the certificate that he received from the Hubbards Lions Club. To his right is KL William Burns.

Aquaculture Considerations in Chester-St. Margaret’s

An Opinion Piece By Hugh MacKay

The waters of Mahone Bay and Mahone Bay’s Bay are among the most pristine of Nova Scotia. These water hosts a delicate balance of commercial, recreational and tourism activities, all regulated by an overarching consideration of ecological sustainability and environmental responsibility.

The lobster fishery, finfish farming and aquaculture are important sources of commercial revenue for our coastal villages. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of these as a critical component of our rural economy.

Famed ocean explorer and conservationist, Jacques Cousteau, wrote, “As populations mount and land grown food supplies are unable to feed the growing numbers of the hungry, man is turning more and more to the sea for his food.”

“On land, man has slowly learned to conserve the soil lest it stop producing crops. If the bounty of the sea is not to be exhausted, man must learn to farm it as he farms the land, by sowing as well as reaping.”

The bays and coves of Chester- St. Margaret’s have been identified as offering some of the best waters for commercial aquaculture in all of Atlantic Canada.

I am not a marine biologist but I have made it my business to learn about the aquaculture industry so as to represent your interests in our economic/social development and marine habitat protection.

I have discovered that there have been past missteps and misinformation regarding aquaculture activities, with the result that it hasn’t been welcomed by all parties as a supplementary food supply.

Recent announcements concerning the awarding of “Options for Leases” for aquaculture activity in Mahone Bay and St. Margaret’s Bay have prompted much speculation and discussion regarding the pros and cons of aquaculture.

I am intent on ensuring that any proposals coming forward as a result of lease options are globally accepted best practices and will follow the highest standards for environmental responsibility.

To ensure science-based consideration and determination regarding aquaculture, the Province of Nova Scotia formed an Aquaculture Regulatory Advisory Committee.

The committee membership is comprised of representatives from coastal communities, First Nations, industry and municipal governments to provide advice on regulating aquaculture in Nova Scotia.

Also, a three-member, independent Aquaculture Review Panel is tasked with decision-making power on the approval of any proposed aquaculture site after a company has exercised an option and developed a farm management plan.

I believe that these measures, which include the most rigorous aquaculture regulations in Canada, will ensure that only responsible aquaculture activity will take place in harmony with our fisheries and with our recreational and tourism activities.

I look forward to discussions with all interested parties as we seek a balance for a key economic driver that contributes to our economy/social development while not degrading our natural coastal habitats.

As always, your comments, questions and suggestions are welcome at info@hughmackay.ca.

Koru Mindfulness Course Offered in SMB for the First Time

Koru Mindfulness, a mindfulness curriculum developed by two counsellors at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, is being offered in St. Margaret’s Bay at the Community Enterprise Centre (CEC) on Wednesday, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., from January 22nd to February 12th.

Firth MacMillan, an educator who has delivered the program in New York City and Halifax, will be leading the program.

MacMillan says, “The science is clear. Mindfulness and meditation are skills that are proven to help people cope with stress and anxiety.”

She adds that Koru is an evidence-based program that was originally designed for university students, but is helpful for all ages, and “many of the students to whom I’ve taught the program are older.”

MacMillan says the program at the CEC is open to adults of any age.

Since people are busy,

MacMillan says the program, at 75 minutes a week for four weeks, has been carefully designed to offer “the lowest effective dose” of mindfulness training.

“Each week, students will learn and practice two or three different meditation techniques,” she says, “as well as discuss practical mindfulness concepts.”

Some of these concepts include learning how to counteract negative bias and focus on the present instead of obsessing about the future.

MacMillan says there is a mobile app included in the course, which allows students to access all course materials through a smart phone.

The course cost, which represents a 50% discount from the usual fee, is $55 plus the HST, plus another $3.99 for the app.

For more information visit https://kourmindfulness. org or contact firthmacmillan@gmail.com.
New Evening Classes at Lakeside

The Pegasus Program is at it again! They’re looking for local actors, grade 7+, to audition for their upcoming Spring production. This original comedy features a melange of characters including Dracula, Ms. Scarlet, Bob Ross, and a quarelling angel and demon who are hosting the most popular game show in the afterlife.

Auditions will take place at the Unicorn Theatre on Monday, January 20th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information or to book an audition and receive the audition package, please email them at unicorn. theatre. pegasus@gmail.com.

Pegasus is an enriched theatre program for young people in grade 7 and up. I t provides exciting opportunities for aspiring actors, as well as for anyone interested in “behind the scenes”, stage management, costumes, sets, props, or technical. Unicorn Theatre acknowledges, with thanks, funding received from the Bay Treasure Chest.

First of Four Small Business Resource Sessions at Tantallon Public Library

The first of a series of four sessions called Business in the Bay Series, Resources for Business Growth, will be held on Wednesday, January 20th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Tantallon Public Library. This will be in partnership with the Saint Margaret’s Bay Community Enterprise Centre (CEC). The session, which is free of charge and open to all, will offer participants an overview of the considerable resources available through the public library relevant to small businesses, as well as an overview of services available to small businesses at the CEC. Refreshments will be served, and there will be time for networking after the presentations. For more information, contact the public library or the CEC.

GoFundMe Page Set Up to Help with Funeral Costs for Doug Poulton

As many already know, the St Margaret’s Bay Community lost a well-known and respected citizen when Doug Poulton suddenly died on Sunday, December 22nd (see tribute to Doug on front page in this issue of the Masthead). A GoFundMe page has been set up to help Doug Poulton’s wife, Sandra, handle funeral and related costs. Anyone willing to help with her expenses can go to the following link: https://www.gofundme.com/support-for-sandra-poulton?
If you are not currently advertising, but would like to reach an audience of approximately 18,000 homes and businesses in the Western HRM (Tantallon, Hammonds Plains and St.Margaret’s Bay), as well as Chester, here is your chance!

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Nunavut—The Territory Turns Twenty—A Southerner’s Perspective

Between 2015 and 2017 Chris Heide travelled throughout the Territory of Nunavut to a dozen Inuit communities, seeking to initiate social development projects aimed at preventing crime.

Through photos and stories, Chris will be a guest of the Athenaean Society of Nova Scotia at their January 19th meeting to offer a “Southerner’s” overview of Nunavut, as the territory celebrated the 20th anniversary of its creation on April 1st, 2019.

While presenting several locations, including the capital, Chris will concentrate on the hamlet of Pangnirtung where he and his wife, Deborah Hickman, lived for eight years, and will focus most particularly on issues faced by Inuit youth. A Maritimer by birth, Chris has lived for many years in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. In his home region, he is known for his work in the arts with four books in print, dozens of plays professionally produced, and has received numerous grants and awards.

Since first living in his “second home” of Pangnirtung Chris has also pursued a career across the North. Through the generosity of the Inuit, he has worked in a number of capacities to prevent crime and suicide, and to promote community development in the North.

This presentation of the Athenaean Society will take place on Sunday, January 19th, at 2:30 p.m., at the Ocean Swells Community Centre in Northwest Cove, 2716 Hwy 329. The presentation is free and all are welcome.

Deadline for the February 12th Issue of The Masthead News is February 5th.
Eleanor Pew Morris Memorial Arena celebrating 50th Anniversary
By Dale Kaizer

It was 50 years ago as of February 14, 1970, that the Eleanor Pew Morris Memorial Arena was officially opened. Since then generations of family history and fun by residents of Chester Municipality and the surrounding area have come and gone.

The late Carroll F. Kaizer of Beech Hill, for example, was employed at the arena from 1971 until the mid 1990s and his son, Danny Kaizer, has been employed there for the last seven years.

Ice maker Terry Atherton of Chester has been involved with the Chester Curling Club since its beginning in 1970, and his sons Andrew and John are known nation-wide for their coaching abilities and achievements.

They have both coached Provincial Championship teams from Chester, and Andrew has coached two World Championship teams as well—the 2016 Canadian Junior Women’s Curling Champions and the 2016 World Junior Women’s Champions.

His wife, Beth, has been coaching for the last six years in Chester. Their two children, Stephanie and Zach, are also avid curlers, winners of the Provincial Under Eleven Championship.

The 50th Anniversary Celebrations throughout 2020 of the Eleanor Pew Morris Memorial Arena is not just a celebration of the building, but of the Chester community.

Michael O’Connor, one of nine volunteer trustees of the Church Memorial Park Committee, says, “It’s all about the community and we’re here to serve them.”

Church Memorial Park consists of the Chester Arena, Chester Curling Club, Chester Tennis Club, Chester Brass Band, and the Chester Family Resource Centre.

O’Connor states that “There are on-going and future development plans for Church Memorial Park.” These plans are part of the 50th Anniversary celebration and include renovations to the Chester Arena, Chester Curling Club, Chester Tennis Club, Chester Brass Band, and the Chester Family Resource Centre.

Dr. Charles Lee

Tantallon Dental welcomes Dr Charles Lee to our office.

Dr. Lee was born in Seoul, South Korea and grew up in Hammonds Plains. Charles completed his Bachelor Of Science degree, and his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at Dalhousie University.

Charles is interested in family orientated dentistry and cosmetic dentistry, with a focus on optimizing painless practicue techniques.

Outside of work, he enjoys photography, cooking, surfing, and bouldering.

His current hours are Friday’s 9 am – 7 pm, and two Saturdays per month 8 am – 4 pm. His receptionist can be reached at 902-826-2163 extension 4, or info@tantallondental.ca.

World Championship Plaques

~CORRECTION~

In the December 4th Masthead News there was a typo in the headline. It says that Bay Treasure Chest winner, Fran Payne, won $15,419. It should have read $25,419. Thank you.
Metaline Graphics Evolves into Major Manufacturer in Niche Market

By Keith Ayling

Metaline Graphics in Hubbards started doing business in a house in the area in 1974 and has since evolved into a major manufacturer of instrument panels, high performance durable labels, decals, product identification plates, graphics panel overlays and much more.

The firm was owned by Roger and Diane Crowther who sold it to David Waters in June of 2017.

Metaline Graphics moved from Hubbards Square in the late 1990s to its present location on Hwy #3 in Hubbards.

David explains the firm operates in a niche market, being the only one of its kind east of Montreal, producing Metalphoto® plates. Its products are made from a variety of materials including salt water resistant, anodized aluminum and a special Lexan® material that are both good for years of service as well as many others.

These and other products meet a wide range of commercial, government and military specifications.

In addition, Metaline Graphics also produces award and recognition plaques for organizations and volunteer groups that honour their members and executives.

David says that working in Hubbards is very enjoyable with the firm being able to hire extra staff as conditions warrant.

His firm currently has dozens of long-term corporate customers as well as many local businesses and community organizations.

In addition to the above-mentioned products, they also produce wayfinding signs, banners, safety and plant signs or just about any sign or label that you require.

Metaline Graphics is a well-known and respected member of the Hubbards business community and, after 40 years of being in business, remains a family-owned, Canadian, small business that is attentive and responsive to its customers' needs.

Check them out at www.metalinegraphics.com or give David a call at 902-857-9109.

Winter Water Works Its Miracles

This photo was taken at East River Marina in December. The edges of the bay were icy and pulling up a rope from the water produced this beautiful design with the sun coming through the ice. (Photo by Jan Shilletto)

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Gluten-Free Group Plans Regular Meetings in SMB

Bay residents who cook and eat gluten-free for health reasons are invited to join a new group that has formed and will begin meeting regularly at the SMB Community Enterprise Centre (CEC), with a first meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 26th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Organizers Monique Glover and Sharon Jessup-Joyce are friends and colleagues who started the group with a Christmas cookie exchange in December and plan to continue with monthly meetings at the CEC.

“We started with the cookie exchange to gauge interest,” says Jessup-Joyce. “And because we wanted to give other gluten-free families an opportunity to have a really nice variety of holiday baking that everyone could enjoy,” adds Glover, who needs to maintain a gluten-free kitchen on behalf of herself and her two young daughters.

“So we reached out informally to a handful of people we know who have to eat gluten-free for health reasons, and they were delighted to participate.”

Glover went on to say that “Everyone was eager to keep meeting to share recipes, cooking tips, names of gluten-friendly restaurants and take-outs, and perhaps do some group buying of gluten-free foods we can eat with pleasure,” she says. Glover adds that anyone who regularly cooks and eats gluten-free is welcome to attend the meetings.

People who must eat gluten-free, rather than those who do so voluntarily, will be the group’s focus. For more information email sjessupjoyce@gmail.com

Library Opens Unique Exhibition until January 31

The Tantallon Public Library has opened a unique exhibition featuring Canadian Fine Art photographer Patrick J. Boening. The exhibition is on until January 31st. Born In 1956 in Germany, Patrick J. Boening moved to Haifa, Israel, in 1983 and immigrated to Toronto on August 20th, 1999. On May 1st, 2019, he relocated to Highland Park near Tantallon “for the beauty of the land and the kindness of the people.” His studio is situated at Cox Lake Estate.

Patrick holds a Masters Degree in Photography and has worked in this field since 1976. He is currently a freelance commercial photographer and photojournalist who shows his works in exhibitions in North America and Europe on a regular basis. Travel and landscape photography, as well as photojournalism, are his main bodies of work.

His images can be found in international magazines, newspapers, books and in private collections around the globe, as well as on the World Wide Web. Patrick shows and sells his work between May and December at the Winding River Art Gallery in Stewiacke, Nova Scotia, where he acts as a core member. His latest photobook, “New York City”, is available at Amazon.

Children See Santa at Estabrooks Community Hall

The Estabrooks Community Hall held its 4th annual, free Children’s Christmas party with Santa. Fifty children from the local area waited excitedly for him. Volunteers set up craft tables and served lunch for the nearly 100 people in attendance. Wanda Mercer and Lorna Zinck Manuel organized the event. Jessica Mercer provided face painting.

Santa waves to the children (photo by Kelly Mercer).

Stories Sought for Valentine’s Day, 2020

The Masthead News is looking far to the future and would like for people to submit true tales of how their gift(s) has enthralled someone they love in the past on Valentine’s Day. Stories can be about gifts or results of gifts or anything that will make the heart swell and feel good.

You can send your stories either to themastheadnews@aol.com or to The Masthead News, P.O. Box 280, Hubbards, NS B0J 1T0. Thank you.
New Years Levee in Blandford

By Claudia Zinck

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TAX SALE
MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF CHESTER

The following properties will be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION by the Treasurer of the Municipality of the District of Chester on Tuesday, the 4th of February, 2020 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. unless, before the date of the tax sale, the total amounts as indicated are paid in full. The Tax Sale will be held at the Municipal building at 151 King Street, Chester, Nova Scotia.

TERMS OF THE SALE: Cash, money order, bank draft, lawyers trust cheque, certified cheque or debit card (Before date of sale verify with your bank the amount of your available daily limit) NOT credit card – for the amount specified below at the time of the sale. Any excess to be paid similarly by 12:00 Noon, the 7th day of February, 2020.

10:00 AM GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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<th>1. Mobile only, 138 Backman Road, Boywater Assessed to William T. Coleman Account # 00304995 Taxes, Interest, Expenses to Date $1,314.73 Redeemable; HST not applicable</th>
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<th>11. Land, Dwelling, Building, 44 Russell Road, New Russell Assessed to Sherry May Boyle and William Martin McDow Account # 03403952 P-ID # 60127054 Taxes, Interest, Expenses to Date $5,990.95 Redeemable; HST not applicable</th>
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TAKE NOTICE that Tax Sales do not clear up defects in title in all circumstances. A Tax Deed conveys only the interest of the assessed owner, whatever that interest may be. A person intending to clear up defects in the title to the property by way of a Tax Sale is advised to obtain a legal opinion as per tax sales. You are also advised that the recoverable costs of a Tax Sale can be considerable.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that sales of vacant property, commercial property, and newly constructed residential property are subject to HST, which shall be added to the purchase price of these properties sold at Tax Sale.

Dated at Chester this 6th day of January, 2020.

Malcolm Pitman, CPA, CA
Director of Finance/Treasurer
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On December 18th, Edgar Baggs from Cole Harbour won $39,929 with his BTC number 28019. A friend suggested he play a year ago, says Edgar.

“The deal is that I give him money to play for me each week, but I had forgotten to do that for a few weeks prior to my win,” he says, adding that he paid his friend at the last minute for the December draw and beyond.

“He had already played that week for himself and didn’t know if he had a toonie to play for me. Fortunately he did!”

The deal also was that if Edgar won, he would pay his friend 5% of his winnings. As well, he gave some money to his daughter and grandson.

“Otherwise money might have gone to Christmas gifts,” he says, “but my wife, Shela, and I already had everything in order. There’s nothing we need, so we put the rest of the money in the bank.”

Helene Tremblay of Hammonds Plains won $11,538 with her number 16202 on December 27th, the day her mother died last year. In fact both parents passed away last year as well as her mother-in-law.

“Appreciate your time,” she says. “Life is too short. If you have wishes and dreams, and have your health, act on them now or even spoil yourself with little day to day things.”

Helene and her husband, Michael, are taking a three week trip to Italy this spring to visit places where her father-in-law served during the Second World War. “It means a lot to Michael,” she said.

Edgar Baggs, third from left, receives a cheque from BTCA Director Christine Hall of the Hubbards Barn Association, flanked by Cynthia and Aya at Delish Fine Foods

Bay Seniors
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2PM
Shining Waters Marina
148 Nautical Way, Tallanton

WE WELCOME ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

Community Enterprise Centre Looking for Volunteers

The SMB community Enterprise Centre (CEC) is seeking volunteers for reception, office and general duties.

Beverly Carlsten, the CEC’s volunteer office manager, says the Centre has “great volunteers, but we can always use more.”

Carlsten notes that CEC reception volunteers work half-day shifts answering the phone, greeting visitors, supporting members and clients with office tasks and projects, and giving tours of the Centre.

“We need reliable, friendly and professional people in that job,” says Carlsten. “And we also want to have enough reception volunteers to provide back up coverage for when the regular volunteers are ill or on vacation.”

She adds that the CEC has become increasingly busy in the last few months, so the volunteer receptionists are filling a role that is more essential than ever.

Carlsten notes that most of the reception volunteers are using either established skills or developing skills entirely for their volunteer role at the CEC, but more than one reception volunteer has been able to use their work at the Centre to open doors to paid employment, which Carlsten says “makes us all very happy—it’s a wonderful reason to lose a volunteer!”

For more information on CEC volunteer opportunities, contact Beverly Carlsten at 902-826-1680 or leave a private message on the CEC’s Facebook page.
Twin Bays Coalition Says “No!” to Open-Net Pens

A Personal Opinion Piece By Geoff Le Boutillier (St. Margaret’s Bay) & Syd Dumaresq (Mahone Bay)

Our provincial government has humiliated an entire community with its announcement of a comprehensive “blue revolution” for open-net pen fish farming in St. Margaret’s Bay, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg County and the most northern part of the Bay of Fundy. Nova Scotia is not America; it’s not Washington, DC; and it’s not the United States of America. In fact, our provincial government seems to have been brought into the 21st century just in time to be left behind.

It has granted an exclusive option to a Norwegian multinational company called Cermaq, owned by Mowi, to explore putting dozens of open-net pens (or cages) in our Twin Bays. These would be thousands of farmed salmon in our front yard.

To counter this, the Twin Bays Coalition has formed to say “NO” to net-pens.

Open-net pens release untreated discharge into the surrounding ecosystem, threatening endangered wild stocks with infectious diseases and parasites. Laced with chemicals, much of the feed from these fish farms drifts down through the cages to the bottom of our bays where it is spread by currents and tides throughout our pristine waters.

In addition, increasing frequent, violent storms often damage the cages and spread plastics, pipes, nets and other gear far and wide.

It is true that aquaculture, or farmed seafood, has tremendous potential to help address world hunger and food insecurity. Half our seafood today comes from aquaculture, but it comes from the basics of the negative impact of open-net farming.

In aquaculture, as in other environmentally sensitive industries, Nova Scotia can be a leader, but not if we revert to archaic practices like open-net pens which have proved to damage both the environment and our long-term economic health. By following sensible practices, there will be no fish escapes, no interaction with wild stocks, no parasitic diseases, and no pesticides or antibiotics.

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Closed containment, however, uses an impenetrable barrier to eliminate the exchange between fish farms and the natural environment.

There are no fish escapes, no negative wildlife interactions, and no parasites and diseases that can be transferred to surrounding ecosystems. Sea lice are non-existent and no pesticides or antibiotics are necessary.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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CLUB IS FOCUSED ON SEADS THIS MONTH!

The Hammond Plains Area Garden Club is Focused on Seeds this Month!

Dee Diplender

The meeting on January 22nd, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., will include a detailed presentation and demonstration of two methods for seed starting.

One will be an indoor seed starting, based on Niki Jabbour’s Seed Starting 101 talk for the club in 2018, and outdoor winter sowing.

“We’ll be teaching the equipment and supplies our members use and go step by step through the methods of seed starting,” says a news release, “including timing of sowing, set up, soil mix, seedling care and hardening off.”

All of this great information will be written up and provided to members for future reference.

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Members will receive free seeds this year—and only members.

New members are welcome to register at the meeting.

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Membership provides access to all meetings and guest speaker talks up to May 2020.

The January meeting will take place at the Bedford Hammond Plains Community Centre, 202 Innovation Drive.

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MOLASSES SECURITY--A Story about the Coach Road

By Ralph Wheadon

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Sat., Jan. 18—Join other god-loving people at our monthly fellowship night for an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals. SALT Christian Ministry is a friendship group composed of many different denominations and ages (approximately 40s to 80s) that get together for many different activities. A short message pertaining to singles will be shared.

New people come out every month, so don’t feel shy. Please refrain from sharing worshiping or strongly scented products. Location: Grace Chapel, 255 Rosé St., Halifax, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. for dinner. Contact salt.christians@gmail.com

Sun., Jan. 19—The Athenaean Society of Nova Scotia presents “Nunavut—The Territory Taken: New Southerner Perspective,” with Chris Heide (see story elsewhere in the Masthead), 2:30 p.m., at the Ocean Swells Community Centre, Northwest Cove, 2726 Hwy 329. All are welcome. Call 902-476-4465 if you have questions.

Sun., Jan. 19—Chester Playhouse Cinema Sunday Regular Feature: Abominable starting 1:30 p.m. After discovering a yeti on the roof of her aunt's cabin in the mountains, Yi and her two friends embark on an epic quest to reunite the magical creature with its family. But to do so, they must stay one step ahead of a wealthy financier and a dangerous group who want to capture the beast for their own gain.

Tickets available at the door. For more info call the Playhouse at 902-275-3933.

Sun., Jan. 19—Chester Playhouse Cinema Sunday Regular Feature: Magic Mike Xxl: The Ultimate Magic Show, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission $25.00. Ticket includes show and lunch provided.

Sun., Jan. 19—Crib Tournament at the Little Red School, Canaan, starting 11:00 a.m. Cost $20 per team. Cash prizes.

Thurs., Jan. 23, Take Out Meal—St. Nicholas, 29 Westwood Blvd, Upper Tantallon. Let us cook your dinner for you. We have two delicious meal options: your choice of our Haddock Chowder (no shellfish) or Beef Chili plus a Tea Bread and Pumpkin Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting for $10.00. Children’s portions also available for $5.00. YOU MAY PLACE YOUR ORDER ON-LINE AT HTTP://BASINVOLUNTEERFIRE.DEV/CALL THE CAFE AT 902-826-1156 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE. Meals can be picked up at the church between noon and 6:00 p.m. Pre-orders are recommended to ensure availability. All money proceeds go towards community charities as well as St. Nicholas.

Sat., Jan. 25, Newfie Breakfast at the Chester Basin Legion, Everett Branch 88, from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. Buffet style breakfast includes your choice of homemade fish cakes, homemade baked beans, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns, bologna or ham, toast, or homemade sea biscuit, juice, tea/coffee. Adults $7.00. Children 5 to 12 are $4.00 and under 5 are FREE. Take-out available. Saturday buffet style breakfast starting 1:00 p.m. at the Chester Basin Legion. Registration from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Registration fee $20.00. Canteen on trail featuring famous “Fish & Chips.” Download a pre-registration form at www.sherrittea.external.ca. Ticket sales benefit the Chester Drama Society. Live Entertainment: Raffles, Silent Auction and more. Cover charge $10.00. Contact Chris Greaves at 902-654-2426.

Sat., Feb. 8, 20th Annual Coldest Day of the Year at the Fo’C’sle Pub, Chester (Pleasant Street entrance) from 3:00 p.m. to closing. This is a benefit for the Chester Drama Society. Live Entertainment: Raffles, Silent Auction and more. Cover charge $10.00. Contact Chris Greaves at 902-654-2426.
On November 21st I was hit by a driver who was obviously drunk or distracted at the Head of St. Margaret’s Bay. It was a near head-on collision and was a hit and run. If anyone has any information, I would appreciate hearing from them. The incident is on file at the Tantallon RCMP but I am disappointed that no one at them. I would appreciate hearing from them.

On January 1st Pam Ellis made her way to the beach in Gezat Cove in the Aspotogan Peninsula. Despite a water temperature of 3C she stayed in for over five minutes.

Pam was the only participant. As to why she took the plunge, Pam said, "Practising mind over matter is not a must. We bring the showroom to you. Give yourself a big edge! Working from home and on holidays. Kind, well-organized and interesting items! 902-826-1128. Collectibles wants to buy your old antiques and collectibles. Call 902-476-5385 to learn more and how to apply."

On December 4th, Wednesday, members of the CEC held an open house event in honour of Pam Ellis. This was my favourite stomping ground." Sian was recognized for her time in the area. She gave a speech and was presented with a special gift by the community policing officer. The event petered down to just Pam.

The photo shows Fred Dolbel and Beverly Carlsen of the Community Enterprise Centre (CEC) on the left with Constable Houston and Chris Pelham of the CEC.

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Deadline for the February 12th issue of The Masthead News is February 5th.

RCMP Constable Sian Houston Receives a Thank You and Accolades

Wednesday, December 4th, was celebrated with a wonderful holiday party at the St. Margaret’s Bay Community Enterprise Centre in Upper Tantallon. A large gathering was on hand to network, enjoy the Christmas spirit and send special guest RCMP Constable Sian Houston off to Alberta and her new posting. Sian was recognized for her outstanding work as the local community policing officer in the area for many years.

Sian, in accepting some special gifts, said her new posting would be with the RCMP Domestic Violence Unit and “is a good move for my husband and I. I loved working here in Tantallon. This was my favourite stomping ground.”

Sian is being replaced by a previous community policing officer, Susan Camus, who held the post about 10 years ago. All at the holiday party took time to thank Sian and share some of their own stories with her about past events and working with her over the time she spent in the area.

Brrrrr! Pam Ellis Joins the Polar Bears in January Swim

By Claudia Zinck

On January 1st Pam Ellis made her way to the beach in Gezat Cove in the Aspotogan Peninsula. Despite a water temperature of 3C she stayed in for over five minutes.

Pam was the only participant this year in the Blandford Polar Bear Dip. As to why she took the plunge, she says, “It washes off the old year and welcomes in the New Year in an exciting way. “It would have been nice to have other people join in, but it is not for everyone and I wasn’t going to miss out on this experience.”

“Practising mind over matter is a perfect way to prepare for a new year,” she added.

Polar bear swimming used to be a continuous event-- for about 10 years anyway-- and a group would meet at the same beach, but the organizer moved away and the event petered down to just Pam.
Decorating St. Barnabas

By Claudia Zinck

One thing that Blandford enjoys is a party.
When there is work to be done for the church, what better way than to get a group together to work and then enjoy some pizza?

On Sunday, December 16th, 21 adults, youths and toddlers arrived at St. Barnabas in Blandford at 4:00 p.m.
The older kids like Carley, Samantha, Paityn, Bradley and Amy knew where the decorations were kept and brought them out of hiding.

As fast as a grandma could thread twine through the pew rails, red bows were tied in place.
Amanda (Gates) had the lights on the tree in a short time. Vickie (Schuare) and Amanda (Mordeen) joined in to arrange the ornaments.
Bridgette Archibald has been the Nativity arranger for several years. The two creches were carefully arranged.
Little Amelia Woodworth had the honour of placing the baby Jesus in his crib.
Wreaths were hung, candles placed on the windowsills, and garland was twisted around posts.

While parents put away the boxes and tidied the church, the children gathered to practice their pieces for the pagent.
Songs were practised, readings given the first go over, and last minute arrangements were made.
Then off to the Rectory where the Guild had warm pizza, cupcakes and ice cream waiting.
Everyone left that night with a full tummy and warm memories of Christmastime.

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Completion of Twinning Hwy 103 on Schedule

Work is running on schedule for completion of the twinning of Hwy 103 between Tantallon and Ingrangport, according to Nova Scotia’s Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal media spokesperson Marla MacInnis.
The remaining work on the twinning between Tantallon and Ingrangport (between exits 5 & 5A) involves graveling and paving the new lanes, as well as repaving the existing lanes.
The work also includes installation of signage, guard rails and rumble strips.

Construction of the Bowater Mersey Access Road from Hwy 3 to Hwy 103, next to the Rails to Trails, will begin construction in the Spring.
Work on the phase of the twinning between Ingrangport and Hubbards will continue with the tender for clearing already advertised.
The clearing of the sides of the highway will be completed this winter with subgrade and bridge construction scheduled to get underway this summer.
Ms. MacInnis advises that all of the work is currently on schedule.

Photos showing parts of the new phase of Hwy 103 under construction

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