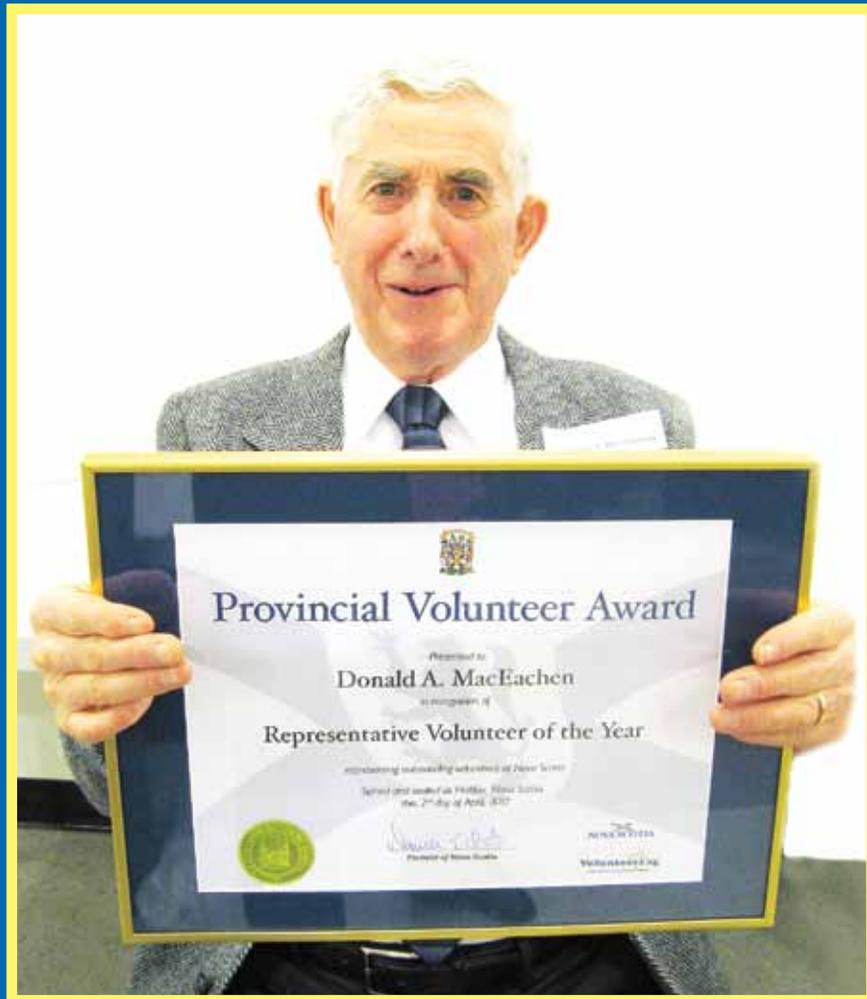


THE PARTICIPAPER

AN INVERNESS COUNTY PERIODICAL



Donald MacEachen of Port Hood represented our Inverness County Volunteers at the Provincial Awards Ceremony in Halifax

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Marie Aucoin
Editor

Have you enjoyed that first feed of lobster or crab yet? Perhaps you've even managed to get a round of golf in? The peepers have made their presence known, the gardeners and farmers have been readying the soil for planting, and, windows have been thrown wide open in houses around the county as the annual rite of spring gets underway. Hallelujah and welcome spring!

Spring is also the time of year that we salute our volunteers and thank them for all that they do for us. Volunteers are the backbone of our communities, they give selflessly of their time and labor and expect nothing in return. In the pages of this issue you will read about the volunteers who have been nominated by county organizations as their Volunteer of the Year 2012. Photos of the volunteers who were in attendance at the Municipal awards banquet, held on April 18th, appear on pages 9, 16, 17 and 24.

Another rite of spring in Inverness County is the annual Cribbage Tournament Championship. We congratulate this year's winners in both the Winners' Division and Runners'-Up Division. Their photos appear on the back page. The names of the winners and runners'-up for each club playdown are listed below.

The annual Seniors' Games are also held in Spring. They are scheduled for June 2 this year. The Games are an enjoyable way to spend the day socializing and having fun. The young people who volunteer to help out at this event are yet another shining example of the selflessness prevalent amongst the volunteers of Inverness County.

Yes, volunteerism is alive and well in Inverness County and we give thanks for them every day. Happy Spring!

Cribbage Results - Club Playdown Winners

Winners' Division

- Cheticamp - Henri Edouard & Marie Louise Deveau
- Creignish - Judy & Donald MacEachern
- Glendale - Becky MacInnis & Josephine Smith
- Inverness - Ron Hubbard & Buddy Burton
- Judique - Ken & Isabella Bacon
- Lake Ainslie - Peggy & Joanne MacDougall
- Mabou - Richard & Leona MacInnis
- Margaree - Jackie & Colonel MacLellan
- NE Margaree - Margaret & Robert Fortune
- Port Hastings - Sally & Mary-Anne Fox
- Port Hawkesbury - Bob Pollard & Doris Beaton
- Port Hood - Maud & Omer Campbell
- Skye Glen - Myles & Nellie Gillis
- Waycobah - Hawk Augustine & Lyndon Googoo

Runners'-Up Division

- Cheticamp - Annie-Rose Chiasson & Yolande Chiasson
- Creignish - Frank MacInnis & Rannie MacLellan
- Glendale - Grace MacDonald & Patricia Petrie
- Judique - Donald A. MacMillan & Cyril MacDonald
- Lake Ainslie - Freddie & Betty MacKinnon
- Mabou - Brian MacPhee & John Alex MacEachern
- Margaree - John Gillis & Bill Cameron
- NE Margaree - Rose Ann Chiasson & Josephine LeFort
- Port Hastings - Michelle Tobensky & Juleen MacEachen
- Port Hawkesbury - Angus & Carmelita MacIsaac
- Port Hood - Donald Bernard Gillis & Finley Beaton
- Skye Glen - Catherine Gillis & Gloria MacFadyen
- Waycobah - Elizabeth Patles & Karen Cremo

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ANCESTORS UNLIMITED

HELPING TO FIND YOUR INVERNESS COUNTY ROOTS

by Dr Jim St. Clair

PUBLICATIONS:

The Language of this Land, Mi'kma'ki, by Dr. Trudy Sable and Dr. Bernie Francis (published by Cape Breton University Press, 2012 [\$19.95]) This is an important book for people interested in the history and culture of Inverness County as it presents a clear and insightful understanding of the way in which the language of the First Nations people of this area differs from all other tongues of our area. It also highlights how language is integral to music, dance, theology and culture.

The relationship of language to the psyches of people is important for those who struggle to preserve Gaelic and Dutch and Acadian French.

A book of great significance for young people in schools and for adults too. The great passion of the authors for their topic is evident in this tome.

The book is available at the Bear Paw, Inverness; Cape Breton Curiosity Shop, and Cole's Books, Sydney; and the Blue Heron, Baddeck and other outlets.

DOCUMENTATION:

The use of primary documents such as birth, death and marriage records is very prevalent in the development of family histories. Wills and probate records, as recorded in the Provincial record office in Port Hood, continue to assist researchers to connect the twigs on their family trees and to learn about the backgrounds of their ancestors.

For example, the opening sentence of the will of Neil McLellan of Bridge End (a part of the Roseburn Valley area) reads: "The last will and testament of me Neil McLellan(Ban) of Bridge End in the County of Inverness, Dominion of Canada." The will, dated the 7th day of May 1808, is signed with an "X" by McLellan and witnessed by John McLellan and George H. McLean. The document first commends "my soul to God who gave it." He then directs that his executor pay his "just debts, funeral

and testamentary expenses as soon as convenient out of my estate." His third requirement of his executors is to bequeath "one half of the lot of land on which I now reside to my wife Catherine." He leaves another lot of land to his wife as well as half of all his cattle, his personal property and the money owed to him by others "for her own use and benefit." To

his daughter, Mary, he leaves the other half of his lands and the other half of the cattle and money due to him.

He also leaves the dwelling house "in common to my dear wife Catherine and daughter Mary." To his other daughters, he leaves property and cattle "to be delivered as soon as

convenient." His neighbour, Neil McAulay of Bridge End, is to be the "sole executor of this my last will and testament."

The trust that McLellan had in his wife and daughter to manage the farm and other affairs is evident in this will. His care of his other heirs is also evident. It would benefit any researcher to try to determine what happened to the land after his death. The settlement of the estate should also be on file in the public records.

SCHOOL HOUSES:

People interested in "fleshing out" the lives of their forebears may find a great deal of information, from a variety of sources, about the building and management of school buildings and the requirements directing the work of teachers and trustees.

For example, *The Manual of the Public Instructions Acts for 1921*, contained detailed instructions for the building of rural schools, both one and two roomed structures. Some of these directions related to the physical structure of the schools such as, "A one-room school house is to be 35'6" long by 25" wide with a porch and separate coatrooms for boys and girls. There is to be an attached fuel room and

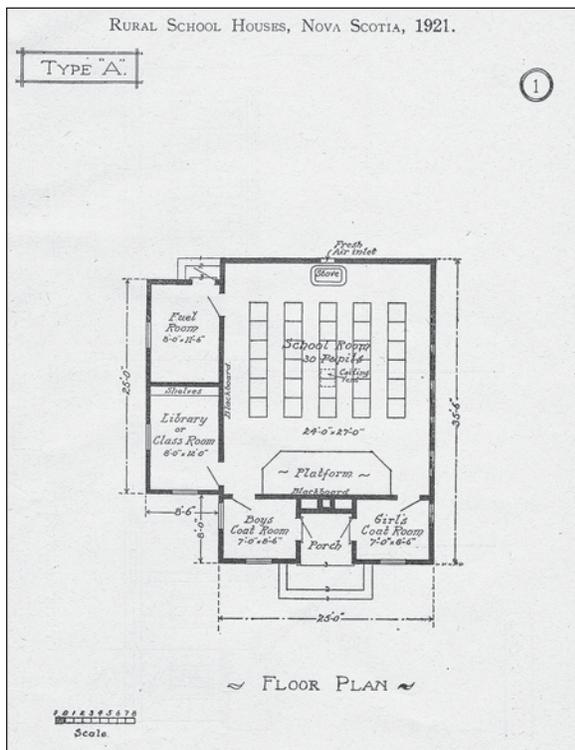
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A well-informed mind is the best security against the contagion of folly and of vice. The vacant mind is ever on the watch for relief, and ready to plunge into error, to escape from the languor of idleness. - Ann Radcliffe in *The Mysteries of Udolpho*, 1764



848 COMMENTS AND REGULATIONS.

Pictured above and below: Plans from the 1921 *Manual of the Public Instruction Acts and Regulations of the Council of Public Institutions of the Province of Nova Scotia*. This is listed as “Type A - Rural School-houses”



where it is a popular and much noted dance hall. Others may be found near Rankinville Rd and in Mabou Coal Mines and Blue's Mills where these former school houses are now incorporated into dwellings. There are also several others that are used for storage around the county.

library space. Instructions also included those re the location and siting of new schools as in, “...must be most accessible for the majority of students in the district.” and “...50 to 150 feet from highway, railroads, factories, cemeteries, swamps etc.”

It is further specified that these rural schools should be “so positioned that the length is north by south so that the light can come in through windows set on the east side of the building – just one wall with windows. Thus the natural illumination will be available over the shoulders of the students to shine on the desks.

Lot size was also specified as to be no less than one half acre, with more desirable, so that a garden plot could be accommodated...“to serve for the objective study of nature and practical training for agriculture, horticulture and forestry.”

Fresh water for drinking and washing was to be provided from a good spring or well, and the washrooms were to be of the outdoor privy variety.

The dimensions and method for building and for cleaning were also included in the Manual.

Among other requirements mentioned in this document from the Province of Nova Scotia, was the necessity of a sufficient area for a playground, “dry, level and gently sloped.”

It is interesting to note that the curriculum was required to include, for students of all ages, instruction as to “the nature of alcoholic drinks and narcotics including tobacco...as part of the subjects of physiology and hygiene.”

How many one or two room school houses still survive in Inverness County from the 1900 to 1930 period? There is one, originally from Portage on the border of Inverness and Victoria Counties, which is now located at the Nova Scotia Highland Village in its original form. Another may be found at Glencoe Mills

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We thank all volunteers in Inverness County for their selfless dedication to our communities!

For family historians, the design of the buildings and the requirements of pupils, teachers and trustees - as found in manuals such as the aforementioned from 1921 - help us "flesh out" the lives of our predecessors.

PETITIONS FOUND IN ARCHIVES:

In the Record Group 5, of Series P in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, many petitions relating to transportation may be found. They provide researchers with many names and also with insights into the nature of life in the years past.

For instance, preserved as number 98 in vol 58 in the group and series noted above, is a petition with the signatures of eighty residents of North Side Whycocomagh and the Village of Whycocomagh. In this petition, dated 15 Jan 1848, the petitioners, particularly Alexander and John Carmichael, are requesting assistance from the "Honourable Representatives of the people of Nova Scotia in General Assembly convened" for funds to build and outfit a fast sailing vessel of about thirty tons.

The vessel would be used to travel regularly between Whycocomagh and Sydney once every fortnight. The vessel would be used to transport goods and provide space for passengers.

Included with those names attached to the petition are: L. M. MacDougall of Whycocomagh (a merchant) and Justice of the Peace; Murdo McCaskell(sic) of Little Narrows, JP; Allan MacDonald, JP, of Stewartdale; Dunsier Tremain of Port Hood, JP; Matthew Hawley of Mabou, JP, and many McCallums, McPhaddens(sic); Mathesons and Fergusons of the North Side, plus, James E. MacDonald of Stewartdale, a teacher.

Some funds in the following year were allocated for the construction of such a boat which was managed for several years by the Carmichaels of North Side Whycocomagh. The interest of the local people was evident. As well, the need for such a vessel reveals the growth of commerce in the area and the necessity of regular transportation to and from Sydney. ■

Free Workshops for Seniors 50+

All seniors in the area are welcome!!! Nutritional Snacks will be Provided

Location: Margaree New Horizons Seniors' Club Hall

May 7th - 1:00 pm - Emergency Measures Organization

Paul Mason, Director of Emergency Service, will discuss the 911 system in Nova Scotia

May 14 - 1:00 pm - Estate Planning -

Lawyer, Réjean Aucoin will discuss estate planning, wills, living wills and power of attorney

Workshops will be one to two hours in length

For more information, please call:

Wilma Pasher: 235-2754 Pauline Berry: 235-2596 Jesslyn or Shirley: 258-3110

Sponsored by: The Inverness County Literary Council, the Municipality of the County of Inverness and funded by the Nova Scotia Departments of Seniors and Education

Ateliers Gratuit pour Aînés 50+

Tous les aînés de la région sont les bienvenues!!! Un goûter sera fourni

Lieu: Le club de retraités - Cheticamp

8 mai à 10h00 - le Bureau de Mesure d'Urgence

Paul Mason, directeur des services d'urgence discutera le système 911 à la Nouvelle Écosse

15 mai à 10h00 - En Entrant Soins de Longue Durée

Evelyn Doyle, Soins Perpetuel, discutera le procès et les critères

Les ateliers dureront d'une heure à deux heures

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez appeler:

Hector LeLievre: 224-2970

Jesslyn ou Shirley: 258-3110

Parrainé par: The Inverness County Literary Council, the Municipality of the County of Inverness and funded by the Nova Scotia Departments of Seniors and Education

Inverness County Seniors' Games 2012 to be held June 2nd at the Inverness Education Centre/Academy

On Saturday, June 2nd, Inverness County seniors (50+) are invited to attend the 15th Annual Seniors' Games. Under the sponsorship of the Municipality's Department of Recreation/Tourism, the Games will be held at the Inverness Education Centre/Academy located on Veteran's Memorial Court (formerly Cabot Street.)



The theme for this year is "Be Active and Healthy Your Way...Every Day!" This day long event always includes a bit of friendly competition, fun workshops, presentations, a little exercise, good food, lots of door prizes, entertainment, awards, and an opportunity to spend time with friends and acquaintances. (It is worth noting that, over the years, many people have made new friends at this event.) We encourage anyone 50+ who wishes to attend - either as a spectator or competitor - to register with their own local seniors' club. The registration fee of \$5 includes a delicious luncheon buffet meal. Registration packages will be handed out between 9:00 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. at the venue. Name tags and tickets for door prizes - good for several draws which will take place in the afternoon - will be included in the package.

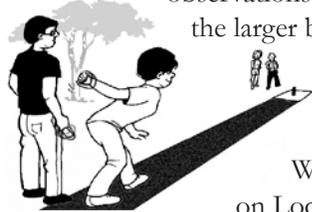
The Games will be declared officially open at 9:45 a.m. All competitive activities and workshops will run between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Cribbage, Darts, 45's, Scrabble, Washer Toss, Corn Toss and



Bocce Ball are just a few of the events that will be taking place, so rally your club members and enter a team or two for each of these events.

We also encourage clubs to bring and display a poster celebrating club events and activities that they have participated in throughout the previous year. Sharing photos of these events - such as Ceilidhs, dances, parties, card games, bowling, craft nights, fitness classes, club trips, board games nights, etc. - helps give all of our clubs new ideas for activities. Plus, the Poster Collages qualify clubs for five points toward the total overall point score for the day.

For those not involved in the competitive events, there will still be lots to do and see throughout the morning. For example, we have booked special guest speaker, David Harris of CBC Information Morning's *The Bird Hour*. He will answer your questions and discuss comments and observations about birds in our area.... how to attract them, what to feed them, how to prevent the larger birds, such as pigeons or crows, from taking over... and much more.



Michelle Greenwell, Touch for Health Instructor, Tai Chi Instructor and Movement Specialist, will also be among the presenters. She will share tips and ideas to help keep you active and healthy throughout the year.

Workshops and displays will provide valuable subject material on Local Services available to Seniors; Health & Nutrition; Fitness; Gardening; and much more.



There will also be an "Active Fun" area set up. If you are not participating in a competitive event, you can still try some other fun activities. Therefore, we encourage all attendees to wear comfortable clothing and footwear to this event.

A delicious buffet lunch will be served at noon. This will be followed by an entertainment segment where each club may enter a performance of their choice (skit, instrumental, choir, solo, personal story, comedy routine, etc.) to score extra points for their clubs.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd (gold, silver and bronze) medals are awarded for all competitive activities with each contributing to overall club totals. The First, Second and Third place clubs will be appropriately recognized

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during the Awards Presentation, which is scheduled for 2:30 pm. *(After the awards presentation, the members of the First, Second and Third place winning clubs are requested to remain behind in order that group photos may be taken for publication in our local media.)*

We are looking forward to a great day and hope to see another enthusiastic turnout from seniors' clubs across the county. For further information on the 2012 Seniors' Games, please call the Inverness County Recreation/Tourism Department at (902) 787-3508 or email: annaleemaceachern@invernesscounty.ca

Positive Aging Grants Available

A provincial grant to help seniors stay active - and a number of other initiatives - are making life better for Nova Scotia seniors. "The government is continuing its commitment to improving life for seniors through the Positive Aging Grant Program," said Minister of Seniors, Denise Peterson-Rafuse, when news of the grant was released. "These grants help communities create programs and services that respond to the changing needs of seniors and the unique local circumstances of communities."

Non-profit community organizations can apply for grants of up to \$10,000. The projects should advance the goals and actions outlined in Nova Scotia's Strategy for Positive Aging, with a focus on health, well-being and community participation. **The deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on June 29.** Some past projects have supported seniors through physical activity and healthy living, creativity and the arts, life-long learning, volunteerism, and better access to technology.

"In addition to these grants, the provincial budget will also continue to make life better and more affordable for many seniors by helping them stay in their homes and in their communities longer," said Ms. Peterson-Rafuse. Some of those initiatives include:

- More money for in-home nursing care and home improvements;
- More than 500 nursing home beds giving seniors a friendly, caring place to live;
- Lowering the cost of generic drugs, and investing more than \$3 million ensuring that more than 100,000 seniors will not have to pay more for their Pharmacare premiums and co-payments;
- Returning the provincial income tax to 17,000 low-income seniors who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement.

The application form for the Positive Aging Grant Program, and information about other programs, are available at www.gov.ns.ca/seniors or by calling toll-free 1-800-670-0065.

50+ Seniors Expo

The 50+ Expo will be held at Exhibition Park, 200 Prospect Road in Halifax, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9. Tickets are \$5 per day and will be available at the door. A dance will also be held Friday at 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$10.

Many people 50+ are discovering their lifestyle options expanding, and are seeking new ways to stay healthy, active and informed – you'll find it all at the Expo. The Expo features a wide array of exhibitors, live entertainment, informative speakers, arts/craft and leisure activities, and much more!

Long-time favourites returning this year include Neville MacKay of My Mother's Bloomers and Pete Luckett of Pete's Frootique. The Annual Star Search Talent Contest is back and will be hosted by Kool FM's Griff and Caroline. This year's feature entertainment is a tribute to Elvis by Thane Dunn and the Cadillac Kings.

The Expo is a non-profit event and is sponsored by the Department of Seniors and private sector partners.

Age Friendly Communities Grant Call for Proposals

Age Friendly Communities Grant Call for Proposals is now open. Municipalities in Nova Scotia are invited to apply for Age Friendly Communities (AFC) Grants. These grants support two different categories of work:

- AFC Projects - Deadline for applications is June 29th, 2012
- AFC Strategic Planning and Development - Ongoing intake of applications until December 31st, 2012. For more information on the Program please visit: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/seniors/>

WE SALUTE OUR YEAR 2012 INVERNESS COUNTY VOLUNTEERS

by Marie Aucoin



The Municipal Councillors always enjoy the opportunity to meet the volunteers. Pictured left to right are: Daniel Boudreau (District 1), Gloria Leblanc (District 2), Jim Mustard (District 3), Duart MacAulay (Warden and Councillor for District 4), Susan Mallette (Deputy Warden and Councillor for District 5), Dwayne MacDonald (District 6) and Donna MacDonald, Director of Recreation/ Tourism for the municipality.



Pictured above: The diners included media who cover the event and the ladies from the Municipality who organize it each year.

Pictured below are some of the volunteers and their guests who enjoyed the delicious meal which was catered by the ladies of St Peter's C.W.L., themselves volunteers who serve their community.



On the evening of Wednesday, April 18, the Municipality of Inverness County hosted a Volunteer Awards dinner. The volunteers and their guests were greeted by the Councillors and municipal staff at the St Peter's Parish Hall in Port Hood, which had been beautifully decorated for this event by the ladies of the C.W.L.

After the official welcome by Warden Duart MacAulay, Councillor Jim Mustard rose to bless the meal and give thanks. In giving thanks, he noted that volunteers share their gifts with us every day. *[Ed note: As a recipient of their gifts, I too thank these wonderfully selfless fellow citizens for all that they do for us.]*

As is the custom, one name had been drawn from all of this year's volunteer nominations, to send someone to Halifax to represent all Inverness County volunteers at the Provincial Awards Ceremony. Donald A. MacEachen of Port Hood, whose name had been drawn for this honour, spoke to volunteers and shared his Halifax experience. He also told us what it means to him to be a volunteer here in Inverness County.

On behalf of the Councillors and Staff of the Municipality, Donna MacDonald rose to give a heartfelt speech. She said, "Twenty-six years ago this month the Municipality began hosting our volunteer recognition celebration. This dinner is a just token of our appreciation for all that you do in your community to help Inverness County be such a great place to live. I hope that you are all proud of yourselves, because you should be!!

It has been said that, if all volunteers went on strike, society would grind to a halt – I sincerely believe that's what would happen in Inverness County – we were built on volunteers - volunteering is an essential component of life here in Inverness County - our communities rely on the efforts of volunteers like you in order to thrive and survive.

According to statistics, over half the population of Canada volunteer their time to charitable and non-profit organizations. Their contribu-

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EDDIE JOE AUCOIN
CHETICAMP



DONALD BEATON
WHYCOCOMAGH



MARY FLORENCE BEATON
PORT HOOD



MARY FRANCES CHISHOLM
INVERNESS



YVONNE EGGENBERGER
RIVER DENYS



ANTHONY GALLANT
BELLE CÔTE



JANET GILLIS
WHYCOCOMAGH



JEANNETTE GILLIS
S.W. MARGAREE



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EDDIE JOE AUCOIN CHETICAMP

Le Club des Retraités de Cheticamp is very proud to nominate Eddie Joe Aucoin as their Volunteer of the Year.

Eddie Joe is a member of the executive committee of Le Club des Retraités de Cheticamp. He is a very involved volunteer who is kept busy doing repairs to the hall as well as taking care of hall rentals, parties, bingos and, of course, endless meetings.

Eddie Joe is also a member of Branch #32 of the Royal Canadian Legion and is on the entertainment committee for seniors at the Foyer Père Fiset Home. He also helps out serving mass at his Church.

Le club des Retraités de Cheticamp congratulates Eddie Joe on receiving this honour and we thank him for his continued hard work and dedication.

DONALD BEATON WHYCOCOMAGH

The Whycocomagh and District Historical Society is pleased to nominate Donald Beaton as their Volunteer of the Year.

Donald is one of the Society's founding members and currently serves as President. He is a very dedicated member who has a vast knowledge of local history and was instrumental in the publication of several history books.

He also volunteers his time and energy to many organizations in his community and helps out in any way that he can.

The Whycocomagh and District Historical Society wishes

to congratulate Donald on receiving this honour and we thank him for his continued hard work and dedication.

MARY FLORENCE BEATON PORT HOOD

St. Peter's CWL Council is very pleased to nominate Mary Florence Beaton as their Volunteer of the Year.

Mary Florence has fund raised diligently for the CWL for many years. She has canvassed local businesses in support of the fall auction and also raised money for CWL's service activities, all beyond anyone's expectations.

Recently, Mary Florence readily took on the task of collecting the names and birthdates of all Port Hood's community seniors. She completed this daunting task quietly and efficiently.

In her church community Mary Florence works tirelessly photocopying the church bulletin each week and arranging and coordinating the daily Eucharistic adoration schedule. She orders and maintains church candles, a task she fulfills simply because it needs to be done.

Because of Mary Florence's wealth of experience, her willingness to share herself, and her drive to get things done, the CWL is continually grateful. Congratulations on receiving this honour Mary Florence.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE
THE "GOLD STANDARD"
IN OUR COMMUNITIES!**

EDNA BRIN E. MARGAREE

The administration and teaching staff of NDA School wish to nominate Edna Brin as their Volunteer of the Year.

For the past six years Edna has devoted two days a week volunteering at NDA School helping children with learning difficulties. Her experience, knowledge and dedication has made a tremendous difference in the lives of these children.

Edna is also a member of the Catholic Women's League and frequently visits the residents of the Cheticamp nursing home.

Everyone at the NDA School in Cheticamp is truly thankful for all of Edna's volunteer efforts and we congratulate her on receiving this honour.

MARY FRANCES CHISHOLM INVERNESS

The Inverness Historical Society and Miners' Museum is very pleased to nominate Mary Frances Chisholm as their Volunteer of the Year.

Mary Frances is a member of the board of the Museum and always makes herself available to volunteer as a tour guide during the summer months and assists in making plans for the Museum during the winter months. As an avid fundraiser, due to her good cheer and congenial attitude, she is always welcomed by those who know her.

We thank you Mary Frances and congratulate you on this nomination.

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LORRAINE DEVEAU CHETICAMP

The Sacred Heart Community Health Centre Auxiliary take great pride in nominating Lorraine Deveau as their Volunteer of the Year.

Lorraine has been a member of the Sacred Heart Community Health Centre auxiliary for twenty years. She is always ready to volunteer her time at craft and bake sales, the Boutique Tuck Shop, bingo and - for the past three years - she has also delivered Meals-on-Wheels in the community.

Lorraine has also been a Eucharistic Minister for twelve years and is dedicated to visiting the sick in their homes.

The Sacred Heart Community Health Centre Auxiliary wishes to thank Lorraine for her valuable contributions to the Auxiliary and to her community. We congratulate you on receiving this honour

YVONNE EGGENBERGER RIVERY DENYS

The Valley Mills and District Volunteer Fire Department is

pleased to nominate Yvonne Eggenberger as their Volunteer of the Year. Since joining us three years ago, Yvonne has been a continuous asset to the Department where she has taken on the role of treasurer and first responder as well as other extensive training. During our monthly fundraising brunches, Yvonne can always be counted on to help in any capacity.

Yvonne is also an active volunteer of the North Mountain and Recreational Association.

The community of Valley Mills would like to thank Yvonne for all that she does and congratulate her on receiving this nomination.

ANTHONY GALLANT BELLE CÔTE

The Fr. Wicks' Council of the Knights of Columbus are proud to nominate Anthony Gallant as their Volunteer of the Year.

Anthony has been very active as a volunteer for most of his life. He is a volunteer fireman as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus. He has helped deliver baskets at Christmas time, as well as helping seniors with their wood. Each week Anthony sets up and

runs the cribbage games Which not only helps the Knights, the seniors also thoroughly enjoy themselves.

We thank Anthony for all of his good deeds and we congratulate him on this well-deserved nomination.

JANET GILLIS WHYCOCOMAGH

The Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37 Order of the Eastern Star is proud to nominate Janet Gillis as their Volunteer of the Year.

Janet has been a member of the Chapter since 1999 and is presently serving as Starpoint Electa and chairing the Sick and Visiting Committee.

In addition, Janet is a member of the Stewart United Church which she actively serves as envelope treasurer, trustee, elder and is also a member of the United Church Women. The Dr. Gordon MacLeod Chapter #37 Order of the Eastern Star would like Janet to know how fortunate they feel to have her as a member of their Chapter. Congratulations on this nomination Janet.

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KidSport™ is a national children's charitable program that helps kids in need overcome the barriers preventing or limiting their participation in organized sport. KidSport™ Nova Scotia provides funding of up to \$300/per year/per child for sport registration and/or equipment. Application deadlines are every 2 months...**July 1**, September 1, November 1, and January 1, March 1, May 1,. Contact the Municipal Recreation/Tourism office for information on how to apply.

So ALL Kids Can Play!

Call (902) 787-3507/08 for more details
or visit: <http://www.sportnovascotia.ca/kidsport>

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JEANETTE GILLIS S.W. MARGAREE

The SW Margaree Senior Citizens' Club would like to nominate Jeanette Gillis as their Volunteer of the Year.

As a member of the Club, Jeanette never misses a meeting and can always be counted upon to work our functions.

She is also active in her church where she serves as a Eucharistic minister and altar server and on the liturgy committee. She also volunteers at the library.

Jeanette is always quick to offer an encouraging word and share a contagious smile with whomever she meets.

We wish to thank her for all that she does. We congratulate her on this well-deserved nomination.

ALICE GOWANS RIVER DENYS

The North Mountain Cultural Recreation Association is pleased to nominate Alice Gowans as their Volunteer of the Year.

Alice has served as Secretary/Treasurer and Chairperson of the Activities Committee for the past two years. She has handled the post of Secretary/Treasurer in a commendable manner. Her records are always well maintained and reporting timely and accurate. Alice has been of great assistance in dealing with grant applications and correspondence.

As Chairperson of the Activities Committee, Alice has carried out several successful fundraising activities and has organized social

events for the enjoyment of the members.

Alice takes a hands-on approach to everything that she undertakes and leads by example.

The North Mountain Cultural Recreation Association feels fortunate to have such a reliable and dependable person in the organization. She is well deserving of being recognized and honored for her volunteer efforts. We thank you Alice and congratulate you on this nomination.

WILLIAM (BILL) GRAHAM JUDIQUE

The Tartan Garden Society is delighted to nominate William "Bill" Graham as their Volunteer of the Year.

Bill is a founding member of the Tartan Gardens Society and has served as director, treasurer and advisor since its inception in 2004. He is regularly seen keeping the lawn cut and tidy.

In addition to his involvement with the Tartan Gardens, Bill has volunteered countless hours to his church community and the Judique Community Centre.

Even when not directly involved, Bill can be found at almost all of the community fundraisers and events, supporting other volunteers.

The Tartan Gardens is most grateful to have the opportunity to

acknowledge the outstanding commitment of time and energy by Bill. We congratulate him on this well-deserved nomination.

MARGARET HERBERT N.LAKE AINSLIE

The Shean Co-operative Limited would like to nominate Margaret "Maggie" Herbert as their Volunteer of the Year.

Maggie has been a member of the Shean Co-operative for approximately thirty years. She has been a member of Shean's Board of Directors for seven years and has served in the roles of Secretary and President. At the present time she is our Vice President. Maggie wrote the business plan for Shean's successful CEDIF (Community Economic

Development Investment Fund.) Her innovative leadership led to the creation of a Board Management Group within the Shean Board to mentor and coach a new manager.

Her other recent volunteer board service includes the North Inverness Forest Management Board; Central Inverness Community Health Board; Cape Breton West Community Action 2000; and, the Cape Breton District Health Authority Board.

Maggie has given tirelessly of her many skills to all of these activities.

The Shean Co-operative-Limited wishes to thank Maggie. She is a true team builder. We congratulate her on this well-deserved nomination.

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MARY HUBBARD INVERNESS

The Namara Senior Citizen's Club wishes to nominate Mary Hubbard as their Volunteer of the Year.

Mary is no stranger to volunteerism. She is a regular caller at bingo as well as working the card games. She is well known for the lovely cup of tea she serves at the lunches as well as at the Inverary Manor. If there is a resident at the Namara Complex who needs a helping hand, Mary is always right there. She is also a reader in her Church and takes great pride in her community.

The Namara Senior Citizen's Club would like to thank Mary for all her kind acts. We congratulate her on this nomination.

DAVID LARADE CHETICAMP

Le Conseil des arts de Cheticamp wishes to nominate David Larade as their Volunteer of the Year.

David has been a volunteer with Le Conseil des arts as a technician for many years. He is very dedicated to what he does and is always eager to help young students who want to learn this trade. He frequently performs maintenance on the equipment and is always available to assist in any circumstance.

A huge thank you goes out to David for all that he does for us. We congratulate him on this nomination.

EMILE LeBLANC BELLE CÔTE

The Belle Côte and Area Community Centre is pleased to nominate Emile LeBlanc as their Volunteer of the Year.

Emile has been serving as President of the Centre since 2006. He has taken on the role of coordinator and has been instrumental in obtaining several grants towards major renovations for the Centre. During Belle Côte Days he works tirelessly for the good of the festival and the community of Belle Côte.

He is also a member of the Kinsmen and the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Council. Emile is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever he is called upon to do so.

The Belle Côte and Area Community Centre thanks Emile for all that he does. We congratulate him on this nomination.

MITCHELL LEONARD WEST BAY

The West Bay Community Association would like to nominate Mitchell Leonard as their Volunteer of the Year.

Mitchell has been a valued and active member of the West Bay Community Association for over twenty years serving as the Association's president for the last ten years. He has been influential in applying for Capital Gains grants for paving, renovating and creating new projects to sustain and move the Association forward.

Thanks to Mitchell's hard work the Association is thriving. The West Bay Community Association would like to thank Mitchell for his dedication to his community and the Association. We congratulate him on receiving this honour.

ANGUS MACDONALD MABOU

The Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society would like to nominate Angus MacDonald as their Volunteer of the Year.

Angus has acted as Treasurer for the Society since 2005, sharing his excellent book-keeping skills as well as his unfailing assistance with many chores. If there were chairs to set up, steps to paint, or heavy items to move - Angus was always willing to help. Regardless of the demands of a young family and frequently irregular working hours, Angus made sure the bills were paid, the government forms were returned and the Bridge Museum was looked after. Duine Math!

CYRIL MACDONALD JUDIQUÉ

The East Novability Society for Persons with Disabilities have nominated Cyril MacDonald as their Volunteer of the Year.

Since 2007, Cyril has been the Chair of the Society. His sense of advocacy for the members of society that need the most support to overcome significant personal

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barriers is second to none. He strongly feels that everyone has skills and can reach their personal career goals.

Cyril's attendance at board and society functions is exemplary. He is very supportive to staff and his fellow board members.

The East Novability Society for Persons with Disabilities wish to thank Cyril for his outstanding volunteerism and we congratulate him on this nomination.

CATHERINE MACEachEN PORT HOOD

The Port Hood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary has proudly chosen Catherine MacEachen as their Volunteer of the Year.

There are not many functions held at the Port Hood fire hall that one doesn't find Catherine organizing, cooking and cleaning.

In her quiet manner, Catherine is always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who may need it. She constantly seems to be able to commit her time and energy to any job.

The Port Hood Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank Catherine for her volunteerism. We congratulate her on receiving this award.

DONALD A. MACEachEN PORT HOOD

The Port Hood Volunteer Fire Department is very proud to nominate Donald A. MacEachen as their Volunteer of the Year.

Donald A. is known as one of the Department's most committed and faithful members. He joined the Fire Department fifty years ago. In 1980 he became the Department's longest serving chief, beginning a twenty-year leadership role.

Donald A. devotes every Monday evening to his weekly training sessions and to the Department's meetings. Card games are a big fundraiser for the Department and he is always available to make sure they run smoothly. He has even been known to sit and play a hand or two.

He takes great pride in the maintenance of the fire hall doing whatever needs to be done to keep it in tip-top form. His enthusiasm and dedication have made him a tremendous asset to the Fire Department and the community of Port Hood.

Donald A's volunteer efforts go beyond the Fire Department. The Port Hood Planning Committee; Port Hood Emergency Committee; Chestico Days Parade

Committee; and Kraft Canada Celebrations Committee, have also benefited from his volunteer efforts.

Why does he do it? To serve his community. Whether it is battling a large blaze, speaking to school children about fire prevention, or attempting to calm someone at an accident scene, Donald A's training, along with the training of his fellow firefighters, can and does make a difference in his community.

We would like to thank Donald A. for graciously accepting to represent Inverness County at the recent Provincial Volunteer Ceremony in Halifax and we congratulate him on receiving this honour.

ISAAC MACINNIS WHYCOCOMAGH

The Whycocomagh-East Lake Ainslie A.O.T.S. (As One Who Serves) Men's Club is pleased to nominate Isaac MacInnis as their Volunteer of the Year.

Isaac has been a member of the A.O.T.S. since returning home to retire many years ago. He is always available to help with the Club's functions, such as the fall auction and the annual roast beef supper. He is also a member of the Manse Committee. The

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CANADIAN TIRE JUMPSTART FUNDING PROGRAM

Canadian Tire believes that all kids should have the chance to run, play, and grow. That's why they created Canadian Tire JumpStart. This is a community-based charitable program for families that helps kids in need participate in organized sports and recreational activities such as hockey, ice-skating, soccer, baseball, and much more. If you can't afford to enrol your child in one of the many recreation and sport programs in Inverness County because it's hard to make ends meet, we can help. Contact the Inverness County Recreation/Tourism Department Program for an application form for JumpStart program, or call 787-3508/3507 for more information.

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Whycocomagh community is very fortunate to have such a reliable man to keep up the maintenance and grounds at the cemetery and he is also a great help making homemade maraghs.

The Whycocomagh – East Lake Ainslie A.O.T.S. Men's Club wishes to thank Isaac for all his hard work.. We congratulate him on this nomination..

MARINA MACINTYRE W. BAY ROAD

The Glendale Area Community Cooperative wishes to nominate Marina MacIntyre as their Volunteer of the Year.

Marina is one of the original founding members of the Glendale Area Community Cooperative which was incorporated in 1997.

She is a dedicated, dependable and trustworthy member who spends countless hours volunteering as treasurer and technology person. She attends numerous meetings, purchases supplies for special events and acts as security person who regularly checks the property grounds.

In addition to her duties with the Cooperative, she finds time to volunteer with the Historical Society and is also coordinator of the CAP site.

The Glendale Area Community Cooperative would like Marina to know that she is very much appreciated. We congratulate her on receiving the award as our Volunteer of the Year.

HUGH R. MACISAAC JUDIQUE

The Judique and District Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to nominate Hughie MacIsaac as their Volunteer of the Year

Hughie has been a member of the Department for forty-three years and an active firefighter for the past thirty years. He attends regular meetings, fundraisers, work parties and some training sessions.

Hughie is a member of the Knights of Columbus; the Judique Historical Society; and the Judique Flyer Trail Association. He also volunteers with the Legion for their annual Remembrance Day wreath distribution.

The Judique and District Volunteer Fire Department want to thank Hughie for his outstanding longtime volunteer commitment to the Department and his community. We congratulate him on this well-deserved nomination.

LOUISE MACISAAC ROCKY RIDGE

The Glencoe Station Recreation Centre is pleased to nominate Louise MacIsaac as their Volunteer of the Year.

For many years, Louise has been one of the Centre's dedicated volunteers. She has served several terms on the executive committees of both the main hall and its ladies auxiliary team. She volunteers her time at bingos and card games as well as helping in the kitchen during dinners and catering functions. She is also a familiar face at the hunter's break

fast which is held for 6 weeks each fall.

Louise's dedication to the Glencoe Station Recreation Centre has played a key role in the success of the organization. Thank you and Congratulations Louise.

GEORGE MACKINNON WHYCOCOMAGH

The Whycocomagh and Area Volunteer Fire Department is proud to nominate Captain George MacKinnon as their Volunteer of the Year.

Since joining the Fire Department in 2004, George has served as Captain of the pump company and is presently Captain of the truck company. George is always ready to serve the Department in any capacity.

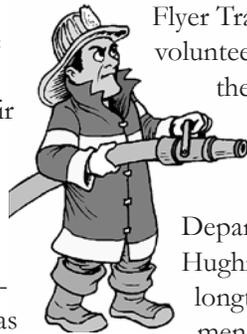
The Whycocomagh and Area Volunteer Fire Department thank George for his dedication to the Fire Department and we congratulate him on this nomination.

DONNIE MACLEAN ORANGEDALE

The Orangedale Improvement Association is very happy to nominate Donnie MacLean as their Volunteer of the Year. Donnie is a well known community man. His motto is, "What can I do to help?" Whether it is weeding, working at dances or completing odd jobs around the community hall, Donnie does it all with a smile. He tries to make a job easier and more cost efficient.

Neighbors can always count on Donnie when they are in need. When emergencies occur, Donnie is the first one at the door to lend

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INVERNESS



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BELLE CÔTE



MITCHELL LEONARD
WEST BAY



CYRIL MACDONALD
JUDIQUÉ



CATHERINE MACEACHEN
PORT HOOD



DONALD A. MACEACHEN
PORT HOOD



ISAAC MACINNIS
WHYCOCOMAGH



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WEST BAY ROAD

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WHYCOCOMAGH



CHRIS MACPHIE
WEST BAY



ROBERT MIDDAGH
DEEPDALE



SHIRLEY MORRISON
WHYCOCOMAGH



ROBERT NOSEWORTHY
CLEVELAND



COLIN OGDEN
E. LAKE AINSLIE

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a helping hand.

The Orangedale Improvement Association and the community of Orangedale are very grateful to Donnie for all that he does. We congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved award.

DANENA MACLELLAN JUDIQUÉ

The Kildonan Seniors Club is very pleased to nominate Danena MacLellan as their Volunteer of the Year.

Danena takes a very active role in all functions of the Club. She organizes dinners and card games in her community as well as helping to provide lunch after funerals and various fund raisers for her Church.

She always makes herself available for any event where an extra hand is needed.

The Kildonan Seniors Club would like to thank Danena for all she does and we congratulate her on this well-deserved nomination.

COLLEEN MACLEOD JUDIQUÉ

The Chestico Museum and Historical Society are pleased to honour Colleen MacLeod as their Volunteer of the Year.

As a member of the Society, Colleen brings her strong energy and new ideas to complete the museum's goals. Her passionate dedication has resulted in many accomplishments that have benefited the Museum's activities.

The Chestico Museum and Historical Society are grateful for Colleen's contributions and her efforts to promote and sustain

them. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honour.

RUTH MACPHAIL WHYCOCOMAGH

The Bayville Seniors Club wish to nominate Ruth MacPhail as their Volunteer of the Year.



Ruth has been a member of Bayville Seniors club for several years. She is a woman

who works very hard to keep the club active. Besides arranging special projects for the Club, she knits finger puppets for children at the IWK, sweaters for premature babies and quilts or afghans for other organizations for their fund-raisers.

The Bayville Seniors Club thanks Ruth for her dedication over the years and we congratulate her on receiving this nomination.

CHRIS MACPHIE MARBLE MOUNTAIN

The Head of the Bay Seniors group is very pleased to nominate Chris MacPhie as their Volunteer of the Year.

Chris has been a long-standing member of the group for many years. She has loyally held the position of secretary of the group which she carries out dutifully. She also volunteers her time on the seniors' committee of the Strait Richmond Hospital which the Head of the Bay Seniors group actively supports.

Many thanks are extended to Chris and we congratulate her on receiving this honour.

ROBERT MIDDGAUGH DEEPPDALE

The Shean Trail Committee would like to nominate Robert (Bob) Middaugh as their Volunteer of the Year.

Bob has worked tirelessly to maintain and improve the Shean Trail, the 13 km section of the Trans Canada Trail that extends from the Inverness Miner's Museum to the Blackstone Road. Bob leads by example. It is not uncommon to come across Bob with a small work team that he organized on this section of trail, mowing grass, bush hogging ditches to control vegetation, erecting proper signage, installing and removing bollards, ditching, grading, rolling or doing minor bridge repairs. Through his efforts the trail has been widened to help with visibility, and picnic areas have been put in place in strategic areas so that people can enjoy the beautiful views.

Bob's dedication to the Shean trail makes him a worthy candidate for Volunteer of the Year. All those who use and enjoy the Shean Trail would like to thank Bob. We congratulate him on this nomination.

SHIRLEY MORRISON WHYCOCOMAGH

It gives the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid great pleasure to nominate Shirley Morrison as their Volunteer of the Year. Shirley has been affiliated with the Ladies Aid for fifty years and has worked in many capacities. She is a lady who is always

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willing and ready to volunteer her time to help a cause. On many occasions she has shown her generosity in making a function successful.

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies Aid wishes to thank Shirley for all her volunteerism and we congratulate her on receiving this award.

ROBERT NOSEWORTHY CLEVELAND

The West Bay Road Fire Department is pleased to nominate Robert Noseworthy as their Volunteer of the Year.

Robert has been a committed member of the Fire Department for twenty years. He has served on many committees within the Department such as the Membership, Ways and Means, By-Laws and Hall Committee. He is currently Deputy Chief but has worn the hat of Hose, Hook & Ladder Captain, Treasurer, as well as training Officer.

Robert is the type of person who is not afraid to tackle any job and takes his responsibilities very seriously. His enthusiasm and dedication have made him a tremendous asset to the Fire

Department and to his community.

The West Bay Road Fire Department want to thank Robert for a job well done. Congratulations on this nomination.

COLIN OGDEN E. LAKE AINSLIE

The Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to nominate Colin Ogden as their Volunteer of the Year.

Shortly after moving to East Lake Ainslie in 2010, Colin joined the Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department and quickly became an involved member of the Department and his community.

Since joining the Department, Colin has remained an active and engaged volunteer firefighter attending meetings, training sessions and fire calls.

Colin is also a volunteer with the Lake Ainslie CAP Site and the Lake Ainslie Development Association. The Lake Ainslie Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Colin for all of his contributions to his community and especially to the Fire Department. We congratulate him on this nomination

WILMA PASHER BELLE CÔTE

The Margaree New Horizon's Seniors Club is very pleased to nominate Wilma Pasher, President, as their Volunteer of the Year.

Wilma is currently a member of the fund raising committee and is involved in promoting physical activities such as walking and

snowshoeing, which bring the club members together on a social basis.

As a member of the Board of Directors for Belle Côte & Area Community Centre she helped to organize an exercise program.

She is President of the Celtic Quilt Guild and a member of St. Michael's CWL. Wilma is also very involved in her church where she serves on the community life committee and is a Eucharistic minister.

Wilma can always be counted on to give a helping hand wherever and whenever she is asked. Thank you Wilma, we congratulate you on receiving this honour.

MARIE SYLVIE POIRIER CHETICAMP

The Acadian Centre Board of Directors is delighted to nominate Marie Sylvie Poirier as their Volunteer of the Year.

Marie Sylvie serves as Vice-President and often takes on the role of President of the Board of Directors. She is always ready to assume responsibility with any fund raising effort of the Board.

The Acadian Centre Board of Directors is very grateful to Marie Sylvie for her volunteer work and we congratulate her on receiving this nomination..

KELLY ROSS WEST BAY ROAD

The West Bay Road and District Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is very happy to nominate Kelly Ross as their Volunteer of the Year.

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**Thank You
Volunteers!**

Les bénévoles, oui ça change le monde!

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Kelly joined the Ladies Auxiliary six years ago and quickly became a highly regarded member. Her tireless determination and persuasive nature guides her to get the job done.

Kelly is extremely committed to her community where she has developed a weekly Zumba exercise class, the continuation of the biggest loser contest and pub night. She has also helped develop a new annual community run and sledding party.

Her inexhaustible enthusiasm and infectious confidence in the Ladies Auxiliary is appreciated by everyone. We thank you Kelly for your dedicated contribution to our organization and your community. We congratulate you on this well-deserved honour.

LEN TOBEY PORT HOOD

The Inverness County Trails Federation is please to name Lenny Tobey as their Volunteer of the Year.

Lenny has dedicated thousands of volunteer hours over the years to developing and managing a variety of County trail initiatives. He has been Trails Federation treasurer for over a decade and has aptly looked after the many weekly financial requirements.

A key volunteer trail-builder of the Trans Canada Trail in Inverness County over the past decade, he continues to chair annual trail construction projects; this has included the remediation

of thirteen bridges in the past two years.

Lenny is also the President of Alpine Snowmobile Club, a Director of the Ceilidh Snow Groomers Association, and Chair of the Chestico Trail committee.

When Lenny is not managing trails in some way, he volunteers his time as treasurer to the St. Stephen's United Church and the CB Islanders Major Midget hockey team.

Lenny is truly a volunteer MVP. We thank him for his many contributions to his community and congratulate him on receiving this award.

VIVIAN TOBEY PORT HOOD

The St. Stephen's-Jubilee U.C.W. is very pleased to nominate Vivian Tobey as their Volunteer of the Year.

Vivian has always been a community minded person. She has had a lifelong volunteer involvement in her church and her community. Her many hours of volunteering over the years has seen countless projects to a successful conclusion. Anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Vivian recognizes the great asset she is to any organization

The St. Stephen's-Jubilee U.C.W. would like to thank you Vivian for your dedication and hard work. We congratulate you on receiving this well-deserved recognition of your contribution to your community.



Rinus Van de Ven taking care of the trails.

RINUS VAN DE VEN JUDIQUE

The Inverness County Trans Canada Trail Project is pleased to nominate Rinus Van de Ven as their Volunteer of the Year.

Rinus not only operates and transports trail equipment for the many trail groups of the Inverness County Trans Canada Trail, he also keeps the trail maintenance equipment in a state of good repair. As one of the Project's key equipment managers, Rinus can be found servicing, fabricating and repairing the trail equipment for the trail volunteers to use.

His mild but steadfast "lead by example" style has continually motivated other volunteers. His volunteer effort was again one of the driving forces in the latest TCT community connector trails completed this past year.

Rinus has also been an active volunteer fireman for the past twenty-five years and serves as Fire Chief at the present time.

The Inverness County Trans Canada Trail Project thanks Rinus for being a champion volunteer. We congratulate him on receiving this well-deserved award.

Farmer's Market Vendors Have Been Busy Preparing for the New Season!

by Ann Sherrington

We've experienced an early spring this year. Hard core gardeners have been able to indulge their passion early. Flower beds have been raked, and vegetable gardens weeded.

The Mabou Farmers Market vendors, who will be standing proudly behind their tables this summer and fall, have been busy getting ready for the upcoming season.

Getting a market table up and running for the first June market means getting ready early. Selling vegetables or fruit at a farmers market begins months before the market opens. In January, when the new seed catalogues arrive, seasoned gardeners spend some of their most pleasant hours dreaming over brightly coloured photographs of perfect strawberries, fully ripened tomatoes and flawless lettuce.

Inspired, those who sell fresh produce at the markets around the county will have placed their seed orders and eagerly awaited the first deliveries. In the months of March and April, as Nova Scotia's famous horizontal snow blew past their windows, they will have nurtured tiny seeds on warm surfaces and coddled delicate seedlings. As the days lengthened, most likely will have found their kitchens and basements increasingly crowded with plants clamouring for ever more space.

In May, finally - but cautiously - they will have moved their seedlings outside into sheltered spaces. Although May days in Inverness County are generally warm, it is during this time that many an evening will be spent deciding whether or not to spread an old sheet or row cover over the young plants to protect them against the cold night air or chance of frost. By June, with a little luck, the soil will have warmed up sufficiently bringing with it the first black flies and gardening will begin in earnest.

This is the cycle of the seasons followed by many of the vendors. Deb Hayward's house in Rankinville, for example, is bursting with seedlings and young plants she has even converted a canopy bed into a growing rack by suspending lights from the canopy over young tomatoes, peppers, basil, and thyme and ornamental grasses nestled comfortably together on the mattress.

Te Boyle of Antigonish County, another vendor, prides himself on sowing his first onion sets before all the snow has melted from the edges of his field. In May, he'll also bring in nearly 60 young pigs who will spend the summer on six acres of open pasture, happily rooting until their appointment with the butcher later in the summer

At Blue Marsh Farm, in Nevada Valley, the 5,000 garlic bulbs that Barbara Fitzpatrick planted over two



Some vendors and customers at last year's Mabou Farmers' Market. Farmers' markets around the county are great places to catch up with old friends and make new ones!

months last fall began poking above the mulch by mid-April. Fruit trees got pruned, currant bushes composted, and then everything was mulched. In spring she orders jars, labels and bottles for her herbed vinegars, jams, gourmet mustards, syrups, and shrubs. The garlic will be sold at the market minced and bottled, fermented or whole, for salads and planting.

At Hillshore Farm on the Mabou Harbour Road, the longer days have translated into more eggs as free range flock of hens enjoy the sprouting grass. In their



Children are welcome at the market.

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The Mabou Farmers' Market runs right through to mid-December.

has been cosily ensconced indoors immersed in dyeing fringed rayon scarves in bright oranges, fuchsias, or lime greens. With rubber bands, wire, flour paste, and newspaper stencils, she has created silkscreen stencils for the small quilts she prints on cotton fabric with thickened dyes. (At her fabric dyeing workshops this summer her students will work with cotton in the morning, learning this technique before creating two silk scarves in the afternoon.)

Throughout the year, Terron Dodd of Roseburn gathers wood when and where he can. He carves this wood into wooden spoons all winter to stock up for summer sales at the market. He has asked that any readers with lilac wood, especially lilac bigger than 2" in diameter, keep him in mind he can always use raw material.

For market vendors the year is a cycle, especially for our farmers. It begins with dreams and crossed fingers in January, growing with seedlings and young animals through the spring, into the hustle of summer, to subside again in the fall hard, yet satisfying, work.

Our annual general meeting has already kicked off this year's season. We reviewed last year's activities a market season that lasted from early June through mid-December. A season where we had fresh produce, organic meats and other products such as fresh, hot sandwiches, home baking, local honey, Nova Scotia wine and beer and much, much more. Adding to our product selection this market year we'll have four bread bakers, including two with gluten-free goods, and one with sugar-free products.

Quite a few of our vendors have young families, therefore this year, the Market will also include a children's play corner with toys. This will allow small children a place to play while their parents shop and socialize.

Looking forward to the new season, the market will install new signs; the old ones have become weathered and hard to read. The signs will be located along Route 19 and at the Arena. They will be green and lilac in colour with crisp, easy-to-read white lettering. Look out for our new signs as you make your way to the opening of our market season June 3rd and every Sunday thereafter until mid-December. We are looking forward to serving you, catching up with old friends and making some new ones. ●

high tunnel greenhouses, even unheated ones, strawberry plants began producing serious blooms in late April.

With the first market scheduled for June 3, our gardeners will have counted back from that date to seed their lettuce, greens and peas in late April and their radishes in May. Between bright sunshine in the day and row cover blankets at night, spring vegetables can be encouraged to produce surprisingly early in this area. However, heat-loving tomatoes, peppers, green beans and zucchini can't be trusted outdoors before early June - even in a greenhouse.

What do the other farmers market vendors do to prepare for the market season? Those who process the garden produce, make jams, jellies, breads, home baking, or crafts? Spring is just as busy, although not quite so weather dependent for them. For example, at Fabric Dyeing by the Sea in Mabou Harbour, Ann Schroeder



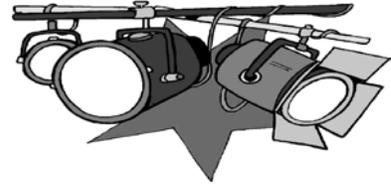
The vendors are always happy to answer questions about their products.

Spring into Arts & Entertainment Fun

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Gallery Events:

May 13 – Jun 4

Both Galleries **Show Off Students**
Inverness County Student Artists

Jun 8 – Jul 2

Main Gallery **Rebirth of the Dryads Beneath the Sun**
- George Smith

Outer Gallery **Weather Report**
- Andrzej Maciejewski

Jul 6 – Jul 30

Both Galleries **Hands Dancing**
- Annual Members' Show

Aug 3 – Aug 27

Main Gallery **Something for Everyone**
- Dot Currie

Outer Gallery **Still Lives**
- Daniel Kazimierski

Aug 31 – Sep 24

Main Gallery **Painting With Cloth**
- Adrienne Yorinks

Outer Gallery **Masques & Mi-Carême - Fête-on**
- Local Artists

Sep 28 – Oct 22

Main Gallery **Colorful Characters**
- Steve Brooks

Outer Gallery **Hidden Treasures**
- Undiscovered Local Artists

Other Events:

May 18 and 19, 8 pm

Welcome Spring
West Side Performing Arts Cooperative
An evening of theatre and music
\$15, \$12 students and seniors

June 9, 10 am – 3 pm

Community Yard sale
\$10 per table/\$1 Admission

June 16 - Time TBA

Ulster Accordion Band Concert

June 23, 7:30 pm

Wine Tasting - Discover Summer Wines
\$40

June 30, 9 pm

JNJ Pub Night
\$7

Check the Inverness County Centre for the Arts website for additional programming information www.invernessarts.ca or call (902) 258.2533

NSCAD's Artist for a Day on May 12

Isn't it time you busted out your inner Picasso and got your Van Gogh going? Come attend NSCAD University's Artist for a Day event. It's fun, free and promises to be fabulous.

Artist for a Day is planned for Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sands at Salter, near Bishop's Landing on the Halifax Waterfront. "The idea is to get a sense of everything that goes on at the art college by giving it a try yourself," says Linda Hutchison, director of NSCAD's 125th celebrations. "Maybe you've always wanted to print a T-shirt or sculpt out of wet clay. Perhaps you'd like to sit in on a life drawing class or see where your imagination will take you by standing in front of a green screen. This is your chance. This is everything we do at NSCAD."

Dozens of neat activities are planned, from steam roller printing to fabric dyeing to mural painting. Visitors can take home a souvenir by posing for a photograph with NSCAD founder Anna Leonowens or find a treasure at one of the craft booths that will be on site.

Bring your kids, bring your grandparents. Come and see what NSCAD is all about. "This will be fun ... it might get a little messy, but it will be fun," says Peter Wünsch, president of NSCAD's Alumni Association, and partner/creative director of Breakhouse Inc. "Let's make some art together."

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WE SALUTE OUR YEAR 2012 INVERNESS COUNTY VOLUNTEERS



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WEST BAY ROAD



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VIVIAN TOBEY
PORT HOOD



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tions total the equivalent of a million full time jobs in one year. In NS that would be 40,000 jobs and in Inverness County that would equate to 800 full time jobs.

A quote from an unknown author states, *“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections every four years, but when you volunteer, you vote every day on the kind of community you want to live in.”* And another quote, this one from well known author Leo Rosten, – *“The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.”*

On behalf of the Municipality thank you for your efforts over the years – thank you for getting involved, thank you for caring and committing your time. Please believe that you make a difference and for that we are extremely grateful.”

Clearly, our volunteers make a difference every single day of their lives. We are grateful that they they care enough and have chosen to contribute their gifts to our communities. **Merci à tous!** ■

[For anyone who doesn't presently volunteer but would like to become involved, please contact your local organizations directly, or contact the Municipal Recreation/ Tourism Department to obtain contact information for the many organizations throughout the county that could use your help. Don't forget, volunteering is also a great way to meet new people and make friends.]



by Cara Palmer

International Trails Day will be celebrated this year on Saturday, June 2. This annual celebration of trails and trails development promotes a healthy, active lifestyle. We who live in Inverness County are very fortunate to have a variety of excellent trails available to us, including the Trans-Canada trail which runs from Port Hastings to Inverness.

As part of International Trails Day, the Inverness RCMP will hold their third annual bicycle safety rodeo at Bayview Education Centre in Port Hood, starting at 10:30 a.m. The goal of the rodeo is to teach children, from Grades Primary through 6, the rules of the road when they are on their bikes. In order to participate in the rodeo, each child must be equipped with a bicycle helmet.

Following the rodeo, the RCMP; Inverness County Trails Federation; and the Municipality of Inverness County encourage families to join them in a bike ride or walk. The route will follow the Chestico trail via Sharon Drive to Dunmore Road before heading back to Station Park (above the Port Hood Picnic Day Park) where the Chestico Trail volunteers will be hosting a BBQ to help celebrate the event!

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a ride or walk while they get a little exercise. There will be prizes! For more information contact:

Constable Stacey MacRae at (902) 258-2213 or by email: stacey.macrae@rcmp-grc.ca

Len Tobey at (902) 787-2232 or by email: len_tobey@ns.sympatico.ca

Cara Palmer at (902) 787-3507 or by email: cara.palmer@invernesscounty.ca

The Inverness County Trails Federation is always looking for volunteers to help them with trail maintenance and events. Businesses are also encouraged to support the trail by making a donation; this support will be acknowledged on a trail bench or picnic table. If you are interested please contact:

Ceilidh Coastal Trail: Wilson Cameron, camgil@seasidehighspeed.com

Judique Flyer Trail: Jackie Bredeau, 787-2892, jackbrideau@hotmail.com

Chestico Trail: Len Tobey, 787-2232, len_tobey@ns.sympatico.ca

Mabou Rivers Trail: Daniel Rankin, 945-2279, drankin32@yahoo.com

Shean Trail: Neil MacEachern, 258-2242, neil.maceachern@ns.sympatico.ca

These five sections of the Trans-Canada Trail are complete. The Scottsville to Whycocomagh section is still in the planning and developing stages. To get involved in this part of the process please contact: Jim Austin, (902) 756-9042 or by email: farmersdaughter@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Everyone is encouraged to get active and to celebrate our scenic trails and the many volunteers that have worked hard to develop and maintain them. Start planning an event for your community trail now!

If you have an event that you would like to advertise or one that you could coordinate, contact Cara Palmer at the municipal Recreation/Tourism Department at (902) 787-3507 or by email: cara.palmer@invernesscounty.ca.

Nova Scotia Outdoor Leadership Development (NSOLD) News

Cape Breton is blessed with an abundance of outdoor recreational opportunities. Inverness County, in partnership with the NS Department of Health and Wellness, is creating



Some youngsters were out enjoying the Trans-Canada trail recently.

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CAN-BIKE Introduction to Cycling Skills to be held in Cheticamp June 16th

A basic, one-day hands-on course for members of Velo Cape Breton Bicycle Club.

In-class instruction... on helmet fit, theory on traffic dynamics - i.e. traffic cycling principles, where to ride, lane positioning, intersections, road hazards, gearing, group riding, nutrition and much more. Includes bicycle care and operation. Outdoors session includes parking lot skills, drills on starting, stopping, shoulder checks, signaling, balance, braking, turns, rock dodge and collision avoidance.

On-road practice... straight line riding, lane positioning, intersections, right and left turns, communication, changing gears, climbing, descending, dealing with hazards. No test, no exam, no certificate just more confidence and more fun riding the bicycle. Personalized session with minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 participants. There is a fee of \$25 per person. To register contact: Michel Aucoin: Phone: (902) 224-3671 or email: amichel@scolaire.ednet.ns.ca

Note: You must be a member of Velo Cape Breton to participate in this workshop. For information on how to become a member <http://www.velocapebreton.ca>



Velo Cape Breton Cabot Trail Tour to be held Friday August 3rd to Monday August 6th.

An all-supported tour that will include: 3 nights hotel/motel accommodation; luggage transportation; bike mechanic assistance; support vehicle at your service should you need a lift or other assistance; healthy meals Friday evening to Monday morning; and snack food enroute. Register early as the tour will accept a maximum of just 30 participants. For more information visit the Velo Cape Breton website: www.velocapebreton.ca or contact them by phone: (902) 562-8137 or email: info@velocapebreton.ca

"This rugged and isolated island, the northernmost area of already remote region, is justifiably renowned as one of the most beautiful islands in the world. The bays are vast and unpeopled, at times shrouded in golden mist or illuminated by the sun's bright, harsh glare. The Cape Breton Highlands National Park covers 950 sq km of the north of the island and is one of its main attractions. It is dominated by a large plateau, with canyons, valleys and steep cliffs jutting into the Atlantic ocean. The Cabot Trail is a 298km paved route around the top of the island. A bicycle tour of the Cabot Trail follows much of this route and includes a couple of steep climbs."

- [Source: *The National* (Arab Emirates) newspaper, March 3, 2012. The author of the column, Robert Carroll, listed the Cabot Trail as the #6 pick of his Top 10 for cycling vacations.]

We thank all Inverness County volunteers - You are our heroes!

Canadian Tire Jumpstart Funding Program

Canadian Tire believes that all kids should have the chance to run, play and grow. That's why they created Canadian Tire's Jumpstart Program. This is a community-based charitable program for families, that helps kids in need participate in organized sports and recreational activities. If you can't afford to enrol your child in one of the many recreation and sport programs in Inverness County because it's hard to make ends meet, we can help. Contact the Inverness County Recreation/Tourism Department for an application form for the JumpStart Program by email: information@invernesscounty.ca or by telephone: (902) 787-3507/3508.

Lake Ainslie Weavers

The International "Back-to-Back" Wool Challenge at the Scotsville School of Crafts

The International Back-to-Back Wool Challenge is a worldwide, annual international competition that challenges teams of eight (a shearer and seven spinners and/or knitters) to shear the fleece of a sheep, spin it, ply it and knit it into a sweater all in one day. The team that gets the wool off of the back of the sheep and onto the back of a human being as a finished sweater in the shortest number of hours wins.

Inverness County's team of hand spinners and knitters, will be competing in the Challenge at the Scotsville School of Crafts, May 12. The competition, based in Australia, has venues worldwide where teams have signed on to compete. Two trophies are in play - the Scottish Wool Centre trophy for the fastest time to completion, and the Brigadoon Trophy for the team that makes the largest donation to charity. Canadian teams also compete for the Canadian Cooperative Wool Trophy.

Last year, the Lake Ainslie Weaver's team, The Spinthrifts, took five hours off of their first year time and donated \$2644 to the Central Inverness County Palliative Care Society. This will be their third year competing in this event. What will happen this year? Come out and support the Inverness County team, however, as this is a competition, please ensure that you do not accidentally interfere with the process. There will be lots to enjoy: Silent Auction, Craft Sale, Tea, Music. Although the sheep will be sheared at 9 am, the competition will continue for several hours. All proceeds raised from the team competing at our site will go to the Central Inverness County Palliative Care Society.

May 12, 2012 - Starts at 9:00 am

Special Access Pass Available to Expropriated People from Parks Canada Places on Cape Breton

Parks Canada is offering free access to families whose lands were expropriated during the creation of Cape Breton Highlands National Park and Fortress of Louisbourg and Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Sites. Those who owned property within the national park or national historic sites, along with their spouses, children and grandchildren are encouraged to contact Parks Canada. Eligibility will be determined based on existing historic records or evaluated on a case by case basis. This special access pass will allow holders free entry to the national historic site or national park of personal or family significance.

These individuals, their children and grandchildren can obtain their pass at the Parks Canada visitor centres in Chéticamp, Ingonish and Louisbourg and, in Baddeck, at Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. For more information on pass eligibility and distribution, please contact: Cape Breton Highlands National Park, 902 224-2306 (Chéticamp) 902 285-2691 (Ingonish) By email at cbhnp.info@pc.gc.ca to request an application

Tenth Anniversary 3D Shoot Planned for West Bay

The West Bay area's Riverside Archery Club will host a 3D Shoot on June 17th (Fathers' Day) at West Bay Road in Big Brook. This will be the tenth anniversary of the event for the Riverside Archery Club.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m., with the shoot planned to start at 9:00 a.m. There will be a break at noon for a delicious luncheon and opportunity to mingle and socialize before the shoot reconvenes at 1:00 pm. There will be a medal presentation around 3 p.m. at the end of the competition.

What is 3D archery? The sport of 3D Archery is a form of Target Archery and is known as a highly addicting and fun sport. 3D can be participated in by anyone at any skill level. It can be set in the woods or fields and is sometimes set even in indoor ranges. The goal of 3D Archery is having the ability to guess how far away the target is and know where to shoot to achieve the highest possible score.

At this shoot, groups made up of three to four archers will target a total of forty life-size dense foam animals in the trails and lanes of the Big Brook outdoor area; twenty in the morning and twenty in the afternoon.

The registration fee of \$15 includes the noon meal. The site will be well-posted for those driving to the event from away and who are not familiar with the West Bay area. For more information contact: Wayne Wyre by email: wwyre302@gmail.com or, Rob Reynolds by email: robreynolds@eastlink.ca





Idyll Gossip - Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5, 7:30 pm

A River Hill Players Production - directed by Tom Ryan

What does a fisherman's wife, substitute teacher, shopkeeper, fish plant worker and an old lady have in common. Except the fact that they are all women and living in rural Nova Scotia with nothing and nothing to lose? "Nothing!" Husbands, children, egos and occupations are tossed in the wind when they decide to form a band and take it on the road. Join in the laughter, fun and total chaos when the band goes electric. This is another River Hill Players production showcasing the musical and theatrical talents of Inverness County. \$15/Reserved Seating.

Lorne Elliott - Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 pm

Canadian born Lorne Elliott, has performed from Newfoundland to New York City, from Los Angeles to Australia and points in between. Lorne started performing in 1974 as a folk musician in East Coast Canada. At the same time he kept writing fiction as well as songs, monologues and one-liners. The outcome of such a training is a very special show of comedy and music, totally original, entertaining, up-lifting and foolish enough to make everybody laugh. Along with his unique and wacky performance style, it is the timelessness of his material, joined with keen observations of today's trends that make Lorne Elliott's work so special. Tickets: \$28/Reserved Seating. <http://www.lorne-elliott.com/>

Dance Debut presents: "Awesomazing" - Friday, May 25, 6:30 pm

Dance Students from the Inverness County Recreation After School Dance Program; Port Hawkesbury Recreation Program; and Chestico Museum Society Stepdance Troupe, will combine their talents to honor the incredible opportunities of Stathspey Place.

Enjoy an evening of incredible fun and entertainment as dancers as young as three and up to grandparenthood share their talents in tap, jazz, hip hop, stepdance, highland, and musical theatre. For many students this was their first year of dance instruction, and it will be their debut performance.

The cost for this performance is a donation to Strathspey Place to support the facility that provides rehearsal space, stage experience and a full theatre experience for performers across the island. We are grateful for the opportunity to showcase on this world-class stage. It will be an evening not to be missed! Donations will be accepted at the door with general seating beginning at 6:00 pm.

West Island Performing Arts Cooperative - Friday, June 8 - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Spring! An Evening of Theatre and Music that includes: •An enchanting play to tickle your senses •Music by some of our favorite classical artists •Songs of home and away, featuring songs from the Gaelic lands and Cape Breton •Old favorites that people can sing along with •Some new songs by Cape Breton artists. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Original Tribute to the Eagles - Hotel California - Saturday, June 16, 8:00 pm

New Country, Classic Rock and dance featuring hits such as, Life In The Fast Lane, Take It Easy, Desperado, Get Over It and many more. The Eagles great harmonies have been enjoyed by audiences at festivals across North America and around the world. The Original Tribute to The Eagles - Hotel California prides itself on creating the illusion that you are listening to the actual Eagles. They've shared the stage with the Doobie Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Styx, REO Speedwagon, Gretchen Wilson and many more International Artists. They've performed in Dubai, Japan, India, Bermuda & all over North America. Tickets: \$40/Reserved Seating. <http://hotelcalifornia.ca/>

Replay The Beatles - Saturday, September 22, 8:00 pm

The four members of Replay have performed and toured as professional musicians and session studio players since the early 70's. They have shared the stage with such outstanding acts as Andre-Phillipe Gagnon, Sylvain Cossette, Laurence Jalbert, Martin Fontaine, LUBA, Terry Stokes, Hinder, Saving Abel, The Trews, State of Shock, Charlie Harper Blues Band, Bowser and Blue, and many others. Tickets: \$27 on sale now. For more information on Replay The Beatles: <http://www.replaythebeatles.com/home.html>

Box Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday - 1 pm to 5 pm/Wednesday & Thursday - 1 pm to 6 pm

Fridays - 1 pm to 4 pm

For more information on any of these shows or about the Strathspey Place Performance Centre at 11156 Highway 19 (Ceilidh Trail), Mabou, NS, contact the General Manager, Patrick Lanctot, by phone: (902) 945-5300 fax: (902) 945-5301 or email: admin@strathspeyplace.com. Website: www.strathspeyplace.com



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RCMP Nova Scotia salute 700 dedicated volunteers
In recognition of National Volunteer Week, the RCMP in Nova Scotia salute the 700 dedicated volunteers that generously give their time and talents to assist the RCMP.
Nova Scotians benefit from the contribution of RCMP volunteers as they assist our employees, detachments and communities in many roles including: Auxiliary Constable Program, Citizens on Patrol, Community Police Offices, Crime Prevention Initiatives and Victim Services.
Inspector Greg Bursey, Officer in Charge of Community, Aboriginal and Diversity Policing in Nova Scotia says, "On behalf of all RCMP employees in Nova Scotia, we extend our gratitude to our volunteers whose dedication and commitment make our province stronger and safer. We truly appreciate their selflessness in giving back to their communities through the many RCMP programs and services."
As a token of appreciation for their contribution, the Commanding Officer for the RCMP in Nova Scotia has sent each volunteer with over five years of dedicated service a signed certificate and RCMP Volunteer pin. Those with 35 and 20 years service will be recognized at a ceremony to be held in June.
For more information about volunteering with the RCMP in Nova Scotia please contact your local RCMP detachment.

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