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The 34th Central Nova Tourism Association Annual Tourism Awards & Conference will be held April 10th - 11th, 2014. Hosted by Cumberland County the Thursday evening session will be held at Amherst Wandlyn Inn, while the Friday day-long session will be held at Joggins Fossil Centre. A Tradeshow will be held on Thursday evening with exhibitor also encouraged to display on Friday at the Joggins Fossil Centre.

Colchester District RCMP recovered an ATV, on January 2nd, which had been reported stolen from the Catshack on Juniper Street in Truro. The ATV had been taken during a break and enter January 1st. It was located in the woods near Morley Drive, in Truro Heights. If anyone has any information on this crime, they can contact the Colchester District RCMP at (902) 893-6820 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Local Food NS has announced another round of funding through the Local Food Fund at the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia for community-based organizations which aim to strengthen the local food system in Nova Scotia. The Local Food Fund is the only charitable funding source in the province with a mandate dedicated to healthy local food issues. Interested groups are invited to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 each. Applications can be downloaded from www.localfoodns.ca or www.cfnns.ca. The application deadline is March 28, 2014. Grants will be awarded in April.

Nominations for CNTA's 2013 Awards can be submitted until March 31, 2014. Information on the awards and nominating process is available at www.tourismcentral.ca. All users of this site will be entered into a draw for a free tourism conference registration (value \$50.00). Draw date March 31, 2014.

On Monday, March 10th, 2014 Colchester Integrated Street Crime Unit and Colchester RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in Belmont, Nova Scotia. RCMP located a 2014 Polaris RZR 800 camouflage side by side ATV that was stolen from the Green Diamond Equipment on Highway 2 in Onslow on December 31st, 2013. One male was arrested and charges are pending.

Lawrence R. Nicoll, noted landscape photographer from Parrsboro has been hired with an expense paid trip to be the photographer with a group going to Vietnam and Cambodia in May. In April 2013 he had a similar assignment with a travel booking firm to Jade Mountain resort in St. Lucia last April. This year's trip will include a visit to the famous structures at Anghor Wat, leaving him plenty of time to take his own pictures as well as the group.

Fox Harb'r Golf Resort and Spa staff and management are very proud and humbled for the sixth consecutive year to be honoured as an award winner of the highly esteemed Four Diamond Award for 2014 by CAA/AAA – only one of seven distinctions in Atlantic Canada. CAA/AAA Four Diamond Award winners make up just four per cent of the more than 60,000 rated lodgings and restaurants throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean.

Humour Corner: These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief".

Government's NSPE Audit Underway Soon

By Maurice Rees

In a telephone interview recently, Agriculture Minister, Keith Colwell said that the Request for Proposals to con-

duct an audit on NSPE will be published soon. He also mentioned NSPE currently has two interim board members and he's waiting for a third

member to accept the temporary position.

The interim board will continue to oversee the facility until the audit is completed

and a plan is completed for ongoing operation of the facility, which also operates the Truro Raceway. At that time a new board will be appointed.

During the interview, Colwell was adamant he did not want to see any of the previous events held at the facility to go elsewhere. It's an important economic contributor to the community and it's important we get it operating properly with the focus of being even more important to Colchester County and the rest of the province. "We can't afford to let any events trickle away. We need all of them and more", he said.

The Golden Age Auto Club has already announced it will change location for 2014 going to the Truro Legion Stadium. However, it is understood, efforts are underway to get it back to the Agri-Dome and exhibition grounds.

The 4-H Clubs, which annual host the 4-H Pro Show drawing approximately 15,000 people to the facility in the fall, has been concerned about uncertainties and increases in rent and have been considering going to Windsor. Last week efforts were underway to allay those fears and get the Pro Show confirmed.

Negotiations with the Dutchy Mason Blues Festival have been completed and it will return to NSPE this year.



This recent aerial photo shows the massive expansion to the Home Hardware Distribution Centre in Debert. Work is continuing with finishing the interior, installation of racking and other high tech infrastructure on the multi-million dollar expansion program. (Submitted)

Parrsboro's Ottawa House gets \$385,000 Funding

By Maurice Rees

The Parrsborough Shore Historical Society, which was formed in 1981 for the express purpose of saving, maintaining and restoring the historic Ottawa House By-the-Sea, has been successful in receiving \$385,000 in federal funding to support the restoration and renovation of the museum to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Sir Charles Tupper's death in London, England on Oct. 30/15.

Scott Armstrong, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment and Social Development and Member of Parliament (Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley), announced the funding on Friday, March 21st on behalf of Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages Shelly Glover.

The Government of Canada has provided the funding through the Building

Communities through Arts and Heritage program to support the restoration and renovation of the Ottawa House By-the-Sea Museum to convert it into an interactive museum dedicated to retelling the region's history.

Sir Charles Tupper, 1st Baronet, GCMG, CB, PC (July 2, 1821 - October 30, 1915) was a Canadian father of Confederation as the Premier of Nova Scotia from 1864 to 1867, he led Nova Scotia into Confederation. He went on to serve as the sixth Prime Minister of Canada, sworn into office on May 1, 1896, seven days after parliament had been dissolved. He lost the June 23 election and resigned on July 8, 1896. His 69-day term as prime minister is currently the shortest in Canadian history.

Following the passage of the British North America Act in 1867, Tupper resigned as premier of Nova Scotia and began a career in federal politics. He held multiple cabinet positions under Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald, including President of the Queen's

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The Ottawa House By-The-Sea Museum & Historic Site is located on Partridge Island in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia. It was far grander than I had imagined. Built in 1765, this 21 room Georgian mansion has seen many owners and purposes. Over the years, it has been used as a speakeasy, various hotels and perhaps most notably, as summer house to Sir Charles Tupper. As we approach, we can see that the building has a long front porch lined with bright red geraniums.

RCMP to Give Talk on Senior's Problems

By Christine Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW Spring Rally will be held on Tuesday May 6th at First United Church in Truro. Registration is from 9:30 - 10 am. Theme is "Hope Springs" and the program will include a talk by an RCMP officer on senior problems, a book reading by Chad Norman on his new book "Masstown" which will be available for purchase at noon time (and he has agreed to sign it!) and a Bible Study in the afternoon.

There will be a book display. Bring a bag lunch, lug a mug and come for an enjoyable time!

All welcome!

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