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Parrsboro Skating At the Lions Arena

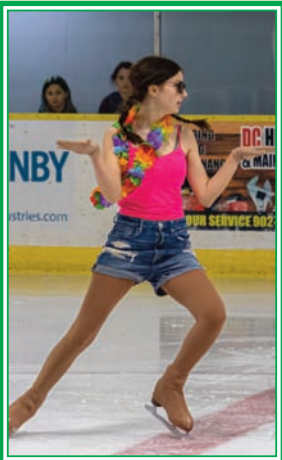
Parrsboro Skating held it's closing show for the season on Friday night, March 15, and WOW!, What a wonderful event. The rink was packed with folks anxious to share in the incredible displays, in all there were 24 events by skaters from all ages. It was a wonderful time, and the enthusiastic crowd showed their enjoyment with lots of clapping and encouragement. What a fine way to end a season! Lawrence R Nicoll photos.



Short Program - Sadie Yorke



Short Program - Chloe Yorke



California Gurls - Gracie Taylor



Cover Me in Sunshine - Gracie Taylor - Chloe & Sadie Yorke



Walking on Sunshine

New Community Housing Hub, Emergency Shelter

Vulnerable Nova Scotians experiencing or at risk of homelessness will now have more housing support in Amherst. A new community housing hub opened today, March 14, with six affordable housing units, including accessible units. The project also includes office and community space that will transition into a 10-bed

overnight emergency shelter.

"We want to ensure that people experiencing homelessness have the help they need to advance to permanent housing," said Brendan Maguire, Minister of Community Services. "The people of Amherst will now have a place where they can receive supports, an option for

emergency sheltering and connections to other community partners."

Community Services is providing the Cumberland Homelessness and Housing Support Association with more than \$910,000 in annual operating costs for staffing, wraparound services and supportive programming, as well as

intensive case management services.

Funding also supports the emergency shelter, allowing the permanent shelter to provide two meals a day, 365 days a year. The project is also receiving more than \$560,000 from the Affordable Housing Development program through Municipal Affairs and Housing.



"Here Comes the Sun", one of the many groups participating in the Parrsboro Skating closing show on March 15. Lawrence R Nicoll photo.

Ship's Company Theatre Celebrating 40TH Season

By Rooks Field-Green

Ship's Company Theatre has been producing theatre and providing arts programming to Parrsboro, the Fundy Shore, and beyond for 40 years! The Ship is a place to enjoy the arts with your community, and at its core, it's a place to gather. This year, we introduce Ship's Company Theatre's 40th Anniversary Season: a Season of Celebration. "This Season is about laughter, joy and not taking life too seriously—it's a season of celebration" - Laura Vingoe-Cram, Artistic Director of Ship's Company Theatre.

This season, Ship's Company Theatre features two mainstage shows. Their first production, *Till Death Do Us Part* by Nova Scotian playwright Katarina Bakolias, is a hilarious comedy farce about a wedding weekend going awry. *Till Death Do Us Part* will run from Wednesdays-Sundays from July 3rd-21st and is sponsored by BrokerLink Insurance.

The second production at Ship's is the world premiere of a new Atlantic Canadian drama, *Still Dancing* by play-

wright Melissa Mullen. *Still Dancing* is a poignant and humorous look at family dynamics and what it means to care for those we love. *Still Dancing* is sponsored by O'Regan's and will run Wednesdays-Sundays from Aug. 14-Sept. 1.

Our 40th Season also includes not one but two theatrical presentations from other Atlantic Canadian Arts Organizations. The first presentation is Probably Theatre's *PRUDE*, a hilarious and high-energy blend of stand-up, clown and drag featuring the confessionals of, bigger than life character, The King Of The Party. *Prude* will be at the Ship August 2 & 3.

The second presentation will be sure to amaze:

Skywbtspers of Terrestrial Dreams by Halifax-based company Breaking Circus, is a wandering journey through a magical dreamscape featuring silk and hoop acrobatics. This show will also play for school audiences from September 26-29.

Our Music Series will pack a punch with a full roster of talented acts, *Dancing Queen: A Tribute to ABBA* will be kicking off the series on July 26 & 27 and then we will have Traditional/Contemporary duo *Cassie & Maggie* July 31 & Aug 1. In September we will have back to back entertainment with Reggae/R&B legend *Jah'Mila* on Sept. 7 & 8, and the winner of our Member's Choice Concert ... *The Gilberts* Sept. 13 - 15! At the end of the month there will be *A Musical Tribute to the Ship* Sept. 20-22 with *Greg Simm and The John Denver Tribute band*. Featuring music from 40 years of Tribute concerts, This musical celebration will in-

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