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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS August 2014

**John Simons, Springhill**, has been selected as one of three 2014 Woodland Owners of the year. Chosen from entries for the Central Region, Mr. Simons harvests pulpwood and firewood on the family's 263-hectare property in Springhill, Cumberland Co., with the help of his son, Justin. The family is also expanding their sugar woods which were once operated by Mr. Simons' father-in-law, Richard Rowter, Boularderie East, Victoria Co., was selected as the Eastern Region's winner while Hiram and Ernest Carver, New Germany represent the Western Region and also have the distinction of being the provincial winner.

**Age of Sail Marathon** will be held Sunday, August 10th. 8:30 am. \$50 preregistration fee. Full and Half Marathon. Race Kits can be picked up on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Fire Hall Port Greville, Nova Scotia. The Age of Sail Museum is the start and finish line. Race Start Times: Marathon - 8:00 am, Half Marathon - 9:00 am, 10K - 9:00 am, 5K - 9:00 am

**On September 13th** the Five Islands ATV Club is having its third annual ATV fun run. The cost is \$25.00 and \$5.00 for rider. Registration starts at 9:00 am. The ride leaves from the Economy Rec Centre. The event is a joint fun run sponsored by the Five Islands ATV Club and the Economy Rec Centre. Meal included in the cost. For more information call David Yorke at 254-3457 or Tom Beaton at 647-2985.

**The Economy Hall Sessions** have continued to grow in popularity with at least two more planned this fall. The next one is going to be a dance on September 27th featuring Frank MacKay and his band beginning at 9:00 p.m. at Economy Rec Centre. Advance tickets only at a cost of \$20.00. The second Economy Hall Session will be Sunday October 26th featuring Matt Minglewood beginning at 1:30 p.m. tickets for this event will be \$20.00 in advance and \$22.50 at the door. Steward in attendance for both events and NSLC ID required. For information or tickets on the Economy Hall Sessions call Natalie at 647-2255, Debbie 647-2753 or Micheline 647-2985.

**Town of Parrsboro** will receive \$35,000 from the Department of Municipal Affairs to assist with 50% of a \$70,000 wastewater treatment pre-design study. Meanwhile Municipal Affairs will contribute \$116,800 towards a \$233,600 water booster station on Trider Road in Maccan.

**Royal Canadian Legion** branches in Joggins and Springhill were two of 17 Legions across the province to receive 50% funding from the Department of Municipal Affairs as part of a \$122,000 program to upgrade heating systems and washrooms, repair roofs and siding, and replace doors and windows. Branch No. 4 Joggins, Cumberland County will receive \$4,581 for a heating system upgrade, while Branch No. 17 Springhill, Cumberland County will undertake a siding project after receiving \$7,118.

**Humour Corner:** Money cannot buy happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than on a bicycle.



On June 25, Chris Hadfield shared his experiences going to space with a big crowd in the Community Credit Union Arena and sang a song with the Truro Elementary School Choir.

## Platnauer Family Finally Get Permanent Status

Not everyone is thrilled to receive letters from the government but the Platnauer family was overjoyed when they opened a letter from Immigration Canada on July 22nd and saw the words

"Confirmation of Permanent Residence" in big black letters.

Sean Platnauer came to Canada from England in 2009 on a 4 year work permit, with wife Becky and daughter

Angelica. The family settled in Bass River, Sean and Becky joined the Fire Brigade, Angelica attended WCCS and then CEC, and life was good. Then Sean's work visa ran out in April 2013, and with Sean

still looking for a permanent job in Nova Scotia, they attempted to apply for a Temporary Visitor's Visa until things were sorted out. Last August they received an email stating the Temporary Visa was rejected, and they may have to leave the country immediately.

Friends, family, the community and local politicians rallied to help the family stay in Canada.

The Platnauer's received a Provincial Nomination from Nova Scotia, followed up with the required police checks and applications. The Federal paperwork had to go through London and they were told this could take up to 28 months to process.

Last month, an email came asking for copies of passports, etc. and the Platnauers sent off everything requested last week. "I was shocked when the letter came in the mail so soon," says a very excited Becky. "We still have to go out of the Country and back in, to get our landed immigrant status, and then this will allow

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Lawrence Nicoll captured the magnificent fireworks display at Parrsboro's celebrating of 147 Canada Day. This photo is comprised of multiple exposures. Pictures and story on page 27. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Regional School Board Locks Out AA

By Carol Hyslop

On July 13, 2014, members of the Wentworth and Area AA group attempted to enter Wentworth Elementary School where they regularly hold their Sunday evening meetings. Their key would not open the door - the locks had been changed. For the first time in approximately 20 years they were denied access to the building.

AA has held its meetings in the school as part of the Wentworth Community School program which has scheduled the after-school use of the building for 30+ years. The Community School Council had been notified that no activities were to be held in the school for the month of July as cleaning was taking place.

On Sunday evening the AA group was to collect their materials and supplies and take them to the Wentworth United Church where space had been secured for them until the cleaning was completed.



Meanwhile, in its wisdom, staff of Chignecto-Central Regional School Board had decided that a community presence in the school building was a threat "to safety and security of students and staff at the school" (as stated in a letter from CCRSB staff intended for the Wentworth Community School Council) and had informed the Council their keys would be confiscated and locks and security codes changed. Volunteers for the Council were not informed when the work was to take place or contacted and given a time to remove

their belongings.

Wentworth Elementary School has been an important site for community meetings and activities since its opening in 1959. A community presence in the building has never before been considered a risk to the safety and security of students and staff.

For the foreseeable future, the AA group will have to conduct their meetings in the church basement without their supporting devices.

## Nova Scotia Gem Show

By Dr Tim Fedak

The Fundy Geological Museum is planning special activities to coincide with the 49th Annual Nova Scotia Gem and Mineral Show, August 15-17 in Parrsboro. The Gem and Mineral Show will feature over thirty vendors from across Atlantic Canada, offering a diversity of gems, minerals, jewelry, artisan crafts and foreign fossils. For many years the show's attendance has been over two thousand people throughout the weekend

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This year's Masstown Market corn maze is a wonderful example of design and originality. It even incorporates "Buy Local".

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