



On June 25th the Cumberland Geological Society held its AGM at the Fundy Geological Museum. Karen Dickenson, society chair, led the meeting where the members were advised the hiring committee was hard at work to select a new Director/Curator to replace Ken Adams. Ken has helped since his retirement by coming in once a week to handle some of the necessary directors work. It is anticipated the position will be filled in the near future. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

OUR ELIZA Expected to Engage Audiences Deeply

By Jill McTierman

OUR ELIZA, a beautiful and moving play written by Megan Coles of Newfoundland, tells the story of a father-daughter relationship and the sense of obligation we feel when it comes to the people we love.

OUR ELIZA is the second mainstage Ship's Company Theatre production of the summer. The first production *By The Dark of The Moon* was a fan favourite which received rave reviews from several papers including the Chronicle Herald.

We're looking forward to changing gears in August, especially after the success of our first show," says Natasha MacLellan, Artistic Producer for Ship's Company Theatre. "I've made the analogy that the first show was the Hollywood blockbuster, but **OUR ELIZA** is the Oscar contender."

OUR ELIZA features three cast members who were in *By The Dark of The Moon*, Petrina Bromley, Gordon Patrick White and Kevin Curran. Bromley and White are originally from Newfoundland, which is where the play is set.

Coles wrote the play after a conversation

with her father—who grew up in a traditional biscuit box house with 9-10 kids there at the same time.

The three actors, all around 40 years old will age throughout the play as it spans between 1962 and 2012. Bromley grows up on stage, spanning the lead characters Eliza's life from 10 to 60 years old.

The characters in **OUR ELIZA** are very recognizable—most Maritimers will see their own mother, sister, father, brother or perhaps even themselves on the stage, as the characters grapple with the same problems we see around our own kitchen tables, the hardship and the beauty of growing up on the east coast.

OUR ELIZA runs from August 6-31 with evening shows at 8pm Tuesday through Sunday, as well as a Sunday Matinee at 2pm.

Ship's Company Theatre is a professional Theatre located in Parrsboro, whose mandate is to be a prime centre for the production and development of Canadian and Atlantic theatre serving a local, regional, and tourist audience.

Clifton 4-H Club Achievement Day was held on July 18th, under sunny skies, at the Old Barns United Church.

(Harrington Photos)



The Junior and Senior Dog Obedience Class.



The Junior Goat Class.



Ella McCurdy participates in Poultry Showmanship Class.



Hello there, welcome to Clifton 4-H Club Achievement Day!



Rabbit Showmanship Class

Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament

The Parrsboro Golf Club will be a beehive of activity on Fri. Aug. 22, 2014, where golfers will be out in force at the Bernie Burke Memorial Golf Tournament supporting two great causes and having fun doing it. This annual tournament helps "The Hall" continue doing renovation projects. A donation will also be given to South Cumberland

Community Care Centre Palliative Care in Parrsboro.

Golfers from past tournaments have been sent their registration forms and are encouraged to fill in and send their fee to Patricia Burke, P O Box 99, Parrsboro, NS B0M 1S0 or drop off at the Parrsboro Golf Club, soon to ensure a place in the popular tournament. The

cost is \$100 per person. Players are encouraged to make up a team of 3 players. For anyone who is interested in playing and want a registration form e-mail Dawn Coleman at: almacisaac@ns.sympatico.ca or pick one at the clubhouse.

As in other years there will be a steak supper following the tournament with

great prizes. There will be an auction during the supper and presentation of 1st and 2nd place winners. For a hole in 1 on #3 there will be a chance to win a 2014 Ford Focus supplied by Sargents in Parrsboro and Archway Insurance. For more information e-mail trish-burke2@hotmail.com. Spectators are invited to come over to the club and cheer on the players.

MDS Offers Roughneck Training Program

By Maurice Rees

Over the years more and more Nova Scotians have gone "west" in search of high paying jobs. Many of those are experienced trades people, who pack up their families and leave the Maritimes. More and more there is a trend to commute back and forth, while their families stay here. Those who lack experience of a trade simply look for employment.

Interest in offshore oil and gas off Nova Scotia has waned during the last decade, but now with Shell, Conoco Phillips and Suncor joining forces to explore Canada's East Coast off South Shore Nova Scotia and BP reviewing it's options the prospect of employment on oil rigs has increased significantly.

The increased activity off Nova Scotia over the next few years provides optimism for those who wish to seek land and offshore drilling rig training. With additional projects being announced,

Newfoundland has also become a "hotspot" for offshore activity and could help decrease the "move west".

Maritime Drilling Schools Limited (MDS) located in Sydney offers an entry level Roughneck training program. The school runs a 20 day program, which gives students certifications which will give the upper hand when it comes to hiring on drilling rigs.

Students receive a wealth of class room and hands-on training while attending the program which will equal experience when applying for employment. Many of MDS' instructors have 20-30 years drilling and management experience.

Maritime Drilling Schools Limited executive, Reg MacDonald says that while a trade or university degree can cost upwards of \$100,000, the cost of the course at Maritime Drilling Schools Limited is \$5000.00 which includes accommodations while attending the 20 day program. He noted that in many cases students completing a course at Maritime Drilling School often make a lot more money than those with trade school certification

or university degree.

With a worldwide shortage in drilling personnel, he says, this would be an option for a cheaper method of gaining or changing a career that allows you to be paid well above average income and opportunities to see the world at the expense of the employer. The school has trained over 2500 entry level students from around the world who are working on land and offshore drilling rigs globally.

For information on the school and the courses it offers contact: Ph: 902-794 1132, Toll Free: 866-807-3960, Email: fw.mds@ns.sympatico.ca, or visit: www.mdslimited.ca

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