

# PAGE BRIEFS

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**Molson Canadian** 2016 Nova Scotia Music Week will be held in Truro November 3-6. Music Nova Scotia is accepting applications for music and industry award nominations until Wednesday, August 3 at 5:00 p.m. ADT. No extensions will be given so all applications must be in on time. To submit an application for an award nomination for any category, please visit: <http://nsmw.ca>

**Visits to NovaScotia.com** in 2016 surpassed the two million mark by the end of June. Year to date website traffic is up 19.1 per cent over the same period in 2015, and page views are up 28 per cent year to date over 2015.

**The Nova Scotia** Department of Business (NS-DoB) is preparing to conduct a competitive procurement process to select a vendor/team to design high speed internet solution(s) for rural Nova Scotia. NS-DoB is seeking feedback to the draft RFP from interested vendors. NS-DoB held a briefing session on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> in Halifax to present the draft RFP and outline the process for obtaining vendor feedback. Vendors participating in the DRAFT RFP review process will have a minimum of 30 calendar days from release of the DRAFT RFP to the RFP Closing Date to prepare and submit their proposals. Vendors who do not participate in the DRAFT RFP review process will have a minimum of 21 calendar days to prepare and submit their proposals following the formal release of the final RFP.

**Unemployed Nova Scotians** returning to the classroom to upgrade their skills will get more support this fall. Government is increasing support for living expenses, child care and dependent care for eligible participants of the Skills Development program for the 2016/17 school year. Specific changes are: \$300 per week in living allowance for single clients, up from \$200; \$400 per week in living allowance for clients with dependents, up from \$350 and \$100 per week, per child or dependent, for care, up from \$100 per week per family. Changes to the program, which take effect Sept. 1, will help make post-secondary study more accessible to more Nova Scotians.

**Government is** supporting Nova Scotia's seafood processing industry by unveiling educational tools to highlight and promote the industry and encourage employment growth. The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, in partnership with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education, worked with the seafood processing industry on the \$30,000 project. Along with the videos, it includes a website and infographic cards. Nova Scotia is Canada's largest exporter of fresh seafood with exports valued at \$1.68 billion. For more information and to view the videos <http://novascotia.ca/rightthere>

**Karen Casey**, Minister Education and Early Childhood Development, on behalf of Tony Ince, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage, on July 9<sup>th</sup> announced six grants totalling \$127,500 through the Recreation Facility Development Program. Grants for three other projects receiving \$122,500 will be announced at a later date bringing the total for the Fundy region to \$250,000. The Tatamagouche Area Trails Association will use \$12,000 to repair the Waugh River bridge and extend the crusher sand surface from the Highway 6 crossing east of the village to the Sutherland Steam Mill Museum in Denmark. The grants help community groups, municipalities and other not-for-profit organizations develop facilities to increase public participation in sport and physical

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# Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

A tip of the hat and a very special thank you is passed along to Bill and Paula Wood and the fine job they did on our Grave Decoration Day. It sure is special to see our Canada flag flying on a Veteran's grave. Bill and Paula, thank you for a job well done. A special thank you is passed along to Donna MacKay and her Paint Nights. Because of their success, Donna turned over a very nice sum of money to the Branch. Donna, thank you very much.

In the June edition of "The Journal" we stated that a Bob David had won the BBQ the Branch was raffling off. Our apologies are passed along, the winner was Bob Davis, along with the BBQ, Bob also got a tank of propane. The final total realized was \$2438.00.

To all the Crib Players out there, please mark your calendar for the start up date on Wednesday the 7th of September. The Dart League will

start firing up on Friday, the 30th of September. You do not have to be a member to play in either League.

Happy Birthday wishes for July are passed along to Valerie Yantha, Mandy Slack, Bill Wood, Bruce Higgins, Earl Harvey, Ron Totten, Debbie Buchanan, Jim Adshade, Eric McCully, Helen Eastcott and Jimmy Totten.

Happy Anniversary wishes for July are passed along to Jane and Glen MacDorman, Carolyn and Mike Totten, Barb and Arnie Warren, Connie and Sam Worthington, Marcia and Norm Eastcott, Gloria and Doug Mattatall, Wendy and Dave MacPhee, Betty and Robert Hill, Sue and Mike Taylor.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our country.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.

# I Heard It At The Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard? I heard that Bass River Heritage Day is Saturday August 6th from 10am-3pm. This year the group has a lot of things to entertain you. They have a Bass River version of Antique Roadshow with celebrity appraisers James Hewey and Rosemary Beckett coming. You can have up to 2 items appraised from 10am-12noon free of charge.

Also at heritage day, we have an exhibit of Bass River chairs made throughout history from 1860-1989, as well as chairs from the Campbell Factory in Portauisque that predates the Bass River industry. Another new addition is a fibre art show featuring weavers, yarn dyers, hookers, etc. The old factory whistle will be blown at noon, and the old Bass River School bell will be on display. There will be Antique engines, Cars, trucks, and tractors. Come enjoy steamed clams, BBQ, Chinese auction. Come bid on a yummy dessert at the dessert auction. Bake sale, contests, live music and don't forget the fireman's wooden boat race. Sounds like a "do not miss" day!

The sea bass have been running with a few being lucky enough to catch one, I was lucky enough to have a friend catch one and deliver it cleaned and filleted to my door. Thanks Joe, it was so yummy!

The Bass River Victoria Hall



Great Village Royal Canadian Legion President Logan Spencer (right) and Treasurer Fred Richard present Elizabeth Riemersma, from Five Islands with the first annual Branch # 72 Bursary. Elizabeth's great-grandfather John Denny Parsons was a Veteran and she will be attending Heritage College this fall to pursue a Certificate of Intercultural Studies. Local students graduating from CEC in 2017 should look for the Bursary application in their guidance office next spring. (Harrington Photo)

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