

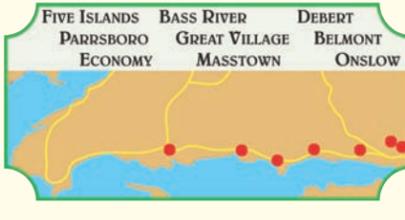
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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

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**The Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF)** is pleased to sponsor a new program that introduces veterans to fly fishing. *Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Canada* serves military personnel who have been wounded, injured or disabled, by aiding their physical and emotional recovery through fly fishing and fly tying. There are three phases to *Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Canada*. The first involves learning how to cast, which members did in October with the help of a casting professional. Next, is phase two, where they learn the art of fly tying, and finally phase three, where they take what they learned out on the river. The group is currently looking for a fly-fishing location for the veterans for the spring of 2014. For more information or to contribute to the *Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Canada* program, please visit <http://projecthealingwaters.ca>

**The Debert Military History Society** committee has announced Gordon Martell, South Branch, Cape Breton was the winner of the Debert Military Museum Quilt. They wish to thank all who supported this fund raiser.

**Parrsboro's Annual Santa Clause Parade** sponsored by the Parrsboro & District Board of Trade will be Fri. Dec. 6, 2013. The parade will form up at the Parrsboro Regional High School on King Street, beginning at 6:30 pm and will travel down King, up Main Street, on to Jenks Ave. Down to Templar on to Eastern Avenue to Main Street. The dispersal area for the parade will be announced soon. At that spot, Santa will be there to get all the children's wishes for Christmas. There will also be cookies and Hot Chocolate. Food will be collected during the parade for the Parrsboro & Area Food Bank. Prizes available for the following categories: Best Commercial, Best Non Commercial, Best Youth Entry, and Best Creative Feature. To enter a float call Ken's Grocery at 254-2458. So come out and celebrate Christmas in Parrsboro.

**Early Deadlines** apply for the January issue of the Shoreline. Please note the deadline is Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The issue will be published on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. For information, contact Maurice at 902-647-2968 or [maurice@theshorelinejournal.com](mailto:maurice@theshorelinejournal.com)

**Anne Murray**, Springhill's iconic platinum recording artist and multi-award winning Canadian entertainer, was honored by the International Women's Forum with her induction into the International Women's Forum Hall of Fame at their World Leadership Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia on October 18, 2013.

**Unfortunately**, we ran out of room and could not include the many photos and details of two important items the Tribute to the Elliott's held at the Economy Rec Centre on November 17<sup>th</sup>, and a Mutual Aid training on smoke and respiratory equipment at the former Masstown Motel. Both items will be included in the next issue published on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**HUMOUR CORNER:** It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

### Join us for breakfast at the Debert Legion

Menu: Pancakes, sausage, bologna, pan fried potatoes with onions, beans, juice, tea, coffee.

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Sea Cadet Colin Curren laid on wreath in memory of his Great Grandfather Arthur Scott and Great Great Grandfather Noyse Scott, formerly of Londonderry.

The Shoreline Journal is proud to have extended Remembrance Day coverage on pages 15, 16 and 17.

## Londonderry Still Fighting for Post Office

By Amanda Langille

It takes volunteer time, collaboration, and energy for a community to rally together. Not all communities can, and this often is when communi-

ties are bullied out of services they should not have to fight to keep in the first place. Most readers may be aware of Londonderry's fight to keep its post office since the retire-

ment of the Post Mistress last December, almost a year ago - and almost a year we've been at it. At the beginning of it all, a community meeting was held with over 100 people in

attendance with overwhelming support of keeping a post office in Londonderry. It was said at the meeting a year ago Canada Post has most likely already made up their mind, and their full intention is to close the post office.

I'm sure Canada Post was hoping for a no-questions-asked type of situation, and we just couldn't accept that, especially because of their delay at that time in corresponding with the community to inform and offer a solution to our impending post

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CCJHS students Mari Budgey and Aaron Dickie (back l to r) join Chiganois Elementary student Emma Purdy (front) as they take a break from rehearsing for Truro Dance Academy's performance of *The Nutcracker*. 70 area dance students and guest artists are involved in this year's production, scheduled for December 7 and 8. See story on page 3. (Harrington photo)

## Adams Set to Step Down as Fundy Geological Museum Celebrates 20 years

By Oralee O'Byrne

This year heralds the 20th anniversary of The Fundy Geological Museums opening, a member of the 27 Nova Scotia Provincial Museums, the museum has been a tourism draw for the town of Parrsboro and surrounding communities. One of the driving forces behind the museum has been its director/curator Ken Adams who after 22 years is stepping down from his position.

Ken earned his BSc at Mount Allison and his MSc in geology at Acadia after having spent 2 years working in the paleontology and stratigraphy lab there. He spent several years working as a geologist for various companies in New Brunswick and Quebec before deciding to settle in Southampton where his family roots were, with his young family. "As an air force brat,

Southampton and Cumberland County were where you went when you headed down east to go home." Adams explained when asked what brought him here.

Ken became involved with the Museum project in 1989 as one of the original Board Members of the Cumberland Geological Society who were signatories on Memorandum of Association that formed the Society. He volunteered on a number of the committees involved in the development, planning and design of the Fundy Geological Museum, the original gallery. He also compiled a field guide: *Rock Collecting Along the Bay of Fundy-Economy to Joggins* for the Cumberland Geological Society and helped developed the rock hound round-up. When the opportunity to hire a director/curator for the

soon to open museum arose Ken was a natural fit and was hired as the first full-time employee in June 1992. "The job provided me with the opportunity to continue to explore this rich heritage that is exposed in the cliffs along

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Ken Adams, the Fundy Geological Museum's first full time employee is stepping down as Director and Curator.

## Tom Taggart Pushes Tax Exemption Up 5%

By Maurice Rees

At the November 14th meeting, when Colchester municipal council started dealing with setting the low income tax exemption policy for 2014/15, District 10 councillor, Tom Taggart wanted the rates set higher. Staff had recommended the 2013 exemption be increased 1.1% above 2012 levels.

Using the example of a family of two, staff recommended the rate be increased from \$29,150 to \$30,054.

However Taggart pushed for an additional \$1,500 be added to bring the income level for a family of two up to \$31,554, with corresponding increases for a single family or a family of three or more.

In general terms the rate for the current year is increased by an additional 5% over staff recommendations.

In another related matter it was discussed what is used as the basis of determining an increase. In the past council has used the same inflationary rate as used by the province, but it was discovered that the property assessment unit uses a different formula and rate, which is higher than the provincial rate.

Council approved to use the same CPI rate as the assessment unit feeling the tax exemption should be based on the same criteria as what is used to determine property assessments.

Previously, the tax exemption for two was \$222.28, staff suggested increase to \$229.17. With Taggart's motion which was approved by council, the tax exemption will increase to approximately \$240.00. Similar increases will apply to other family compositions.

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