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Monday's: On the second Monday evening each month commencing at 7:00 pm, the Peniel UCW, Five Islands provides an avenue for fellowship and a means to serve the community. Come join and enjoy the companionship of other women.

Monday's: Gym classes at the Economy Recreation Center mornings from 9 to 10 and evenings 7 to 8.

Monday's: Tai Chi at the FPW Fire Hall, Port Greville, every Monday at 7pm.

Monday's: Weight Loss Group at Peniel United Church, Five Islands, 6:30 pm.

Monday's: Cards at the Diligent River Community Hall, every Monday at 7pm.

Monday's: Shuffleboard at Economy Recreation Centre at 7:00 pm.

Mon & Tues: Parrsboro Citizens Band Rehearsal, 7 pm. Interested in joining contact Rob Bentley.

Tuesday's: Exercises at the FPW Fire Hall, Port Greville, every Tuesday at 10 am.

Tuesday's: Band Rehearsals at Parrsboro Band Hall, 7:30pm (for info contact Rob Bentley).

Tuesday's: TOPS NS 5261 at Portauisque Riverside Community Hall, 10 am. Everyone is welcome. Your first visit is Free.

Tuesday's: Play Parrsboro Lions Club Bingo every Tuesday at 6 PM on cable 5 and now on the internet at: www.parrsborolions-bingo.ca

Tuesday's: Craft Group from the area meets at the Economy Recreation Centre from 10:00am to 2:00pm to work on various projects. Bring a lunch if you stay for the whole four hours.

Tuesday's: The Goodtime Seniors Club dances are held every Tuesday from Sept .13, 2016 to June 27, 2017, at the Truro Legion on Brunswick St. from 7:30 to 10:30. Admission \$6, shared lunch, 50/50 ticket sales. A live 5-piece band for waltz quadrille, round waltz, polka, fox-trot, jive and up to date country singing.

Wednesday's: Gym classes at Economy Recreation Center mornings from 9 to 10 and evenings 7 to 8.

Wednesday's: TOPS NS 4623 at Bass River Fire Hall, 1pm. Information call: 902-647-2925.

Wednesday's: Venipuncture Clinic (Blood Collection), Medical Centre, Bass River, 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Nurse Lynn Swan, RN.

Wednesday's: Cards at Senior's Centre, Five Islands, 7:30pm.

Thursday's: Grandparent's Rights for Nova Scotia meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 2-4 pm at Sobey's Community Room, Robie Street, Truro.

Thursday's: Bingo, Recreation Centre, Economy starting at 7:00 pm. Early Bird game at 6:45.

Thursday's: Canasta from 1 - 3 pm at the Historeum, 29 Young Street, Truro. Both experienced and new learners are welcome.

Thursday's: Open Mic at the Lower Onslow Community Centre, 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30, beginning on September 29th, every Thursday. tea/coffee on the house, 50/50, everyone welcome.

Thursday's: Gym classes at Economy Recreation Center - evenings 7 to 8

Thursday's: Show Case Dance Studio has classes in Tatamagouche on Thursdays. Mr.Neil Prokop (National Ballet Instructor) teaching. Call 902-899-4115 for more details.

Friday's: Show Case Dance Studio has classes in Springhill on Fri for Tap and Jazz. Mr.Neil Prokop (National Ballet Instructor) teaching. Call 902-899-4115 for more details.

Friday's: Gym classes at Economy Recreation Center mornings from 9 to 10 and evenings 7 to 8.

Friday's: Bingo at Five Islands Fire Brigade Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday's: Chase the Ace supporting the Debert Legion and West Colchester Cobras Saturday's 2-4pm draw time 4:15pm must be there to win! \$2 per ticket.

Saturday's: Show Case Dance Studio has classes in Springhill on Saturday mornings for Ballet. Mr.Neil Prokop (National Ballet Instructor) teaching. Call 902-899-4115 for more details.

Saturday's: OPEN MIC at the Diligent River Community Hall, 7 pm, every other Saturday unless otherwise posted.

Sunday's: Sunday Music Afternoon, last Sunday of every month, except December, at Wentworth Community Centre, 1 pm to 5 pm. Music starts at 1:30 pm.

Sunday's: Concerts in the Park, Main Street, Parrsboro. Starts at 7:00pm

1 & 3rd Thurs: Elastic Big Band rehearses at the Band Hall, 7 pm. (Contact Michael Fuller)

1 & 3rd Thurs: Truro Toastmasters Club, Non-profit worldwide organization designed to help individuals improve public speaking and leadership skills. 6pm - 8pm. 36 Arthur Street, NSCC Campus, Forrester Hall, Room 335. Admission cost: Guests are welcome to drop in at no cost. Contact: Jann McFarlan, 902-890-9886.

2nd and 4th Thurs: Parrsboro Citizens' Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm. Interested in joining contact David Towns

Nov 30: Fifth Wednesday Illustrated Talk - Starts at 7:30pm. The Grand Circle by Lawrence R. Nicoll. A Trip through geological time, the magnificent scenery of Southwestern US Desert Parks - Bold colours, magnificent monument like shapes, wild weather and flowering cacti encompassing Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

Dec 1: 6pm Great Village FireHall Painting Cardinal Sign Cost \$20 all supplies included. This will be a sign painted on a tall board. Great for a gift or just for you to keep. Please Preregister by Calling Laureen at 662-2716

Dec 2: Christmas Tree Lighting in Masstown Park, 7pm - storm date December 9th - bon fire, hot chocolate and more! All Welcome!

Dec 2: Debert Legion Friday night supper, 4:30-6:30 pm. Chicken, vegetables, etc. Adults \$10, under 12 years \$5. Wheelchair accessible. Takeouts available. 1252 Masstown Rd. Debert.

Dec 2: Parrsboro Santa Claus Parade 6 pm.

Dec 2: Meet Santa at The Hall after the Parrsboro Santa Parade, which starts at 6:00pm.

Dec 4: Toy Bingo, Five Islands Fire Hall.

Dec 4: White Gift Service, Riverside United Church, Bass River, 10:00 am. "White Gifts" going to the Food Bank.

Dec 4: Peniel Annual Christmas Carol Sing, Peniel United Church, 7pm. Practices held at 7:30 pm on November 24 and December 1, following regular choir practice.

Dec 6: Wheels To Meals at Great Village Legion, Baked Ham/Pineapple Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Rolls, Tea/Coffee/Juice. Dessert: Carrot Cake or ice cream

Dec 7: Movie Night at the Band Hall, Parrsboro, starts at 7:30pm. McFarland USA (2015). Biography /sports/drama. Rated PG. Starring: Kevin Costner, Maria Bello, Morgan Saylor, Elsie Fisher, Carlos Pratts and Hector Duran.

Dec 8: CWC Christmas Event 7-9 PM, Bible Hill Fire Hall. **Feature** - Christmas Carols; **Speaker** - Paul Tingley. Admission \$5. Door Prize. Refreshments. Call Carol 902-895-0136. Please reserve by Dec. 5th. E-mail: joannehauser@bellaliant.net. This event is sponsored by Truro Christian Women's Club, affiliated with RSVP Ministries(formerly Stonecroft Canada).

Dec 9: Debert Legion Friday night supper. 4:30-6:30 pm. Roast Pork, vegetables, etc. Adults \$10, under 12 years \$5. Wheelchair accessible. Takeouts available. 1252 Masstown Rd. Debert.

Dec 10: Christmas Concert / Open Mic, Five Islands Fire Hall.

Dec 10: Christmas Tea and Sale, St. Brigids Roman Catholic Church, 12:30 until 2pm. \$7.00 for adults; \$3.50 for children under 12. Take outs available. Door prize: one ticket per person to be drawn at the tea.

Dec 10: Craft Sale Great Village Legion, 10am-2pm. Baking, Jewelry, Signs, Baked goods, Bath Bombs, Fudge, Knitting and much much more. So many new vendors. It's so great to see all the local talent.

Dec 10: Hey kids, stop by the Great Village Legion from 10:30-1:30 and get your passport to travel to the North Pole. AKA St James Church. Get transported to Santa's workshop. We will be meeting Santa, playing games, making crafts, snacks, singing, coloring and Lego. This is a free event. Sponsored by St James Preservation Society with funding from Along the Shore Health Board. All children must be accompanied by an adult. We will have an adult area to relax. Get you memorable 2016 Photo with Santa for \$5

Dec 11: Children's Christmas Party at Economy Recreation Centre, 2-4 pm. Santa will hand out treats to all the children. For more information call Kristen, 902-324-2259.

Dec 11: Open Mic at Great Village Legion, 1:00pm - 4:00 pm.

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Dec 13: Natural Wreath Making workshop at Great Village Fire Hall, 6:30-8:30. Cost \$20 you will go home with a beautiful natural wreath that will completed in one evening. Contact Heather to sign up 902-668-2501

Dec 16: Great Village Legion Santa is Stuck, 6pm. Cost \$25. This is a cute Christmas painting that is aimed at all skill levels. Bring your own canvas which you can purchase at Dollarama or Michaels. Please Preregister with Laureen 902-662-2716.

Dec 16: Debert Legion Friday night supper. 4:30-6:30 pm. Roast Beef, vegetables, etc. Adults \$10, under 12 years \$5. Wheelchair accessible. Takeouts available. 1252 Masstown Rd. Debert.

Dec 16: Open Mic at Parrsboro Band Hall. Starts at 7:00pm (Last one for 2016!)

Dec 17: Christmas Dance with Andy LeBlanc, Five Islands Fire Hall.

Dec 18: Community Appreciation Night, Five Islands Fire Hall.

Dec 19: Band Christmas Concert at Band Hall, Parrsboro. More details to follow.

Dec 20: Wheels To Meals at Great Village Legion, Turkey/Dressing, Potatoes, Turnip/Carrots, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Tea/Coffee/Juice. Dessert: Cake & Ice Cream. Dinner sponsored by The Shoreline Journal with seasonal music supplied by Russell & Sandra McCallum starting at 11:30 am.

Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration, Five Islands Fire Hall.

Dec 31: Shortest Day Short Film Celebration - more details to follow. Presented by the National Film Board, the Shortest Day Celebration offers a selection of short and ultra-short films in free screenings across the country. The Hall is pleased to be part of this national event.

Jan 6: Great Village Legion, 6pm. Paint Night all skill levels welcome. Cost \$25. Contact Laureen for more info or to register. 902-662-2716

Deadline for the January issue of The Shoreline is December 12 Journal

Missing Hummingbirds in Nova Scotia

By Hope Bridgewater

*On this early September morn
 Even the front yard looks forlorn
 The humming birds have gone away
 I only wish that they could stay
 These hummingbirds will fly so far
 So many miles it seems bizarre
 These tiny birds can go so far.
 They fear the cold of Scotia's snow
 It is a mystery how they know
 The need for warmth so far away
 I understand, but wish they'd stay.
 . I miss their beauty and how fast they sped
 With colours violet, green, white, black, and red;
 I miss their humming, hovering flight
 From sunlit dawn to darkening night
 May they be safe and on their guard
 So they'll be back in this same yard.*

This year again in 2016 I miss the hummingbirds every single day since they recently left Wentworth in early September for southern Mexico and Central America. I have added violet as a colour to the poem as a young male hummingbird can show a forked black tail with a faint violet sheen at times.

Each year a lone male hummingbird appears in mid-May, later followed by a female hummingbird and later a family of young hummingbirds, with all soon darting about looking for food, and all, except one, suddenly disappearing again.

Once again I missed the hummingbirds from my home window with the three bird feeders in which I put a sugared drink (one cup of sugar with 4 cups of boiled water and when cold placed in the feeders). I sit and watch the hummingbirds for long periods of time as I also read. Once again a lone male hummingbird stayed behind after all the other hummingbirds left, and I made sure he had the sugared drink along with all the bees, as long as he stayed, and then one day he was no longer here. He must have had a lonely trip all the way back to the south.

Hummingbirds are my favourite birds, but soon other birds during the months in autumn, winter, spring until the middle of May, 2017, will also be fascinating to watch.