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Innovation Call for Proposals. Proposed projects will aim to support the development of science and technology (S&T) tools, knowledge and advice that contribute to defending Canada's sovereignty and safeguarding the lives and livelihoods of Canadians at home and abroad. This Innovation Call for Proposals will fund projects under two programs: the All Domain Situational Awareness (ADSA) S&T Program and the Canadian Safety and Security Program (CSSP). The selected projects for each program will be announced following completion of a rigorous evaluation process. Interested bidders should consult information available at <https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/tender-notice/PW-16-00757940>.

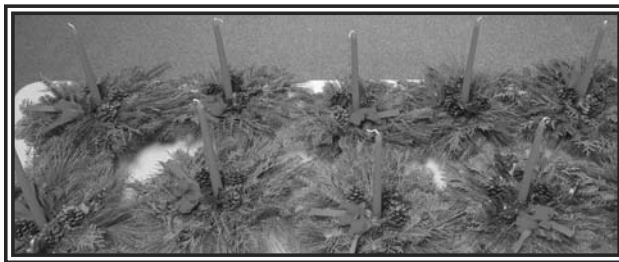
Government is advancing a plan to modernize Nova Scotia's health information systems. A procurement process for a clinical information solution vendor began on December 6th. Health and Wellness Minister, Leo Glavine said, "One Person One Record would help health-care professionals access the full range of a patient's health information to provide quality care." The One Person One Record solution will support health-care providers who provide care to Nova Scotians in family practices, hospitals, pharmacies, and in the home. The One Person One Record procurement project is a partnership of several government departments, including Health and Wellness and Internal Services, with health-care organizations Nova Scotia Health Authority and IWK Health Centre. Full details of the Notice of Proposed Procurement can be found at <http://www.novascotia.ca/tenders/tenders/tender-details.aspx?id=OPOR-NPP>.

Karen Hollett, a senior legal professional with 25 years of experience, has been appointed chair of Nova Scotia's Labour Board. Kelly Regan, minister responsible for the Labour Board, announced the appointment on December 8. Ms. Hollett's appointment is for five years, effective Jan. 3, 2017. The Nova Scotia Labour Board is an independent tribunal that adjudicates and resolves disputes under provincial labour and employment laws. The board receives between 200 and 250 new matters annually.

The United Nations General Assembly in New York, countries adopted a resolution on December 7th calling for increased efforts to protect deep-ocean species and ecosystems from the destructive impacts of deep-sea fishing. This resolution follows a recent recommitment by Canada to leadership at the UN, and attendance this past week by Fisheries Minister Dominic Leblanc at the Convention on Biological Diversity in Cancun, Mexico. The resolution was adopted following a ten-year review of the implementation of landmark UN resolutions committing high seas fishing nations to stop damaging vulnerable areas of the deep ocean and to regulate all deep-sea fishing consistent with sustainability obligations under international law. The UN concluded that fishing nations have still not done enough. The UN reiterated calls for prohibiting bottom fisheries, such as deep-sea trawling, in areas where vulnerable deep-sea habitats such as cold-water coral reefs, coral gardens, and deep-sea sponge grounds are known or likely to occur. The new resolution emphasizes the importance of conducting comprehensive prior Environmental Impact Assessments and – for the first time – calls on countries factor the impact of climate change and ocean acidification into protecting deep sea habitats and be particularly precaution-

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Clifton 4-H Club Has Two New Reporters



As a fund raiser members of the Clifton 4-H Club made 90 natural centerpieces at its December meeting. (Submitted)

By **Georgia Mingo and Tasha McNutt**

We are Georgia and Tasha, the new club reporters for the Clifton 4-H Club! This year our club had its registration in November with 36 members and 20 different projects. Our club has their monthly general meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00. They are usually held at the Cobequid

Consolidated School, but starting in January we will be meeting in the Old Barns United Church until further notice.

We took part in the Truro Christmas parade in the pouring rain on the Colchester County 4-H float which won first place in the Service Club category. We have also helped decorate a tree in the Truro

Mall where people can go and vote which tree is their favourite.

A donation can be made while voting and all the proceeds for the 4-H tree will come back to our County. The winning tree will also get \$250. We just did our annual centerpiece fundraiser and made over 90 centerpieces this year. At our December general meeting and Christmas party the members decided to give a portion of our proceeds to the Third Place Transition House and to a family in our community.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2017!

Georgia Mingo and Tasha McNutt are club reporters for the Clifton 4-H Club



The Clifton 4-H Club Christmas Tree is part of the 4-H tree display at the Truro Mall. Donations can be made while voting, plus the winning tree receives \$250.00. (Submitted)

Great Outdoors Project Offered at OB 4-H Club



The Great Outdoors members with their completed wreaths. From left to right- Thomas Barnhill, Alistair MacEachern, Ryan McDonald, Charlie Hill-MacMillian, Ian Kittilsen, Kenny Downes, Ewan MacEachern, Kyle Hill-Macmillian, and Jake McDonald.

By **Mary-Emma Barnhill**

This month, I would like to tell you about a new project being offered in the Onslow-Belmont 4-H Club this year. It's the Great Outdoors Project. This project gives members and leaders the

opportunity to work together and explore the world around them.

Possible units covered could be Orienteering, Wildlife and Forest Ecology, Camping, Our Feathered Friends, Resource Based Industries, Survival, Nature Detective, A Walk on the Wild Side, Other Seasonal Activities, and GPS. There have already been two Great Outdoors project meetings.

At the most recent meeting, the members got to make their own holiday wreaths. For Achievement Day at the end of the year, members will be doing three different projects. They can make a poster with information on plants or animals; put together a survival kit, or create a collection of an item found in the



Leader Lori Kittilsen shows Ewan MacEachern how to decorate his wreath.



The members haul the leftover branches from their wreaths.

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