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The above photo shows all that remains of the Glooscap restaurant & Lounge following a devastating fire which started around 7:00 am on Tuesday, December 12th. Fourteen people have lost their jobs. The building was insured and the owners will rebuild. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo) Additional images on pages 3 and 6.

Notes from Joggins Fossil Institute

The following data was extracted from the Joggins Fossil Cliffs most recent newsletter.

LaPointe joins Joggins Fossil Institute team

The Joggins Fossil Institute's Board of Directors is pleased to announce Marc Lapointe, MBA, CFRE, Moncton, NB, will be joining the dynamic management team at the Joggins Fossil Centre as its new Director of Development and Strategic Engagement. Marc's focus is to develop donations and strategic partnerships that will allow staff and researchers at Joggins to undertake exciting projects in the coming years.

He can be reached at 506-866-0623 or development@jogginsfossilcliffs.net.

First Joggins Research Symposium

The first Joggins Research Symposium was held at the Joggins Fossil Centre on September 22nd. Hosted by the Joggins Fossil Institute, the symposium was attended by twenty-five eminent earth scientists from the Atlantic region and beyond, twelve of whom presented papers on their current research projects throughout the morning. In the afternoon the group toured the world-famous Joggins Fossil Cliffs.

The Institute gratefully acknowledges support for this event from the Atlantic Geoscience Society.

Fundraising and Development

Places like the Joggins Fossil Cliffs should not be obscure. The cliffs have been described as a Coal Age Galapagos and recog-

nized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. A site to be preserved, explained and researched so all humanity can share in the lessons we have and will learn here.

My mission is to help the Board and the dynamic management team develop donations and the strategic partnerships that will allow the staff and researchers to undertake exciting projects in the coming months and years.

This Holiday season, please consider a gift to the Joggins Fossil Institute (a not-for-profit, charitable organization) as part of your celebrations. Any amount will help. Consider a one-time gift or a monthly gift. Your funds will be used to improve the visitor experience to Joggins, to help us reach more school-children and to promote research on these unique cliffs. If you live in Canada, you will receive a tax receipt for all donations over \$10.

To make a gift now, go to our website and click on the donate link at the left of the screen or follow this link: <http://www.jogginsfossilcliffs.net/donate/>

Don Reid Legacy Continues

In October, at the Nova Scotia Science Teacher's Conference in Halifax, fossil kits were distributed to teachers who attended a workshop led by Dr. Melissa Grey, Curator of Paleontology at the Fossil Centre and Dr. Nikole Bingham-Koslowski, Research Scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada.

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Fire Destroys Parrsboro Landmark

By Maurice Rees

At 7 am on Tuesday, December 11th, a call to the Parrsboro fire department reported smoke was billowing from the eaves of the Glooscap Restaurant and Lounge. The facility was the community's only year-round eatery.

Fire departments responding to the fire included Parrsboro, Springhill, River Hebert, Southampton, and the FPW Fire Brigade. Parrsboro Chief, James Shaw said the call came in around 7 am and firemen were on the scene until 2:30 pm.

Norman Rafuse,

Cumberland County councillor for Parrsboro and area, said the fire is a major loss for the community and he expressed concern for the 14 employees who are suddenly without a job. Being the only restaurant open in the winter, snowmobile clubs from Amherst to Sutherland's Lake will be affected and they often used the restaurant as a meeting place to warm up, dry off and have something to eat. Local tourism officials are fearful the loss of the restaurant will have a negative effect on winter tourism activities.

No one in the building at the time of the fire and its

cause has not been determined. Freezing temperatures made it a challenging fire to fight. "It was -20C when we got the call, so keeping the guys warm, keeping the trucks warm, and keeping the water from freezing up was the main challenge," said Shaw.

Kürsten Kelly, a friend of the owners, set up a GoFundMe campaign. The campaign can be accessed at: https://www.gofundme.com/mvc.php?route=homepage_norma/search&term=Glooscap%20tavern Other fundraising activities include an online auction

arrange by elementary school teacher, Cheryl Johnson, which has over 130 items, and as of Sunday afternoon bids were totalling \$3,700. A wing night organized by Tim Fields, will be held at the Fire hall on Thursday, December 20th.

Bakery & Brewery Opens in Parrsboro

By Maurice Rees

The ambitions and visions of four key players filled an empty lot on Main Street Parrsboro and now the former town is sporting a new bakery and craft brewery. Rising Tide Bakery and Two Islands Brewing held its official opening on Saturday, December 8th.

The new building at 469 Main street also includes two apartments on the second floor.

Ground floor houses the retail side of the bakery and brewery, while cooking and brewing equipment is located in the basement.

The bakery first opened in late September, while the brewery took until mid-October.

The new business is the vision of Davie Beattie, Tom MacLaren, Wendell Gallagher and Norman Rafuse, who began talking about what they could

do to help bring business to Parrsboro, create jobs and create another reason for people to visit Parrsboro.

Initially, four years ago, they were not sure what to do, but as discussions evolved they settled on exploring the need for a local bakery and craft brewery. In the beginning there was only to be four investors, but as plans evolved others expressed interest. After an open offer for more investors, the number increased to sixteen.

At that stage equity investment totaled \$270,000 towards what would be an overall investment of approximately \$800,000. It didn't take long for Farm Works, an investment co-operative, which specialized in agriculture and agri-food projects to become involved.

The investment group reached out to Gregg Nauss, formerly from the Southampton area, who has gained prominence as a consultant, who

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Davie Beattie, cutting the ribbon to officially open the Rising Tide Bakery and Two Islands Brewing on Main Street.

"The Hall" FINISHES Super 2018

By Patricia Burke

"The Hall" in Parrsboro is about to finish 2018 being able to boast that 2018 was the best year yet. To a person looking from the outside in, the hall has had a massive transformation which makes it the premiere facility in the area to have a function.

Ten years ago a group of individuals set out on a journey to "Save the Hall". During the past few years we have proven the fact, we have "Saved the Hall" so many times we have lost count. The many volunteers, who worked tirelessly at every function, is the reason we have been able to accomplish what we have in such a short period of time.

Ten years seems a long time but when you look at what The Parrsboro Band Association has been able to achieve. I am going to list a few accomplishments we have achieved in no particular order. I will not list them all as there will not be room in the paper.

The most noticeable one was the complete painting of

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