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**Perennia**, the provincial development agency focused on creating growth in Nova Scotia's agri-food and seafood sectors, has a new Board chair and vice-chair. The following appointments were made at the Perennia Annual General Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kentville: Charles Keddy, Chair is owner and operator of C.O. Keddy Nursery Inc. and Keddy's Farm in Kentville, Nova Scotia. Noël Després, Vice-Chair is President and CEO of Comeau's Sea Foods Limited in Saulnierville, Nova Scotia. Milton Wood, Treasurer, is Director of Manufacturing with Oxford Frozen Foods in Oxford, Nova Scotia. Dannie Hansen, Secretary is Vice President, Sustainability, Innovation and Public and Corporate Affairs for Louisbourg Seafoods Ltd. in Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. Other board members-at-large are: Ray Ivany President and Vice-Chancellor of Acadia University; Christine Penney, Vice President Sustainability and Public Affairs at Clearwater Seafoods; Bill Hay is Chairman of Trucorp Investments Limited; Victor Oulton is part owner of WG Oulton & Sons Ltd; Don Sproule is an established businessman and former hog, turkey and chicken producer; and Edgar Samson, President and CEO, Premium Seafoods. Perennia is a provincially-owned development company that works with farmers, fishermen, processors and food entrepreneurs to grow their businesses. Services are offered in field services, food safety, and product development and commercialization. It operates the Perennia Innovation Centre in Bible Hill, Nova Scotia which has a commercial pilot plant, product development and analytical labs, and start-up space for businesses.

**Patterson Law**, a Nova Scotia-based law firm, with offices in Halifax, Truro and New Glasgow has been invited to join Meritas, a global alliance of independent business law firms. The affiliation offers Patterson Law access to nearly 7,000 lawyers in 233 global markets. The firm's clients will benefit from local legal insight, local rates and world-class client service. Through Meritas, Patterson Law is able to offer clients in-depth knowledge of cultural and jurisdictional issues in all of the major markets around the world. Meritas is the only law firm alliance with an established and comprehensive means of monitoring and enhancing the quality of its member firms. Meritas membership is extended by invitation only, and firms are regularly assessed for the breadth of their practice expertise and client satisfaction. Patterson Law was founded in 1928, and currently operates with 41 lawyers and 74 support staff. The firm has distinguished itself within the fields of business law, tax, commercial leasing and real estate, expropriation, civil and criminal litigation, insurance, labour and employment law, estate planning and family law.

**Patterson Law**, Truro office, has added two new associates to their team. Sylvie Theriault joins the corporate/commercial team and Kristy MacKinnon will focus on family law, commercial litigation, and labour and employment in Truro. Theriault chose to complete her legal studies at Université de Moncton so she could practice law in both French and English. The extra demands of her choice were recognized when she was awarded various bursaries for scholastic achievement. Theriault can be found outdoors in her off-hours, golfing, skiing and camping. White maintains that such well-rounded associates help Patterson Law keep its sensible and unassuming culture in place. Wyse hails from St. John's, Newfoundland, and comes to Patterson Law after a career in public relations, most recently working for the IWK Health Centre in Halifax.

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## Barnhill's Superette Celebrates 95<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

By Linda Harrington

What was happening in Canada back in the year 1921...well, the Bluenose was launched, Canada was granted a coat of arms by Royal Proclamation and Canada's official colours were declared to be red and white. Much closer to home, C.Homer Barnhill had purchased Barnhill's Superette from the Belmont Trading Company on June 8th, 1921. The Barnhill family has been running the store ever since and this year they are celebrating the 95th Anniversary.

In 1921, the general store sold everything from groceries, lumber, paint, feed and yard goods to gasoline and kerosene.

The store thrived during the war years, especially during the construction at Camp Debert and afterwards, when troops were staged here before going overseas.

The community looked at Barnhill's store as somewhat of a village meeting spot, with customers gathering around the central wood stove to share conversations.

From behind two long wooden counters, Barnhill's was clerk-served until 1971, when Wendell Barnhill (who purchased the store in 1961), did extensive renovations. Several partitions were removed and the store space expanded to include a fresh meat counter. It was now a self-serve operation. Later on lottery sales were added.

Several more changes were made over the years, but commitment to customer service was always kept in mind.

Randy Barnhill purchased the store from his father Wendell on June 2nd, 1983. Working at the store was not exactly a new experience for Randy. "One of my first so-called paying jobs was pumping gas for a penny a gallon. Some days I could make 25 cents, and that was a pretty big deal back then," said Randy during an interview back in 2011, for the 80th Anniversary.

When Randy first took over the store, there were renovations inside and out, changes to store hours, the addition of computerized

cash registers and expanded video rentals. In 2006, at the time of the 85th Anniversary Barnhill's Superette, Pizza Partito was added to the business making 2016 the 95th Anniversary of Barnhill's Superette and the 10th Anniversary of Pizza Partito. In 2015, Pizza Partito surpassed the \$1 million in pizza sales, with more than 70 thousand pizza slices sold.

A 95th Anniversary Celebration was held on Saturday, June 18th with musical entertainment, a BBQ and anniversary cake cutting by the three Barnhill generations. Presentations were made by MLA Karen Casey and also Colchester Mayor Bob Taylor and Councillor Doug MacInnes. Randy Barnhill thanked everyone for attending the celebration adding, "95 years is a long time for any business, sometimes you hear of multinational companies getting to be 100 years old but very rarely do you get one small business continuously run by one family for 95 years. Back in 1921 when Homer bought the business he would never have dreamt we would be selling bottled water, or that people would come in and pick up their own things rather than having him running around with the list picking up things from here there and everywhere, or even that the computer would record all the prices...it would blow his mind."

Those things have made differences throughout the years but Randy credits two things to the longevity of the family business. "What hasn't changed at all is having great staff over the years, which makes things a whole lot easier, and very loyal customers. It is great that we had those things because we would never have reached 95 years without the great staff and loyal customers."

Barnhill's currently employs a total of 9 people and it is still a family run operation with Randy, his wife Sonya and their daughter Carly working various shifts.

Congratulations to Barnhill's Superette on this the 95th Anniversary.



Three generations of the Barnhill family assist with the cake cutting. Left to right- Wendell, Carly, Randy and Marion.



Musical entertainment for the celebration.



Mayor Bob Taylor, MLA Karen Casey and Councillor Doug MacInnes congratulate Randy and Wendell Barnhill on the 95th Anniversary of Barnhill's Superette.



Friends and family dropped by Barnhill's Superette on June 18th from noon- 2pm for a BBQ, entertainment and cake cutting.

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