

## Driver Refresher Course in Wentworth



Lloyd Wilcox, instructor of the 55-Alive Refresher course, and Kathy Wilcox, volunteer kitchen worker. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

In April, a 55-Alive Driver Refresher Course was given by Lloyd Wilcox at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Wilcox works for Safety Services Nova Scotia, and 55-Alive/Mature Driving was developed by the Canada Safety Council, a large national safety organization which has legislative representation at federal and provincial levels, such as Safety Services Nova Scotia which helps review driving skills for today's traffic.

The particular course in Wentworth was designed specifically for seniors and

was funded by the Nova Scotia government and free to those who were aged 65 or older and who had a valid Nova Scotia driver's license. Those younger than age 65 paid a fee of \$10.

New laws which have been introduced were discussed by Wilcox: hand-held devices, bicycle safety legislation, slowing down in construction zones, speed limits reduced in school areas, drivers yielding to buses, and stunting. As well, Wilcox discussed posture behind the wheel, blind spots, mirrors, intersections, roundabouts, tires, pedestrians, move over law, and insurance.

His use of the Participants Workbook was excellent and, after a quiz, he would make sure we had the correct answers put down as quite often some of us had the wrong answers put down.

The event took place at the large well-constructed hall of the Wentworth Recreation Centre. Those attending the course received a Canada Safety Council Certificate signed by Safety Service Nova Scotia and Lloyd Wilcox.

## PEP Rally on June 17th

By Maurice Rees

Amanda Langille and Tanya Colburne of Langille and Colburne - More Than Events, new entrepreneurs with vision for future growth in Colchester, will join Basil L. Stewart, former Mayor of Summerside, PEI, and former President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Keith MacDonald, President and CEO of the Cape Breton Partnership and Tom Stanfield, President and Chairman of Stanfield's Limited will be guest speakers at a Partnership for Economic Prosperity (PEP) rally to be held in Truro on June 17th.

Being held at the Marigold Cultural Centre, the rally hosted by The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce, supported by a group of business and community leaders, will celebrate successes while looking to the future on June 17, beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

For more information contact the Chamber office, 902-895-6328 or email: [ed@tcchamber.ca](mailto:ed@tcchamber.ca)

## I Heard It At The Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard... I heard members of the Bass River Heritage Society have decided that Bass River Heritage Day will take place on August 6th this year. So everyone should put this date on your calendar. There will be lots of interesting things to do and see. Some antique engines, tractors and cars. Steamed clams will be cooked and the firemen will be on site selling their wooden boats that will set sail down the Bass River that same day.

There will be live music and a Chinese auction and a cake auction, an old fashion kettle boil and much more. The society is open to any suggestions and help that will make the day an eventful and fun one for all ages.

The heritage society is not the only group that has been busy the last month. The Bass River Victoria Hall group has been busy with renovations for the last couple of months. There has been many many volunteer hours put into getting the hall ready, there has been a few laughs and giggles (and a few swear words (won't name who!) being done.

They will be showing off the hall again at an OPEN MIC on June 12th at 1pm. Anyone interested in playing can contact Wendy at 902-647-2720 or just come and join in that day. They are also selling tickets on a beautiful quilt that Denise Gilley made. You can get a ticket at any event or stop in at Dom. Chair and buy one.

The Secrets are coming to the hall on July 9th, this will be an evening show so NSLC ID's will

be needed at the door. Advance tickets to this show will be sold by members and also can be picked up at Dominion Chair. The hall group has decided to have two bottle drives on July 23rd and Sept 24th instead of having the bottle bin at the hall. If you have bottles and you don't want to save them for those dates you can drop them off at the Bible Hill or the Parrsboro Bottle Depots and tell them to add them to the Bass River Victoria Hall account.

The June bugs are smashing on the windows again, which means you will see fewer ladies outside after dark. Only those brave souls who have hoodies will venture out to the campfires. (Isn't that right Sheila!). The trails of Castlereigh Mountain have been busy with bikes. Its time to get out and enjoy nature and explore some of our beautiful trails, just remember to take out what you took in...please don't litter.

The fishermen are busy looking for that big bass again. The water must still be a little cool. I haven't heard of any BIG fish being caught. Remember if you do catch the big one, bring it in to the store for a picture and a chance to win the 18th Annual Big Bass Contest.

Things are getting busy at the store and we all have lots and lots of things to do this summer. But one of the things I have on my list to do is to try and visit all the shops and spots on the shore from Masstown to Apple River. I will let you know how I make out. See you at the store and remember to play safe.

## Council Awards Non-Profit Associations

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Mountain, Montrose and Highland Village. Virginia Roberts making her first appearance before council asked for \$7,099.13 in funding to cover three areas - \$3,200 for a new 16' x 20' storage shed; \$2,901.63 for tables and chair, as the current ones have been repaired, but are not usable, nor safe and \$997.50 for a 3 section stainless steel sink, which will permit the association to meet health food regulations to hold fund raising dinners and lunches to increase their sustainability and offer a broader range of services to the community. (Awarded \$4,000)

**Cobequid Interpretive Centre:** In her presentation Anita MacLellan requested \$2,941 to upgrade the parking lot, a flag pole to fly the Acadian flag, plexiglass and other materials to construction mounted displays. The centre is the only unaltered WWII Observation Tower in Canada. (Awarded \$2,000)

**Colchester County 4-H Council:** Appearing on behalf of the council, Vice President, Don Conrod, asked for \$10,000 to help get the council to a sustainable position, so it can focus on program delivery rather than spending so much time on fundraising. (Awarded \$5,000)

**Five Island Senior Citizen's Assn:** Ron McBurnie and Rose Lewis appeared on behalf of the association seeking \$2,700.00 for outside repair and painting of the building, which is available for people to use for special events. (Awarded \$800)

**Stewiacke Valley Historical Society:** The society is seeking \$2,958 to repair and paint the upstairs room of the museum, which has 20 foot ceilings and has not been painted or repaired for 40 years. (Awarded \$2,000)

**The Tatamagouche Boatshop at Creamery Square:** Keith Driver, boatshop manager, requested \$5,000 to construct a storage shed to store supplies of boatbuilding lumber and replace the shop table saw. (Awarded \$2,500)

**Brule Community Centre Association:** Beverly Foston

was seeking \$1,000 to install siding on the building as part of a multi-year program, rather than painting. (Awarded \$1,000)

**Downtown Truro Partnership:** Debbie Elliott, Executive Director, appeared before council seeking \$4,000.00 to help defray cost of fireworks on July 1st. A similar request is being made to the Town of Truro. (No Funding)

**Great Village Community Association:** Steve Mazur asked council for \$300 to help defray half the costs of dumpster rental and transportation to the balefill to clean out 20 years of garbage at the associations former community centre building, which has been sold. (Awarded \$300)

**Colchester Transportation Cooperative Limited (CTCL):** Susan Taylor requested \$10,000 to assist with the cost of winter and summer tire replacement Fully outfitted, tire replacement costs for all buses averages \$12,000 per year. (Awarded \$10,000)

**Truro Farmer's Market:** Appearing on behalf of the Market, Margaret Congdon asked for \$1,900 to help offset the cost of having local musicians play at the Market. In 2015, the market had total expenses of \$91,000 with revenues of \$88,676 for a loss of \$2,386. (No Funding)

**Canadian Mental Health Assn (CEH Branch):** Susan Henderson asked council for \$3,000 to be used for recreational activities and outings for members of the association's Friendship Club. (Awarded \$3,000)

Other groups from the Shoreline's coverage area, who applied for funding, but did not make a personal presentation to council included:

**Bass River Community Centre (Victoria Hall):** \$4,000 for a new floor, insulation and repair of a wall. (Awarded, \$3,000)

**Economy Recreation Centre:** \$8,975 to replace 14 single pane 50 year old windows in the West Room, East Room and Front Entrance to reduce oil consumption and increase comfort level.

(Awarded, \$4,500)

**Lower Onslow Clarke Cemetery:** \$500 to assist with cost of brochure, advertising and printing materials and to hold an open house this summer, with the goal to increase sale of plots. (No funding)

**Cobequid Veterans Memorial Park:** Seeking \$2,500 to build a new podium; additional granite stone installed, plus a wheelchair ramp. The park hosts three services a year: Holocaust Remembrance, International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers and Remembrance Day. Anticipated costs of the three services for a five year period is \$13,500.00 with electricity costs estimated at \$4,054 for the same period. (Awarded \$1,500)

During budget deliberations, a total of eight applications, asking for \$35,400, were moved from Grants to Non-Profits to Economic Development Grants. Six of the eight were in Shoreline country. They are as follows:

**Debert Days Family Association:** Presenter, Marie Benoit explained how the volunteer organization has come together and will be hosting Debert Days on August 10-14. Debert Days were last held about 10 years ago, but the community wants to re-start a multi-day event. Their total ask was \$8,400.00. (Awarded \$8,400)

**North Nova Lumberjack Society:** Ryan McIntyre appeared on behalf of the society seeking \$5,000.00 to assist with operating costs of the inaugural Nova Scotia Pro Lumberjack Championships, a professional athletic lumberjack competition on June 4, 2016. (Awarded \$5,000)

**TOPS NS:** Rilla MacDougall explained the organization will be hosting approximately 1,200 people at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre on May 27 & 28 for the annual Provincial Recognition Days and needed \$5,000 to offset costs of the RECC and an AV equipment technician. (Awarded \$5,000)

**Colchester County 4-H Pro-Show:** The Pro-show committee is seeking \$5,000 to assist in hosting the Pro Show (September 30-Oct 2), which attracts approximately 7,500 to the area. Costs of renting the NSPE Grounds has increased dramatically in the last couple of years and is expected to be in excess of \$36,000. Last year the event was held in Windsor with facility rental at approximately \$15,000, but the committee wants to continue having the event in the central region, even if on a rotational basis. (Awarded \$5,000)

**First United Church & St James Presbyterian:** Wendy Pratt & Susan Greaves requested \$1,100 to assist with food and advertising costs of Bell Fest 2016. 120 performers are expected to participate in the hand bell choirs, of which approximately 100 will be from PEI, NB and other parts of Nova Scotia. The event will be held June 3 & 4. (Awarded \$1,100)

**Truro Theatre Society:** Now entering its third year, the society was seeking \$5,000 to assist with the early July production of Hamlet, with most of the money being used for advertising, costumes, props and actor refreshments according to Lenore Zann, who will direct the play. The event is expected to attract an audience of approximately 1,000. (No funding)

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