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## FRONT PAGE BRIEFS March 2011

**Gareth Martin** is Interim Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Ship's Company Theatre, Parrsboro following Rena Kossatz's departure late last year. The theatre's team is being rebuilt with Karen Allen, Office Manager; Mary McPhee, Marketing Coordinator working as a team quarterbacked by Artistic Producer Matthew Tiffin. The Theatre's website is: [www.shipscompany.com](http://www.shipscompany.com)

**42 students** from grades 7, 8, & 9 at West Colchester Consolidated are busy fundraising for a May 19th-23th trip to Boston. School staff and a group of parents are guiding students through the process and assisting with paperwork required for Customs clearance. Each student needs to raise \$500 to buy their seat on the tour, plus \$125.00 spending money. Some students have also opted to attend a Red Sox game while they are there at an additional cost of \$175. The driving force behind this is Mrs. Gail Smith, Principal at WCCS.

**Jamie Baillie, PC leader** has announced Tara Erskine, CHRP, a Partner at well-known Atlantic Canada law firm McInnes Cooper, will be the campaign chair for the Progressive Conservative Party for the next election. At McInnes Cooper's Halifax office, she is a member of the firm's Labour and Employment Group where she practices labour & employment and human rights law.

**Excellence in Teaching** nominations are being accepted by the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. To be eligible, nominees must hold a Nova Scotia teaching certificate, be a school-based staff member, and have taught within the CCRSB during the 2010-2011 school year. Each candidate must be nominated by three people: a school administrator, a teacher colleague, and a member of the public (could be a parent or a student). Nomination forms are available at all school offices, through School Advisory Councils and on the CCRSB website. Nominations must be submitted to the Selection Committee at the CCRSB central office in Truro by Friday, March 25, 2011.

**Organic Agriculture Centre** of Canada located at NSAC publishes a monthly Organic Friends E-zine which provides up-to-date information on recent organic extension information and newspaper articles about organics, organic research results, an overview of Organic Science Cluster activities across Canada, and a request for writing. The E-zine can be reached at: <http://www.oacc.info/FriendsE-zines/february2011.asp>

**The Great Village & District Fire Brigade** is moving its annual fall auction to late April. The brigade will be collecting items for the auction in mid-April. Area residents are encouraged to start setting aside items they wish to donate. More complete details will be announced in next month's Shoreline.

**The list of those** celebrating their 90th and 90+ birthday continues to grow. Within the last month we have increased from 12 to over 25 names. We are accepting names until March 31<sup>st</sup>. A special celebration is being planned for later this spring for those residing in the Shoreline's coverage area from Onslow to Parrsboro. Please send details to: [maurice@theshorelinejournal.com](mailto:maurice@theshorelinejournal.com), or call 902-647-2968.

**The 2011 Central Woodland** conference will be held at the Wentworth Rec Centre, Wentworth starting at 8:30 am on April 2. Registration is \$25, \$15 for students, and includes lunch and chance to win door prizes. To register call 1-855-638-7277 or register online at [www.woodlotinfohop.ca](http://www.woodlotinfohop.ca).

### Narrow escape at Parrsboro Arena

*By Maurice Rees*

Snow sliding off the roof of the Parrsboro Lions Arena buried three vehicles at 2:30 pm Saturday afternoon, February 19th. Two 11-12 year old members of the Antigonish Bulldogs Pee Wee female hockey team had just gotten into the back seat one of the vehicles.

Cumberland District RCMP Const. Dal Hutchinson said, approximately 30 volunteers had to shovel a space around the car allowing them to open a door enough to let the girls escape. All three cars had smashed windshields and damage to their hoods and roofs. When the packed snow settled, it was above the side-window level of the vehicles.

A farmer arrived with his tractor to help remove the snow. After freeing the girls, volunteers spent an hour shovelling along the building to make sure no one else was under the snow. More heavy wet snow fell off the roof, while volunteers were shovelling, but no one was injured. Barricades were erected to prevent vehicles from parking next to the building as snow still remained on the roof.

The girls were taken to hospital for treatment of a cut hand and toe injuries before being released.

## Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap wins Best New Product Award

*By Maurice Rees*

Rebecca Taylor and husband, Dan, who moved to Londonderry in 2007 are

doing their best to put Londonderry on the global map coveted by natural soap and spa product enthusiasts.

Since Rebecca and her husband Dan formed Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company in 2009, it has grown

rapidly. The company is named for her great-grandmother Pearl and her sister Daisy, who grew up in Londonderry back in the early 1900s.

They have been rewarded for their innovation by being presented the Atlantic Craft Show's (ACTS) award for Best New Product at a gala banquet in Halifax in early February. Selected from more than 150 exhibitors from across Atlantic Canada, Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company impressed the adjudicators with the quality of the products and the nostalgic packaging.

Rebecca's enthusiasm for Londonderry is well founded and she didn't find out why for quite some time. She and Dan, both Ontario born, met as students at McMaster University. Dan's family was from Chaswood, Halifax County and she knew her ancestors were from Nova Scotia, but not knowing where. When they moved to

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Starting with two dozen retailers on the east coast, Pearl & Daisy Natural Soap Company products will now be available in more than 65 boutiques, galleries, and spas across Canada, New England and Florida.

## Debert now accepting International Flights

Colchester Region's Debert Airport is going international. A new Canpass system is now available for pre-approved flights coming into the airport from international destinations, including the United States. As a result, a newly-approved CanPass building is located on site at Debert.

"CanPass means that travellers outside of our borders pre-register with Canada Customs, and can gain access to the Debert airport's runway and fueling facilities without a formal face to face meeting with a Canada Customs officer," says CoRDA's Debert Airport Supervisor Tony Richards. "When pilots use CanPass, Canada Customs looks at

who's on the flight and what they're carrying, usually a day or two in advance."

Canada Customs officials will come out from the Halifax-Stanfield Airport to greet exactly who is on the flight, and physically examine what kind of cargo they're carrying should there be any concerns.

"It opens up the Debert Airport to a whole new range of clients," says CoRDA's Executive Director Ron Smith. "We're here to make business flow more smoothly, and that's what this important step does for the Debert Airport. We are a convenient re-fuelling stop for regional flights, and for flights between Canada and Europe."



A Barred Owl waits in a nearby tree to enjoy his lunch, after being disturbed from his freshly killed rabbit. (Harrington Photo)

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