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FRONT PAGE BRIEFS March 2014

On Wednesday, January 29th, 2014 Colchester RCMP responded to the Back Road area of Crowes Mills regarding a stolen Ford F150 truck. The truck is a black 2011 FX4, four door with Nova Scotia license plate FCT 673 that has distinctive decal on the back cab windshield "Tigercat -Cutting Edge Forestry". The vehicle was stolen sometime between midnight and 7 am on January 29th. Police are requesting the public's assistance for any information related to this matter. Please contact: Colchester RCMP 893-6820, or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-222-8477.

The Parrsboro Volunteer Fire Department completed its second annual Food Bank Drive on Saturday February 8th. Volunteer Firefighters, members of the Friends of Firefighters and the First Parrsboro Scouts plied the streets. Parrsboro and Area Food Bank Chairman, Lewis Brown, food bank volunteers and Parrsboro Lions members received, sorted and stacked the donations at St. Georges Anglican Church. The department thanks everyone for the generous donations of time, food and funds. *See photo on page 2.*

The Great Village and District Volunteer Fire Brigade will hold its annual awards banquet at the Londonderry Community Centre on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board (CCRSB) and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) are seeking nominations for outstanding teachers who exemplify excellence in teaching. Students, parents, guardians, community members and educational colleagues are encouraged to nominate an outstanding teacher for a 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award by March 21, 2014. Each candidate must be nominated by three people: a school administrator, a teacher colleague, and a member of the public (i.e. parent, guardian 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 21, 2014.

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers

will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, Bass River on Saturday, June 7th commencing with the motorcycle parade at 10:00 am. We ask everyone to help celebrate and remember those who have served, and continue to serve around the world. The RCMP Pipes and Drums, and Sgt/Maj Latour will lead the march. A full service will follow in the park, and a reception will be held at the school following. If you have questions please contact: vmp.br.ns@gmail.com

No Londonderry News this month. Anne Spencer writes: I regret to inform you there will be no write-up from Londonderry this month. I have been quite sick, ended up in hospital and just got home from the hospital this afternoon and am really not up to scrambling around for news. Had I known how bad this was going to be I would probably have asked someone to do the write-up for me, however, I will look after it next month.

The Cobiquid Interpretive Centre & WWII Tower Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges receipt of a cheque in amount of \$250 from 102 Colchester Wing of The Royal Canadian Air Force Association, to assist with upkeep of the Tower.

The Wheels to Meals program at the Great Village Legion at 12 noon on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month continues. Organizers hope that more people will start coming out regularly. Since this is a volunteer effort and with the cost of groceries climbing, donations of food are always welcome. If you wish to help, or donate contact Marion Bird.

Very Leaky Roof Needs Fixing

By Maurice Rees

To get direct to the point. The Great Village Community Centre is leaking and needs a new roof.

Terry Francis and Heather MacKay, chairperson and coordinator respectively of the Great Village Community Association are making an appeal for help.

When their initial email

seeking help was received at the Shoreline Journal, we decided we'd help them by publishing the contents of their email, which is as follows:

So how many remember this song? It's going to be our theme song for the Great Village Community Centre!

(Ah, ah) Oh, no, don't let the rain come down

(Ah, ah) Oh, no, don't let the rain come down

My roof's got a hole in it and I might drown

Oh, yes, my roof's got a hole in it and I might drown

So what can all Great Village residents do to help? How about volunteer or help us find some volun-

teers who can organize getting the roof fixed. We are running out of buckets.

Heather and I have been so busy trying to organize programs and day to day stuff for the hall that we haven't been able to tackle this project and it is a severe problem now. We are looking to our community to step up and take over. We know there are lots of capable people in our area that would be great at this sort of project.....and of course we will give you any help you need to get started.

If you would like to see buildings such as this remain useful in the community this is a way you can make sure it happens! We will make sure you have fun doing it, but we need at least six people taking on the tasks so no one feels burdened with volunteering.

Perhaps you are good at writing letters or applying for grants; perhaps you are good at talking with contractors; maybe you could help with childcare so some of our younger family residents can volunteer their time; maybe you can envision what a project can look like - this is a gift - not everyone can visualize, or maybe you are good at asking other people to help (we need lots of people like that)

Whatever your contribution, it is welcome!

Hoping and crossing our fingers that you will get back to us saying "sure I can help".

Please contact us at: greatvillagelearningnetwork@gmail.com or by phoning: (Heather) 902-668-2501 or (Terry) 902-668-2766.

Terry Francis, Chairperson, Great Village Community Association and Heather MacKay, Co-ordinator



Members of the Parrsboro Skating Club are shown with Betty Ann Dewitt, who offered a monetary donation to the club if members built at least a 6 foot snowman on her property. *See story on page 2. (Submitted)*

Gerald Elliott: "It was the worst thing in my life"

By Maurice Rees

Just talk to Gerald Elliott for five minutes and he'll probably say: "It was the worst thing in my life" and without hardly drawing a breath he'll say, "It's the best news I've had in a long while". Those words came from Gerald, when talk-

ing about the fire which destroyed his home on Thursday, February 13th.

Earlier in the day, Gerald, who will be 84 in July, had gone to Parrsboro to run a few errands. Upon returning home he parked the car in the garage, and didn't notice anything amiss. As soon as he opened the back door to enter the house he was hit with a wall of billowing smoke.

Leaving quickly he was able to get a cordless phone and called 911, then he called for son, Bruce, but the phone died. Fire fighters arrived soon and we assisted by the brigade from Bass River. His nephew, Larry Webb, said the volunteer fire fighters did an excellent job of quelling the fire, but everything in the upstairs was destroyed. While volunteer fire fighters were busy with their job, a staff member from the fire marshall's office drove by.

"It was the worst thing in

my life" was Gerald's reference to losing all his musical instruments, especially his fiddle which has been a partner for over 65 years. In addition to losing two fiddles, he lost a banjo, amplifier, guitars, auto harp and CD player, plus all his souvenirs and awards gathered up from a lifetime of music along the shore.

After the fire he left with only his clothes on his back to go stay with son, Bruce in Truro.

With a bit of a sparkle in his voice, "It's the best news I've had in a long while" referred to getting news that the insurance company was going to restore the house. He realizes his personal possessions are gone, but he is more than eager to get back into his own home. Referring to the insurance company, he said, I can't say enough good things about them. They have treated me very, very well. I have to thank Mike MacDonald for all that, Gerald said.

Province Takes Control of NSPE

By Maurice Rees

Efforts by the Municipality of Colchester to accommodate two written requests by the Board of Directors of Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition came to an end in early February when the Farm Loan Board called the mortgage on NSPE.

Prior to the foreclosure, Hon. Keith Colwell, Minister of Agriculture announced his department would do an in-depth audit of NSPE. Shortly thereafter he asked the Farm Loan Board, for which he is also responsible, to call the

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Even this lynx, a resident of the NS Provincial Wildlife Park, seems frustrated by all the cold and snow we have had lately. (Harrington Photo)

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