

## Trefoil Members receive Queen's 90th Birthday Certificates



Colchester Trefoil Guild Members displaying their Certificates of Volunteer Service received in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday in recognition of 90 or more hours of volunteer service rendered to Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada. (Stewart Photo)

By Goldie Chisbolm

The first Colchester Trefoil Meeting of the New Year was held Feb. 20th at the Cobequid District Fire Brigade Hall, Lower Truro, N.S. This being our meeting celebrating "Girl Guide Thinking Day", leaders, Jane Herring, Co-ordinator and Sheila Stewart, Vice Co-ordinator, led us in a song entitled Sing and Shout. Jane and Sheila were invited by Maplewood Area to attend a Fun Day celebrating Canada 150 on February 11th at North River School. They led the singing session. An addi-

tional verse celebrating Canada's 150th birthday was written by Sheila Stewart and added to the song "Walk Around".

A Thinking Day card was received from our Provincial Trefoil Guild Adviser and we signed several Thinking of You cards to be sent to Guiding friends. A thank you was received for the donation we had made last year to "Days for Girls".

It was noted Girl Guides of Canada are launching a new program promoting mental health for women and girls. Programming is designed for

all Guide ages 5 - 17, starting with Sparks right up to Rangers.

We were informed the TITLE of Chief Commissioner in Canada will be retired and the position will be replaced with two positions, Chair of the Board and Director - Guiding Experience. As a service project Trefoil members brought in personal care items to be taken to Transition House in Truro.

Hardwood Lake Trefoil Guild is hosting the next Provincial Trefoil Annual Meeting on April 29th at Centreville Baptist Church, Centreville, N.S. The theme of the day will be a celebration of the new Provincial Trefoil Guild's Annual Meeting time of year and Canada's 150th Birthday. Those attending will be decided at a later date.

In honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday certificates signed by the Hon. J.J. Grant, Lieutenant Governor were presented to our Trefoil members in recognition of 90 or more hours of volunteered services rendered to Girl Guides of Canada.

Members had been asked to tell of some particular time or event they enjoyed for Thinking Day during their

Guiding years. This proved very enjoyable, and then both Sheila Stewart and Jane Herring told of their visits to Pax Lodge, England, and Our Chalet, Switzerland, respectively.

We played games and closed our meeting singing Our Chalet Song. Refreshments included lovely decorated cupcakes for Thinking day. Our next meeting is yet to be decided, and there is the possibility of attending a play at the Alumni Theatre, Dal AC Campus, Truro during March Break.



Cup cakes were served to celebrate Guiding's birthday during Guide / Scout Week 2017. (Stewart Photo)

## MARCH BREAK So Many Things To Do

The following is a list of ideas that provide many activities for children and youth throughout the Colchester community during March Break.

Clay Café, the popular place to paint a ceramic tile, or try a new design on a mug, reopens just in time for March break. Located in their new place across the street from the Marigold Centre at 600 Prince Street. Call 902-843-4070 or visit them on facebook.

Truro Boys and Girls Club has all kinds of fun activities for those ages five and up in a supervised setting. Located at 175 Victoria Street in downtown Truro. Call 902-895-5008 or visit the facebook site or <http://bgctruro.ca/>

The Town of Truro Parks, Recreation and Cultural Centre is hosting day camps for ages 3-5 plus school age children. Location is 40 Douglas Street, Truro and you may sign up for a day or the week. Lots of themed fun filled days at each day camp. Call 902-893-6093 or visit [recdept@truro.ca](http://recdept@truro.ca).

The Rath Eastlink Community Centre provides everything from swimming, day camps and skating during the March Break. Call 902-893-2224 or visit [www.rath-eastlinkcommunitycentre.ca](http://www.rath-eastlinkcommunitycentre.ca)

Scotia Pool located in the Prensia Innovation Park, off Pictou Road at 80 Research Drive. Call 902-893-6364 and also visit them on facebook.

Depending on the weather, the ice rink in front of the Colchester East Hants Library on Prince Street in Truro, may be opened and its free.

After a skate, check out the new Colchester East Hants Library. There so many exciting programs and resources for all ages, including March Break specific fun, and informative activities.

If you live close to Tatamagouche or Stewiacke check their sites. See the full line up at [lovelylibrary.ca](http://lovelylibrary.ca) or on facebook, or call 902-895-0235 or toll free 1-888-632-9088.

Check out the bowling lanes at Bible Hill Bowlcade on 27 Jennifer Drive in Bible Hill. Call for more information 902-893-1522.

Cobequid Spartans gymnastics program located at 310 Prince Street next to Truro Toyota has offered March Break programs. Call 902-895-7727 to check it out or visit [www.cobequidspartans.com](http://www.cobequidspartans.com)

The Municipality of the County of Colchester Recreation Department, has many resources to help plan your March break. Information on trails can be helpful for a family outing. Visit [recreation@colchester.ca](http://recreation@colchester.ca) or call 902-897-3185.

**The Village of Bible Hill Recreation Department is a vibrant resource for programs and activities for all ages. Call 902-893-8083 or contact Cody Brown at: [brown@biblehill.ca](mailto:brown@biblehill.ca)**

## Sports Heritage Awards Dinner - March 5<sup>TH</sup>

By Maurice Rees

The 33rd Annual Truro Sport Heritage Society sports award dinner will be held Sunday, March 5th at the Best Western Glengarry with up to 450 supports anticipated to attend. Vibrancy of the society continues to excel because of the volunteers who are busy in the background at all times of the year.

Board members include: Ashley Simms, chairwoman of the TSHS board of directors, plus Farida Gabbani, Larry Anthony and Danny Joseph. Craig Burgess, Director Recreation Services for the Municipality of Colchester is the past chairman. Other volunteer members of the board include: Don Cameron, Bruce Peers, Sara McKenna, Tammy Armstrong, Lloyd Berliner, Dave Hazelton, Heather Fraser and Randy Jollie.

Back for his 11th year as Master of Ceremonies will be Bruce Rainnie, CBC News PEI, a Hockey Night in Canada host and a man who has broadcast six Olympic Games.

Looking ahead to March 5, several induction categories are planned. Karlee Burgess, who gained fame last year will be inducted in the age 16-20 category. She was part of the Canadian junior women's championship curling team, another curling gold medal followed at the Youth Olympics in Norway and yet another gold was

attained with Team Canada.

Emma Stevens, currently ranked sixth overall in Canada, became the first Nova Scotian to make a national team in freestyle skiing. Emma is the first Atlantic Canadian freestyle skier to qualify in the slope style category.

Julia Scammell, a top defenceman in Nova Scotia female hockey, attended step two of the national team selection process and travelled with Hockey Canada to Finland to participate in the IIHF High Performance Camp. Her outstanding 2016 season included representing Nova Scotia in the Atlantic Challenge Cup and being part of Team Atlantic at the U18 national championships.

A number of special awards will be presented during the evening: The Chair Award will be presented to Truro's Chris MacDougall, who embarked on a cross country cycling journey, titled Charlie's Ride, in memory of his son Charlie who died at the age 14 of cancer. His goal: raise one million dollars to support cancer research.

The Dave Armstrong Memorial Sporting Families Award will go to the Piers Family. This award does not recognize an athlete, a team, a coach, or a builder. The award celebrates the many contributions that families have made to sport over multiple generations in the Truro

area. Part of their citation includes: The Piers Family - Truro's "First Family of Tennis". Known as Truro's "First Family of Tennis" the Piers family have been playing, coaching, organizing and building multiple sports in the Truro area for generations.

Johnson Saunders Chartered Accountants Merit Award goes to horse racing

enthusiast: Diane Daniels, has "horsed" around since the early 1950's. With the passion of her parents and the tutelage of people like Ingham Palmer, Doug Harkness, Frank Daniels among others, she developed a devotion and love for the sport of harness racing. From her first job as counter clerk to writing with substantial authority on the sport, she has been an integral and sustaining spirit in the sport she loves.

## Shore Drive Assn Gets \$9,000

By Maurice Rees

For the past year, the Shore Drive Community Development Association has been working with residents of the Port Greville and Diligent River areas to secure improved internet service.

A group calling themselves "DownShore Internet" have formed a Facebook page with almost 150 local residents have held several public meetings, since February 2016, meeting with service providers to get better service.

They have also been working with Michelle Byers, from the municipality to formulate applications. Council approved allocating \$9,000 from the 2017-2018 to assist in funding a project to construct a high speed internet tower in the community.

Repealing a by-law providing tax exemption for fire companies, chartable and non-profit organizations for the former Town of Parrsboro is expected to be completed at council's meeting on March 1st.

When repealed, these groups will fall under existing by-laws for the Municipality of County of Cumberland. With a constant effort to improve tourism assets in the county, staff are considering development of a master plan for Cape D'Or property which currently consists of a combined light tow and equipment building an: two commercial buildings, formerly the keepers dwelling - current

café and in buildings; a helicopter pad and a replica lighthouse, previously an information / heritage centre and gift shop, but currently not in use.

It is expected staff will recommend council transfer \$25,000 from unspent funds in the Community Economic Development (CED) budget towards development of a Cape D'Or master plan. Area residents, tourism operators, and the municipality envision the property as an opportunity to enhance market readiness of the site and have a goal of providing a world class lighthouse experience which would be the only one of its kind in Nova Scotia.

The upcoming Saltscapes Expo, April 21-23 will be the fourth year, the Parrsboro Shore area will be presented. The booth has been booked and those involved are collaborating with Fundy Geological Museum on booth development.

With approximately 70% of the Oxford rink users being from the county, Oxford Mayor, Trish Stewart and Deputy Mayor Tom Kay appeared before council at the February 15th meeting suggesting an annual contribution of \$25,000 from the county to help with operational costs of the rink. Warden Gillis informed the presenters, their request will be considered during budget deliberations.

Following two public hearings during council's February 15th meeting, council ordered demolition of a building, removal of any derelict vehicles and clean up of properties at 12 Lorne Street, Springhill and 18435, Hwy 2, Fenwick.

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