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**The War Amps** began its 2018 key tag mailing to Nova Scotia households the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> with the theme, "Still Much to Do," as the Association celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Key Tag Service continues to employ amputees and people with disabilities and has returned more than 1.5 million sets of lost keys since its inception. Each key tag has a confidentially coded number. If you lose your keys, the finder can call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox, and The War Amps will return them to you by courier, free of charge. The War Amps receives no government grants. With the public's continued support of the Key Tag Service, the Association's programs for amputees will carry on long into the future. Those who do not receive their key tags in the mail can order them at [waramps.ca](http://waramps.ca) or call toll-free 1-800-250-3030.

**The Forest Professionals** of Nova Scotia will hold their Annual General Meeting at the Holiday Inn, Truro on March 22-23. It a joint meeting involving the Nova Scotia Forest Technicians Association, Canadian Institute of Forestry Nova Scotia Section and the Registered Professional Foresters Association of Nova Scotia.

**A documentary** titled, Life Entertainment, produced by 3267176 Nova Scotia Limited, has been approved for a funding commitment of \$234,582 based on eligible Nova Scotia expenditure of \$733,070 through the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund.

**Nova Scotians are** encouraged to nominate individuals who courageously put themselves at risk to help others. Nomination forms are available at Access Nova Scotia centres, as well as from offices of members of the legislative assembly and online at [www.novascotia.ca/bravery](http://www.novascotia.ca/bravery). The deadline for nominations is May 1. Completed nomination forms should be sent to: Provincial Secretary, Medal of Bravery, Department of Justice, 7th floor, 1690 Hollis St., Halifax, N.S., B3J 2L6.

**Nova Scotia's minimum** wage is increasing on April 1. Experienced workers will receive \$11.00 an hour. The minimum wage for someone who has less than three months' experience will increase to \$10.50 an hour. For a copy of The Nova Scotia Minimum Wage Review Committee report visit <https://novascotia.ca/lae/pubs/>.

**A program to help** farmers cover the cost of transporting limestone for use in reducing soil acidity is accepting applications for 2018-19. The limestone trucking program will provide up to \$20,000 to eligible farms and is accepting applications until April 1 for trucking activity between Jan. 1 and June 30. Applicants must be a registered farm, have completed a soil analysis report and have a nutrient management plan that indicates the need for limestone. Reimbursement will be 80 per cent of either the cost of trucking or the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal gravel rate, whichever is less. A second application period will be opened in the fall. For information and applications visit [novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/](http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/financial-funding/) or contact Programs and Business Risk Management at 1-866-844-4276.

**Cannabis will** be sold at nine Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) stores across Nova Scotia. The nine stores selling cannabis beginning in July are: Amherst; Dartmouth, 650 Portland St.; Halifax, 5540 Clyde St., and 3601 Joseph Howe Dr.; Lower Sackville - 745 Sackville Dr.; New Glasgow, 610 East River Rd.; Sydney River, 95 Celtic Dr.; Truro, 6 Court St. and Yarmouth, 104a Starrs Rd. The NSLC will reopen the former store on Clyde St. in Halifax. It will exclusively sell cannabis. Online sales from the NSLC, with home delivery, will also be offered. Additional details about online sales will be announced at a future date. Nova Scotians will also be able to grow up to four plants per household. For more information on cannabis legalization, visit [www.novascotia.ca/cannabis](http://www.novascotia.ca/cannabis)

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## Wentworth Learning Centre a Beehive of Activity



Kathy Wilcox drew the Ace of Spades at the Chase the Ace at the Wentworth Learning Centre. Presenting to her a hefty cheque are Caleb Seymour, a helper, and Jordan Sprague, President of the Wentworth Learning Centre Cooperative Ltd. (Barbara Palmer Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

The Learning Centre previously was the Wentworth Consolidated Elementary School which closed in 2015. The school building was repurposed when it was bought by the Wentworth community and renamed the Wentworth Learning Centre. Many hours of volunteer work and applying for grants, the Wentworth Learning Centre has as its mandate "to provide educational opportunities and programming for the advancement of life-long learning and the well-being of the Wentworth community and surrounding rural areas." The centre is doing a magnificent job trying to maintain a meaningful infrastructure in the Wentworth area.

At present it provides a Jamboree the second Sunday of the month 2pm to 5pm, Maggie's Place Pop-Up ages 0-6 (Tuesdays at 9am), Girl Guides, Sparks and Brownies (Thursday at 5:30pm), community library (open weekdays from Mondays through to Thursdays 9am to 7pm; Fridays 9am to 9pm and Sundays 2pm to 7pm). As a fundraiser, Chase the Ace has become a popular event.

Chase the Ace is presented by the Wentworth Volunteer Fire Department with proceeds benefiting the Learning Centre. Volunteers from both the Fire Hall and Learning Centre look after selling tickets and doing the weekly draw. Tickets for Chase the Ace may be bought at the Learning Centre weekly on Sundays 2 pm-7pm, Mondays to Thursdays 9am-7pm, Fridays 9am-8:45pm for 3 tickets at \$5, and more tickets can be bought if desired. The weekly draw is at 9 pm on Fridays. To join one must be 19+ in age.

Each Friday, 6pm to 8:45pm, people may come to

play games and buy more tickets. The draw is held at 9 pm.

One ticket is drawn from the container of tickets at 9 pm and if your ticket is drawn you automatically win the consolation prize (20% of night's income). If the ticket winner is not present, he or she will be telephoned (make sure you can answer at this time or you forfeit your ticket). The winner of this ticket may designate someone at the Learning Centre to pick a card from the cards laying on the table. If the card drawn is not the Ace of Spades, the ticket winner still wins the consolation prize then the specific card drawn is torn up. The reduced deck of cards and the jackpot is kept for the draw on the next Friday. If the card drawn at this time is the Ace of Spades, he or she wins the jackpot.

The funds from the ticket sales are divided three ways: the Learning Centre keeps 50%, the winner of the lottery tickets takes 20%, and 30% goes into the jackpot. In Wentworth the proceeds going to the Learning Centre go towards child care programs.

What is spectacular about Chase the Ace is that it was invented in Canada in Inuvik, a town in the Northwest Territories of Canada. The community of Noel, Hants county, N.S. copied the idea of Chase the Ace in 2013 from a fundraiser in Inuvik. Then, Chase the Ace became very popular in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and P.E.I.

For more information phone 902-548-2076. Other events coming to the Wentworth Learning Centre are the Dream Catcher Wholistic Centre, an interesting new start-up business which opened in January, and "Jimmy the Janitor," a hilarious comedian performing a concert on Saturday, March 3, 7pm, aged 14+.

## Truro Presbyterial UCW Elects Executive

By Chris Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW Executive Meeting will be held on Thursday March 8, 10 am at First United Church, Truro. All Presidents of all UCW Units should be attending this meeting! Presbyterial would like to thank Janet Maybee for her wonderful talk at our recent Annual Meeting! It was very interesting and enlightening.

They would also like to thank Letha Mowatt and Cora MacKay for their "interview" about how UCW came to be. It was a great turn out with 71 ladies present. Rev. Valerie Kingsbury welcomed us and performed the Installation of Officers. The officers for Truro

Presbyterial UCW Executive for 2018 - 2019 are: Past President, Joanna LeBlanc; Co-Presidents Noreen Stark and Marie Duranceau; Vice President, Evelyn Negus; Recording secretary, Chris Urquhart; Corresponding secretary, Audrey Selkirk; Treasurer, Gwen Watson; Press & Publicity, Chris Urquhart; Berwick Camp, Anne Lake; Archives Noreen Stark; Church in Action, Crystal Wallis; Supply & Welfare, Dora Vaughan; Literature, Lorna Oulton and Auditor, Marion Blackmore.

The position of Stewardship is still open if you are interested! Just let Joanna LeBlanc know.

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