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Our Bill Elliott: ECMA Nominee

By Maurice Rees

The Elliott family is an institution in West Colchester. Bill Elliott is continuing that tradition.

Michael Jackson of the Jackson 5 was five years old when he first performed with his

family. In his case, Bill Elliott was 14 when he first recorded with his family nearly 50 years ago.

Playing with his father and brother, Mike, they released a CD in 2003 which garnered them an ECMA nomination in

2004 for instrumental Album of the Year. Now 14 years later, Bill has been nominated in the ECMA category of Jazz Recording of the Year. The awards will be given out in Charlottetown, May 1-5.

As part of Bill's current

nomination he is accompanied by cousin, Bruce; brother, Mike and his long-time Cape Breton friend, J.P. Cormier.

More about Bill. He was born into a musical family which influenced him to become an accomplished, multi-instrumentalist with guitar, fiddle, mandolin, banjo and bass. His unique and versatile guitar style earned him the distinction of being named first recipient of the Canadian Certified Guitar Player, CCGP in 2015.

Bill started recording at the age of 14. He has played throughout Canada, the USA, Scotland and the Shetland Islands. He has toured with acclaimed Cape Bretoner, JP Cormier and Matt Mingle-
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Over 50 years ago, Bill Elliott joined his father and uncle as part of the Elliott Family which started his music career. He has been nominated for Jazz Recording of the Year category for an ECMA award to be presented in Charlottetown in May. (Submitted)

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

March 2019

STRESS RELIEF: May you always have love to share, health to spare & friends who care.

A letter of support for the 2019 Colchester Highland Games has been approved by Colchester Council to assist in the Society's grant application process. The 2019 Games will be held September 7th, 2019 at the Jennifer Drive Ball fields. An opening event is anticipated for Friday, September 6th at Civic Square.

Colchester Council has received assurances from Canada Post advising that operations at the Great Village Post Office will continue as in the past. There was concern the office might be closed following an employees' retirement.

The proposed new Northern Pulp effluent treatment plant project was registered for environmental assessment on February 7th. The company's document is available at www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea. The 30-day public comment period ends March 9. Anyone who wants to share their views on this project should submit them at www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea/comments.asp or email ea@novascotia.ca. Comments can also be mailed to: Environmental Assessment Branch, Nova Scotia Environment, P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 3P8

Along the Shore Health Board Wellness Fair will be held Saturday April 13, 2019, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at West Colchester Consolidated School, Bass River. The Wellness Fair will help individuals and families, who live Along the Shore, more aware of programs and services available to them to support a healthier and more vibrant lifestyle. There will be over 25 exhibitors in attendance to answer questions and provide information on the services they offer within our communities. Free to Attend.
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Susan Henderson, right, accepts a \$50,000 cheque from Colchester Mayor Christine Blair. The presentation was part of a \$100,000 commitment to Colchester-East Hants chapter, Canadian Mental Health Association for the new 10,000 sq ft facility in the former Bargain Shop, Prince Street Truro. (Photo courtesy of Raissa Tetanish, Tatamagouche Light)

Survey Results: 106-3-3

By Maurice Rees

Sean Wood's resident's survey might not have tipped the scales, but it contributed to council's January 31st decision following a public hearing to deny approval of a development Agreement with Johnathan & Donna Creelman for residential grouped dwelling units in Upper Onslow.

With considerable opposition from area residents, Wood and colleagues conducted a survey which resulted in 106 opposed; 3 in favour and 3 with no opinion. The Creelman's, have owned the property for approximately 30 years, originally proposed two six-unit buildings with a total of 12 units.

In August 2018, the Public

Advisory Committee (PAC) requested changes to address concerns by area residents. Ultimately, the plan was changed to a six-unit and a four-unit building with height reductions and side boundary buffering added to the concept.

Councillors wrestled with the concept. They liked the plan, but ultimately expressed opinions, it was in the wrong place, even though staff recommended approval, as in their opinion the plan meet the requirements of planning policy in the Municipal Planning Strategy.

The gallery in council chambers was full and extra seating was arranged for those in attendance, most of who were there to show their op-

position. Several area residents spoke in opposition to the project including: Andrew Woods, Greg Gill, and Shelly McNutt. Peter Vissers, broker with Open Door Realty, asked councillors and county solicitor, if realtors are in jeopardy during a real estate transaction for highlighting existing "zoning regulations", as future councils could change the zoning for a particular area. Solicitor, Dennis James, stated future councils could make changes to zoning regulations.

Several residents referred to assurances given to them during hearings in 2002 and agreed to R-2 zoning when assured apartment buildings or anything larger than a duplex would be permissible. Coun-

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S.W. Weeks Wins \$108,325 Tender

By Maurice Rees

S.W. Weeks Construction has been awarded a \$108,325 contract for Debert Well 1C Piping Upgrades for the new water tower in Debert.

The water tower itself has been completed, and system control work is ongoing, but prior to abandoning the existing gunnite water tower on MacElmon Road, piping modifications at well 1C are required.

Eleven bidders requested a copy of the tender documents and a total of eight bids were received by the closing date of January 29, 2019.

Results are summarized as follows: S.W. Weeks Construction, \$108,325; Ian Sinclair Contracting, \$140,254; Cumberland Paving, \$158,620; Eisener Contracting, \$165,142.50; Atlantic Road Construction, \$175,000; C.F. Construction, \$178,825; Harbour Construction, \$179,700 and Brycon Construction, \$226,600. HST is not included in tender pricing.

A new larger diameter pipe with the proper length and retention time must be

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