

Our Bill Elliott: ECMA Nominee

wood, traded licks with Tim Edey (UK) and opened for Merle Haggard and Waylon Jennings.

Bills' music crosses genres from Old Time, Swing, Texas Swing, Country, Bluegrass, R&R and Gypsy Jazz. He is an Old Time Fiddle Champion in Manitoba, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

To the enjoyment of music lovers in West Colchester, in the beginning there were two Elliott's, brothers Carl and Gerald. They left Economy, as teenagers, relocating to Toronto in 1947. The lure of Nova Scotia brought Carl back in 1972 and Gerald in 1976. By this time, two had grown into five Elliott's comprising Gerald and his son, Bruce, and Carl plus his two sons, Bill and Mike.

Carl Elliott began the music trend with his brothers. He was born in Economy, Nova Scotia and inherited his musical talent from his mother, Allie, a great piano player, and his uncle, Tommy Albert Linkletter, a first-class old-time fiddler player, who inspired Carl most of all. Their generosity and talent benefited communities all along the shore from



Bill Elliott has released his new CD for which he has been nominated for an ECMA award in the Jazz category. The ECMA's will be held in Charlottetown, May 1-5. (Submitted)

Advocate Harbour through Wentworth, to Truro and far beyond these borders. Their first volunteer experience was playing for a dance with their mother and another community member in 1940 for the Canadian Red Cross.

If you wonder why Bill's veins are full of music, you only need to look at his father, Carl, a three time winner of the Maritime Old Time Fiddling Contest and an Atlantic Old Time Fiddler's Champion. He also judged many fiddling contests in the Maritimes, Ontario and Alberta. In August 2003, Carl

was inducted into the Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame.

In their own right, Bill and Mike are very talented musicians and play fiddle, guitars, banjo, bass, piano, both sing vocals and have won many fiddling championships across Canada and toured everywhere as well. They all continue to perform as a family band, and write music and continue to do volunteer work with efforts towards fundraising in the local communities.

In 2003, the Elliott's found time to produce an album entitled, The Elliotts. A great album containing 14 tracks with incredible music. The CD was recorded at Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S.

Speaking about his musical friend and colleague, JP Cormier said, "Bill is truly among the great guitar players to come out of this country. His technicality is stunning, but his true talent is fire. He plays very difficult things with an abandon that thrills audiences. He hollers, he laughs, he mugs for the crowd, all while coaxing things from his instrument that are unexpected and always seem to fit in."



Everyone in attendance enjoyed the music provided by Bill's crew. Show (L-R) are Bruce Elliott; Bill Elliott; Mile Elliott and J.P. Cormier. (Rees Photo)

Masstown Community News

By Chris Urquhart

With any luck, the groundhog has predicted another 4 weeks of winter and then spring will arrive! If my cat, which is shedding tons of fur, can be believed, spring will come sooner than that! Keep watching for those early signs of spring, and let others know when you see any!

Masstown UCW will meet on Thursday March 7th, 7 pm, in the back vestry of the

Church. All ladies welcome! There is a ramp for those who have problems doing stairs.

The Cobequid Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday March 2nd, 8 am, at the Double C Restaurant in Lower Debert. All men welcome!

Don't believe shaving myths Contrary to popular belief, shaving hair doesn't make it grow back thicker. And shaving doesn't affect

how dark your hair is or how fast it grows. Shaving facial or body hair gives the hair a blunt tip that can feel coarse as the hair grows out. During this phase, the hair might appear darker or thicker, but it's not. Be aware of those sneaky hairs that suddenly appear sticking out of your head in odd places, like your chin or top of your ear! This is what happens when you get old!



More of the crowd who attended the Bill Elliott's CD release in Bass River on February 17th. (Rees Photo)



Victoria Hall, Bass River was near capacity for Bill Elliott's release of his new Jazz CD, which has earned him an ECMA nomination. (Rees Photo)



Municipality of the County of Colchester

Animal Control Officer
Part-time Position

The Municipality of the County of Colchester is seeking a part-time Animal Control Officer, 21 hours per week who will assist in the enforcement of the Dog By-law for the Municipality of Colchester. The incumbent will be required to respond to complaints and violations to the By-law. This position requires excellent communication skills with the public and outside agencies. Applicants must be eligible for appointment as a Special Constable and have experience in animal health and well-being for all types of domestic dogs. For a detailed description of this position, please visit our website at www.colchester.ca Applicants are invited to submit a covering letter and resume by March 8, 2019 addressed to: Municipality of the County of Colchester, 1 Church Street, Truro N.S. B2N 3Z5

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