Parrsboro Fiddle Camp May 20-22

If you like music, dancing and a weekend full of fun and excitement then step aboard Ship's Company Theatre for the annual Fiddle Camp and concerts May 20 - May 22.

With Master Fiddler and educator Gordon Stobbe once again leading our talented group of professional instructors (Kelli Trottier, Timi Levy, Stacy Lynn Read, Skip Holmes, Cathy Sproule and Greg Simm), the show is sure to be another successful entertaining weekend.

One of Parrsboro's own, Timi Levy, will once again instruct at the Fiddle Camp. In addition to instructing, Timi, along with her colleagues, perform a magnificent Down Home Fiddle Concert on May 21 onboard the Ship.

Levy, who received her Masters degree from the Liszt Ferenc Music Academy in Budapest is a professional violinist who has performed for the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, National Ballet, Alberta Ballet and throughout Europe. Originally from Budapest, Levy said the first time she was introduced to fiddle was when she came to Canada in 1998.

Now residing in Parrsboro with her family, Levy performs and teaches in the Parrsboro, Amherst and surrounding

"The Fiddle Camp at Ship's Company Theatre is always fun, you meet everyone from different places. Everyone comes for the music, people come from all over, Cape Breton, British Columbia, different places," instructor Timi Levy said.

"It also gives people the opportunity to try different

things. Even when you have the song you, through the way someone plays you hear different backgrounds, style. Everyone learns," the instructor said.

There will be four instructors teaching fiddle; Stobbe, Trottier, Read and Levy. Two instructors; Holmes and Simm will be teaching guitar, banjo and mandolin with Sproule teaching piano.

Ken Reeder, a fourth year participant in the fiddle camp said, "the best part of the camp is the people. The instructors are excellent and somehow maintain a high level of energy all weekend. They are encouragers and make the learning part of the fun."

Shelley Hines, who has attended the theatre's fiddle camp three consecutive years says the people, the location, the music and the fun keep her coming back time and time again.

"You become part of this incredible gang/group/flock, and through the music, the lessons and just staying together, just have the greatest time and so much fun. And I love the town of Parrsboro," Hines said.

Following a weekend of instruction for adults and youth in fiddle, guitar, piano and mandolin accompaniment, registrants with our Fiddle Camp will perform a concert of their own on Sunday evening.

In addition to Ship's Company Theatre's May long weekend Fiddle Camp you can check out the rest of Ship's Company Theatre's 2011 line-up at www.shipscompany.com and follow us on facebook and twitter.

JASON BLANCH CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

SLJ: In the last federal election only 59% of eligible voters voted. Many claim, voters have become cynical, because they do not believe their elected representatives are serving their needs and act unprofessional in the House of Commons during question period.

At all levels of government, there are perceptions of wrong doing; investigations, and criminal charges have been laid. Voters are upset and have not voted because they perceive petty games are being played; politicians not addressing the issues which voters consider most important. Voters are demanding things be "CLEANED UP".

In consideration of the foregoing, please provide only a YES or NO answer.

Will you be visibly vocal advocating all elected representatives, regardless of party lines, be professional and put forth the

the party line and vote accordingly with the exception of a 'Non-

Confidence" or "Budget" vote? YES

If you do not demonstrate you have accomplished the two previous activities in the first year, would you resign as their rep-

In what way will your representation and actions help reduce the cynical attitude of voters?

The principles of engagement, commitment, and knowledge reduce cynical attitudes. The green Party and my constituent organization actively supports and encourages voters to be a part of the vision of tomorrow. The communities' action today for responsible and accountable governance will make the political process accountable to the voter. Therefore we encourage all to be a part of an organization that will introduce change and a respect to the governance of our

What do you consider to be the most important issue facing residents of this constituency?

The most important issue is the sustainability of our local economy. This includes helping seniors to continue contribute to our communities, building small business based on current resources and environmental action.

What can you accomplish to help the working poor with regard to rising food prices, higher energy and gasoline prices?

The key is effective and healthy communities. Healthy communities include building the capacity to feed ourselves and develop local markets. A strong community has the infrastructure to use the available resources to provide for its' members. Therefore working together for alternate sources of energy, creating business that respects the environment provides this infrastructure.

What will you do to be a catalyst to increase the volumes of locally produced food products sold in nationally owned supermarkets and big box stores? How will you achieve this?

We have been at the mercy of large economic enterprises. The issue has been the economy of scale required of a local provider producing enough for the company. If we turn this back to local ownership and local sustainable development then we can achieve a price that is affordable and provide the jobs to sustain the community. Developing and supporting local farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture projects will go a long way in this direction,

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Even though healthcare is a provincial responsibility what will you do to assist to deliver healthcare quicker and more economically without a sub-

stantial increase in cost? Health care is vital to all of us. Because health care is a provincial responsibility the federal system must work in partnership with them and the local communities. Most importantly the services provided must meet the needs of the people. Changes in methods of delivery, information services, focus on collaborative services will



Jason Blanch

provide better health care with a lower cost. Additionally we must focus on the source of health problems; poverty, drug addiction, obesity, lack of exercise, and toxic chemicals that are present in our food, air and the products we buy. Finally, we have to immediately begin to train more doctors, nurses and para-

Prevention is preferred to spending money to correct a problem. The same holds true in healthcare. What will your party do to encourage a healthier lifestyle to prevent health problems rather than waiting to make sick people well?

One of the most neglected areas of formal health care has been public health services such as wellness clinics, baby clinics, immunization and so on. This area has provided direct and effective community health care at a level that has meaning and value to the individual and their community. The first step then is to support and develop this area of service in all communities. Secondly, we should consider healthy lifestyles to have an economic benefit. Therefore support should be given for community fitness, and wellness activities.

How will you use your expertise to assist the province establish programs to ensure a higher rate of youth finish high school and continue with secondary education?

Education is a provincial responsibility and the federal government works in partnership with the province to provide services at the secondary and post-secondary levels. The feral government should be supporting and providing Youth employment and training programs that have been successful. These programs have assisted young people in creating businesses, gaining apprenticeship and journeyman skills as well as promoting university education. The programs, when implemented based on local community needs are worthwhile because they address local needs and issues with programs that are designed with the community in mind. We will reinstate the Canadian student summer job program so student have the opportunity to earn money in the summer toward their tuition and living expenses.

When the economy tanks, many people are displaced when companies down-size or close. What results can you deliver to provide programs so displaced workers can be re-trained and reenter the workforce quickly?

Dealing with large scale recession and cutbacks is difficult and has a great impact on local communities. The issue for all is that without a strong local economic foundation we are at the whims of the large companies as we have seen in the past months. We see the development of small business and local training for these ventures as a key value in building a strong community

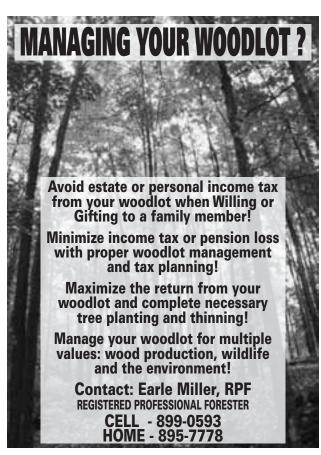
Many voters suggest HST should not apply to electricity and furnace fuel for residential purposes, for low income families. How do you plan to address these matters?

I would concur with this idea. The HST is an agreement with the province and the federal government. Negotiation should be entered into to change the tax and would need the agreement of all of the levels of government.

Why should voters support you in this election?

The green Party and my candidacy is a vote for the future. A vote in support of the future is a statement that we need good governance, a positive legacy for our children, and a strong local economy that will sustain us. With your vote it sends a message that the status quo is not acceptable and that alternatives must be found. A Vote for the Green party will send the message that there must be a change in how we are governed.





Love, Laughter & Learning Centre Holding Open House

By Linda Harrington

The Love, Laughter & Learning Centre is located at 11265 Hwy#2, in Masstown. Owner Paula Weatherbee is pleased to be holding an Open House on Thursday, May 5th from 6:30 until 7:30PM.

"Everyone is welcome to stop by and have a look around the Love, Laughter & Learning Centre," says Miss Paula."We are a licensed facility, accepting children from 2 ½ to 5 years. Our staff are graduates of the Early Childhood Education program."

The bright, attractive environment gives a fresh approach to playschool learning.

The Love, Laughter & Learning Centre is equipped with several activity centres including dramatic play, block play, arts & crafts, sand & water and math & science. There is fenced in outdoor

play space for basketball, hockey, a bike path and many more outdoor activities.

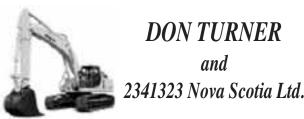
Children are provided with a healthy snack each day. Field trips are held throughout the year.

The Open House is an opportunity to sign up for September playschool classes. Spots will fill up fast, so don't miss out!

"I currently have preschoolers who will be attending Bass River, Great Village, Chiganois and Debert Elementary Schools. It is a great opportunity for them to make friends with the children they will be going to school with," says Paula.

Spaces are also available for full day care, and before and after school care.

Editor's note: The Shoreline Journal apologizes for the error in last month's story. We have corrected the data.



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