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Economy & Five Islands News

By Brenda Moore

VOLUNTEERS, you know who you are, **THANK YOU!** April is the month chosen to express appreciation to those who give of their time, effort, and creativity to provide assistance to their community throughout the year. Economy and Five Islands are blessed to have a magnitude of community-minded people.

The Five Islands Athletic Association, with the assistance of dedicated volunteers and donations from the community, got the outdoor rink up and running and it was enjoyed by people of all ages.

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Ladies of the Five Island Bazaar were kept busy serving breakfast throughout the cold winter months and were happy to see many friendly faces Sunday mornings. They closed down and Diane's opened on March 16 - a sure sign of spring. Some activities, like Bingo and Washer Toss will continue.

Volunteer Fire Fighters from Five Islands and Economy have joined together in Level 1 firefighter training. They have participated in fire behavior, ground ladders, ventilation and breathing apparatus training. Training will continue through May and June. This is an example of volunteers working together to serve and protect their communities. Think about becoming a firefighter, it's an

opportunity to learn new skills with members of your community.

As the seasons change, so do activities. The wharf in Five Islands was put in on March 23, and weirs in Economy are up and fishing. Groups are beginning to put into place plans that were made during the winter.

Five Islands Fire Brigade is hosting a dance on May 19 to kick-off spring. Cool Water will entertain. Members and guests 19 years and older are welcome. Peniel UCW will be hosting a roast beef supper May 28, come enjoy a good hearty meal and catch-up with your neighbours.

Spring brings to mind gardening and thoughts of the Economy plant sale - there's always a special find. Details on programs and activities to come as the days get warmer.

WINS Chapters HOLD MEETINGS TWICE A YEAR

Twice a year each District of Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia hold a meeting when members of all branches within that District have a business meeting, meal and entertainment. The Cumberland /Colchester District meeting was hosted by North River, held October 18th at North River United Church hall and members from all four branches of WI, North River, Three Waters in Tatamagouche, West Pugwash and Westbrook/Halfway River were present.

On arrival everyone is welcomed with coffee and muffins, greeting each other with news since the last meeting. This is followed by the business session, usually lively with plenty of input. After lunch, provided by North River and West Pugwash, an 'armchair tour' of Sicily and

Alana Yorke Presents: "The Weight" A STORY OF EMERGENCE

Alana Yorke (formerly of Bass River) is courageous. It's not every day that an artist shares such a personal journey. The video for Yorke's latest single, "The Weight", directed by Hannah McGrath, captures the hauntingly beautiful live performance of a song that was inspired by Yorke's experiences since running out of air while scuba diving in Nova Scotia. "The Weight" is a watery journey inward toward realization and a decision to emerge, which was filmed underground in a Cold War bunker in Debert.

"The Weight" was officially released on Friday, March 23rd in Halifax at 1313 Hollis Street and went online on Saturday, March 24th. Truro video launch was held on Saturday, April 21st, 2012 at Roadside Willies. The Truro show, not only, featured a screening of the video, but also be a very special show celebrating new material by Yorke. Yorke was joined by musicians Nicholas Maclean, as well as her husband, Ian Bent (formerly of Truro).

Music Development Officer for Nova Scotia Culture Division, Mickey Quase commented upon viewing of "The Weight": "I was completely entranced from the outset of the piece and it wasn't until the end I realized I hadn't taken a breath the whole time. It was totally spellbinding".

Although the video became more of a hybrid with a music video, it was indeed a live performance.

Originally the video was intended as a one-shot video, however footage from multiple cameras and shots were used that documented Alana's journey traveling through the underground labyrinth of the bunker, searching and eventually emerging to the outside.

2012 Royal Nova Scotia INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

By Jessica Bergen

The Tattoo is sure to delight audiences with the spectacular show that we have planned for this summer. You can expect some of the annual audience favourites such as Massed Pipes and Drums & traditional Celtic and Irish music. We also have

back by popular demand comedic gymnastic team, the Flying Grandpas and the Gymnastic Display Team of the Paris Police. There will be performers from seven countries, for more information on who you can expect to see, visit our website: www.nstatattoo.ca.

We have three huge themes at the Tattoo this summer, along with our annual theme "A bond of friendship". All three of these themes have a strong connection with Nova Scotia:



Chief Dave Lundie and Deputy Chief Roger Roode present Jeremy Smith (centre) with the Firefighter of the Year Award, the Most Improved Firefighter Award and a 5 Year Long Term Service Award.

Alana Yorke talks about "The Weight" in her own words: *The song, "The Weight" is basically about the desire to emerge from the patterns of negative self-limiting thoughts and behaviors. On another level, parts of the song were inspired by an accident that happened to me a few years ago when I was scuba diving and the experiences that I've had since that event in my life. This project has been a huge catalyst for my healing and my emergence as an artist.*

The video, "The Weight" (and this self-written story) can now be viewed online at www.alanayorke.com. Alana Yorke is planning an East Coast tour throughout the Spring and Summer of 2012.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Centennial of the Titanic, and the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. These scenes are sure to be dynamic and engaging, a treat for the eyes and ears.

We are also launching our sophomore edition of our Passport Program. It is part of the Tattoo's mandate to encourage tourism in Nova Scotia, one way we are doing this is through our Passport. We are partnering with Destination South West Nova Scotia and Eastern and

Northumberland shores as well as the HRM, and offering deep discounts and deals to some of the best that Nova Scotia has to offer.

Tickets are on sale now for the 2012 show. They can be purchased through the Ticket Atlantic Box Office at 451-1221. Tickets are \$43.00 for "A" seats, and \$35.00 for "B" seats. Or we have our Buy 3, get 1 free deal!

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