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Three Cumberland residents were honoured in Halifax on April 18th during the 43rd Provincial Volunteer Awards ceremony to recognize volunteers. The awards were presented by Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant, Premier Stephen McNeil and Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Tony Ince. Pictured above with their hardware are Joan Fowler, Town of Amherst, Douglas Perry, Wallace and Beverly Ann Clark. (Submitted)

## 3 Volunteers Recognized for Hard Work

The Nova Scotia 43rd Volunteer Awards ceremony in Halifax recognized three Cumberland residents for many years of dedicated volunteering to a number of community groups. Joan Fowler, Amherst; Beverly Ann Clark, Oxford and Douglas Perry, Wallace were

among 65 volunteers recognized at the annual volunteer awards ceremony. In attendance and handing out the hardware were Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant, Premier Stephen McNeil and Communities, Culture and Heritage Minister Tony Ince.

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## Parrsboro Firefighters Respond to April 15<sup>TH</sup> Brush Fire

Parrsboro Fire Department was called to a brush fire at the residence of Arthur George, 79 Atlantic Avenue over the noon hour on April 15th. The fire had spread to an existing shed and was extinguished within 10 minutes of arrival.

The call on Saturday was the Department's 3rd Brush/Grass Fire Since Wednesday, due to the Extreme Dry Conditions. In other Fire Department News,

department members held their First Annual Good Friday Breakfast, serving well over 100 people within 2 hours. Funds from the Breakfast will go towards buying needed equipment. The Fire Department would like to thank everyone who came out to the breakfast. Community Support for the department is very important and helps in a variety of fund raising activities.



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## Cape Sharp Misses Tide Cycle

By Maurice Rees

Removal of the Cape Sharp Tidal Turbine from Minas Channel will have to wait at least another two weeks. On April 5th Cape Sharp stated the turbine would probably

be removed on the tide cycle between April 15th and 20th for repairs. However diving experts encountered difficulty disconnecting the turbine from the in-stream sub-sea cable. Tide appropriate to

remove or deploy the turbine happens in two week cycles.

Removal of the turbine is necessary because the Turbine Control Centre (TCC) components in the turbine needs modification. Once

retrieved, the turbine will be transported to Saint John with the Scotia Tide barge, where it will stay dockside while the TCC is taken inside for maintenance.

The TCC is an electrical component sub-system attached to the subsea base and connected to the turbine which allows raw power from the generator to be transformed into grid-compatible AC power. It also sends operational and environmental sensor data to shore in real time through the subsea cable.

In the April 5th communiqué from Cape Sharp Tidal, which explained about the commissioning phase, the two introductory paragraphs stated: "Since November 8, 2016, the first Cape Sharp Tidal demonstration turbine has been producing electricity, lighting Nova Scotia homes, and gathering important environmental data at the Fundy Ocean Research Centre for Energy site near Parrsboro. The purpose of this demonstration phase is to understand how in-stream technology performs in the Minas Passage—home of the world's highest tides—and to advance environmental research about how marine life will respond."

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If you have previously visited the Age of Sail Museum in Port Greville, it will be worth your time to revisit. A new audio system will enhance the experience. The complex opens on May 4th and will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until Jun 30th, then open 7 days a week, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. (Submitted)

## Age of Sail Readies for Busy Season

By Oralee O'Byrne

The Age of Sail Museum in Port Greville is almost ready to open. In fact the season has been extended an extra 4 weeks this year. The Municipality of Cumberland County assisted the Centre to install heat pumps and a small pellet stove to augment the older electrical system and therefore allowing for a slightly longer season.

The centre's opening date is May 4<sup>th</sup> will remain open until Oct 30. Also changing slightly are the hours. Instead of 10-6 the centre will open at 9:30 and close at 5:30 to better adapt to visitor's needs. Over the years, by checking with visitors we found often visitors arrive to the museum early because of check out times and are usually settling in to their accommodations around supertime. Shoulder season will still see the centre closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until the end of June where

they will open 7 days a week till Labor Day.

Other changes this year are the new audio systems. The centre received an SDI grant through Culture and Heritage and with the kind donations and supporters of a fall facebook auction as well as other donors they have had Granny's audio digitized as well as two other audio additions to enhance the visitor experience. The audio systems really add to the entire atmosphere of the museum

and displays. Visitors, even if they have been there before are invited to come visit and experience the difference for themselves.

The centre has a few other changes in the works for this year, rearranging of some displays repairs and lots of events. One unique event will be hosting the Scott's Timber Show this July as a tribute to Canada 150 and 150 years of lumbering along the shore. As of yet the date has not been set. Things are moving along quickly as staff and the community gets things ready for the May 4th opening. Each year the complex's attendance has increased and this year with many local celebrations of Canada's 150 a lot more Canadians, especially Nova Scotians, are expected to be enjoying a larger number of day trips.

**Oralee O'Byrne is**  
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## Craft & Farmer's Market Opens May 21

By Margie Allen

The Spencer's Island Craft and Farmers Market, now a member of The Farmers Market Cooperative of NS., will be opening for the season on Sunday May 21st 2017 from 1 - 4pm. Located at 69 Beach Road in Spencer's Island NS, opening day will feature local singers, Meana and Logan.

We invite everyone to come and feast your eyes on home baked goods, beeswax, honey products, jams, jellies, sewing, photography art, jewelry and other crafts.

Standing in the doorway of our quaint little market, looking down at the ocean, white caps making their debut, I feel joy and thankfulness for being here yet another year. I look forward to the laughter of the children, adults and the smells of the sweetness and friendships associated with this little market.

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