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Portapique Receives Community Spirit Award

By Maurice Rees

The community of Portapique which for decades has been locally famous in its own way was presented with the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award on April 13th following gaining global attention as the site of Canada's largest mass murder in April 2020. The prestigious award celebrating power,

strength, and diversity of vibrant communities across Nova Scotia was presented by Lt Gov, Arthur J LeBlanc was accepted by community resident, Erin MacKinnon, on behalf of residents, who practically filled the Peg. It was interesting to notice many of the attendees were youth from the community. The award profiles the community's

achievements and increases their visibility through a formal recognition program.

The community of Portapique was honoured to receive the award at a beautiful event hosted April 13 at The Peg in Masstown following being nominated by the Truro Rotary Club.

"The Rotary Club of Truro was thrilled to nominate the

community of Portapique for the Lieutenant Governor's Community Spirit Award last year," said Rotarian, and Community Build Up+ project lead Alana Hirtle. "The energy and time which the residents have already put into this project has been inspirational."

Though the Award was actually for 2021, the celebration had to be delayed for numerous reasons, including covid restrictions. That didn't dampen the spirit in the room that evening. In his remarks Lt Gov LeBlanc referred to the resiliency of the community and revitalization of the Riverside Community Hall, the fact the hall will be used year round and a modern playground was completed last fall. In 2022 the existing hall will be de-engineered, then reconstructed on a foundation, and an extension added to include other infrastructure including a full size commercial kitchen.

Former municipal councillor, now MLA for Colchester North spoke briefly saying he is proud of the community, and how the tragedy seemed to turn many local residents into leaders

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Adults 70 and older in Nova Scotia can now book an additional booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine at their local pharmacy or drop-in clinic. The second booster dose for people 70 and older is administered at least 120 days after the first. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are recommended for the second booster, but people who cannot receive those mRNA vaccines for medical, but people who cannot receive those mRNA vaccines for medical reasons may opt for Novavax.

A summer job opportunity exists at Cliffs of Fundy Welcome Centre, 3246 Hwy. 2, Economy, NS. Visitor Information Counsellor \$14/hr x 35hrs/wk x 8 weeks Start date July 4th. Hiring Youth 15 – 30 who meets Canada Summer Jobs' requirement... .not necessarily a student. Apply: wccda@ns.sympatico.ca with cover letter and resume. Call 902-647-2312 for further info

Colchester County District RCMP is asking for the public's assistance in locating 15-year-old Janelle Anderson who was last seen on April 20 on Riverside Ave. in Bible Hill. Anderson is described as 5-foot-7, 180lbs, has long dark brown hair and brown eyes. Anderson was wearing a black hoodie, black pants and brown Vans shoes at the time of her disappearance. RCMP investigators have liaised with a number of partners in an effort to locate Anderson. RCMP have also been in contact with her family and friends, who have not heard from Anderson, and police are becoming increasingly concerned for her wellbeing.

In partnership with CMHA Colchester East Hants and the Cobeguid Supper Club, the Along the Shore Community Health Board presents a wellness workshop series: **Community Care & Connect**. **May 18th, Great Village Legion**, 5-6pm: Drop-in social hour (sit-down or takeaway meal available) 6-8pm: Mental Health 101 (registration required). **June 15th, Great Village Legion**, 5-6pm: Drop-in social hour (sit-down or takeaway meal available); 6-8pm: Stress Management (registration required) Join us for this opportunity to connect with others, share a healthy meal and learn something new! To register, email: aman-dam.moore@nshealth.ca or call 1-902-890-4383. *Summer/Fall dates to be announced at later date.*



Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc, when presenting the Community Spirit Award to the community of Portapique found a new friend, Cadence Kraan, who attended the event with her family, to accompany him to walk down the stairs at the Peg. (Contributed)

facebook /com/welcome ukrainians

By Maurice Rees

We all are aware the high level of compassion Nova Scotians show for one another and how dedicated they are to help "others in trouble". When Russia invaded Ukraine just over three months ago, my thoughts focused on "what can we do to help?"

After a lot of thought and learning Nova Scotia is already home to over 9,000 of Ukrainian descent, like a lightning bolt it struck me, we should become leaders in welcoming Ukrainians who are fleeing the ravages of war and need a safe welcoming place to call, "their new home".

Then I wondered how the Shoreline Journal could become a catalyst to make it happen. Finally, I settled on developing a Facebook page / site, which would encourage Nova Scotians to provide safe lodging for two or three months, for Ukrainians, who had been approved for immigration to Canada.

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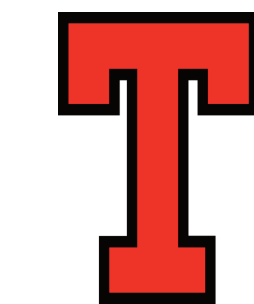
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Truro Jr. A Bearcat defenceman Josh Steele and Game First Star and Goalie Mavrick Goyer celebrate the Bearcats Eastlink South Division Championship following April 20th's 4-2 victory over the Valley Wildcats. See more on page 10. (Photo Credit: Nick Gaines)

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