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## The Hall in Parrsboro Heading into Busy Month

By Patricia Burke

The Hall in Parrsboro is heading into a super busy month. Here is what is going to take place. Hopefully you can take in some of the events:

2 pm concert with Creative Voices under the direction of Jacqueline Chambers White. Tickets on sale now for \$20.

Starting on Sunday May 4 for every Sunday in May at 7 pm will be the popular Bandstand at the Hall. Everyone knows it is too cold to have it at the Bandstand so we will have it at The Hall. Donations at the door and will go to the musicians charity of choice.

Concert with Whitney Rose at 8 p.m. on Fri. May 16. It has been a long time since she has been at the hall and we are so pleased she has chosen the Hall as one of her 2 NS stops. Tickets are on sale now for \$30. They are selling fast so grab them now.

Concert with The Caledonian Orchestra on Sun. June 1 at 2 pm. Tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$20.

To purchase tickets to these great concerts call 902 728 2013 and leave a message, go to www.thehall.ca.

Sat. May 24 at 9 am we open the doors at The Hall to the popular Plant, Bake and Book Sale. This is very popular with wonderful perennials, baking, books and so much more. We are asking our supporters to help us out if you have anything to donate to contact Brenda Wheaton sat 902 497 6866 or Patricia Burke 902 297 4845 to arrange drop off soon. We will have memberships as well as tickets on a Garden Art donated by Jr. Willigar which will be drawn for that day at noon as well as 25 lbs lobster which will be drawn for at the end of Band Days in July.

Monday May 26 at 7 pm will be the Annual Spring Concert at The Hall. This is your chance to come and hear the groups that rehearse weekly. \$10 admission.

The Hall does not only have that there will be 2 Open Mics at 7 pm on May 9 and 23rd. The 23rd will be the last Open Mic will Sept. Why not drop by and join in the fun.

There will be 2 movies during the month on Wed. May 7 at 7 pm where Rob and no doubt others will perform the songs of Bob Dylan for a half an hour before the movie "A Complete Unknown". Donations at the door.

The second movie on Wed. May 21 will be "Sing Sing" at 7:30 p.

Groups will be rehearsing during the month to get ready for the Spring Concert.

The Band Association has purchased an electronic sign that was installed over the front door in the last month. Take a drive by and take a look. We are getting great compliments. That is all for this month.

## Three Men, Three Stories

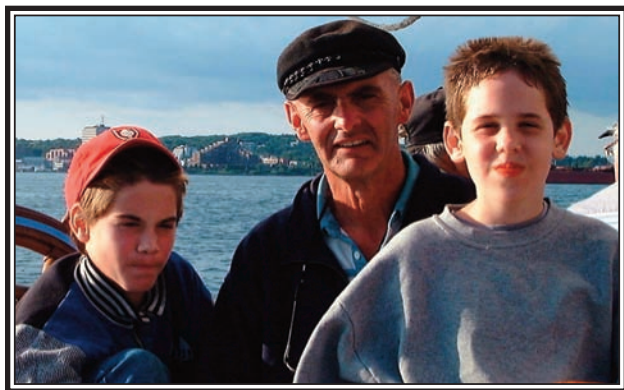
By Sandra Stephenson

Conrad and I were looking at a book with a story about a boat launched by Captain Bert Merriam. "It wasn't Captain Bert Merriam. The author is mistaken," said Conrad, matter-of-factly. "It was Captain Randall."

"It's interesting: Captain Randall often talked in rhyme. He'd

have these little jingles and rhymes he'd answer you with. He was telling me a story about one of his crew. They were in Boston harbour, late fall, anchored, waiting to leave, but the Captain said, 'We'll wait until morning and check the weather before we go.' Told the bosun to have everything

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Three men - Con and boys

# 241-243 Main St. Parrsboro Collapses

By Maurice Rees

In the early morning of April 19th people in the building beside 241-243 Main Street heard a loud bang/thud and the building vibrated. When they finally realized the building next door was collapsing and struck and was not leaning on their building they called 911.

The window at 241 was

cracked and the siding on the upper part had fallen.

The structure at 241 had been assessed some time earlier and the tenants ordered to vacate, regrettably the current businesses, Allsortz (clothing) and Design Studio 243 had not been emptied.

The Municipality of Cumberland had started the demolition process and was scheduled to be on the

agenda for April 28th meeting.

At 10:00am the call to Parrsboro fire for a building collapse was received. Within minutes Parrsboro Fire, the RCMP and the Works Dept. arrived on scene, and the road was blocked off for safety and the RCMP posted a notice on Facebook.

A large part of the community came out to see what

was going to happen. A decision was made to call in an excavator which arrived on scene at 3:30 and by 6:00pm the buildings with a long history were gone. (left part built about 1870, the right side about 1880).

Chief administrative officer Greg Herrett said the municipality recently responded to a complaint and investigated the premises at 241 Main St., determining it to be unsafe.

An order to vacate was issued until a demolition hearing could be held at municipal council. The demolition hearing was scheduled for the April 28 meeting of council.

In the meantime, Herrett said, the building has shifted and is in imminent danger of collapse and accordingly, pursuant to Part 15 of the Municipal Government Act an order for immediate demolition has been issued by the administrator of Dangerous and Un-sightly Properties.

Herrett said the RCMP and the Parrsboro Fire Department have secured the scene.

As the work progressed two raccoons were seen but instead of leaving they went deeper.

They could be seen in the front window, and near the last removal the excavator paused as one escaped, a few minutes later the second made a run. (Photos on Page 2)

Another business and historic building lost to Parrsboro, a sad day indeed.

See a more detailed history of the building on Page 3.



241 Main St, Parrsboro before the emergency demolition. More on page 2 and 3. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

## Cumberland Honours Employees

The Municipality of Cumberland honoured 11 employees for their years of service to the residents of Cumberland County during an all-staff event at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

"As I look around this room, we all have one thing in common, we work for 23,000 bosses who watch us every day and keep an eye on everything we do and how we do it," Municipality of Cumberland Mayor Rod Gilroy told staff. "I want to convey my appreciation and that of council for what you do day in and day out and how you do, how much you care about it and how much it means to us and you. How you act and what you is clearly obvious to all of us."

Chief Administrative Officer Greg Herrett congratulated staff for its role in making the municipality a great place to work. He said groups such as the wellness committee and the social committee add so

much to the fabric of the workforce.

"I want to thank each and every one of you for your ef-

forts every day," the CAO said. "Over the last few years progressively fewer issues are

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The Municipality of Cumberland recognized 11 employees for their years of service during an all-staff event at the Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre in Springhill on Thursday, March 27, 2025. CAO Greg Herrett (back left) and Mayor Rod Gilroy (back right) are shown with awards recipients (front, from left) Steve Ripley (15 years), Steve Varner (35 years), Chris Clarke (25 years), John Burbine (30 years), Fred Arsenaault (25 years), (back, from second left) Allie McCormick (10 years), Jaime Spicer (10 years), Mandy Hunter (15 years), Fred Chapman (20 years), Mike Gerrior (15 years). Missing is Chris Chapman (15 years).

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