

E. Ruth Graham Authors New Book

E. Ruth Graham, Parrsboro, has authored a book about one of Nova Scotia's heroes' during WWII. From Nova Scotia to North Africa relates tales of WWII fighter pilot, Clayton Graham, who passed away in July at the age of 94 years.

C. L. Graham began telling Ruth Smith stories of his life as a fighter pilot with the RAF, patrolling the coast of England, engaging in combat over the burning sands of Libya and ferrying Spitfires and Kittyhawks to frontlines in the Mediterranean Theatre of War during WWII.

Smith a retired Medical Laboratory Technologist and caregiver to Graham immediately saw the need to record his history and stories which she compared to a "string of pearls". With the help of Graham's Log Book, Military Service Records, Squadron Records and many hours spent with the ninety one year old veter-

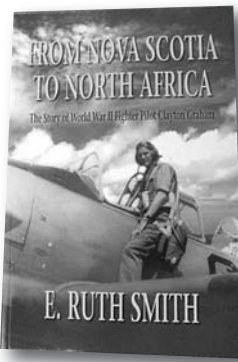
an, his story unfolded into a book, which is mainly a first-person account of Graham's experiences before, during and after WWII.

Graham related an incident in which he was show down near Churgia, Libya while escorting reconnaissance aircraft. After surviving the crash he was strafed by an enemy Me 109. Injured, bleeding and distraught, alone in the burning desert of North Africa, the young pilot leaned against his parachute and prayed, "Please, God, if you're ever going to help me, I need it now. Please don't let me die in this desolate wilderness".

The story is told with insight and humour, but it is also an emotional journey recounting narrow escapes, the loss of buddies, fear and loneliness, yet a journey met with strength and tenacity as he serves in the war effort in England, North Africa and Italy.

Flying Officer, Clayton Lorrison Graham passed away on July 21, 2013 at the age of 94 years.

Smith's book, *From Nova Scotia to North Africa*, published by Pottersfield Press, Lawrencetown Beach, Nova Scotia is available through Coles, Chapters/Indigo, Bookmark II, Nimbus and Amazon.ca.



Clayton Graham who was subject of a book published by E. Ruth Smith. (Yorke Photo)

Pre-School to Celebrate 40TH Anniversary

By Joann Michelin

We are having a great year so far at Preschool. We have a good registration, but have room for a few more young minds that require some stimulation, fun and love. We had our annual Fun Fair in October. It was very successful and for the first

time, a beautiful day...thanks to all who donated, volunteered and attended.

This year the Preschool will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary. We are asking any former teachers, students or parents to contact us through our Facebook page or call the

preschool at 662-2495. We are looking for pictures and stories.

We will be having an Open House at the center on Tuesday, November 19th from 6-8. We would like to invite all past and present members of our center to attend and share stories and experiences. Can't wait to see all the friends who have been involved in this wonderful adventure over the last 40 years.

SPCA to Operate Fundraising table Nov 21-Dec 21

By Karon Watson

Truro SPCA will be operating its annual Christmas sale table at the Truro Mall Nov 21 to Dec 21. The table will be set up on Thursdays Fridays and Saturdays from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Items will include a wide variety of items for people and pets. This is a major yearly fund raiser and we hope that you will visit our table. Our table will be in front of former Tip Top Tailor Store.

Things for sale will include knit, crocheted and quilted handmade items. Baked goods, homemade fudge and chocolate. We will have pickles, jams and jellies. We will be selling tickets on a quilt, double bed spread with matching shams and a Kitchen themed basket.

There will be a wide assortment of gift ideas for

the family pet. For dogs there will be scarves, bones, coats, boots, toys and much more. For cats there will be quilted beds, catnip mice, treats, etc. Most items for pets are handmade. In addition there will be gifts for people.

In December we will be selling the County dog tags. If you buy your tag at our table or at the shelter, we receive \$5.00 of the \$12.00 you pay. If you buy it anywhere else we receive nothing. If you receive your notice in the mail you can bring it with you.

If you wish to donate any items to our Christmas table just bring them to the shelter on or before Nov 14. Baked items, can be brought to the table at the mall on a day we are there. Use the Sears entrance. We accept all new and homemade things.



The Colchester branch of Nova Scotia SPCA is now selling the 2014 calendars. Calendars are available at the Shelter (408 Industrial Avenue), Truro Veterinary Hospital, Central Nova Animal Hospital, Fundy Veterinarians and various other businesses in Truro and the surrounding area. Calendars are priced at \$10. Shown above is Cassie, a cat at the shelter. (Submitted)

I Heard It at the Company Store

By Wendy Cox

Do you know what I heard...I heard that hunting season is here. We all know what comes along with hunting season and that is all the 'tall tales'. And I have heard a few. Now it seems that hunting today is not really hunting. If you have to build a shelter and bait with apples and such, that is not real hunting like they used to do.

To really be a hunter you must go walking very quietly in the woods and track whatever it is, you are there to hunt, without a tree stand and without bait. I imagine Elmer Fudd and Bugs Bunny playing this game, that waskety old wabbit and the great hunter. Good luck hunters.

Along with this time of year also come the preparations for that drasted colder season I cannot name yet, in case it brings it sooner. I know around my house it has been weekend chores of getting the wood, making sure all the summer gear is stowed away, getting the other tires on and getting the undercoating of the car done. Others have been harvesting the last of the gardens and hopefully mowing the lawn for the last time this year.

The beautiful fall colours are almost gone for another year, hope you got out to see some. One of the prettiest places for color was the Portapique Woods again this year. I am lucky enough that I get to go on the ATV and head to the mountain to see the changes of the seasons and fall is my favorite time to go.

What has been happening around Bass River. I heard that the playground at WCCS has gotten larger. A few more things being installed, the swings that came down from Bass River Elementary to name one. We now have a wonderful place for the kids to play.

The Bass River Heritage Museum has closed for the sea-

son, they report a slight decrease in visitors this year. But are hopeful that next year tourism will pick up along the shore.

The communities along the shore once again came together to help out our community members in need. There were fundraisers for Louise Cooke, Wayne Armour, and Darryl Cocke this past month. There will be one for Bobby Faulkner at the Bass River Fire Hall on Nov. 3 at 1 pm. Our communities should be proud by the way they pull together to help a neighbor in need.

The Economy Hall Sessions have been a great success. I have tickets to see The Secrets this Sunday and am looking forward to another great show. We know when Bill and Natalie are involved we will get some wonderful entertainment. Thanks to you both.

The Bass River Firemen are having a Halloween Dance on Oct. 16th with Sweet Revenge and another dance on Nov. 16th

with Gravity as the band. You should all come out to dance to these guys. A lot of work goes into organizing these dances and they are done for the community to keep our community alive. Come and support what goes on in your community before you find it gone. Speaking of support, the Plateneur family of Bass River has been given the ok to stay...yahoo, we are very lucky they chose to live in Bass River when they moved here and are happy they get to stay. They have a bit more paper work to do over the next year but it looks good for them. They had a lot of support from the area and thank everyone.

Now if you would like to see a note here or a story, please let me know what is happening in the area so I can let the readers know. Until next time, remember, I heard it at the Company Store and if you want to see it here, you know where to find me. Play safe and please watch out for those little ghost and goblins on Halloween night.

Being Healthy Reduces Chance of Accident

By Christine Urquhart

Motor vehicle-related incidents remain the leading cause of workplace fatalities. Transportation incidents accounted for more than two out of every five fatal work injuries in 2012, according to data from the Bureau of Labour Statistics.

Maintenance of mind, body and vehicle are all connected and essential components to being a safe driver.

There is a natural, yet potentially over-looked connection between wellness and road safety. There are practical steps that can be

taken to improve both physical and mental fitness for drivers of all ages. These important issues include:

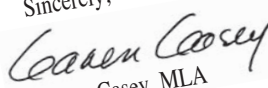
Regular vision screening; being well-rested and properly fueled for sustained energy; keeping your vehicle healthy through preventative maintenance; and getting the right ergonomic fit to your vehicle for maximized field of vision, comfort and well-being.

If you and your car are both "healthy" then your chance of having an accident is decreased immensely. Both you and your car need regular check-ups!

Thank you Colchester North!



On October 8th, voters in the Province of Nova Scotia had an opportunity to pass judgment on the government of the day and to choose the Leader and Party and Candidate who they believed could better serve the province. It was obvious that there was truly only one alternative to the NDP and that was Stephen McNeil and the Liberal Party. Nova Scotians seized that opportunity and elected a majority government with 33 Liberal Candidates. I am pleased and proud to be on the ballot and for their interest in Colchester North. I would like to thank the other two candidates for allowing their names to be on the ballot and for their support and for endorsing my leadership for another term. Let me take this opportunity to thank the voters for their support and for endorsing my leadership for another term. It became obvious at the onset of the campaign that the relationship that has developed between the constituents in Colchester North and their MLA over the last seven years was appreciated and respected by the voters and I thank them for acknowledging that at the polls. As I stated during the campaign and consistently since becoming a member of the Liberal Caucus, that voters in Colchester North were able to put aside partisan politics, were not calling for a by-election and would wait for the next general election to pass judgment on my decision. They have done that and I look forward to working with all voters and I will be proud to be their voice in the Provincial Legislature. The campaign provided an opportunity for voters to express their concerns, issues and possible solutions. I have listened to those and I look forward to working together to make all communities in Colchester North stronger. The results of this election and the endorsement I received from the voters would not have been possible without a strong campaign team of volunteers and I want to thank them for an efficient, effective and clean campaign. Many supporters made financial contributions to the campaign and I want to thank them for that support. Stephen McNeil and the Liberal Caucus have been given the mandate to move this province forward, I am proud to be part of that team. The constituents of Colchester North will continue to be my priority.

Sincerely,

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