

# OBFB Harvest Sale Very Successful



This 1974 service vehicle belonging to the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade sold for \$8,100 at the recent Harvest Sale and Auction bringing total proceeds to over \$33,000. Even without the sale of the truck, this was the biggest harvest sale fund raiser ever recorded by the brigade. (Peers Photo)



It was a full house for the annual Onslow Belmont Fall Auction on Sept. 30th. (Harrington photo)



The new 50/50 draw was very popular at the Onslow Belmont Fall Auction, as potential winners line up for their last chance at tickets. (Harrington photo)

By Clair Peers:

The Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade recently held its annual Harvest Sale and Auction recording over \$33,000 in revenue, the largest in history. Although one big ticket item, the Brigade's 1974 - 4 wheel drive service vehicle turned \$8,100, helping to push the revenue even higher. We took in just over \$33,000. Compared to recent years, at around \$20,000 we are very pleased with the support from the community.

We thank you faithful residents who support this fundraising event, by providing produce, donations of goods and cash, and coming out to the auction to give further support. Also a big thanks to local businesses that continue to support us with donations of goods, vouchers etc and money.

Residents are reminded the Brigade is continuing with the civic number sign program. One of the main concerns of all emergency service providers is the ability to locate residents who are facing an emergency, whether it is fire, medical or other.

This is compounded after dark. The sign numbers are reflective and a tremendous help in finding a street address any time of day. We try to install them in a similar location at each property, making them easy for emergency personnel to find. If you don't have yours yet, contact any firefighter. Or call Walter McElhinney at 897-6025.



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**NSMW 2016 festival** headliners, to be held November 3-6 in Truro, will include Classified, Ria Mae, Joel Plaskett, Mo Kenney, Garrett Mason, Christine Campbell and Truro legends Horse. Over 100 musical acts will play in venues across Truro during the event. The conference will also offer export training sessions on Poland and Eastern Europe, business development training on financial management and taxes and will include the third edition of the Women in the Music Business Town Hall.

**Fire safety starts at home** and the province wants to help families prepare. A new video called Don't Wait: Plan Your Escape! is now available on the Fire Marshal's website. During Fire Prevention Week, Zach Churchill, Minister responsible for the Office of the Fire Marshal reminded Nova Scotians to: have smoke detectors near all sleeping areas and test them regularly; change smoke detector batteries every six months and replace units that are over 10-years-old; use carbon monoxide detectors and check them regularly and place fire extinguishers in the kitchen, furnace room, and near any fireplaces or wood stoves. To view or download the video, visit <http://novascotia.ca/dma/firesafety/>

**Let's Play Together** / Toqi milita'nej, a Guide for Parents of 4-Year-Olds was launched at the Mi'kmaq Child Development Centre in Halifax today, Sept. 29. The launch featured a reading circle for four-year-olds in the Aboriginal Head Start program with Mi'kmaq linguist and author Bernie Francis. The guide was designed to help Mi'kmaq families support early learning through play and contains low- to no-cost activities for parents and caregivers. "As part of government's overall commitment to treaty education, and a next step in Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education, we are pleased to provide this additional resource," said Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey.

**Fines have been increased** for Illegal Cutting on Crown Land. "This includes provincial parks and all forested lands administered under the Crown Lands Act.", says Lloyd Hines, Minister of Natural Resources. Individuals could be fined up to \$50,000 for a first offence. For each subsequent offence, they could face up to \$100,000 in fines, imprisonment for up to a year, or both. Companies could be fined up to \$250,000 for a first offence and up to \$500,000 for each subsequent offence. Before this change, the penalty options included a possible fine of just \$2000 or imprisonment of up to six months.

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# 55 Attend UCW Fall Rally in Milford

By Christine Urquhart

The recent Truro Presbyterial UCW Fall Rally was held in Milford at Milford United Church. A good turnout of 55 ladies and a nice, sunny day made the day special! The speakers both had to do with refugees, one as part of a committee who helps to bring in refugee families and the other as someone who came here from Syria. There was also some special music by a group of ladies called the Gospettes.

Maritime Conference UCW

President, Sarah Goodfellow, spoke about our Conference Project - the Cook Book - which is part of the child well-being initiative. We are asked to host an event and do a write-up on four of the recipes with photos if possible.

Some parts of this cook book will be printed and given out a Food Banks. The whole book will be printed and sold with the funds raised going to help families in need, especially the children. It is hard to believe that one out of five children in Canada lives

in poverty. Let's do our best to fix this!

We had a chance to purchase fresh made apple pies from Gays River United - which we did! These energetic ladies made 1065 pies! There was also a great Book Display from Cole Harbour Resource Centre.

A motion was made to have the day's collection (\$200.00) sent to the Mission & Service Fund designated to help with the Sydney and area disaster fund. All in all it was a great day!

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