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## Glooscap Restaurant Open

Parrsboro has waited a year. Now the wait is over.

The Glooscap Restaurant & Lounge is open.

After being leveled by a disastrous fire a year putting 20 people out of work, the newly constructed famous eatery opened its doors earlier in October.

Amber, told the South Cumberland News she was

waiting for the remainder of the furniture and would then plan an opening sometime in November.

Everything was in place except the customer booths. While waiting for the booths to arrive, staff and customers, who were so glad to be open, were temporarily content to use tables and chairs.



On October 14th on the Parrsboro pier crews rush to load the boats. The sequence is when the tide is high and lobster season just opened, rush to get out and place the traps and hope for a good year. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



A pile of lobster buoys sit on Parrsboro Pier awaiting transfer to area lobster boat for the season opening. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

## Fitch Book Signing Nov. 27

By Patricia Burke

Well known book writer Sheree Fitch will be at The Hall, 44 King Street in Parrsboro on Wed. Nov. 27, 2019 at 7 pm. She will talk on her newest book "You Won't Always Be This Sad."

Sheree begins her book tour on Nov. 16 in Halifax and travels to various locations in N.S. & N. B. She is coming to Parrsboro on the 27th. Sheree writes books for all ages, speaks and gives workshops on creativity and childrens and womens issues. Sheree

has published books in all genres and lives on a hobby farm in Pictou County called "Happy Doodle Do"

Meet this wonderful book author at The Hall in Parrsboro on Wed. Nov. 27, 2019 at 7 pm. She will have a 20 minute reading, 20 minutes of conversation and then the book signing. She will also have several of her Children's books for sale so what a better way to start your Christmas Shopping than to buy one of Sheree's books.

## Cumberland Business Challenge Announced

By Maurice Rees

The Amherst and Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Small Business Awards Gala on October 22nd, which saw four local businesses being honoured for their contribution to the local business community. Emcee for the evening gala was David March.

Attendees and award nominees were treated to an interesting address by Patrick Manifold, Nova Scotia Media and Marketing. On a lighter note, door prize for the evening was two

tickets to the Amherst & Area Chamber of Commerce AGM scheduled for April 23rd 2020 and was won by Mr. Terry Farrell.

Cumberland residents and business owners have several reasons to be proud and has a lot going for it, even though they sometimes feel isolated being located in the most north-east corner of the province. Even though they have a reputation for national recognition in many areas.

Resource industries are important even though recent decades there has

been a lot of out-migration from rural areas. Stastics Canada forecasting indicate rural areas across Canada will be on a growth plateau and will show growth in excess of 7% over the next decade. Cumberland County produces 50% of all wild blueberries grown in Nova Scotia; 80% of maple sugar taps in Nova Scotia are found in Cumberland County and there is several strengths in Agriculture. Cumberland County is the second largest county in Nova Scotia and is home to 14% of all Nova Scotia farms

with 30% of all Class II soils in the province.

These are the behind the scenes data, which gives Jonathan McClelland the drive to push and enhance the Cumberland Business Connector.

The kick-off announcement of the "Cumberland Business Challenge" couldn't have been made to a more receptive and understanding audience. Early in the evening, Mr. Jonathan McClelland - CEO of the Cumberland Business Connector took to the podi-

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Amherst and Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Small Business Awards gala on October 22 with David Marchy As Emcee. The above photo shows winners of the Small Business Awards. (L-R): Josie Redmond and Kathy Legere (The Copper Tree Boutique); Julie Hoeg, Executive Director and Damien Hurley - shop worker (Sunset Thrift Store and Laundromat); Kim Gould and Gillian VanSnick (Damaris Spa and Wellness Centre); Laura Thompson and Brian Hebert (Fundy Treasures). (Submitted)

## Award Nominee - Tysons' Fine Minerals

(NOTE: The Parrsboro Band Association was a nominee in the Amherst & Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Award program. Although they did not ascend to the top and win an award, we wanted to include their biography as printed in the Gala's program)

When Helen Tyson was asked how Tysons' Fine Minerals was born, she told us "It grew out of a joint love my husband and I share for geology - especially mineral specimens, which we collect as well as sell." Ms. Tyson and her husband Rod have operated Tysons' Fine Minerals in Parrsboro for over ten years. In discussing their move from Edmonton to Parrsboro Ms. Tyson shared with us that it has been very good for them. Saying that when they arrived, they knew they wanted to be a part of the community, not just live and work here. And that as Nova Scotia is such a desirable

vacation destination, they have had numerous people let them know that they had planned their vacation specifically to visit Tysons' Fine Minerals.

When asked about their mission Ms. Tyson shared, "Collecting and preserving Canada's mineral heritage

since 1975." In expanding on how that plays out, she added, "We prospect, develop and market Canadian mineral specimens." As Rod Tyson is a world-renowned professional geologist that certainly rings true.

Above I had mentioned that when they moved here

the Tysons committed to being part of the community of Parrsboro. Having seen the list of organizations, projects, and community efforts they are a part

of, it's clear that they have been true to their word. And regardless of if it is Mr. Tyson, Ms. Tyson or Tysons' Fine Minerals, they are all immersed in the community



Now that exterior repairs, thanks to the Coast Guard, are completed on the Parrsboro Lighthouse it appears like a gem in the middle of the harbour. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

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