



Joy Snihur Wyatt Laking puts the finishing touches on one her recent paintings in preparation for her upcoming Open House Exhibition on October 19, 20, 26, 27 at her Gallery in Portauptique. (Harrington Photo)

## New Bingo Gives Back

The popular new Legends Gaming Centre is in search of charities to partner with! The new state-of-the-art bingo facility has successfully put thousands of dollars back into the community in just under a year through its 50/50 draw, and welcomes new applicants.

The bingo centre has helped local charities raise over \$14,000 dollars since its opening in December of last year. Recipients are chosen by application and then asked to participate in selling tickets at the Centre for the week. While donations range, some have received up to \$950 dollars.

General Manager of the facility, Chris Weunsch raved about the partnership saying, "There is great potential for community groups to raise a large sum of money for their cause. It's really up to them how much they sell."

Community reach cannot only be found through the fundraising success of local charities, but is also evident

through the influx of new visitors to the area.

"This facility is bringing new visitors to the region," Joyce Mingo, Executive Director of Central Nova Tourist Association states. "There's a lot of potential for economic spin-offs to other businesses in the area."

The Centre's next super bingo event scheduled for October 6th is expected to draw hundreds of visitors from throughout the Maritimes. "The opportunity to win the \$3000 dollar jackpot or one of our \$1000 regular games is always a great draw" commented Weunsch.

If you are interested in getting your charity involved contact Legends for an application form at Ph: 888-608-1754, or info@legendsgaming-centre.com

Legends Gaming Centre hosts games Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

## Onslow Belmont Notes

By Debbie Weatherby

I have seen more deer the last week and a half than in 2 months, totally awesome to watch them as at the moment they don't seem a bit scared at all.

A ball tournament was held in memory of Paul Muise. Talk about dedicated, they played in the pouring down rain and by the looks of the ballfield they got pretty muddy too. Used to play ball a "few" years ago and i must say there are still times i miss it, but alas my ball playing days are over.

Not sure how anyone else feels but the darkness in the evenings is happening way too fast for my liking and not looking forward to the time change. Wonder why we can't leave it the way it is, would be so much nicer don't ya think.

Regular Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. Services are held every Sunday at the Trinity United Church in Onslow at 10:00 a.m. Trinity is at the corner of Meeting House Road and Onslow Road. All are welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

Belmont Baptist Church services are held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:30. Prayer meeting is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Well hope everyone survived the back to school thing and please watch out for the kids in your travels. Next holiday coming up is Thanksgiving and hope it is a good one for all and please give thanks to all those you need it and deserve it.

## COLCHESTER SOUTH

### Jamie Baillie, Progressive Conservative Candidate



(Editor's Note: Candidates for the three mainline parties in Cumberland South we sent a questionnaire unique to Cumberland South. Here is the reply from Jamie Baillie, leader of and candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia in Cumberland South).

**What will you do to stop the out-migration of government services to Amherst?**

Shuffling jobs from one town to another makes no sense. How could the NDP think that was a good idea?

**Are you willing to work with citizens in Cumberland South to establish a suite of satellite offices in vacant space in Parrsboro?**

Yes. I think money can be saved while providing better services if we do this well.

**If five departments were to occupy the satellite office one day per week, which departments do you feel would be best for the area?**

Why limit it to five? Good candidates include Service NS, NS Business Inc. & Community Services.

**How do you propose to ensure internet service with the same broadband width as Truro or Amherst is available within Cumberland South?**

Keep pressing! Seaside just changed owners. I know the new owners and intend to meet with them to drive home how let-down people in Cumberland County feel. We've been successful pecking away by working with Seaside, but they need to speed up.

**How long would it take to become reality?**

I want them to recommit to a deadline and hold to it.

**As we all know cell phone reception along Highway # 2 from Glenholme to Advocate is spotty at best. What promise can you make to ensure reception is equal to the consistent quality if one were driving between Amherst and Oxford?**

I share those frustrations - it's impossible to keep working (hands free of course) while driving there. While we can press the phone companies, the ultimate solution to attracting services is to bring prosperity back to Cumberland County by fixing the fundamentals like high taxes and power rates and focusing on developing small business in rural communities.

**What are the two most important things you can do to help the citizens of Cumberland South?**

I want to lead a government that brings Change that Works. Let's finally tackle the high taxes, high power rates and job killing regulations that are dragging everyone down and killing hope for a better future. And let's provide opportunity for our young people with a comprehensive plan to change directions, boost our population and build on our great strengths.

**Recently smaller schools in rural area have been closed causing elementary students to be bused long distances. What is your approach to closing of small elementary schools and what can you do to curtail further closings?**

First, place a moratorium on rural school closures until the N.S. Commission on the New Economy has submitted its final report. Protect rural classrooms by supporting the creation and expansion of Community Hub Centres - a potentially cost effective way to bring public and community services together under one roof. By negotiating multi-year funding agreements with our school boards, save money and let the Boards plan effectively while requiring innovations that benefit our students that don't focus on closing schools. Most importantly, don't accept that we have to keep shrinking. That is a defeatist attitude that holds us back. Let's have a clear goal of 1 million Nova Scotians by 2025 and get everyone working toward it: our edu-

cation system, attitude to job creation and willingness to do things differently. Schools are the lifeblood of many communities. We are better off treating them as strengths and opportunities.

**If a school is closed should the costs of maintaining that facility remain with the school board until the building has new owners or the site is remediated?**

It has to be the Province. That would help stop school closure. The Province must see those schools as local economic and social backbones. We have to stop treating schools as just buildings.

**To assist in reducing costs and overheads should administration of repairs for electrical, mechanical, carpentry, plus landscaping and snow removal be the responsibility of the local school so local contractors can perform the work, rather than having board maintenance staff use valuable time and expense travelling to each school?**

Good idea. We must be willing to innovate to free-up money for our classrooms.

**How would you facilitate using under-utilized space in existing schools to provide additional education opportunities for adults?**

By creating Community Hub Centres to bring public and community services together under one roof, as mentioned above. We also support the maintenance and upkeep of legions, lighthouses, churches, recreation centres and community halls that serve as the heart of small rural communities by creating a Rural Community Centres Fund.

**What do you perceive is the most critical situations facing Cumberland South residents and how would you solve those problems?**

Most of our problems can be traced to declining population and opportunity. I say: don't accept that anymore. Set goals, like growing to 1 million Nova Scotians, and work together to get there. Fix the fundamentals instead of throwing money at the symptoms.

**If voters decided to vote for the person rather than the party, why should voters cast their vote to support you?**

I am very grateful to everyone for giving me the chance to represent them, and I try to work very hard on their behalf to repay that faith.

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