



Organizers of the Victoria Hall Renovation Initiative held a very successful fundraising concert in early September. Pictured in the photos are: young lady on vocals Julia McLellan, young man on guitar and vocals Mike Cox. Mike Elliott on bass and fiddle, Bill Elliott on guitar and mandolin. Robert "soup bone" MacDonald on drums. (Janet McLellan Photos)

## A CHILD'S REQUEST

(through the eyes of a child)

Could you find me a circle of friends in a square  
 Could you please make them friends who really do care  
 I do wish for clowns with their noses of red  
 Or maybe some ponies or animals instead

For the child in all of us

Could you sing me the song of the wind and the wand  
 Could you tell me the story of the gold fish pond  
 Can you whisper my name and tell me it is true  
 That you once met an angel that watches over you

For the child in all of us

Could you tell me the tale of the puppet making man  
 Could you tell me the story of the crock and peter pan  
 Could you sprinkle magic dust into my hair  
 Please tell me the story that all of us share

For the child in all of us

Could you stay with me just for a short while  
 Can you make sure my dreams are dreams with a smile  
 Could you rock me to sleep in the way that you do  
 Please tell me the story please tell me it is true  
 That there is an angel of blue

For the child in all of us  
 Yes! Yes! Yes! Child there is  
 An angel of blue

God bless and thank-you  
 Thomas A. Marshall (Ex-Navy)

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mate change and changing weather patterns. I am not aware of any local residents currently in this situation, but it clearly has the potential to impact some folks in the future. The second issue discussed, which I felt could impact locally, was changes to the Federal Disaster Relief Program.

During this discussion I spoke on how rural communities were unfairly treated under this program. The example given was during flooding which occurred in and around Great Village and Lower Debert, last September, we were not eligible for disaster relief because losses did not reach \$1,000,000. However two weeks later, a similar incident occurred in and around the heavi-

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In closing I would like to remind everyone Small Business Week kicks off on October 18th and runs until the 24th. Please support our small businesses by buying local. You can also support your favorite local small business by nominating them for one of four awards being presented by the Truro & Colchester

ly populated region of Fall River and due to that population density they meet the \$1,000,000 threshold and qualified for assistance. Clearly this puts rural communities at a disadvantage. I was assured that this concern would be part of the discussion when staff met with the Federal Minister to provide input to this policy.

In closing, I would like to point out that during both of my municipal elections campaigns I encouraged everyone to "Please take the time to vote". I encourage you, regardless of party preference "Please take time on Oct 19 to get out and vote" It is important!

Enjoy the Fall. Tom

**Tom Taggart, Councilor District 10, Colchester County**

Chamber of Commerce.

Just go to the Chambers web site, print the nomination form, fill it in then scan/email it to ed@tcchamber.ca or drop it off in a sealed envelope at the Chamber office, 605 Prince St (Marigold Cultural Centre) in Truro.

**Doug MacInnes, Councillor District 9, Colchester County**

## Bass River & Area Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Well today is the beginning of fall. A very nice start to the season, the air is warm and the sun is out, which is a great way to dry all that winter's wood you folks have been splitting all summer, now these days would be a perfect time to get it under cover from the elements that are coming.

And while we are chatting about your winter wood, a reminder to perhaps check and clean that chimney and or pipes in the basement and also take a look at your wood burning stoves and fireplaces to make sure they are ready to fire up soon.

Now news from the hall. The first thing is we have gotten both hall wear, which are a uniform to wear at fire hall events etc, and some members have also gotten dress uniforms for funerals etc. A thank you to Tammy Grue for spearheading and organizing the effort to get these very important uniforms.

We are in the process of getting a new generator to put on truck five for use at scenes at night, the generator we help light the scenes and help keep everyone safe.

We are gearing up for our ANNUAL Fall Auction on Oct 10. We will be present at the hall on the night of the ninth for anyone who needs assistance in getting your donations to the hall. If you need any help, just call your local fire person and tell them what you need. We will

be glad to offer our assistance. Watch for a flyer in the mail boxes for times and info on auction day. A canteen will be on site as well.

The week following the Auction, we will be having the ANNUAL BASS RIVER TRAIL RIDE, on Oct 18, at a cost of twenty five dollars you and your steed can climb the mountain and have dinner at the top and enjoy an amazing ride. For info contact Peter @647-2546.

Since Halloween is on Oct 31, a Saturday this year your Fire Brigade is holding a Halloween dance that night. Should be a hoot, bring a costume if you like.

The brigade would like to send our sympathies to Tammy Grue and her family on the passing of her step father.

Well that is all from the hall, so please check your pipes before you start a fire. Oh, do not forget to vote.

### "Til We Meet Again" - November 7

At the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Halifax, on November 7th commencing at 7:00 pm Maritime Forces Atlantic will present 14th annual "Til We Meet Again" concert featuring the superb music of The Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy and special guest performers in support of the Camp

Hill Veterans' Memorial Garden at the QEII Health Sciences Centre.

All proceeds from this concert support the Veterans' Memorial Garden; donations are gratefully accepted at the door. Tickets are \$15.00 plus fees/taxes and are available for purchase now: By phone: 1-800-874-1669 or (902) 494-3820; On-line at: <https://kildacweb-3.cohn.dal.ca/online/>, or in person: Rebecca Cohn Box Office, 6101 University Ave. Halifax. Parking is available at the Seymour St. parking garage, just beyond the Rowe Bldg.

## Homework Standards in Place

Homework standards intended to support and enhance student learning at every grade level in Nova Scotia were on September 1 by Education and Early Childhood Development Minister Karen Casey. More than 7,000 students, parents, guardians and teachers provided input on the new homework standards through an online survey last spring.

"It is important to build on what students are learning in the classroom to help support their overall success in life both academically and personally", said Ms. Casey. "All homework needs to reflect what is being taught to students, and teachers will use their professional judgement to determine when to assign homework, what to assign and how much."

The provincial policy provides flexibility and clearly defines the roles of students and their families, teachers, administrators, school boards and the department. The poli-

cy states: School administrators will establish a school-wide approach to designing and assigning homework that includes home-school communications; teachers will evaluate homework and provide timely feedback to students and students are responsible for completing homework assignments on time and to the best of their ability, and families should provide encouragement and appropriate support to help students develop study skills at home.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will communicate the homework policy to school boards, who will then monitor implementation of the policy in all schools. The standards are designed to ensure homework enriches student learning, is tailored to a student's age, grade and learning needs, and is designed to involve families in supporting their children's learning.

The purpose of homework will also vary by grade and subject. Homework can be assigned on any school day with consideration for cultural, religious or other days of significance for individual students and their families.

The new policy on homework, which applies to all public schools, is one of 21 new initiatives coming to classrooms this September as part of government's five-year education action plan. A copy of the homework guidelines is available at [ednet.ns.ca](http://ednet.ns.ca)

*Bass River United Baptist Church*

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## 173<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Everyone is invited to the  
*173<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Service*  
 of the Bass River United Baptist Church,  
 Bass River, N.S.

7:00 p.m.  
 October 18, 2015

Special Speaker:

**Rev. Kaj Binderup**

Pastor of Visitation of Immanuel Baptist Church

With Special Music

Refreshments Served.  
 Wheel chair accessible.

For more information contact:  
 Pastor Larry Tirrell  
 Church: 902-647-2567 Home: 902-843-5941



## Fall Clean Up Tips and Reminders

Fall Clean Up will be taking place October 5th to 9th in Zones 1 & 2

- **Bagged garbage MUST be placed in CLEAR BAGS for collection.** Black, blue or other solid coloured bags **WILL NOT** be collected.
- All items must be placed within 10 feet of the road by **7am on the MONDAY of your collection week.** Smaller items must be bagged or bundled.
- The total amount to be set out **cannot exceed 650 lbs** (imagine the amount that can fit into the back of a half tonne truck).
- A number of trucks will pass by your home collecting specific items. **These trucks will pass by once.** Roads are inspected at the end of the day ensuring all acceptable items are collected. **Material set out after the trucks have passed will not be collected.**
- **Electronics, such as televisions, computers, printers and monitors will NOT be collected curbside during clean up.** Visit [www.recyclemyelectronics.ca](http://www.recyclemyelectronics.ca) or call 1-888-567-4535 to find out your nearest drop off location.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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