



There are over 125 scarecrows scattered throughout downtown Truro for 2023 Truro Harvest Festival October 1-31. Pictured above is a 2022 winner sponsored by Great British Grub, 127 Arthur Street. A note on the online photo says, "Pie Man - Simple Simon met this guy when he was going to the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition in Bible Hill." (Submitted)

Scarecrows and Pumpkins Invade Downtown

Not only does it encourage touring every nook and cranny in Downtown Truro to see out over 125 scarecrows and many pumpkin displays, the Truro Harvest Festival, October 1 - 31, people have a chance to vote for their favourite scarecrow of pumpkin with prizes being \$50 in Downtown Dollars.

A lot of information is included on: truroharvest.ca including 2023 events, lists of sponsors, plus photos of 2022 scarecrow winners. Although a scarecrow map is online, people are encouraged come

and visit over 125 scarecrows scattered throughout Downtown Truro this fall to celebrate the harvest season. You can even vote on your favourite scarecrow creations designed by local businesses for a chance to win Downtown Dollars.

One of the top 2022 Scarecrow winners was sponsored by Great-British-Grub-Café. A tour of the website includes many of the 2022 winners. A partial list of current sponsors include: Blake's Pumpkin Jungle, Town of Truro, Truro's Farmers Market, MacQuarrie's

Pharmasave, Grinner Food Systems and Patterson Law.

Voting button is also located at Truroharvest.ca to vote in support of your favourite pumpkin to enter to win \$50 in downtown dollars.

A note on the website says, "Thank you to our 2022 Scarecrow Village Sponsors! With their help, we were able to create scarecrow displays throughout Downtown Truro, including at Civic Square, Victoria Square, along the Esplanade at Truro Centre, and along Prince Street".

Truro Curling Club Goes Solar

The Truro Curling Club will soon harness the power of the sun to help operate the facility following a provincial announcement a \$200,000 investment in the club's solar energy project on September 8.

"The Truro Curling Club has long been a hub for our community, and these upgrades will make the facility a sustainable gathering place that will continue to be cherished for generations to come," said Dave Ritcey, MLA for Truro-Bible Hill-Millbrook-Salmon River, on behalf of Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. "Communities are ex-

perts in identifying new ways to be more sustainable and environmentally friendly. Our government is proud to invest in these local community initiatives that are making a meaningful difference."

With this funding, the Truro Curling Club will purchase and install a solar energy system, which will help power the club and make ice for the curling rink. Generating electricity from sunlight will create long-term cost savings and reduce the club's environmental impact.

The investment is through the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, which is avail-

able to municipalities, non-profit and community organizations, post-secondary institutions and Mi'kmaq communities to help them respond to and prepare for climate change impacts and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



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one who wants to learn more about the 4-H program.

Closing ceremonies will be held in the main arena at 12:00 pm on Sunday and will include a flag presentation for the top county based on scores and participation throughout the weekend.

More information on the 4-H Nova Scotia program and this event are available on our website www.4hnovascotia.ca

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November 11 at Veterans Memorial Park

There will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Bass River on Remembrance Day Nov 11th starting at 10:45AM.

Natural Bough wreaths are available in Memory or in Honour for by calling volunteer

Heather Robinson at 902-647-2478. The cost remains \$25.00.

Due to changes post COVID there will unfortunately be no reception. Please join us to remember. **Lest We Forget**

Beau Blois Named Woodland Owner of the Year

Beau Blois of Old Barns, Colchester County is the winner of the provincial 2023 Woodland Owner of the Year Award. Mr. Blois, an emergency room physician, maintains a 1,226-hectare property with his wife Laura and their children. Their woodlot is Forest Stewardship Council certified and provides habitat for a variety of wildlife and plants. Their property also includes a black Angus beef farm and trails for outdoor recreation.

"Private woodlot owners play an important role in maintaining our forests, and it's wonderful to have so many working with us to advance ecological forestry in Nova Scotia," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables. "Through sustainable management of their woodlots, the Blois family and our regional award winners show how forestry and biodiversity work together."

The western regional winners are James and Linda Smith of Shelburne County, and the eastern regional winners are Stephen and Michelle Van de Weil of Antigonish



Beau and Laura Blois with their three children with the 2023 Provincial Woodlot Owner sign to be erected on their property in Old Barns (Submitted)

County.

The awards recognize private landowners for outstanding stewardship of their woodlands and excellence in forestry techniques on private land. It encourages sustainable stewardship and increases public awareness of the importance of private woodlands in Nova Scotia.

Nominations were evaluated using integrated resource

management practices; employing environmental standards; meeting sustainable goals; protecting wildlife habitats; improving woodlots; and understanding forestry and woodlot management.

Information on the Woodland Owner of the Year Award at: <https://novascotia.ca/natr/woodlot/woya/>

Supporting the United Way

A Songwriters' Circle in support of United Way of Colchester featuring Dave Sampson, Breagh Isabel and R.C. Stanley will be held November 10 at Marigold Cultural Centre from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

Presented by: RBC Wealth Management Dominion Secu-

rities and The Carter Wealth Management Group its one night of great music and community support. Support the 2023 United Way Campaign - working with Colchester and Cumberland counties - while hearing stories and songs from three amazing local musicians.





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