

Beaubassin the "Forgotten Jewel"

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further develop the province's important tourism sector.

Here's the data received from Bill Casey's office

Beaubassin was founded in about 1671 on a ridge to the east of the Missiguash River. Jacque Bourgeois was the founder of the village. It grew to about 50 families by the time of the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713 when the territory was ceded to the English. Just across the Missiguash in what would later be New Brunswick, the colony remained French.

The village was not spared violence from time to time by English raiding parties from New England, but it did grow to become a significant center of commercial life. There were significant farms and orchards there. There were clothiers and iron workers. It was a trading post.

In fact, just in the past few weeks, a causeway construct-



It's a slow process, but several foundations of many structures have been found at the Beaubassin site. (Submitted)



Some of the digging that has been going on at the Beaubassin site since 2007. (Submitted)



Bill Casey in Prime Minister Chretien's office in 2002, explaining the significance of the site, which Mr. Chretien immediately recognized, as he had once been the Member for the neighbouring riding of Beausejour. (Submitted)

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The Hall Celebrates a Wonderful Year

By Patricia Burke

The hall in Parrsboro can proudly boast about all the accomplishments it has had since the beginning of 2016. The building has a reputation of providing wonderful music during most events. There were 8 concerts in the Concert Series which such musicians as Whitney Rose, Parrsboro's own Ryan Willigar and Joan Kennedy to name a few. The Film Festival in October continues to gain in popularity.

The Wednesday movies are definitely gaining popularity with an average attendance of 30. Open Mics are continuing to be popular providing a wide range of music with great musicians coming to the event from all over Cumberland County.

In July we have Band Day and have musical groups come in from Sackville, NB and this year a band came from Charlottetown, PEI. Oktoberfest is probably one of the most popular events we have at the hall with patrons dancing the night away to the sounds of the Elastic Big Band. The Spring and Christmas concerts are well enjoyed by all. Rob Bentley and his groups that are rehearsing at the hall on a weekly basis provide great entertainment as well as The Parrsboro Citizens' Choir provides a great singing group. The Elastic Big Band also performs at these concerts as well.

No report would be complete without a report on the various renovations that have taken place during the year. The interior wood-work was painted throughout the hall. During one of our torrential rainstorms the foyer received damage as it leaked. Just recently the board decided this needed to be fixed so a new ceiling was installed, walls and trim painted and new carpet installed. A new light was installed and a baseboard heater installed, making for a pleasant experience when you enter the building.

As this report is being written Eric Henwood Contracting is at the building starting to replace the rotten clapboards on the front which is indeed a very costly project. This project will continue as funds

become available. We would not be able to do these projects without support from The Municipality of Cumberland, Town of Parrsboro and our wonderful supporters who come to our events. This allows us to continue our Mission Statement "To create for the people of South Cumberland County a accessible cultural and community centre."

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

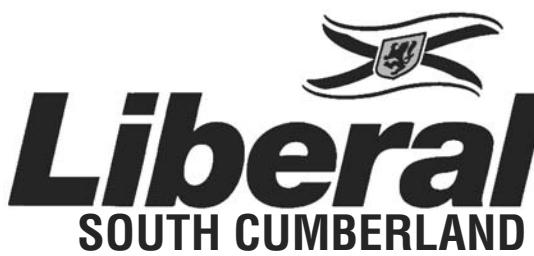
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