

## Complimentary Bus Service TO OKTOBERFEST



Volunteers will spend hundreds of hours decorating the North Shore Recreation Centre for the annual Oktoberfest in Tatamagouche on September 28th and 29th. (Submitted)

It's Umpapa time again. Thousands of partygoers are gearing up for this year's 33rd Annual Oktoberfest in Tatamagouche, N.S. September on Sept. 28 and 29. Hosted by the North Shore Bavarian Society, this Oktoberfest is the largest in Atlantic Canada, drawing more than 3,000 every year in celebration of this world-wide German tradition.

Authentic German music, food and beverages and plenty of dancing makes this two-day event the best little party in Atlantic Canada, says Joyce Mingo, executive director of Central Nova Tourist Association. This two-day event hosted on the last week of September benefits not only Tatamagouche and the North Shore region but the economic benefits are felt throughout the CNTA region and parts of Nova Scotia as well.

The festival includes dances Friday and Saturday nights, and a beer garden Saturday afternoon.

The North Shore Recreation Centre will be transformed into a colourful Bavarian-style dance hall where partygoers can polka to the music of two, live bands. Name the bands. There is also plenty of food, both Canadian and German cuisine, plus refreshments,

including domestic and German beers, wines, spirits and schnapps.

New this year, the North Shore Bavarian Society is offering complimentary return bus service from Truro to Tatamagouche for the Friday, Sept. 28 dance with the purchase of a \$10 Friday night ticket. For reservations, contact Markie Bus Tours at 843-5501.

In addition to activities at the recreation centre, visitors will also enjoy walking around the Village of Tatamagouche to enjoy the decorated facades of businesses and home, and other activities, including suppers, breakfasts, quilt sale and more.

And, don't forget to give a big shout-out to volunteers. The popular festival would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of the many community volunteers who donate their time each year.

Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$20 for each event and are available through Ticket Atlantic on line or through one of the following businesses: Balmoral Motel, Tatamagouche; Fulton Pharmacy, Tatamagouche; Mingo Music Sales, Truro; Jost Vineyards, Malagash; The Pork Shop, Denmark and New Glasgow and Wandlynn Inn, Amherst.

*Also see page 12 story and ad.*



Participants of the Wentworth Community C@Psite & Library's Summer Reading Program recently went on a field trip to the Springhill Miner's Museum. Pictured in mining attire are (left to right) are Brooke Lynds, Jenna Laird, Josiah Bushen, Kyle Steeves, Maddie Bushen, Maddie Flanagan, and Cadence Steeves. (Felicia MacKinnon Photo)

## Geese Flock to Parrsboro



By Lawrence R. Nicoll

In Parrsboro, the Aboiteau today is little more than a creek, but that didn't stop a large flock of 200 plus geese from finding something to eat. At times the numbers caused disagreements as seen in one of the accompanying photos.

Usually about dusk the honking begins and almost in

squadrons they take off for wherever they stay at night. Without warning on the particular evening, when I had my camera focused on them suddenly a roar of honking started and all lifted off and flew hard.

The reason soon became apparent. Only 6 seconds after my last goose photo a bald eagle came racing up after the flock.

This is actually unusual. I have watched geese stand their ground before the eagle on previous occasions. Today someone panicked and away they all went.

I did not see the end of the story.



## Blueberry Pot Luck Supper Successful

By Christine Urquhart

The stewards and trustees of the Masstown United Church would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way with our recent Blueberry Pot Luck Supper. Although we ran out of food and had to turn about 100 people away we still

made over \$1100.00. This will go towards the new roof that the Church needs. Thank you for your support.

Our next Pot Luck Supper will be the Harvest Supper in October. If you are on our calling list for making food for our suppers, we thank you for all

your hard work and dedication. We couldn't host these without you! Please let us know if you are unable to provide an item for any of our suppers, so that we can try to get someone else to provide it. It is not always easy for our callers to reach you but messages are left on answering machines, with hopes that you will respond quickly.

At \$8 per person, we lost around \$800 this past supper

because we did not receive the amount of food we asked for. That's a lot of shingles for our roof!!

Please keep this in mind when calls are made for our next supper, and if you would like to be called, but are not on a list, please inform Irene Gratto, 662-2863 and she will add you to one of the calling lists. We understand that you can't always be home to help out, but you need to let us know this! Thanks again for all your help with our pot luck suppers.

## Credit Union Meeting, Aug. 30

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ship to request that they significantly increase their support to the branch. Since 1996, there has been a pattern of weak financial results for the Bass River Branch.

The significant reduction in prime lending rates starting in 2008 impelled the Board to further review the financial results for the Bass River branch. The Board advised the membership by letter in the fall of 2010 that the hours of business of the Bass River branch would be reduced in an effort to mitigate the operating loss experienced in 2009 and 2010. The Board provided a financial overview of the Bass River branch at the Annual General Meeting held in April, 2011.

In the fall of 2011, the Board completed further analysis. The Board confirmed that losses at the Bass River Branch were increasing and that closure was the viable option. The Bass River members were subsequently advised of the Board decision to close the Branch on Sept. 30.

At a meeting of members in April 2012, the Board again provided a summary of the financial performance of the Bass River branch confirming the losses.

Financial reports for the Credit Union are audited annually by its external auditors PriceWaterhouse-Coopers, who are appointed by the membership annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Credit Union. The audited Financial Statements have been presented and approved at each annual meeting.

At the request of members from Bass River,

PriceWaterhouseCoopers reviewed and approved segregated financial statements for the Bass River Branch, a summary of which had previously presented unaudited in April, 2011 and again April 2012.

The Board of Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to act on behalf of the membership as a whole and in doing so to mitigate adverse financial results that affect the membership and Credit Union as a whole.

The Board has provided a strategy for the Bass River members in an effort to mitigate the impact to the Bass River members - this has included alternative products and services.

The Board looks forward to assuring the Credit Union continues to serve its invaluable Bass River members.

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# Rick Johnson



*"I am announcing my intention to run for Colchester County Council in the October 20<sup>th</sup> municipal election. I look forward to meeting with you and being your representative on our council."*

- Resident of Crowes Mills for 13 years
- Volunteer Firefighter & Medical First Responder with the Onslow Belmont Fire Brigade

*"I look forward to discussing any issues or concerns you may have and welcome your feedback."*

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