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The 2017 draw for stamps that permit hunting of antlerless deer will be accepted until Aug. 31, at midnight. There are 5,000 antlerless deer hunting stamps available this year. The application fee is \$8.04, plus HST. Qualified hunters can apply online, using a credit card at: <https://novascotia.ca/natr/draws/deerdraw/>. They can also apply by calling 1-900-565-3337 to have the fee billed directly to their landline phone. An antlerless deer hunting stamp becomes valid when applied to a deer hunting licence and gives the hunter permission to hunt antlerless deer in the deer management zone specified on the stamp.

Five Islands Provincial Park has increased its landholdings with the transfer of four parcels of land from Crown owned lands to the provincial park. It has added a 76 hectare piece of land on the easterly side of the park. Three additional parcels of land known as Moose Island 79 hectares; Diamond Island two hectares and 0.4 hectare Egg Island have been added to the parks holdings. Completion of the land swap brings the park's area up to 420.8 hectares from its original 339.4 hectares.

New Brunswick based Irving Tissue, with a large plant in Moncton, has announced construction of a \$400-Million state-of-the-art tissue plant in Macon, Georgia. The new plant will create over 200 jobs and allow the company to double its ThruAir Dry capacity, increasing it by 75,000 tonnes, the equivalent of 15 million cases. Construction will begin this summer and will be completed in 2019 and is estimated to provide 1,000,000 person hours of work. At the height of construction, over 540 people will be working on-site. Irving Consumer Products companies include Irving Tissue and Irving Personal Care. Irving Tissue produces premium household store brand paper products for many of North America's top retailers, in addition to some of the top-selling tissue brands in the marketplace. Irving Personal Care is the only manufacturer of baby diapers and training pants in Canada. Irving Consumer Products is one of North America's leading manufacturers of household paper and baby diaper products.

The Truro Herbal Co. (THC) has awarded a contract to Lindsay's Construction, Dartmouth for the development of a state-of-the-art 20,000 sq ft cannabis production facility on a 6.3-acre lot in the Truro Industrial Park. Completion is expected by early 2018.

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Debert.

Please stop by the museum in Debert, enjoy the monument that

stands in remembrance and visit the museum to view the artifacts and learn more about our history.

Karen Casey is MLA, Cocheater North, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance.

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Louise Cook of Portapique, Barry Jessome of Bass River and Jim Richards of Five Islands.

It has likely been ten years since I have had a four wheeler and I need to say, things changed and trails have improved over the past 10 years. For the most part the trails are wider neater and much more of a pleasure to travel on (even when it is in the middle of a rain storm) than they used to be. All terrain vehicle riding has come a long way and is a growing recreational activity. It has grown into a family sport and it brings riders from all over Nova Scotia to enjoy our region and in particular the Cobequid Mountains. Thanks to the hard work of these club members in improving these trails and promoting responsible riding West Colchester has become a destination of choice.

After taking part in the run and recognizing the asset we have on our mountain, I thought these trails would make a great venue for a mountain bike ride or Rally. The club member I spoke to thought it was a good idea as well. I will work to put this together in an effort to bring more people to the shore.

Many times when talking about tourism, people will comment,

well there are not enough restaurants or accommodations to bring people in. However we need more people to visit in order to make a business case for additional investment for tourism infrastructure.

Events like those I just spoke of, as well as, other events or destinations that take place are, for the most part, volunteer driven and supported are what will make this happen. We will gradually get to where we are recognized for what we are one of the greatest destinations in N S.

Last week I visited the Lighthouse Park in Five Islands. The Lighthouse Preservation Society employs a young person each year to greet visitors and tell the history. I asked the young lady how many visitors they were getting each day. The best day was 230 with an average of 118 people sign the guest book each day. I would suggest that, any of us locals that enjoy this facility do not bother to sign, so I would suggest that these 118 would all be from away

I would suggest that this is a very positive sign for our future.
Tom

Tom Taggart, Councillor District 10, Colchester County

Marigold Centre Receives \$59,602 Lighting Upgrades

When Bill Casey, MP, Cumberland-Colchester, arrived in Truro on August 24th, he brought along good news and \$59,602 to the Cobequid Arts Council for lighting upgrades and new series programming at the Marigold Cultural Centre. The funding comprised successful application to

two programs.

The Cobequid Arts Council will receive \$51,602 through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund to purchase and install energy-efficient and safe theatre lighting that will meet industry standards. As well, \$8,000 has been allocated through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund for programming of the Centre's 2017-2018 professional performing arts series. He made this announcement on behalf of the Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage.

The new lighting at the Marigold Cultural Centre will make the theatre experience more enjoyable

for artists and audiences, while the new series programming will provide Nova Scotians and visitors with increased access to professional performances.

The series will feature professional and emerging artists from Canada and the United States, performing various genres of music, theatre and comedy.



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