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On August 14th, Parrsboro Creative held a pop-up sale, which was a great opportunity see artist demonstrations and to purchase a one-of-a-kind artistic piece. Photographers Lawrence Nicoll and Alan Noseworthy were in attendance showing their work, while mother and son team, Beth and Tom Poirier were on hand showing their functional yet luxurious work with textiles. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)



A hot day did not stop the many visitors to the booths during Parrsboro Creatives pop-up sale on August 14th. Artisans reported sales were brisk for most part. It was a chance for folks to get out and do something different was likely part of the force creating the success. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photos)

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Pressure Mounts To Re-Open Emergency Room

By Bruce Lantz

A petition gathered 811 signatures demanding that the Emergency Room, fully equipped but sitting idle for 18 months, be re-opened to serve residents along the Fundy Shore from Five Islands to Advocate, who have been forced to seek help in ERs in Amherst or Truro. That petition is going to MLA Tory Rushton, who can use it to raise the issue in the Nova Scotia Legislature and with the Health Minister and the Premier. Affected residents are also being asked to contact the Health Minister and the CEO of the NS Health Au-

thority by phone, mail or email to insist that the facility be re-opened.

"We will continue to demand local access to services like the ER, which our taxes are supposed to be paying for," said group spokesman Bruce Lantz. "Government must be made to realize that the situation here is dire and requires immediate attention. The lives of their constituents are at stake and unless they think we don't matter, they need to act now."

The group held a public meeting Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Parrsboro Bandstand. There, people received up-

dated information as well as the opportunity to add their names to the petition, and to participate in an expanded committee which will continue to pressure government for this and other much-needed healthcare improvements along the Fundy Shore.

Lantz noted that the situation is exacerbated by strains on the EHS ambulance service, whose crews are unable to properly cover most rural areas of the province. Only two ambulances are assigned to the entire Fundy Shore, which means frequent delays in emergency transport because they have been dis-

patched to other areas of the region, or even the province, and are hours away from attending the site of a health emergency.

"We are grateful for their service but they have an impossible challenge," Lantz said, adding that the increased transport of emergency patients to Amherst or Truro, even Halifax, just adds to the pressure on those ERs, which should be focused on treating people from their own areas.

For more information, contact Bruce Lantz at 250-264-8888 or blantz99@gmail.com.



With the heat and humidity there is nothing like a dip in the ocean to cool off, and these folks took advantage of the occasion At Parrsboro's 1st Beach. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photo)

Two Charged for Springhill Break-In

On August 18, at approximately 6:35 a.m., Cumberland County District RCMP were dispatched to a complaint of a break-in at an abandoned house on South St. in Springhill. Police responded and learned that two men were still believed to be inside the house.

As police arrived and began to surround the house, two men were seen fleeing from the back of the house into the woods. Police began searching the wooded area and located one man. The man was arrested without incident and transported to the Amherst RCMP Detachment.

Police continued to search for the second man and at approximately 11:30 a.m., the second man was located at the

corner of Main St. and Mechanic St. in Springhill by the Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU). The man was arrested without incident and transported to the Amherst RCMP Detachment.

Jordan Ruddick, 27, of Springhill, has been charged with: Being Unlawfully in a Dwelling-House and Failure to Comply with a Release Order. Ruddick was remanded into custody and appeared in Amherst Provincial Court on August 20, where he was released on conditions by a Judge. Ruddick was to appear in court on August 26, 2021.

Ryan Hartley, 37, of Murray Corner, New Brunswick, has been charged with Being Unlawfully in a Dwelling-House



and Failure to Comply with a Release Order. Hartley was remanded into custody and will appear in Amherst Provincial Court the next day.

The Cumberland Integrated Street Crime Enforcement Unit (SCEU) is comprised of members of the RCMP and Amherst Police Service.

Rushton Easily Wins Re-Election

Tory Rushton easily won re-election as MLA for Cumberland South capturing 68.7% of votes cast. The constituency had 10,989 registered electors, but only 5,696 votes were cast for a turn-out of 52.12%. In the final tally 31 votes were rejected in the 27 polls throughout Cumberland South.

Tory Rushton was first elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly as MLA for Cumberland South in the 2018 by-election and he was re-elected in 2021 receiving 3,900 votes.

Prior to his election as an

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