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2024 Don Yorke Memorial SLO-PITCH Tournament



Don Yorke Memorial SLO-PITCH Tournament arrived in Parrsboro for another successful year Friday evening, Sat and Sunday. The 36th annual event was held on July 27, 28 and 29. It was another amazing event, well attended, cheerful and the burgers and hot dogs were great too with a lot of fun and perfect weather. (Lawrence R Nicoll Photos)



Construction of \$6.1-Million Fire Station Begins

By Darrell Cole
 Work has begun on Springhill's new \$6.1-million fire station. "This is a great project for Springhill and the Municipality of Cumberland," project manager for the municipality Roger MacIsaac said as footings were being poured on the property. "The need for a new fire station was identified during the fire services review two years ago and this station will serve as one of the four hub stations in the municipality."

The project was included in the 2024-25 Municipality of Cumberland capital budget. MacIsaac said the existing fire station is more than 50 years old and has served the community well, but this new building will serve the needs of the fire service now but well into the future. Iron Maple Constructors Inc. was selected in March to design and build the new fire station. It's the company's second major construction

project for the municipality in recent years. It completed the new Pugwash Library that opened in early 2023. "We're very pleased to be given the opportunity to complete this project for the municipality," foreman/site superintendent Dylan MacIsaac said. Once the footings are in place, the project coordinator expects work on the walls - including insulation - will begin very soon and progress through the remainder of the

summer into fall when he hopes they'll begin erecting the structural steel. It's hoped the building will be completed and ready for occupancy in spring 2025. It's one of two new fire halls the municipality plans to build as it moves to a hub model of fire service. It plans to build a new fire hall in Parrsboro in the coming years. Kendell Spence spent 23 years as a member of the Springhill Fire Department, including the last four as chief. He was recently appointed the municipality's first fire services manager. "This is going to be a tremendous asset for the fire service in Cumberland County," Spence said. "It will serve not only the Springhill area, but also serve as a support hub for neighbouring fire departments." The Springhill fire station was built in 1972.

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Crews with Iron Maple Constructors pour the footings for the new \$6.1-million fire station in Springhill. The new facility, which is expected to be completed in late spring 2025, will replace the existing Springhill fire station and serve as one of four hubs within the municipality. (Darrell Cole - Municipality of Cumberland photo)

2024 Parrsboro Band Days Report

By Patricia Burke
 Friday to Sunday July 19 to 21 the Bandstand property was filled with several styles of music. Fri night was the official opening and welcome. The headliner that night was HUB TOWN BAND. They delighted their audience with their tunes. After that Andy Le Blanc & The Edge, and they kept thee audience and at 9 pm Hooligan Ruff headed for the Beer Tent. Saturday saw Tory Rushton piped to get the day started the day and ANNA & THE astronuts delighted the younger set. There was singing, too many to mention, The headliner for Saturday was Ian janes who delighted the full house on the Bandstand grounds. Sunday was day thee and the great music continued starting at 10:45 am. The bands were phenominal all day Sun. Many brought their chairs and stayed the closing each. Night. The final group to perform

Parrsboro Film Festival Returns for 14TH Year

By Lori Lynch
 October 4-6th will be a weekend for film lovers in Parrsboro as the 14th annual Parrsboro Film Festival is scheduled to take place at The Hall on King Street. Fourteen years ago, a small group of film enthusiasts decided to create a film festival celebrating and showcasing the talent in the East coast film scene as their way of supporting the creative industry. Parrsboro Film Festival audiences have had the privilege of watching many artful, thought-provoking films and documentaries over the years, often with guest speakers present. The 2024 Festival is no ex-



This photo from a performance at The Hall during Parrsboro Film Festival. (Contributed)

ception. Join us on Friday evening, October 4th, for our Gala Opening and the screening of two Nova Scotia-shot feature films, The Madones and Stage Mother. Writer and Director of the Madones, Barrie Dunn will be on hand to answer questions following the

screening. Saturday morning, October 5, brings the very popular Short Film Competition, where the audience is called upon to vote for their favourites. Saturday afternoon will feature two documen-

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