



NEWSPAPERS ATLANTIC

2019 BETTER NEWSPAPERS COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS



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Mission

Newspapers Atlantic is a non-profit industry association whose core focus is to advocate for the relevance and usefulness of local journalism.

Collectively, our members distribute 400,000 printed newspapers across more than 300 Atlantic Canadian communities. They receive over 650,000 weekly website visitors and connect with one million social media followers.

Local journalism strengthens our communities by reflecting the voices, concerns and stories of local people back to each other in ways that build connection.

The most important function of journalism is to convey information.

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General

EXCELLENCE

The General Excellence Awards recognize the best all around member newspapers in Atlantic Canada based on two circulation classes.

CLASS ONE FINALISTS:**Annapolis Valley Register - First Place**

The judge said: We live in a visual age. Stories augmented by compelling photos or graphic elements are apt to be read, and remembered, over paragraphs of densely packed text. The Annapolis Valley Register has maximized the effects of this trend. Their visual appeal is greater than the sum of expressive photography and tidy layout; coupled with stellar content. The newspaper does a lot of things really well, not the least of which are consistent coverage of local community news and related content, and a fully-engaged sports section.

Valley Journal-Advertiser - Second Place

The judge said: The stunning photos, airy layouts and compelling features found in the Valley Journal-Advertiser are a product of award-winning decision making, which succeeds not only in turning judges' heads but in keeping readers turning pages longer than they might have. "Serious news told well" was the first note I jotted while examining the Valley Journal-Advertiser. It is the lasting impression as well. Bravo on a well-deserved finish.

The Pictou Advocate - Third Place

The judge said: In a word: functional. Or useful. Take your pick. In this day of diverse information streams and a trend in community journalism toward replacing local news with regional content, this is a high compliment to pay an enduring community newspaper. Rooted in tradition but at home in the day, the Advocate goes about its business of informing readers and alerting the community to the existence of products and services with authority and dignity. It achieves "newsiness" and "community engagement" without relying on riots of colour or layout calisthenics to attract attention. There's a place for a newspaper like this: the winner's circle.

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NEWSPAPER	FRONT PAGE 15%	COMMUNITY NEWS 15%	EDITORIAL PAGE AND OP-ED 10%	PRESENTATION 10%	PHOTOGRAPHY 10%	ADVERTISING CONTENT 10%	ADVERTISING DESIGN 10%	CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING 5%	LOCAL FEATURES 5%	SPORTS 5%	PRODUCTION QUALITY 5%	TOTAL 100%
Annapolis Valley Register	14%	13%	8%	9%	9%	6%	8%	3%	4%	4%	4%	82%
Valley Journal Advertiser	13%	12%	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%	3%	4%	4%	5%	80%
Pictou Advocate	11%	13%	8%	8%	6%	7%	6%	3%	4%	3%	4%	73%
Carbonar Compass	10%	13%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	3%	3%	3%	3%	71%
Clareville Packet	10%	11%	8%	8%	7%	8%	7%	3%	3%	2%	4%	71%
Victoria Standard	11%	11%	8%	8%	6%	6%	6%	3%	4%	1%	4%	68%
Port Hawkesbury Reporter	9%	11%	8%	7%	6%	6%	6%	3%	2%	2%	3%	63%
Bass River Shoreline Journal	8%	12%	8%	6%	5%	8%	6%	3%	1%	0%	3%	60%
Guysborough Journal	10%	10%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	2%	2%	0%	3%	58%

VALLEY JOURNAL ADVERTISER FOR THE WEEK OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGISTER

ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGISTER, NEW BRUNSWICK

Bad Apple Brewhouse expands with new Wolfville location

Owners staffing employees with 'all abilities' to promote inclusion

New compost bin rollout continues

Arnprior County garbage, recycling going to Chelmsford

Lequille Country Store

Proudly Maritime Owned and Operated

Annapolis Valley Register

First Place

THE SECRET LIFE OF LARRY LOOKER FOR THE WEEK OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020

VALLEY JOURNAL ADVERTISER

ROSEY ANDERSON COOKIES, NICKY SCUTTA

Twelve years, no closure

Lake Central's daughters want justice for mother's vanished murder

Fate of Lake Pisiquid not set in stone

Provincial government presents fourth option for Highway 101 abutment upgrade

HEARING FOR EVERYONE STARTING AT \$895

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Valley Journal-Advertiser

Second Place

News • P3 Sparky Paris felled

Arts & Entertainment • P6 Guthrie & Friends at deCade

Sports • P10 Burrows joins Peewee AAA

The Advocate

PICTOU COUNTY'S WEEKLY SINCE 1893

NSLC cannabis: Ready to roll

More rallies planned in support of Dlamini

Rail cars removed after derailment

LOCAL. REAL. PICTOU CO.

Pictou Advocate

Third Place

General

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CLASS TWO FINALISTS:

Tri-County Vanguard - First Place

The judge said: A newspaper willing to devote space to big, bright, bold and beautiful photography will command attention every time. But when those visuals consistently direct the eye into the stories they were intended to illustrate you know you're dealing with a purpose-driven newspaper. The Tri-County Vanguard presents community news really well, but also delivers intriguing feature choices, yields its opinion pages to multiple voices and delivers useful advertising and functional classifieds its readers can use.

Acadie Nouvelle - Second Place

The judge said: Acadie Nouvelle is an all-around standout newspaper, with its strength being in the diversity of news stories, perspectives and features that give the local French community a well-rounded picture of the world both at home and at large. Layout decisions that are well-suited to the compact tabloid format and generous use of colour add to the attractive presentation. Advertising, diverse and well presented, is geared to the local market.

Tatamagouche Light - Third Place

The judge said: The Tatamagouche Light had me at the front page, and it didn't disappoint from there. It, too, seems quite comfortable in its tabloid skin. Sensible layout, ordered content in clearly defined sections and consumable-at-a-glance advertising content contribute to a tidy over-all package.

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Acadie Nouvelle	12%	14%	8%	9%	8%	8%	7%	3%	4%	5%	3%	81%
Tatamagouche Light	14%	12%	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%	3%	4%	0%	5%	79%
Alberton West Prince Graphic	12%	10%	10%	9%	8%	7%	8%	4%	3%	2%	5%	78%
Lighthouse Now Progress Bulletin	10%	11%	8%	7%	7%	7%	7%	5%	4%	4%	3%	73%
Montague Eastern Graphic	10%	9%	9%	7%	7%	7%	8%	4%	4%	3%	4%	72%
Central Voice	11%	11%	7%	7%	6%	7%	7%	4%	4%	3%	4%	71%
Truro Hub Now	7%	12%	7%	8%	7%	9%	8%	3%	4%	2%	4%	71%
Inverness Oran	9%	10%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	60%



Tri-County Vanguard
First Place



Acadie Nouvelle
Second Place



Tatamagouche Light
Third Place

WINNERS

The Silver Quill Award recognizes service of 25 years or more. It is presented to an individual who has been actively engaged in the newspaper industry, and has made a substantial contribution to the newspaper industry.



Jackie Jardine, Editor of The Pictou Advocate.

Jackie got her start as a reporter photographer in 1989 with the Evening News in New Glasgow. Throughout her career Jackie has worked as a lifestyles editor, managing editor, news director and beginning in 2010, the editor of the Pictou Advocate. Jackie is very involved in volunteer work throughout Pictou County, working with Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, United Way, Children's Wish Foundation and the Riverfront Music Jubilee.



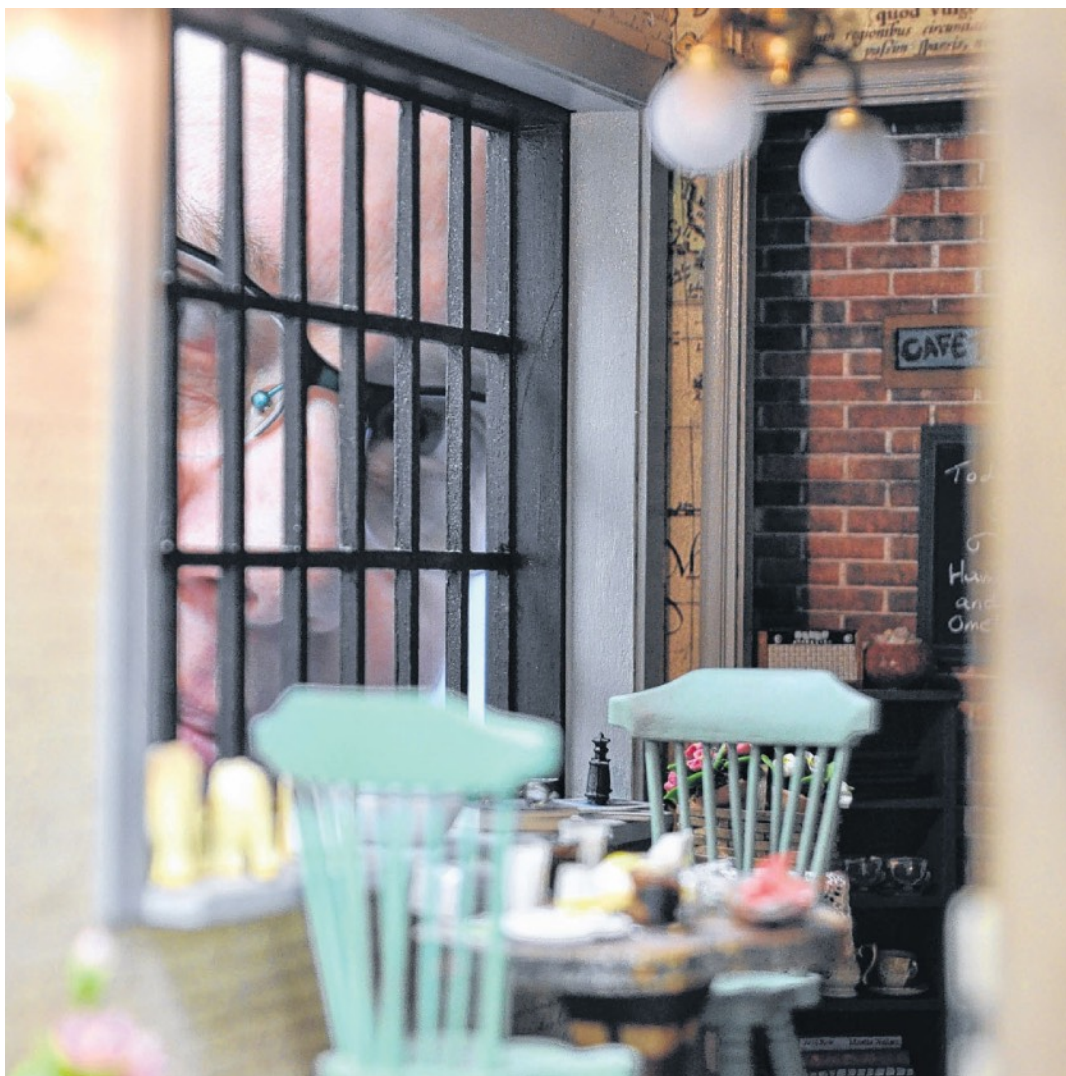
Stephen Goodwin of Advocate Media

Stephen started his career in the newspaper industry in 1973 at the Amherst Daily News and Citizen. He also worked with the Evening News in New Glasgow and has worked with Advocate Media as a reporter since 2000. Stephen has served on the boards of Cumberland Mental Health, Windsor Elms and is a former president of the Rotary Club of Pictou. In 1990 Stephen received the Dr. Don MacLean award for outstanding contribution to Atlantic University Sports and Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation award for support of school sports. Stephen won best national editorial award from the Atlantic Community Newspapers Association and in 2014 was inducted into the Pictou County Sports Hall of Fame.



Ken Partridge of Advocate Media

Ken graduated from the University of King's College with a Bachelor of Journalism, Honours Degree in 1987. He has worked with TC Media as a Senior Editor managing the editorial department of the Western Nova Scotia News Group and since 2014 has been the Managing editor at Advocate Media. Ken is a board member and vice chair of the Canadian Association of Journalists, a former president of the Dunbrack Soccer Club, a recipient of the Media Partner of the Year award from the Nova Scotia SPCA, certificate of achievement from the Atlantic Journalism Awards. Ken is also a winner of the Nova Scotia Environment award for environmental reporting and has been recognized by the City of Halifax for Outstanding Community Service.



Outstanding Feature Photo

Winner: Sara Ericsson

Annapolis Valley Register

Judge's Comments:

Sara uses her photographic skills to make her photograph tell an interesting and unique story which draws ones' attention.

The perspective of the subject looking through the window of her miniature art room increases the interest of the photograph and tells everything one needs to

know before reading a word of the article.

The technical use of depth-of-field and composition helps to create this unique perspective. The use of the subject helps to juxtapose the scale of the miniature art while the eyes and smile shows a hint of mischievousness.



Outstanding Feature Photo

Finalist: Kathy Johnson, Tri-County Vanguard

Kathy uses patience and timing to make her photograph tell a story of a fun day in cold water. The composition of subject's kayak and paddle fills the frame. Kathy avoids the temptation to level the horizon which adds an extra level of interest and creativity to the photograph. The technical use of fast shutter speed freezes the action and captures a moment in time that allows me to feel the chill of the water and the excitement of the rapids.



Outstanding Feature Photo

Finalist: Sean MacDougall, Victoria Standard

Sean uses clean lines and a big sky to allow his photograph to tell me a story of long summer days on the road. The technical composition of the RV, level horizon and a big sky to allow one's eyes to follow the hill in the background towards the sunset. Sean avoids the temptation to add more to the photograph which allows for pure simplicity. The clean composition brings peace and a nostalgic which makes one long to hit the open road.



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*Outstanding
Ad Class 1*

Winner: Helen Dalton
Enfield Weekly Press

*Judge's
Comments:*

The judge said...
Great use of
artwork, and calls
to action. The ad

stands out on the
page and
captures the
reader's attention.
Well done!




Town of Port Hawkesbury
CANADA DAY
CELEBRATION

12:00PM – 2:00PM AT THE GRANVILLE GREEN
CHILDREN'S GAMES, BOUNCY HOUSES, BBQ,
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*Outstanding
 Ad Class 1*

Finalist: Nicole Fawcett

Port Hawkesbury Reporter

Outstanding Ad Class 1

Finalist: Chris Reid

Guysborough Journal

**Junior Curling
 Program Registration**

Chedabucto Curling Club (CCC), 6 Reddys Hill, Boylston

January 3 (6:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

\$55 dues for this entire curling season.
 (Child's health card number required at registration.)

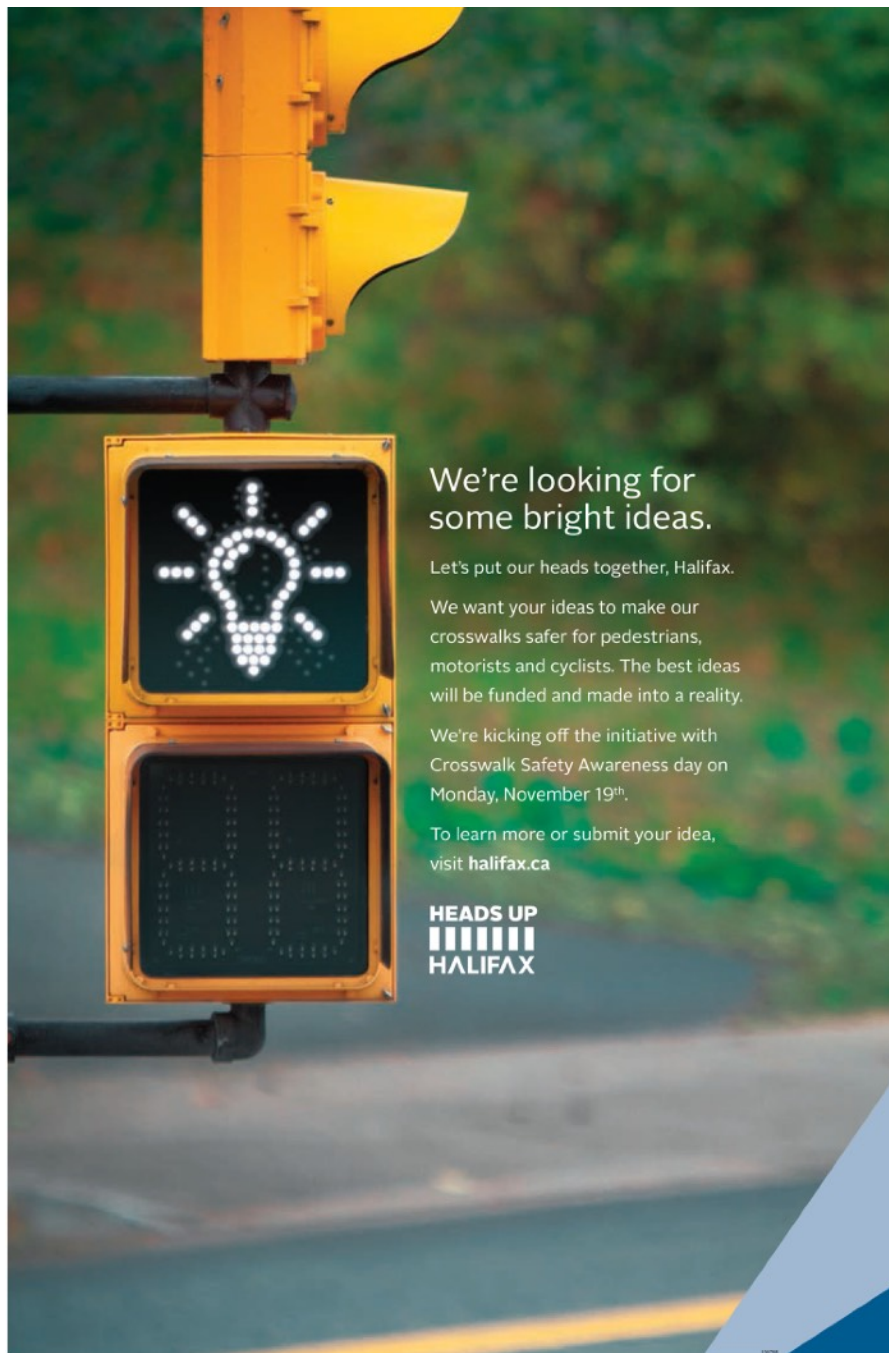
Program consists of **Little Rockers (ages 6 – 9 years)** and **Juniors (ages 10 – 19 years)**

Little Rockers coaching on **Mondays (3:30 PM – 4:30 PM)** until the end of March.

Juniors coaching on **Wednesdays (3:00 PM – 4:30 PM)** until the end of March.

Immediate questions: Ray Bates, President, CCC (902.533.2528)

Complete details: www.chedabuctocc.ca



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HALIFAX

*Outstanding
Ad Class 2*

Winner: Michele White

Fall River Laker

*Judge's
Comments:*

Great submissions
in this category.

Excellent layout,
tight copy and
good use of colour
image.



Outstanding Ad Class 2

Finalist: Vicki Hines

LighthouseNOW Progress Bulletin

A great use of colour, very clean layout.

Outstanding Ad Class 2

Finalist: Diane Savoie

Acadie Nouvelle

Chapeau
Amélie, Danny et Laurie!

Gagnants au Gala country francophone canadien 2018, tenu le 20 octobre dernier au Casino du Mont-Tremblant

 Amélie Hall Auteur-compositeur de l'année (ex æquo avec Danny Boudreau) Album de chansons originales de l'année (Cultiver l'amour) Chanson de l'année Socan (Au bout du monde, extrait de son album Cultiver l'amour)	 Danny Boudreau Auteur-compositeur de l'année (ex æquo avec Amélie Hall)	 Laurie LeBlanc Interprète masculin de l'année Spectacle de l'année
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The completed tiny house with stairs and fire pit.

GREG KILGUS

New building, old soul

Tiny house, big view

Heart of century-old building beats on in tiny house

CARLA ALLEN
TRI-COUNTY VANGUARD

Acres of old building that once rang with the sounds of music, laughter and dancing has become a tiny house in the Cape Forth, Vermont County.

Known as the "old schoolhouse," the old building was once a dance hall. It was built by Walter Souney. The family later moved to the Cape Forth, and the building was eventually purchased by the community.

The past

The old schoolhouse building was constructed in 1908 and later from the old Vermont State Capitol. The building was used as a dance hall, and the building was eventually purchased by the community.

Two years ago

When the old schoolhouse was put up for sale, it drew interest. It was a piece of history, and the building was in good condition.

The future

The building was in good condition, and the community was interested in it. The building was a piece of history, and the community was interested in it.

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Garden Campbell bought the place right across the street from the old schoolhouse. He was looking for a place to live, and he found it. The building was a piece of history, and the community was interested in it.

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Dismantling of the old schoolhouse building. Seeing past the eyesore to the potential.

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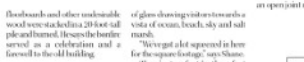
Shane Campbell sits in a corner that draws visitors for the view of the ocean, sky and lighthouse.

GREG KILGUS



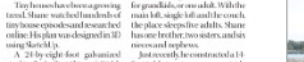
The tiny house sits next to the storage container that played a prominent role in during the dismantling and construction.

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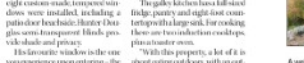
The exterior of the tiny house is an open-air rain screen cladding.

GREG KILGUS



Reclaimed and milled wood grace the interior of the home.

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The interior of the tiny house is an open-air rain screen cladding.

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The interior of the tiny house is an open-air rain screen cladding.

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Four Tellers bid adieu

Leave legacy of laughs and booming Monday nights

By Kathy Ehman
kathy@pekanada.com

The Four Tellers ended the longest run of sold out shows in the history of Kings Playhouse and never ran out of stories to tell.

In the four years since they came on stage, the master storytellers and the musical acts performing with them generated steady business for Georgetown and brought visitors to the community from near and far.

Alex Buchanan, Gory Evans, David Weale and Dennis King took a final bow before their Georgetown audience Monday, September 16.

"This show is one of the best things that's happened to the theatre since we opened it," Georgetown Mayor Lewis Lavender said. "When you sell out every night for four years you're doing something right."

"It brought business to the local restaurants and stores and a lot of people just walking around town came to see our gardens. It was good for everybody and it promoted our town in so many ways."

"Monday nights were pretty slow (before) and it was the busiest night in Georgetown for sure. We're certainly going to miss it."

From her five-year perspective through the theatre's box office, Kelly Publicover said the Four Tellers shows, including two added in September, sold out fast.

Sold out Monday night shows ended a 'dark night' when many Georgetown businesses would typically be closed.

"It took the first couple of shows in 2015 to get the word



The hours were counting down before the Four Tellers, Alex Buchanan, David Weale, Dennis King and Gory Evans gave their final performance of The Last Laugh at the Kings Playhouse Monday evening.

Kathy Ehman photo

out that something new was happening on Monday nights at the Playhouse but once it did, it triggered an avalanche of sales in the box office. After that, the shows were continuously sold out. There was lots of laughter in this historic building," Ms. Publicover said.

Most nights the only seat unoccupied was the special one roped off and marked

with a 'don't sit here' sign at the back of the theatre. It remains reserved for the Playhouse's ghost, dubbed 'Captain Jack'.

The Tellers found humour in the mundane and liveseekness in the sorrowful. Ms. Publicover said people from across Canada and the United States "put" the stories of everyday characters doing something

normal. "It made no difference whether the stories included familiar names and places or not," she said. "You never knew whether you'd be laughing or reaching for a box of tissues."

"I'm totally going to miss these guys. Our fingers are crossed one or two of the tellers will return with an act for the 2016 season."

Rhonda Brown opened the Georgetown Historic Inn on Richmond Street the same year the Tellers started performing.

Ms. Brown was the inn's only cook the first year, so they closed Mondays, traditionally slow nights in Georgetown.

"We changed the night we closed after that first year. We had a lot more traffic on Monday nights because of (the Tellers' performance), plus we enjoyed having them support the restaurant."

"We're going to miss that extra traffic. They're going to be a tough act to follow, there's no doubt about it."

Marion MacLean is general manager at the Wheelhouse Restaurant, which logged a successful first season on the Georgetown waterfront.

"I was shocked to hear they were finishing Monday. It's definitely the busiest night," Ms. MacLean said.

See page 9

Outstanding Feature Story

Finalist: Kathy Ehman

Montague Eastern Graphic

Nice solid lead - not trying too hard. This story makes us wish we had journeyed half a country away to catch the show before it closed. When people say they want positive stories, this is a perfect example.

Outstanding Feature Story

Finalist: Jonathan Parsons

Clarenville Packet

First responder suicide is topical subject newspapers across Canada address, but this feature injects a truly human story into the mix. The reader begins to understand what first responders are exposed to and is set up to wonder what can be done to help those who are the helpers.

PEOPLE

'Trevor saved my life'

Donna Hancock tells her story ahead of second memorial walk for RCMP Cpl. Trevor O'Keefe

BY JONATHAN PARSONS
THE PACKET
CLARENVILLE, N.L.

While you may know Donna Hancock as the individual who organized the "A Mile in His Shoes" walk to remember the late RCMP Cpl. Trevor O'Keefe — and she has previously stated the profound effect O'Keefe had on her life — she hasn't been specific about what he meant to her.

Hancock, 46, told The Packet she wants to tell her story to let people know exactly why she has come forth as a mental health advocate and how first responders like O'Keefe, who died by suicide last September, shouldn't have to suffer.

"I came from a very dark place"

Hancock was raised in a single parent home. To this day, she has never known who her father is.

The tears welled up in her eyes as soon as she began to tell the story of what she has gone through.

"I suffered sexual abuse as a child from a family member. There was never anybody to fill me up, to let me know that I



Donna Hancock organized the A Mile in His Shoes walk to remember the late RCMP Cpl. Trevor O'Keefe.

was a person. I was always put down my whole life ... told I'd be nothing."

Hancock has been in and out of foster homes since before she can remember. At 14 years old, she was taken in by her mother's sister for several years.

"When I met my first husband I thought, 'Gee, I hit the jackpot!'"

But that turned out to be a nightmare in itself. I was mentally and physically abused on an everyday basis."

She says she was even confined to the house for days by

her husband at the time — not allowed to leave.

"I still live with that every day. The bruises heal but the scars in your mind never go away," she says through tears.

Hancock said she was ungrateful to her thoughts that she was

totally reliant on him and no one else.

During her time in this abusive relationship, her mother and sister both died within six months of each other. Her mother was 49 and her sister was only 25.

Her ex-husband told her she wasn't even allowed to cry.

I was told "What are you crying for? They're dead and gone and there's nothing you can do about it."

People used to say to me, "Donna, you're so strong..." But, inside, I was dying."

She lived in this environment for 17 years, raising her kids.

"You're never alone, no matter what situation you're in"

Hancock finally went to the RCMP for assistance.

It was then that Cpl. Trevor O'Keefe, along with many other officers in the area, began checking on her and helping her.

It was like I had a hand of brothers behind me. That's what it was like," she recalls.

She always thought it was coincidence that O'Keefe happened to be there when she needed him most.

See DONNA, A2



Outstanding Ad Campaign

Winner: Nicole Fawcett

Port Hawkesbury Reporter

Judge's Comments:

Graphic elements were well placed and balanced, creating visually stunning ads for 98.9XFM.

Outstanding Ad Campaign

Finalist: Michele White

Enfield Weekly Press

Judge's Comments:

Great flow of text and images. The ads in this campaign were prominent in delivering a clear message for The Tractor Dome.

CHRONIQUE

IMPACT

METTANT EN VEDETTE DES PROJETS ENTREPRENEURIAUX OU TECHNOLOGIQUES
DANS LES ÉCOLES COMMUNAUTAIRES FRANCOPHONES DU N.-B.

Le cercle des amis CDLJ École Carrefour de la Jeunesse, Edmundston

Par : Karine Landry, mentore en gestion des comportements

SYMPOSIUM
sur l'ENTREPRENEURIAT
du primaire au collégial

Le groupe Cercle des amis au Carrefour de la Jeunesse à Edmundston est composé d'élèves de la 5^e année. Ils animent des jeux durant les récréations, deux midis par semaine. Leurs objectifs : amener les élèves à s'amuser durant les récréations, diminuer le nombre de conflits lors de celles-ci, créer des liens d'amitié entre les groupes d'âge et renforcer positivement les relations sociales.

« Être animateur me permet d'avoir de nouvelles responsabilités et de m'occuper des plus jeunes. C'est plaisant, et je peux créer de nouvelles amitiés et de nouveaux jeux », partage Jérémy Albert.

Au début de l'année scolaire, ils ont tous reçu une formation pour apprendre à mieux guider leurs animations. En tant que mentore en gestion des comportements, mon rôle est d'accompagner les élèves pour qu'ils puissent par la suite animer de façon autonome.

Ils vont dans les classes pour présenter leur projet, ils élaborent de nouvelles activités et ils apportent leurs idées pour améliorer le fonctionnement du groupe. Les classes reçoivent un horaire des jeux tous les mois. « Moi, ça me permet d'amuser les élèves et de les rendre joyeux, et de développer mon sens du leadership », explique Audrey Picard.

Ce projet a été jumelé avec la Société Santé et Mieux-être en français du Nouveau-Brunswick et le Mouvement Acadien des Communautés en Santé du N.-B., partenaires du Fonds d'appui pour le développement de projets entrepreneuriaux et technologiques.

Légende : Jérémy Albert est fier de porter le dossard rouge qui l'identifie comme animateur.



Légende : Les animateurs et animatrices du Cercle des amis CDLJ et Mme Karine Landry, qui les accompagne dans leur projet entrepreneurial.

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Outstanding Community Engagement

Winner: Acadie Nouvelle

For Chronique Impact, which showcases entrepreneurial and technology projects across schools in New Brunswick. This award recognizes a special service to the community by the newspaper and shows community leadership. Innovative idea, and of interest to readers.

1917 - 1918

Legion Branch 132 Cenotaph Project - We will remember them

Lt. Col. Roderick C. McLeod

Roderick Campbell McLeod (McLeod on attention papers)
Date of Birth: 20 June 1867
Parents: Alexander and Catherine (Campbell) McLeod
Father's Occupation: Farmer
Siblings: John, Annie, Christine, Joseph, Mary, Isabel, Katie Agnes, Mary Ann, and Louise Jane
Marital Status: Married wife Annie McLeod
Children: Clarence, Clement, Joseph, and Mary Jane (1901 Census of Canada)
Occupation: Physician
Enlistment: 24 February 1915, Halifax, Nova Scotia
Units: Canadian Army Medical Corps, Birmingham 9th Stationary Military Hospital (St. Francis Xavier College)
Service #: Not issued to officers
Rank: Lieutenant Colonel
Previous Military Service: None
Next of Kin: Annie McLeod (widow)
Date of Death: 4 January 1917

Comments:
Memorial Plaque and Small and Memorial Cross to his wife Annie McLeod
Roderick Campbell McLeod, an illustrious contribution to the medical profession, was born at Danvers in the Parish of Saint Margaret of Scotland, Broad Cove, Inverness County, Nova Scotia, Canada, in the year 1867. He was the son of Alexander Campbell and Catherine Campbell. His paternal grandparents were Dr. James McLeod and Catherine MacLennan; his great-grandfather was



In this photo are the Rev. Dr. Hugh P. MacPherson and Lt. Col. Dr. Roderick Campbell McLeod.

1915, St. J.E. offered a medical unit for overseas service, following the lead of several other Canadian universities. Of the nine university medical schools in Canada at the time, six of them - McGill, Toronto, Queen's, Laval, Dalhousie, and Western - produced eight general or stationary hospitals. Queen's and Laval established one of each.
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was particularly hard during severe outbreak of influenza in the area, but he was one of the few who remained in Canada at the time, six of them - McGill, Toronto, Queen's, Laval, Dalhousie, and Western - produced eight general or stationary hospitals. Queen's and Laval established one of each.
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C.R. Blackman as follows: Christmas time and went the festive season found us ministering to the wants of the sick and provided Canadians who had left our fair Canada in order to support the Empire in this gigantic struggle of right over armed and aggressive militarism. But with the dawn of the New Year, 1917 came the saddest hour of the death of our Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Roderick Campbell McLeod. On Christmas in his shaving brush, which entered his body through a small razor cut on his face, he died within 24 hours as a result of Centropneumonia Meningitis. Thus ended the career of this good and noble man, who gave his life for humanity.

Canadians whose lives have been laid on the altar of our Empire for liberty, honour, justice and right. To them all, we say, 'In requiem in pace.'

Lt. Col. R.C. McLeod's son, Lt. Clement McLeod, was serving with the 185th Cape Breton Highlanders Battalion and was stationed in England at the time of his father's death. A requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Ronald MacDonald of Pictou, Nova Scotia, and chaplain to the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders Battalion and assisted by Rev. Michael Gillis, Catholic Chaplain of the 185th Cape Breton Highlanders Battalion. Rev. John Knox, Chaplain of the Thunderbolt area gave the funeral sermon. Representatives from the D.M.S. London, Mr. John Howard Agent General for Nova Scotia, and a representative from the Imperial Command attended the funeral.

At the end of 1917 more Canadian hospitals were needed on the Western Front and the unit - again known as No. 9 Stationary Hospital - landed in northern France in December 1917. It immediately proceeded to a small village near Arras in General Headquarters at St. Omer, where it opened a hospital of 400 beds until April 1918.
The unit's first patients arrived in early January 1918, more than 100 wounded soldiers from the front. The next month, No. 9 expanded to 800 beds. That spring of 1918 during the final major offensive thrust by the German army, the hospital was subjected to harassing artillery fire and slightly bombarded.

The nursing sisters and hospital staff carried on through these attacks, remaining at their posts in operating rooms and hospital wards.

Just as No. 9 was directed to expand again, unless were received for all hospitals in the area to withdraw forward. Ambulance trains evacuated patients, equipment was picked up, and staff moved to Etaples in April and September 1918 (known to British soldiers as "Fat Apple"), a large base on the English Channel coast.

As No. 9 set up a tented hospital of 600 beds, a two-hour air raid on the area on May 18th, 1918, caused heavy casualties. No. 9 suffered three men killed and 13 wounded, while much hospital equipment was destroyed. This resulted in orders for No. 9 to move to another area. Caen, France in September, 1918 until May 11th, 1919.

Finally, in May 1919, No. 9 was ordered to prepare to return home. It sailed on Titanic's sister ship, the Olympic, and arrived in Halifax on July 28, 1919. The No. 9 demobilized the next day, after three years of service overseas.

Source: Pictou Chronicle by John Macdonald, November 15, 2013; St. J.E. and the Great War University's hospital tended to wounded soldiers. St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Broad Cove 1857-1957. Centennial Booklet: Library and Archives Canada, Canadian Great War Project and History of Inverness County Nova Scotia by J.L. MacDonald.

Outstanding Community Engagement

Finalist: Inverness Oran

For Legion Cenotaph Project

PHOTO 11. FROM WHEELS TO MEALS CHRISTMAS DINNER

PHOTO FEATURE

Shoreline Journal hosted the Wheels to Meals Christmas Dinner at Great Village Legion on Dec. 19th.



A few hot dogs, drinks, the comfy cushions, and cozy blankets were all that were needed to make the dinner table.



Shoreline Journal's photo of a volunteer dinner to the guests.



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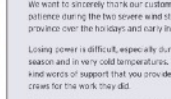
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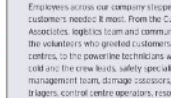
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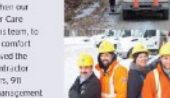
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We'd like to also extend a special thank you to the crews who assisted with the restoration efforts.

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Outstanding Sports Photo

Winner: Colin Chisholm
Valley Journal-Advertiser

Judge's Comments:

"Hitmen win championship".
What a great victory picture!
The screaming yelling happy
faces tells us the outcome of
this game. The photographer

was alert to anticipate and
photograph the jubilant
reaction of the players.



Outstanding Sports Photo

Finalist: Carole Morris-Underhill

Valley Journal-Advertiser

Perfect timing by the photographer to capture a moment of action. The composition is well balanced and frames the central action well. A great photo achievement in fast moving event.



Outstanding Sports Photo

Finalist: Heather Brimicombe

Pictou Advocate

The photographer captured peak action of this wrestling match for a very dramatic photo. Wrestling is always a challenge to shoot with action inside and outside the ring and the photographer rose to the challenge!

HORSE ARCHERY

'A lot riding on this'

Canning horseback club takes horse archery in stride



Lance Bishop will also aim to receive international certification from Kassai as a coach for the martial art.

SARA ERICSSON
KINGCOUNTYNEWS.CA
CANNING

It's like something out of a storybook as Lance Bishop gallops through mist on a buckskin Quarter Horse and fires an arrow at a target.

It's a fast run and he's a quick shot, and before you know it, it's over. The bow is thrown to one side, the horse rounds a corner, and comes back up an incline as if nothing's happened.

But it's far from nothing – it's the first club of its kind in Nova Scotia, and others are joining Bishop to learn the art.

"When I was young, I always imagined myself as a warrior atop a horse. Now, each time I do this, it feels real," says Bishop.

More martial art than sport
Bishop races along a track and shoots four arrows – one, two, three, four, they go – a race that's



Lance Bishop spent time in Ottawa, California and Hungary training with Kassai himself, who is now in Canning and will help oversee the horse archery camp and competition.

over in about 45 seconds.

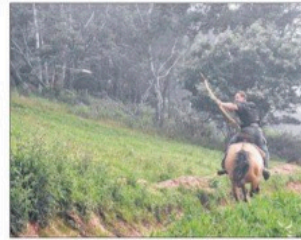
The track is part of the Seawinds Horse Archers club, a group of horseback-riding archers gathered

by Bishop in January alongside Amy Morrison and Cree Summer Taylor. The club practices a martial art-style of archery made popular by Lajos Kassai, which pulls from his Hungarian heritage of mounted archers.

The practice involves a mounted archer who fires a series of arrows at one rotating target while cantering on a horse, and is as much sport as it is a form of art, agrees the group.

"The breathing, and centering, and reducing tension – it's all at interplay here," says Taylor.

After discovering Kassai, Bishop traveled to stables in Ottawa, Cal-



As riders shoot at the rotating target, they shoot behind their horse as they continue cantering. The goal is to fire as many arrows as possible along the 99-metre course.

ifornia and Hungary to train with Kassai himself. He returned home to build his own 99-metre 'Kassai' course, where the club is hosting a training camp and competition for horse archers to learn from Kassai himself.

"We're really excited for this. We've been practicing for months and have a lot riding on this. Fun absolutely intended," laughs Bishop.

Training horse and rider takes
one year, or more: Bishop

With so much work put into learning and setting up the course, the trio has devoted hours and effort to getting things just right. Despite this, they insist learning has been easy, as they take things one step at a time.

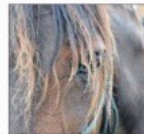
Club members practice more than 20 drills that each mimic shooting from horseback. They run, they roll, they jump, and squat – all to practice shooting while in motion.

For Bishop, it was nearly a full year before shooting from a canter was comfortable. He describes learning the one moment the rider can shoot the arrow – when the horse's hooves are all suspended in the air, mid-stride as it canters – and that riders learn to feel this moment intuitively.

"It's the only moment you stand a chance of hitting the target," says Bishop.

The artform is a three-tiered system – the archery, the horse, and putting both together – and training each horse also takes time as factors like running down the trench-like track and arrows flying over their ears are alarming to horses, says Bishop.

"Horses are prey animals – that is how they survived in the wild. Everything about this goes directly against those instincts," says Bishop.



The connection between horse and rider is vital to this form of archery, for which the rider stands up straight with no contact with the horse while shooting arrows.

'We saw his passion'

Morrison
The club's international 'Kassai competition' on Aug. 12 saw Kassai judge nine riders attempting to hit the course's single, rotating target with as many arrows as possible over 99 metres.

Camp participants learned the drills and other skills as the club aimed to receive official Kassai certification and Bishop sought his international certification as a Kassai coach.

Taylor and Morrison describe discovering Bishop and horse archery within days of each other. Both saw a picture on Facebook of Bishop shooting from horseback and were immediately intrigued.

Taylor sent Bishop a message, and just days later, Morrison messaged Taylor, who is her horseback riding coach.

"We discovered we could all help each other in some way, and it went from there," laughs Taylor, as Morrison describes how they each bring something to the club.

"We knew his passion, and so we just kind of knew we were going to work on how to make that happen," she says.

Sara.Ericsson@kingcountynews.ca



Amy Morrison shoots an arrow and hits the target.



Outstanding Sports Story

Winner: Sara Ericsson

Annapolis Valley Register

Judge's Comments:

An accessible and enjoyable explanation of a little-known sport, built around a meaty personal profile, combining the excitement of sports

journalism with the depth of a classic human-interest feature. Artfully complemented with lively, engaging photography that tells a story in its own right.

COLUMN

Open hearts, breaking hearts, in hockey towns

Yarmouth: where we welcome the Mariners and mourn for the Humboldt Broncos



Tina Comeau
It's My Life

In Bridgewater Friday evening, April 6, it was evident how much support there is in the community for the Yarmouth Jr. A Mariners.

The team was playing Game 4 of their division final against the South Shore Lamorciers and led the series 3-0. A win for the Mariners would end the series, make them the MHA Eastlink South Division Champions and advance them to the league championship final.

The last three playoff games in Yarmouth had been sellouts, with 1,201 hockey fans at the Mariners Centre. There were 1,423 fans inside the arena in Bridgewater on April 6 and a friend and I who had travelled to Bridgewater to watch the game, estimated that at least 800 of those fans - perhaps even more - were from Yarmouth.

You couldn't look at a section of seating and not see people wearing Mariners hoodies, Mariners jerseys (including the Pink in the Ring jersey) and even an old vintage Mariners jersey from back in the day, or recognize the faces from Yarmouth.

As you walked around the arena and Yarmouth people spotted Yarmouth people, you could see they were appreciative of the support the other person was giving the team by being there.

There was thunderous applause and cheers from the Yarmouth fans when the Mariners took to the ice - so much so that many Bridgewater fans might have felt they were at the Mariners Centre instead.



The Yarmouth Mariners celebrate a goal on the ice in Bridgewater last Friday during the playoffs.

with a social outing when people gather at games to spend time with family, friends and fans to simply have fun watching a game of hockey.

A COMMUNITY'S WELCOME

The parents of these players trust that the hockey club, and Yarmouth itself, will look after their kids, who range in age from 16 to 20. And when you talk with these parents, they speak glowingly and appreciatively of the way the community supports and welcomes their kids. And this happens year after year, after year.

The better families who open their homes to these players truly become an extension of the players' families. They become the Yarmouth moms and dads of these hockey players and treat them like their own children. When my kids were younger they'd wear the jerseys of their favourite Mariners at games at the

When my kids were five-years-old and in Timbits hockey, their Timbits teams played during intermissions of Mariners games. But the young kids on these teams thought: it was the other way around.

"Wow!" they'd exclaim. "The Mariners are playing at our game!"

Minor hockey teams are always excited to visit the Mariners bus and travel in style to some of their games. When you're based in Yarmouth, whether you're a parent, a team or a junior A team, there's a lot of travel involved. The parents like the bus because it is a break from driving, the kids like it because it makes them feel like the "big" hockey players.

It also allows for a good bonding experience when you are travelling to a game together, as opposed to in 15 or more separate vehicles.

So you can imagine the bonding that takes place when the



Many Yarmouth fans made the two-hour trek to Bridgewater to cheer on the Mariners, demonstrating how much the team means to the community.

email them photos of Derek after the games.

When Derek got married in September 2010, I extended congratulations on his Facebook page. Derek mentioned that when his parents had been going through old family photos they had come across the collection of Mariners hockey pictures I had sent them 10 years earlier. He said they were included in a display at his wedding.

His dad chimed into the discussion, saying Derek's junior hockey experience in Yarmouth had a significant impact on Derek and the family. So of course, he said, they would include photos of what was an important time in Derek's life on an important day of his life.

For many hockey players, junior hockey is their last hurrah in their hockey careers before they go on to have families and hold jobs.

For others, junior hockey propels them on to college, university or pro hockey. They dream, maybe, in the NHL.

For all it is a brotherhood.

ing the Humboldt Broncos junior team to Game 5 of their playoff series against the Nipawin Hawks in northeastern Saskatchewan. A truck collided with the bus. Fifteen people - hockey players, team staff, a radio reporter - were killed and 16 others injured.

Social media was immediately awash with an outpouring of grief, sadness, disbelief and condolences from one end of the country to the other, and from around the world - including here in Yarmouth. We're a hockey town. We understand how profound a loss this is.

A Canadian junior team's makeup always includes players from many communities and provinces, and sometimes even from parts of the United States. Those are their homes, but so too is the community that adopts these players for the better part of a year.

And so the season's cheers go well beyond any home arena and in a case like this tragedy the hurt is far-reaching. In homes and arenas everywhere, hearts ache

Outstanding Sports Story

Finalist: Tina Comeau, Tri-County Vanguard

Few Canadian sports subjects have been written about as much as the Humboldt crash this year, but Comeau brings a new personal angle with warmth and local context.

Boxing Night knocks out huge hit

By Steve Goodwin
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Saturday Night was more than all right for fighting for Brody Blair.

The local pugilist was a double winner, promoting a six-bout professional boxing card that drew more than 1,000 fans and defeating Mexican opponent Juan Raygosa in their six-round main event at the Pictou County Wellness Centre.

"I'm over the moon," Blair said after the bout. "We had a huge crowd. The Wellness Centre and the people of Pictou County were so supportive."

The floor seating, including the table settings surrounding the boxing ring, was virtually full and the bleachers were more than half full, as were the sky boxes.

Blair boxed with his father and trainer Robert Blair among those in his corner.

"We're so happy for Brody and Robert that they were able to do this," Wellness Centre manager David Hood said. "It was almost as if Brody was everybody's son. We've received a lot of positive feedback about the quality of boxing, the atmosphere and the overall production."

Hood said the card further demonstrated the Wellness



Brody Blair, right, measures his opponent Juan Raygosa during their six-round main event at the Pictou County Wellness Centre on Saturday night. See additional coverage on page 10.

(Goodwin photos)

Centre's ability to host special events, even when the ice in the Schey Centre needs to be covered.

"It was a great example of the building being transformed from a rink to a different format and back again," he said. "By noon Sunday we had general skating

again."

Local businessman and Rotary Club of New Glasgow member Jeff Davis also attended the card and lauded Blair's concern for the community.

"It's going to be interesting what additional cards he can assemble here," he said.

Trenton Mayor Shannon MacInnis, who chairs the wellness centre's building authority board, also attended the card.

"I thought it was a great night," he said. "I was very pleased with the crowd. They came out for a great night of fights and everyone benefited."

Outstanding Sports Story

Finalist: Stephen Goodwin

Pictou Advocate

Goodwin crafts a lively and fast-paced description that puts readers in the scene, strongly evoking place and personalities, while placing the event in a larger context. A clean, textbook sports photo completes the package.

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This week in **SPORTS**

Travis Smith swims to a new provincial record



Thomas Owen, centre, leads a team cheer after the Cudas were officially announced as provincial champions.



Kaelyn Russer competes in the breaststroke.

Cudas swim to eighth straight provincial title

STACEY COLWELL, PHOTOS

The Bridgewater Barracudas won an eighth consecutive Nova Scotia summer swimming championship on August 19 in Bedford.

Mariah Kelley shared the top overall female swimmer honours. Meanwhile, Sarah Johnson broke the girls' 13-14 fifty-metre backstroke record and Travis Smith did the

same in the boys' 15-16 fifty-metre breaststroke.

The Milton Dam-busters were named the meet's most improved team for the second year in a row while Corbin Anthony of the 11-12 age group made the all star team.

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Reagan Judge participates in the backstroke.

Judge's Comments:

*Outstanding
Page Design*

Winner: Helen Dalton

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Winner: Inverness Oran

Judge's Comments:

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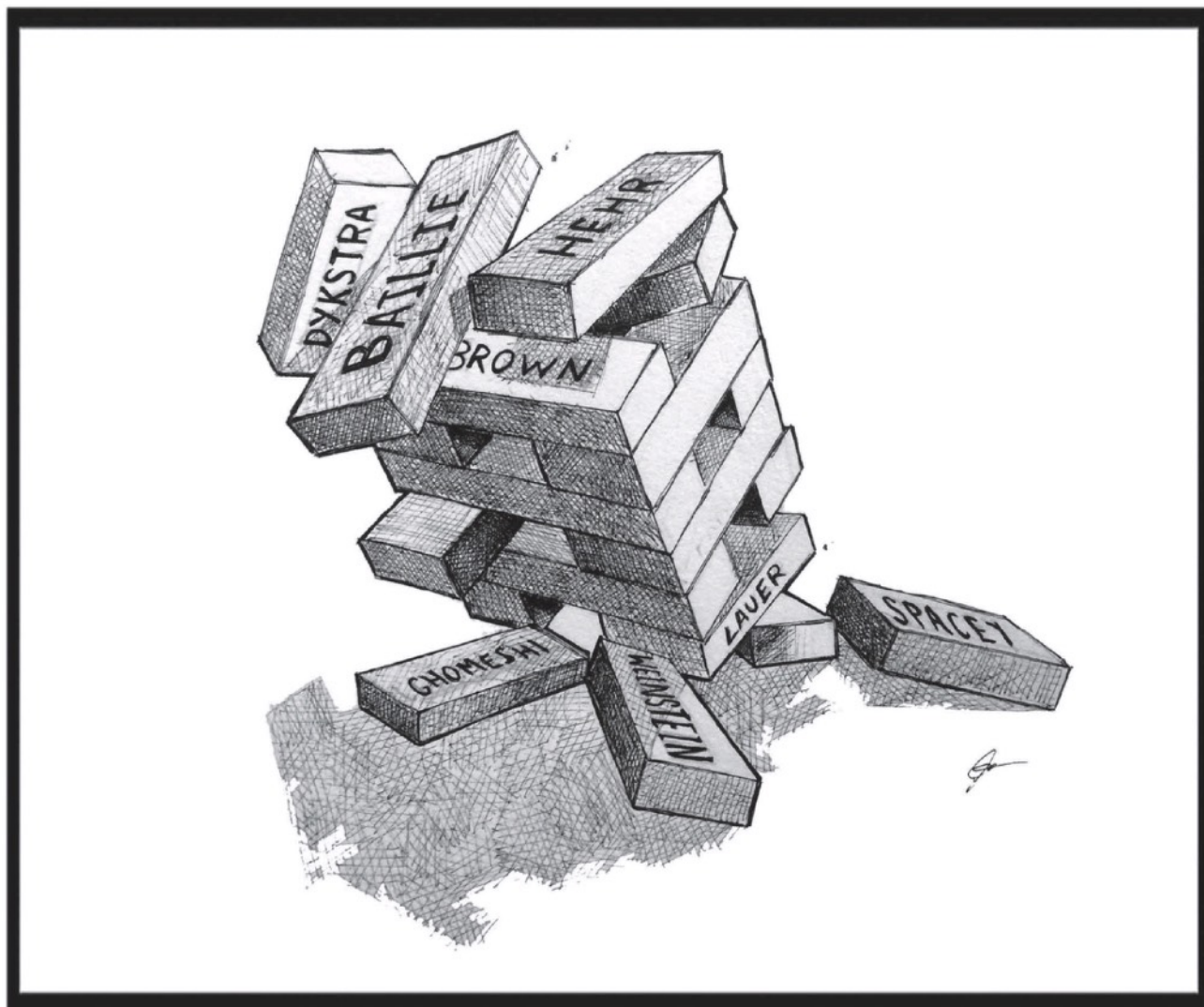
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REVENUE IDEA



Josh Kaiser (@JoshuaAdamKaiser) / The Victoria Standard.

Outstanding Cartoon

Winner: Josh Kaiser

Victoria Standard

Judge's Comments:

This is an image that everyone understands with locally and internationally

recognized names addressing The #MeToo Movement. Nicely done artwork.



Ashley Heukshorst (@ASH1016879) / The Victoria Standard

Outstanding Cartoon

Finalist: Ashley Heukshorst

Victoria Standard

The cartoon addresses the disparity in rental property availability between East and West Cape Breton Island. The artwork is well rendered and whimsical. Well done.

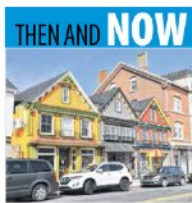


Outstanding Cartoon

Finalist: Ian MacAdam

Montague Eastern Graphic

Well done cartoon addressing the continuing challenge of out migration in PEI.



THEN AND NOW

BUSINESS

Triple play
Developer scores with
downtown development

A3



LANDMARK

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A new trend
has an historic tie.

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Historic landmark returns

TINA COMEAU
TRICOUNTY VANGUARD
REGIONAL

It's been photographed.
It's used as a reference point for
directions.
It's been spray painted and de-
faced.
It's been the target of a home-
made bomb.
It's a reminder that another
class of nurses have graduated.
Its presence is taken for
granted.
Its recent absence was duly
noted.

And now it's back.
The horse that sits atop the Mil-
ton horse fountain in Yarmouth's
north end arrived back in town
last Thursday after undergoing
repair and restoration work at the
Lunenburg Foundry.

The arrival of the beloved horse
that sits atop the fountain in Yar-
mouth, which was constructed in
1893, ties in with the theme of this
special issue of the Tri-County
Vanguard: Then and Now.

Throughout this issue we are
drawing then and now compar-
isons from the past to the present
in areas of technology, research,
re-development, trends, historic
ties, traditions, streetscapes, etc.
It's a feature we plan to offer in
print and online multiple times a
year.

But for now, back to the horse.
Under the provincial govern-
ment's downtown beautification
process, the Town of Yarmouth
received \$13,000 in funding – that
was matched by the town – to
carry out work to three historic
fountains – the Milton horse
fountain in the north end, the
Lewis Fountain in the south end
and the fountain in Frost Park.

This summer the horse was re-
moved from its regular perch and
sent off to the Lunenburg Foundry



ERIC BOURQUE PHOTO

Stan Churchill, of All-Out Property Services, and Todd Muise, the Town of Yarmouth's parks coordinator, inspect the Milton horse after it was returned to Yarmouth last week following repairs. The horse is part of a historic landmark fountain in the town that dates back to 1893.

dry for repairs – and badly needed
ones at that, says Todd Muise, the
town's parks coordinator.

"We didn't know the extent of
the damage but when we got it
down it was more extensive than
we had thought," he says. "There
were a lot of cracks in it," Muise
says, particularly throughout the
horse's legs.

Muise approached a local com-
pany that specializes in welding
to see if it could repair the horse,
but the business didn't feel ca-
pable to carry out the repairs, so it

was sent to the foundry, where it's
been repaired before in the past.

"We maybe could have done
a little patch work here, but we
figured now is the time to fix it
properly because we did get that
grant," says Muise.

A BIT OF HISTORY

The fountain – which sits at
the base of Vancouver Street
where the street intersects with
Main Street – was gifted to the
town by resident Clara Killam,
who contacted a designer in New

York, J.L. Mott, to design a public
drinking fountain. The fountain,
constructed and presented to the
town in 1893, had two drinking
troughs for horses and cattle, and
four smaller ones for dogs and
sheep. Cups for a faucet were also
available to quench the thirst of
people passing by.

As time went on, the need for
a public water fountain became
reduced – especially when auto-
mobiles started replacing horses.

The fountain is still a local land-
mark, although over the decades
it has been the target of pranks
and fallen prey to other damage.
In 1922 a decorative feature on
the fountain's base was report-
edly blown off by a homemade
bomb. In 1961, the fountain was
struck by a grader with the horse
crashing to the ground, requiring
repairs.

See THEN AND NOW, A2

More THEN AND NOW stories

- 'We still have the story': **Page A3**
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- Travelling on the information highway: **Page A6**
- Celebrating sports history: **Page B1**
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- How a fire reshaped a streetscape: **Page C2**
- Tracing roots back to Digby County: **Page C7**
- Sam Langford's legacy lives on: **Page C7**
- Childhood memories revisited: **Page C8**
- New life for historic building: **Page D1**

*Outstanding
Online Innovation*

Winner:

Tri-County Vanguard

Judge's Comments:

For their in-depth
special feature Then
and Now, linking the
past to the present.

Sharing how much the
community landscapes

in Southwest Nova
Scotia have changed
over the years through
photos, stories, and an
expansive online effort.
Wonderful idea and
well executed.



Outstanding News Photo

Winner: Keith Corcoran

LighthouseNOW Progress Bulletin

Tragedy Strikes. This photo really captured the emotion of the moment, for me. Very impactful. The photographer had to be in the right place at the right time and chose to focus the photo on the two women rather than what was happening in the background. Very well done.



Outstanding News Photo

Finalist: Lawrence Powell

Annapolis Valley Register

99 Year Old Graduates. The judge said: "I love this shot. Good use of aperture to narrow the focus on Hazel embracing life to the fullest. Very colourful and effective. Tells the story at a glance."



Outstanding News Photo

Finalist: Drake Lowthers

Port Hawkesbury Reporter

Judge's Comments:

Marching in memory of Cassidy Bernard. The photographer knew that rather than focusing the

shot on the people at this event, the placement of the stark white sign would tell it all. Great news value.

■ MUNICIPALITIES

Frank Butt accuses Carbonear council of bias, undemocratic conduct in court application

Matter set to return to St. John's courtroom Jan. 18

*Outstanding
News Story*

Winner: Andrew Robinson & Chris Lewis

Carbonear Compass

Judge's Comments:

Quite the situation, and funny at times in a depressing way. The stories could have been messy with all the council procedure and legal procedure and the yelling from the public. But the writers successfully condense and

organize the information over time and make the entire situation readable and easy to understand. Who would play Frank Butt in the movie?

Crumbling infrastructure

Hantsport's Halfway River aboiteau failing, residents, councillors concerned for bridge

Outstanding News Story

Finalist: Carole Morris-Underhill

Valley Journal-Advertiser

The situation threatens more than property values, and successfully includes perspectives from a number of people involved. Stories are readable, the right length, and make you sympathetic toward the little guy. The stories are a good example of the messes that can occur when problems are kicked down the road, and two institutions dispute while citizens suffer the consequences.

Carcass concern

Thin body of beached whale carcass near Harbourville concerns marine animal society

Outstanding News Story

Finalist: Sara Ericsson

Annapolis Valley Register

Unusual situations. The writer made good follow ups, and made decent stories out of what could have been a few photos. Also makes you wonder about all the stuff the DFO has to deal with.

Town of Port Blandford and committee take action against clearcutting

Residents tell forestry officials 'no way' to clearcutting at public meeting

BY JONATHAN PARSONS
THE PACKET

PORT BLANDFORD, NL

The Port Blandford Citizens Against Clearcutting committee and the town of Port Blandford have taken steps to prevent any clearcutting in their community.

The committee and council met on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21 to discuss changing zoning regulations to block unwanted cutting.

In a press release issued after the meeting, council says it has proposed amendments to the town's development regulations,



JONATHAN PARSONS PHOTO

Outstanding Resources Story

Winner: Jonathan Parsons

Clarendville Packet

Judge's Comments:

The connection between a newspaper and its community is an essential thing - to the paper if it wants to survive, and to the community, that deserves to have its stories told. Jonathan Parsons of The Packet did himself a favour in submitting his entry, including a note providing context. His note about a battle over clearcutting began when "I stumbled upon the story after visiting the community to cold call for stories and saw a poster on a bulletin board promoting a community meeting to combat these plans."

A story and photo filling page one above the fold on March 1, 2018 resulted. And as should happen when reporting is done well, Parsons stayed in touch, talked to players on both sides, filed an access to information request and generally ensured the story stayed where it should be, in the news.

Outstanding Resources Story

Finalist: Tina Comeau

Tri-County Vanguard

If this award was about which story you'll remember a week after reading all the entries, Tina Comeau's would win hands down. It's well played, filling the front page of C1, the Community section. It's a beautifully written story about the beginning of the lobster fishery in December, beginning with the memorable line "Honestly, how does the cat know it's dumping day." It's touchingly personal, and funny. "I tell my son Jacob to make sure he wears his lifejacket. He tells me this is the 135th time I've reminded him. He's exaggerating, of course. I've probably mentioned it 126 times." And wonderfully illustrated with her photos. Top-notch work.



Believe Sheel holds her son, Jacob, who is wearing his dad, John MacDougall, check in on the horses at the farm. The young boy may be new to the world of farming but they already have a steady and growing client base.

'Providing good, clean food'

Centre Burlington man discovers passion for old-fashioned farming

BY CAROLE MORRIS-UNDERHILL
WWW.MORRIS-UNDERHILL.COM

John MacDougall grew up on a sheep farm in Centre Burlington. He knows early on that life as a vintner wasn't for him. His heart lay somewhere else, though it took working in construction and having a hobby farm to discover what would give him his passion.

"My passion, the always had horses. So, we kind of wanted to buy a better farm," he said while preparing to get goats at MacDougall Meadows in Centre Burlington. "This started looking and this place came about and we bought it and I put in a garden and got some chickens and stuff. I thought, 'Well, I can take this a bit further. I think I'll try and sell some,'" MacDougall recalled. "At that point, traceability for

my food was there. I was producing it myself, knew where it came from, knew what (the animals) ate." He decided to start selling produce four years ago and, while the farm is still a small operation, MacDougall has a steady but growing clientele. And he's just 28 years old. MacDougall is among the province's growing number of young people helping to redefine farming and agriculture. For him, it's about taking pride in the product and providing customers with healthy, local options. "It's important to know what you're eating, how it was grown and how it was produced," said MacDougall, smiling as his young son, Foster, plays in the yard. MacDougall Meadows is situated on 11 acres off Highway 215 in South County. The farm produces and sells free-range chickens, free-range turkey, pasture-raised pork and duck, and a variety of vegetables. They have a presence at the Market Basket Farmers' Market and Farmers' Market on Saturdays and are set up of the outdoor Windsor Farmers' Market on Sundays. They also participate in the monthly pop-up market at Meander River Brewery. One aspect that makes MacDougall's farm really stand out is the use of horses versus expensive farming tractors. Continued on A3

Outstanding Resources Story

Finalist: Carole Morris-Underhill

Valley Journal-Advertiser

Carole Morris-Underhill does what every storyteller is supposed to do, she takes us along for the ride as she visits Oulton's Meats and Martock Glen Agri-zoo. "Driving up Sheep Farm Lane - a long, dusty dirt road located off Highway 14 near Martock - a young boy, prod in hand, navigates cattle down the road to the pasture. He nods in your direction, seemingly appreciative that you slowed down. To the right, ducks flap their wings while enjoying a dip in the nearby pond. A whiff of manure tingles the senses." I'm there, as I should be. The story, using solid, colour photography, filled the Cover Story page, A3.

Advo Cruiser UPDATE



Follow Deanna Mann and Will Daley on their adventures

in the AdvoCruiser this summer! Like the song says, They've been everywhere - including Pictou's Lobster Carnival, New Glasgow's Festival of the Tartans and Trenton FunFest events. They greeted the Heartland Tour cyclists, helped out at the Melmerby Beach Triathlon, participated in the Race on the River Dragon Boat festival and more. Make sure to follow them on social media and stop by to see them out in the community to receive some neat Advocate swag!

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*Outstanding
Brand Builder*

Winner: Pictou Advocate

Judge's Comments:

First class effort that reflects the quality of the newspaper in general. Driving home the message that they are Pictou County's favourite community newspaper.

Outstanding Brand Builder

Finalist: Acadie Nouvelle



Outstanding Brand Builder

Finalist: Enfield Weekly Press

Good approach to building a newspaper's brand.

Outstanding Red Lobster

Winner: Inverness Oran

Judge's Comments:

The Strait Area Transit must have been pleased with their ad.

Who felt it necessary to include a BOMB in the ad?

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Outstanding Red Lobster

Finalist: Victoria Standard

Judge's Comments:

It was SUPPOSED to say "Welcome". After careful consultation with an Arabic speaking friend and a message sent to verify I had it right, I inadvertently used the wrong import function and the whole thing

went in backwards and broke up. Fortunately, it doesn't say anything like "Go Away!", it's more like E M O C L E W instead of Welcome.

Public goes behind the scenes during annual Open Farm Day

Story and photos
By KEITH CORCORAN
keith.corcoran@lighthouseNOW.ca
@NewsmanKeith

The strong connection between farmer and consumer gets renewed each year with the annual Open Farm Day in Nova Scotia.

Various sites around Lunenburg County opened their doors to the public to give people an up-close and personal look at how farms work and how their operations contribute to the economy and food safety.

This year's Open Farm Day took place September 16.



David Ernst of Terra Beata Cranberry Farm in Heckmans Island, right, gives a site tour to father-and-son Nathan and Skylar McDonald.



Wagon rides were available at the Maplewood Maple Syrup and Christmas Tree Farm for visitors to view the site's award-winning woodlot. The Maplewood farm, off the Barss Corner Road, deals in maple syrup and Christmas trees, in addition to woodlot management.



David and Maxine Conrad examine the Newburne site of the Lunenburg County Winery at Hackmatack Farm where there are vineyards and highbush blueberries.



Melissa Mersey and Chris Berry of LaHave River Berry Farm in Middle LaHave get ready for visitors to their haskap berry orchard and flower gardens.

A curious animal nibbles on some greens at Hebbville's Indian Garden Farms.

Outstanding Photo Essay

Winner: Keith Corcoran

LighthouseNOW Progress Bulletin

Judge's Comments:

Great efforts all-round, but first place goes to Keith Corcoran for his behind-the-scenes look at the annual Open Farm Day.

Community Focus

The need for speed

PHOTO BY DEATRICE SCHULER

It wasn't quite the Fast and Furious, but a number of South Shore residents felt the need for speed when they gathered for the Seafest Derby in Mattapa Bay in mid-June. Thrills and spills were all part of the action during the event, which Seafest Executive Committee sponsored.



Kenneth Gilroy goes off course during the derby.

Felanie VerBorgh gets ready to go.

L to R: Tim DeLeon and winner Tim Bullock arrive at the finish line.

Felix Weissbach is a study in concentration at the start line.



Felix Weissbach faces the need for speed.



L to R are Jeff Merrill and Matt Krizan get underway.

L to R Violet Bennett and Archie Arch Ovens are fast and furious as they roll down the course.

Outstanding Photo Essay

Finalist: Staff

Tri-County Vanguard

Outstanding Photo Essay

Finalist: Helen Dalton

LighthouseNOW Progress Bulletin

04 SEAFEST - YARMOUTH, JULY 18, 2018

TRI-COUNTY VANGUARD



Boats were lit up with lights and the sky was lit up by fireworks during the July 18 Seafest Parade of Lights that took place in Yarmouth harbor. The show and effort put into the event was a huge crowd pleaser.

Seafest Scrapbook

Lots of fun had during annual Yarmouth festival



Children with their parents cheered for the Seafest parade and the parade on July 17, the opening day of Seafest. The crowd was huge because of smaller Seafest in Yarmouth last September.



The 2018 Seafest Royal Family (left to right) and Princess Hope Loring, who was also the winner of the Seafest Beauty and the Yarmouth Beauty. Seafest Queen (left) who was also a Seafest Beauty and the Yarmouth Beauty. Seafest Queen (left) who was also a Seafest Beauty and the Yarmouth Beauty.



Yarmouth Mayor David Cole releases the seal of the town prior to the town's opening ceremony, which took place on July 17.



With lots of cars and people, the parade was a huge success. The parade was a huge success. The parade was a huge success.

West Mabou Beach

“Confidential” research conducted on park parcel last July

Outstanding Investigative Story

Winner: John Gillis

Inverness Oran

Judge's Comments:

For his story: West Mabou Beach “Confidential” research conducted on park parcel last July and follow up story: West Mabou Provincial Park: Not a first for Keiser. When the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said it had no official proposal from Cabot Links for a new golf course in West Mabou, John Gillis filed a FOI requesting more information. The resulting email exchanges revealed “confidential” research and lifted a curtain on backroom DNR discussions involving the West Mabou Provincial Park and a potential golf course. His story also informed readers of private meetings between Cabot Links and former NS Premier Rodney MacDonald and Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie. Gillis went on to investigate the money man behind Cabot

Links and discovered the company's past efforts to acquire protected areas or parklands for new developments. Excellent reporting and use of primary documents to give residents of Inverness County context and detail to help them make informed decisions about development in their community. Well done!

Investigative story is always such a competitive category. This year was no exception, with an abundance of great reporting and writing in the submissions.

Beach hunt leads to interesting find

Sisters find bracelet marking MIA date of Capt. Chuck Finney

Outstanding Investigative Story

Finalist: Tina Comeau

Tri-County Vanguard

Judge's Comments:

For her story: Beach hunt leads to interesting find and follow up story: Bracelet find in Meteghan surprises daughter in Florida. This is not your ordinary beach combing story. Tina Comeau takes the reader on a hunt worthy of a Sherlock Holmes detective story in her search to discover the

identity of Capt. Chuck Finney and how a bracelet with his name and the date 3-17-1969 ended up on a beach in Meteghan. Comeau used time-tested, old fashioned shoe-leather reporting (of which more is sorely needed these days). She delved into websites and social media to find information and locate sources, including the daughter of Capt. Finney. She pieces together a compelling well-written read that surprises and keeps the reader hanging on to the end.

'We shouldn't have to wonder'

Doctor shortage hits home for Annapolis Valley patients

Outstanding Investigative Story

Finalist: Ashley Thompson

Annapolis Valley Register

Judge's Comments:

For her story: 'We shouldn't have to wonder' Doctor shortage hits home for Annapolis Valley patients and supporting stories: Meet the people impacted by the family doctor crisis, 'I stay in it because I love it'; 'Recruitment mode for years to come'; A nursing perspective (A4); 'They're relying more and more on us'. This series provides a comprehensive in-depth look at the impact of the chronic doctor shortage in

Annapolis and Kings counties. Ashley Thompson puts a human face on how the lack of a family doctor affects not only citizens, but also doctors, nurses and pharmacists in the counties. Along with detailing the actions of the N.S. Health Authority to ease the shortage, her stories look at new models of health delivery including collaborative clinics. The effective use of data puts the problem into a provincial context. Thompson's elegant and detailed storytelling clearly illustrates the urgency of the problem and the need for continued vigilance.

Windsor's arena project far cry from shrine to hockey

When it comes to building a new arena, the Town of Windsor has lost sight of the goal.

For several years, the community has been teased with the notion that a state-of-the-art facility — one that would draw people from all over the world — would be built in our neck of the woods.

The project was billed as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity — something that would pay homage to the very sport that Windsor claims started here. It was meant to be a mecca for hockey enthusiasts. It was going to serve as an economic driver that would breathe new life into a region struggling with an aging population and aging infrastructure.

It was going to be a multi-purpose complex, one that featured a two-pad ice surface and a hockey heritage museum, plus a walking track, indoor soccer field, and weight training centre. It was a lofty goal, but one that certainly would have put us on the map.

That vision was gradually pared down as concerns about location and financing surfaced. Windsor and West Hants councils became more involved once the committee behind the initial plan realized the facility required municipal backing in order to access much-needed provincial and federal funding.

It appeared, at first, that the councils would work together to realize the dream.

We shouldn't have gotten our hopes up.

After expressing concerns over location, size and scope of the project, financing, and long-term management, West Hants councillors stepped away from the project, save for the \$1 million that the municipality pledged to provide, to allow Windsor to take the reins.

Windsor council has effectively watered down the vision to the point that we're left with a mere rink, with a walking track if financing allows.

Windsor council promised public input would be sought, that the people would have a say. Instead, it's forging ahead with their own vision. They've selected the location for the new arena — without any public consultation (save for a few private stakeholder meetings).

It's a desperate attempt to save a project that will no longer be the draw that the town wanted — and, in fact, needed. It will no longer be a huge tourist destination.

What's left is the shell of a dream that's going to cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

A new arena usually warrants celebrations. Instead, this one has incited heated arguments, finger-pointing and allegations of wrongdoing.

Windsor council is now imploring the public to get behind the modified plan. It's a hard request to accommodate considering the new 'vision' pales in comparison to what we wanted, anticipated, and hoped for.

The area needs an arena, but more importantly, it needs a multi-purpose facility that will draw people here. Settling for a hastily put-together project that is going to cost millions and will require extensive road upgrades won't do that.

We must demand better from our elected officials and hold them accountable. Don't let the dream of a world-class facility die because of an eagerness to get shovels in the ground.

The time to be vocal is now.

The project can still be saved if the willpower is there.

If not, we will wind up with a very expensive rink located off the beaten path and generations will be left wondering what could have been.

Outstanding Editorial

Winner: Carole Morris-Underhill

Valley Journal-Advertiser

For Windsor's arena project far cry from shrine to hockey.

Comments: We felt the editorial on the Windsor arena project was one that hit very close to the readership. It's an editorial with strongly held views that lays out what is at stake if the project does not go ahead.

EDITORIAL

Justice for Indigenous women will someday be justice for us all

Justice for Cassidy Bernard.
Justice for Tina Fontaine.
Justice for Cindy Gladue.
Justice for more than 1,800 missing
and murdered Indigenous women.
And the number continues to
grow.

Cindy Gladue, an Alberta Cree,
bled to death in the bathtub of a hotel
room on the Yellowhead Highway
because of an 11-centimetre injury to
her vagina in 2011. The non-native
man charged with her murder was
found not guilty in a jury trial. In death,
Gladue suffered the horrific indignity of
having her dissected vagina used as
evidence in court.

In 2014, the body of 15-year-old
Tina Fontaine - the body of a child -
was found on the shore of Winnipeg's

Red River, wrapped in a duvet cover
by a father and son walking along
the shore; her body was bloated and
weighed down with more than 20
pounds of rocks. Earlier this year,
the non-native man charged with
her murder was found not guilty in a
jury trial. Fontaine was a member of
Sagkeeng First Nation.

Cassidy Bernard, a 22-year-old
mother of newborn twins, was found
dead in her home on the Miikmaw First
Nation of We'koqma'q, a month ago
this Saturday.

The RCMP have not released
the cause of her death, nor has their
investigation led to any charges yet.
The people of We'koqma'q, and people
across Inverness County, are growing

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RESPONSABLE DE CONTENU

François Gravel

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Une seule bonne réponse: Non!

Il n'y a pas d'accommodement possible à accorder à une formation qui a
fait de la lutte aux acquis des Acadiens le coeur de son programme.

Deux chefs de partis politiques sérieux
et en mesure de former un gouver-
nement qui discutent ouvertement
de la possibilité de travailler en collabora-
tion avec des tiers partis, voilà qui est déjà
surprenant. Mais quand l'un d'eux recon-
naît être ouvert à l'idée d'une coalition
avec l'Alliance des gens, cela devient fran-
chement préoccupant. Et inacceptable.

La question était simple et très claire. «Si
la population du Nouveau-Brunswick vous
donne un gouvernement minoritaire, seriez-
vous prêt à considérer une coalition avec l'Al-
liance des gens, les Verts ou le NPD?»

Le chef libéral Brian Gallant a fait
preuve d'une extrême prudence au mo-
ment de répondre. Il a dit qu'il était prêt à
collaborer avec les partis qui partagent ses
valeurs et celles de son parti, et que cela
excluait le Parti progressiste-conservateur et
l'Alliance des gens.

Il n'a jamais mentionné les positions les
plus controversées de l'Alliance, se conten-
tant de préciser que son influence au sein
d'un gouvernement se ferait au détriment
de «quelques régions». Une façon subtile
de dire que l'élection de ce parti serait une
très mauvaise nouvelle pour les Acadiens,
mais sans le dire en ces mots, sans doute
pour ne pas froisser l'électorat anglophone.

À la même question, le chef progressi-
ste-conservateur Blaine Higgs a répondu
un «Oui» décisif qui ne laissait aucun
doute sur sa pensée. Parti vert, NPD,
Alliance des gens... tous ces partis
semblent se valoir. S'ils veulent travailler à
ses côtés pour faire progresser le Nouveau-
Brunswick, il n'y voit pas de problème.

L'objectif reste à ses yeux d'empêcher à
tout prix Brian Gallant d'être reconduit au
pouvoir. Et si pour ce faire, il doit s'allier
avec un parti politique qui prône l'abolition
du commissariat aux langues offi-
cielles, la fusion des régions de la santé fran-
cophone et anglophone, la création d'un
système d'autobus scolaires bilingue et qui
considère la dualité comme étant coûteuse
et inutile... *so be it*.

C'est proprement stupéfiant. L'homme
qui sera peut-être élu premier ministre
lundi soir nous dit que les positions intolé-
rantes de l'Alliance des gens ne l'empêche-
raient pas de travailler avec elle. Ce parti
est fréquentable à ses yeux.

À ceux qui ont la mémoire courte, rappe-
lons que l'intolérance de l'Alliance des gens

ne se limite pas à seulement à nier aux fran-
cophones le droit à l'égalité linguistique.

Au cours de la dernière année, des can-
didats et des membres de la direction de ce
parti ont écrit, partagé ou appuyé dans les
médias sociaux des écrits antifrancophones,
haineux, racistes, antisémites et
contre les musulmans.

Ces gens ne pas dignes de siéger à l'As-
semblée législative. Et ils ne méritent sur-
tout pas d'avoir une influence quelconque
au sein du gouvernement.

On ne peut traiter cette formation poli-
tique comme si elle n'était qu'un parti
comme les autres, au même titre que le
NPD ou le Parti vert. Ce n'est pas le cas.

Avant Blaine Higgs, mais aussi à tous ses
candidats progressistes-conservateurs, et
en particulier à ceux de langue française: il
n'y a qu'une réponse à offrir à quelqu'un
qui vous demande si vous seriez prêt à faire
équipe avec l'Alliance des gens de quelque
façon que ce soit: «Non!»

Malheureusement, cela semble trop
compliqué à dire sans ambiguïté.

À Shippagan, vendredi, Blaine Higgs a
répété être prêt à travailler avec les gens de
toutes les couleurs - ce qui inclut l'Alliance
des gens. Il a critiqué l'Acadie Nouvelle
pour avoir souligné cet aspect de la nou-
velle. Et il a insisté pour dire qu'il faut tra-
vailler avec des gens qui ont des vues diffé-
rentes afin de trouver des solutions.

C'est d'ailleurs ce qui semble vouloir
devenir la ligne de parti dans ce dossier ex-
plosif: gouverner avec l'aide de l'Alliance
des gens ne signifie pas partager ses posi-
tions linguistiques. Il est possible d'en faire
abstraction.

Nous ne sommes pas d'accord.

Le maire d'Edmundston, Cyrille Simard,
a le mieux résumé la situation en affirmant
que tout parti politique qui s'associe de
quelque façon que ce soit à l'Alliance des
gens pose un geste inacceptable. Il s'agit
d'un affront à l'égard des francophones.

Il n'y a pas d'accommodement possible
à accorder à une formation politique qui a
fait de la lutte aux acquis des Acadiens le
coeur de son programme. Il n'y a pas de
«Oui, mais...» ou de «Oui, à condition
que...» qui puisse être toléré.

Blaine Higgs s'est engagé formellement
vendredi à ne pas laisser tomber les
Acadiens. Mais c'est exactement ce qu'il
fera s'il choisit un jour de gouverner avec
l'aide de l'Alliance des gens.

Outstanding Editorial

Finalist: Bill Dunphy

Inverness Oran

For Justice for Aboriginal women will someday
be justice for us all. Comments: We thought the
presentation of the information was good and
compelling. Laid out why the issue of missing
and murdered Indigenous women is one that
ought to concern all of us -- and why it's
relevant to the local readership.

Outstanding Editorial

Finalist: François Gravel

Acadie Nouvelle

For: "Une seule bonne réponse: Non!"

Strongly held opinion on the People's
Alliance, denouncing their potential role in a
minority government in New Brunswick.
Highly relevant as the election was the big
political story in New Brunswick in 2018.



COMMENTAIRE

PASCAL RAICHE-NOGUE

LES BOTTINES ACADIENNES SUIVRONT-ELLES LES BABINES?

Kris Austin et Blaine Higgs semblent filer le parfait amour par les temps qui courent. Au cours des dernières semaines, ils ont collaboré lors de la période des questions afin de talonner les libéraux. Ils ont fait tomber le gouvernement Gallant quelques jours plus tard.

Par la suite, ces deux chefs ont collaboré dans le dossier des ambulances et ont discuté du discours du Trône progressiste-conservateur. Blaine Higgs a également invité Kris Austin à participer à une séance de breffage du gouvernement fédéral sur la tarification du carbone.

On a aussi remarqué que les alliés siègent désormais du côté du gouvernement à l'Assemblée. Une question d'espace et de logistique, nous a-t-on expliqué. Pendant ce temps, le premier ministre semble boudier David Coon et ses deux collègues du Parti vert. Bref, l'Alliance et le Parti PC marchent main dans la main. Il est de plus en plus évident que Blaine Higgs ne semble pas avoir écouté la mise en garde faite par des dizaines d'organismes et de maires francophones à la fin septembre, peu après les élections.

Dans une déclaration commune, les signataires avaient affirmé «haut et fort» que toute formation politique qui «s'associerait ou formerait un gouvernement de coalition» avec l'Alliance – un parti «anti-francophone et anti-égalité» – «poserait un geste que la communauté francophone et acadienne du Nouveau-Brunswick n'acceptera aucunement».

L'Alliance ne participe pas à un gouvernement de coalition. Du moins, pas formellement, puisqu'aucun de ses trois députés ne siège au conseil des ministres. Mais on voit bien que l'Alliance travaille de près avec les bleus et qu'ils se sont associés. Cet arrangement tacite franchit clairement la ligne tracée dans le sable par les associations et les maires francophones en septembre dernier.

On peut aujourd'hui se demander si ces derniers passeront de la parole aux actes ou si la déclaration commune n'aura finalement été qu'une mise en garde sans conséquence. Les bottines acadiennes suivront-elles les babines?

Outstanding Local Columnist

Winner: Pascal Raiche-Nogue

Acadie Nouvelle

Judge's Comments:

Thoughtful writing in the tradition of journalism that stands up to the powerful, and by doing so serves society.

A fine example of how journalists make the world better.

2018 was ONE TO REMEMBER

Quote of the Year
"I am a leader among leaders." Maybe Philip Brown, Charlottetown's newly minted mayor, forgot to take the humble pie out of the freezer before heading to CBC and offering up this cringe-worthy snippet. It only took a single council meeting to prove the slightly exaggerated quote wrong. It seems on Charlottetown City Council there are two type of councillors: The Old Boys Club and the rest.

Stir the Pot
The Brown family has a long and storied history in Island politics. Richard Brown is known as a passionate defender of the little guy and a consummate grassroots politician. But his passion stirred the pot in a different way when photographic evidence was released of him flipping the bird to an Island voter. What could cause such a visceral reaction as Brown and his Liberal colleagues cued for their annual Christmas card photo? Simply a call to "Honour the Vote," a dig at government's decision to ignore results of the electoral reform plebiscite. And if this wasn't bad enough, Brown's stubborn refusal to offer a sincere

and full apology only stirred more public upset.

That Was Then, This Is Now
The PC Party has lurched from one self-inflicted crisis to another for more than a decade. Its leadership issues have become almost as predictable as its criticism of former Premier Robert Ghiz. And now some PC stalwarts are adopting an odd tact to defend the relative inexperience of candidates running to become the next Tory leader. "How much experience did Robert Ghiz have?" they'll chirp, seemingly oblivious to the contradiction their words create: How can you criticize someone for a decade, then turn around and use Ghiz's relative inexperience as a selling point for a preferred inexperienced Tory candidate. It's the type of logic only a Tory could see, well logic, in.

Transparency Is For Others
The Tory leadership is shaping up as a mishmash of vision, or lack thereof, ranging from Don't Worry Be Happy to Lock 'Em Up and Turn Back Women's Rights to the 1980s. All five candidates



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share one thing: None has released a list of who has donated to their campaign. How can you demand transparency from other parties but not hold yourself to the same standard? It's Tory hypocrisy we've seen far too often in the past decade.

Slings and Arrows of Outrageous Fortune
The Island Greens are enjoying an historic run in the polls, but the rise is not without its bumps, including rumblings of discord in the party office. One thing is for sure, Greens need to grow a thicker skin. Whether criti-

cism be internal or from outside the party, Greens need to stop overreacting to criticism, which on a couple of occasions has only compounded problems.

Don't Give Up Till It's Over

The provincial NDP is often ignored in this new era of two Green MLAs holding both the Tories and Liberals to account in the legislature. But it doesn't mean the party has given up. Leader Joe Byrne has already proven himself an effective campaigner on the federal scene. Provincially the party has pulled together enough money to, for the first time, offer a part-time salary to the leader. This allows more time for campaigning, more time for policy, more time for planning. And it also seems the party is looking to replicate Green success by focussing limited resources on one or two ridings deemed potentially winnable.

Potent Potable
Somewhere down the road some researcher will show our rush to legalize pot was driven by politics and greed, not safety. There is growing evidence of the negative impact pot consumption has

on the still developing brains of those 25 and younger. Yet every government but Quebec ignores the independent science. We are risking the health of youth. We are making policing more difficult. But hey it's a once in a generation opportunity for politicians to create a whole new layer of bureaucracy we can't afford.

Public Input Be Damned
Collectively education and health care account for roughly half of PEI's almost \$2 billion annual budget. In both cases the MacLauchlan government has opted for appointed oversight. In education it's a hand-picked trio that includes the education deputy minister. In health, a single individual is the sole oversight, following the resignation of the entire Health PEI board. The board quit over interference in hiring a new CEO for Health PEI and concerns of a political power grab for a government that opted for oversight, reality shows the exact opposite.

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Outstanding Local Columnist

Finalist: Paul MacNeill

Montague Eastern Graphic

Forceful arguments are anchored in a thorough understanding of issues. Heard, too, are a deep affection for the writer's community, and concern for its democracy.

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COMMENTARY

The public bail-out behind Trudeau's Bail-in Regime

MORGAN DUCHESNEY

The Liberal government recently announced a "bail-in regime" to protect Canada's banking system from events like the 2008-2010 global financial crisis. The first phase of the three-year plan, first proposed by the Harper Conservatives in 2013, took effect on September 23.

Under the bail-in regime, banks will cover a large part of their own debts, rather than receive U.S. style public loans. In a crisis, Canada's main chartered banks will pay their corporate debts by converting the unsecured funds of investor clients to equity. They are, however, obliged to offer bank stock of equal value to those clients with the assumption that the new stock will eventually be valuable.

It is interesting to note that while all deposits and investment funds are automatically invested by chartered banks, they list these monies as liabilities since the funds may be lost in the market. This includes corporate stock and high-yield bonds identified as unsecured long-term debt.

Canadian banks fared better than their U.S. counterparts during the 2008-2010 crisis, but the Canadian Mortgage and

Housing Corporation temporarily absorbed over \$69 billion of Canadian bank mortgage liability, a thinly-disguised bailout by a publicly-funded crown corporation. Relatively unknown is the fact that Canada's big banks also borrowed large sums at low-interest rates from U.S. government sources during the 2008-2010 crash, funds that were unavailable to individual Americans facing foreclosure.

The new bail-in regime contains no penalties or cautions for bankers and financial advisors found investing depositors' and client's funds in the sort of high-risk mortgage and derivative schemes that crashed the U.S. system. This oversight may be explained by the activities of powerful bank lobbyists who seek to influence federal officials on the passage of laws favourable to elite investors.

In the event of a major financial meltdown, the majority of Canadians must rely on the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) to safeguard their over \$770 billion in deposits. While CDIC protection is selective, Trudeau has assured Canadians that consumer deposits are safe from seizure in the event of a bank collapse.

Individual savings accounts and chequing accounts up to \$100,000 are

insured by the CDIC, but the institution lacks the money to protect all depositors since it holds only \$2.5 billion in funds derived from bank contributions. Unfortunately, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, GICs, foreign currency accounts, five-year term deposits and savings bonds are not protected by the CDIC. There is also a different insurance system for Registered Retirement Savings plans (RRSPs), Registered Retirement Investment Funds (RRIFs) and Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFSA).

The CDIC says it will reach its goal of insuring a full 1 per cent of bank deposits by 2025. The main challenge to reaching this modest number is the fact that the money comes from bank contributions and there is scant political will to raise contribution rates.

The CDIC's funding options demonstrate that the so-called bail-in regime is ultimately a bail-out scheme reliant on public funds. Were the CDIC unable to compensate all claimants from its bank fund, it is entitled to borrow up to \$27 billion from private markets or federal government sources, otherwise known as the Canadian taxpayer. Since market rates are higher than those at the Bank of Canada, the choice is obvi-

ous. A far higher level of accountability and public education is necessary when public funds are borrowed to protect those depositors harmed by others' risky private speculations.

Canadian depositors literally lend to banks in exchange for the security of their funds and a modest return, but the primary business of chartered banks is enriching elite investors and minimizing tax liability according to existing regulations. Collectively, depositors have a vast potential to organize and exert policy pressure on banks, a privilege currently reserved for shareholders. Organizing and enhancing depositor influence is a worthy goal that might face stiff shareholder resistance.

Maximum profitability within the existing global financial system is the main goal of Canada's banking industry. This requires political influence and strong public relations. Canada's financial stability requires bolder action than merely re-arranging the sort of irresponsible policies that allow powerful financial institutions to pay a paltry insurance fee, seize investor assets and pass depositor protection to a public institution.

Outstanding Local Columnist

Finalist: Morgan Duchesney

Victoria Standard

The writer tackles complex subjects, yet finds the words to make the complex clear. The columns flow along, creating both nuance and power.



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