



June 18 - July 1, 2009

This issues banner was designed by Shasta Grant

View from the Dykes

Something exciting was happening up at The Lorax this past weekend. For two days over a hundred people came together to share in discussions and to participate in workshops surrounding food, lifestyle and sustainability. It is the second year of the New Farmers Gathering and by all accounts it was a great success.

It was only last year that I started growing my own food. Not in any great capacity as the garden space I am using is fairly modest. But it was enough to experience firsthand what it was like to plant a seed and watch it grow. And then to grow some more. And then to eventually see it bear fruit or leaves or berries that I could pick and eat directly.

It was honestly one of the most satisfying projects I have ever taken on. There are some very deep messages revealed in the process of growing your own food. Even now I am still discovering powerful metaphors that hold some great truth. I am

starting to think that all the answers to the universe might be right there in the garden if we were to take enough time to really pay attention.

What it did for me was to complete the circle in my relation to food and the environment. This took me by surprise as I didn't realize there was that much of a gap to be filled. I have always been satisfied with buying my food at the store and taking it home to prepare. But the day I had my first salad of handpicked greens and herbs my life changed forever. There is nothing like fresh food straight from the earth.

And while some it comes down to flavor and freshness there is a more valuable connection that came about. Most importantly it brought about awareness. It made me think about where the food came from, how it was grown, what sort of magic brought about the eventual bounty.

There is a lot of disconnect in our society. And in regards to food we have gone so far

away from our roots. Look at any culture around the world and you will find that food is one of the most important things that define them. How they grow it, what they do with it, and the rituals surrounding it.

Coming together with so many people over the last few days gave me a sense of hope. We didn't come up with any solid answers. We didn't solve our food problems. And maybe there are even more questions now than ever.

But we did come together and learn from each other. We ate food that we helped prepare (even slaughtering our own chickens for Sunday's lunch). And we were reminded that people really do care and that things are changing. Where that change is going is still to be determined. Until then, may we all eat well, appreciate the food we have (and the farmers who make it), and create the time to share with family and friends. Cheers!

Adam Barnett



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Homeless and a Random Act of Kindness

One morning I went to Tim Horton's in a little town in the Valley and noticed a fellow down on his luck. I'd seen him around on different occasions, always wearing the same clothes that had seen better days and he

looked like he could use a cup of hot coffee and something to eat. I approached him and he looked worried, as if he thought I was going to tell him to leave the premises. But I asked, "Could you use a coffee and a bagel?" He looked really surprised. He went inside with me and I told him to order a coffee and bagel. He thanked me more than once and he smiled. That's all I wanted in return.

Contributed anonymously, compiled by Jan Hermiston

Have you received a random act of kindness? The Grapevine would love to hear about it. Please send your story to kindness@wolfville.org and your experience might appear in a future issue of The Grapevine. If you wish to keep your identity

Green Scene - 'Sol' for your home

Most of you have probably already invested in some form of solar powered technology... 'battery free' calculators are the most common solar powered gadgets, followed closely by the abundant variations of solar powered garden lights. Stepping into solar powered components for your home is a more significant step, though it is becoming increasingly affordable and accessible. Nova Scotia has some catching up to do with respect to providing incentives for us to incorporate more sustainable systems, though there are a few current financial programs which offset the capital costs. There are two main 'active' solar processes. The first, solar thermal collector panels, simply absorb heat generated from sunlight into a fluid which acts as a thermal mass, (typically a glycol based solution); the heat is then transferred to another fluid (wa-

ter) which we use as domestic hot water, and/or heating of our home (hydronic radiant heat). The components within the solar panels are designed and engineered to capitalize on the natural sunlight so that even cloudy days may render valuable energy for our consumption. Simple domestic hot water systems can start at approximately \$5,000 installed. The second 'active' solar process, photovoltaic (PV) panels, convert sunlight into electricity. The direct current (DC) energy can be directly consumed (as in calculators) or stored in batteries. The electricity can then be drawn from the battery for use in 12 volt gadgets such as garden lights, or transformed to 110 volt alternating current (AC) for use in our home in order to provide functional energy for our conventional lifestyles.

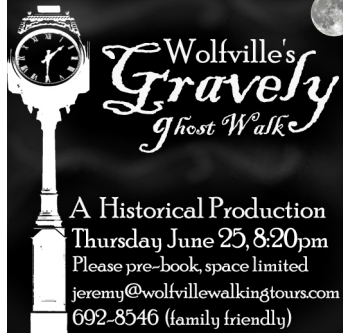
There are ways to simplify the incorporation of PV pan-

els, and methods of effectively supplementing our home system, such as incorporating 12volt lights and/or 12volt small appliances on a distinct circuit.

There is also an increasing effort to develop Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV), where PV panels are sandwiched within wall, window, and roof systems. Such products will inspire and encourage the incorporation of solar power in a more streamlined and efficient manner.

The 'solar' future is very hopeful and imminent, however, unless you are an energy philanthropist or living in complete isolation but require TV's and toasters, its not time to cut the NSPower umbilical cord quite yet.

Submitted by Paul Rodgers and Laura MacNutt, M.Arch., PIER 101 home designs inc. www.pier101.ca



Wolfville's Gravely ghost Walk
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The Peg & Wire Coffee House *by Jan Hermiston*

Back when cash registers didn't calculate sales tax and waitstaff added up totals using pen and paper, the "peg and wire" system enabled front staff to send orders to the kitchen.

The Peg & Wire Coffee House in Windsor actually used that system for a while, but now uses a modified system that is still not hi-tech. In fact, the large and cozy atmosphere of decades past is surely one of the reasons this restaurant-café is so popular. A bright red cherry wall with textured plaster is accentuated by massive wooden beams that continue across the ceiling. Other walls are periwinkle blue and lime green. Original wide floorboards, interesting art, and huge blackboards announcing menu items add to the sense of both space and quaintness. A pastel green and yellow woodstove serves as a counter for coffee cream and sugar. There's a unique antique bicycle plant stand. A wicker loveseat and two armchairs surround a low coffee table, where at the time of this writing, Edgar Allen Poe's Tales and Shel Silverstein's A Light in the Attic await customers who have time to read and relax.

Menu options are plentiful. Breakfast is available all day, with a variety of waffles and crepes priced at \$7 and served with pure maple syrup included in the price. I tried the crepe with apple filling – very nice. Omelettes are \$8. Soup, hot paninis, cold sandwiches and salads range in price from \$5.00 to \$8.50. Lots of traditional and de-

signer hot and cold drinks are available, but no alcohol. All baked goods are prepared on site. Gluten-free bread is an option for your sandwich order. Fair-trade coffee is available and with a coffee club card, your tenth coffee is free. Wireless internet is available, although it is important to have a good battery for your laptop if you intend to use this service. There is only one functioning electrical outlet for laptop users at this time. There is seating for 35 or so customers. You might find it quiet, but the place can be very busy, too. Watch out on Saturdays as there's a public meeting at 9:00 a.m. when local issues are discussed. Repeat customers like me are glad to return. That says a lot about the tasty food, reasonable prices, and enjoyable atmosphere.

The Peg & Wire Coffee House
40 Water Street (across from The Spitfire)
(Exit #6, Hwy. 101)
Windsor
792-1518
www.pegandwire.com
Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days/week

EXHIBITS

Harvest Gallery Exhibit - Heather Lawson's All Dressed Up (Stone Carvings) (until July 5). Main Street, Wolfville, 542-7093, www.harvestgallery.ca

Acadia Art Gallery Exhibit - LARGE/small. Experimenting with Scale. (until July 4) <http://gallery.acadiau.ca>

WEEKLY EVENTS

Send your event listings to grapevine.wolfville@gmail.com for publishing in the list. No charge!

MONDAYS

Open Mic at Paddy's Pub - Wolfville. 8pm, 542-0059
June 22nd host: Jenny MacDonald & June 29th host: Paul Marshall

TUESDAYS

Friends of the Botanical Gardens Meeting - Potting Shed, Acadia University. 9-11 am, new members welcome! Including: gardening, collecting seeds and propagating plant material.

Interpretive Woodland Walks - Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens, Acadia University (w/ Blomidon Naturalists Society). 6:30-8pm. Meet at main gates.

Open Mic - Just Us Cafe, Wolfville (host Adam Bazinet). 8-11pm, 542-7731

Open Mic - The Port Pub, Port Williams (hosts Steve Lee & Ian Brownstein). 8pm,

Grow With Art (art rental for children) - NSCC Kingstec Kentville. 3-5pm. Also on Saturdays, 1-3pm. 542-2327

WEDNESDAYS

Jug & Jam Live Music - Paddy's Pub, Wolfville. 8pm, June 24th Cody Allen, July 1st TBA

Kentville Farmers' Market - Centre Square, Kentville. 10am-2pm
June 24th Music: Megan Lickley

THURSDAYS

In the Round Knitting Group - Gaspereau Valley Fibres. 1-4pm, 542-2656

Open Mic - Stone Room,

Kentville (hosts Melissa Vidito & Bernie Zinck). 9pm-1am,

Open Mic - T.A.N. Cafe, New Minas (host Bob). 5-8pm,

Berwick Farmers' Market - Town Hall. 4-8pm

Spitfire Idol - Spitfire Pub, Windsor. 7-12am, 792-1460

Rock & Roll Show - Paddy's Pub, Kentville. 8pm,

FRIDAYS

Afternoon Tea @ the Randall House Museum - Main Street Wolfville, 2-4pm, \$5 includes museum tour, 542-9775, randallhouse@live.ca

Wolfville Walking Tours - Meet at Clock Tower on Main Street. 3-4:30pm (same time Saturdays & available by booking) Adults \$10, Students \$5. Call 692-8546, jeremy@wolfvillewalkingtours.com

Jazz Mannequins (jazz & original tunes) - The Blomidon Inn, Wolfville. 6-10pm, 542-2291

Open Mic - Union Street Cafe, Berwick. 8pm, June 19th host: Dolores Dagenais & June 26th host: Sheree Plett

SATURDAYS

Wolfville Farmers' Market - Robie Tufts Nature Center, Front Street. 8:30am-1pm
Music Guests: June 20th George Symonds, June 27th Ron Edmunds

Peace Vigil - Post Office, Wolfville. 12-1pm

Matinee Music at Paddy's Pub - Wolfville. 1-3pm, 542-0059
June 20th - Dusty Keeler, June 27th Jack MacDonald

SUNDAYS

Celtic Music Session at Paddy's Pub - Wolfville. 8pm, 542-0059

What's Happening from June 18 - July 1, 2009

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Thursday June 18

Planning Services Public Advisory Committee

Wolfville Town Hall.
7:30pm, www.wolfville.ca

Straight Chillin' - Live Music

Library Pub, Wolfville. 9pm
Great party music by Leo Boudreau & Mark Doucet
No Cover, 542-4315

Friday June 19

Uncommon/Common

Art – 2009 Kick Off

Harriett Irving Botanical Gardens, Acadia University.
7-9pm
Good for the environment, community and soul, the Alliance of Kings Artists (AKA) "takes it outside" again with a creative way to raise awareness & funds through a full-colour poster/map of amazing art.
Terry: tdrahos@mac.com

Open House - Pier 101

963 Main Street, Port Williams. 6-8pm
Displaying examples of their eco-sensitive & responsible architectural design work & an unveiling of Benjamin Bridge's newest wine - Nexus Rose
1-800-476-9514, lmacnutt@aol.com (See pg 2 ad)

Titanic Proportions -

Live Music
Mudcreek Bar & Grill, Wolfville. 7:30pm
mudcreekgrill@gmail.com

Hupman Brothers -

Summer Concert Series
Centre Square, Kentville.
7-8pm

No charge

Here on the Flight Path

CenterStage Theatre, Kentville. 8pm
A comedy on apartment living..
\$12 adults, \$10 students, \$5 children, 678-8040

Don Denny – Live Music

Port Pub, Port Williams.
8:30pm
542-5555, portpub@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Saturday June 20

Pancake Breakfast

Wolfville and District Lions Hall, Elm Street. 7am-10am
\$5 Adults, \$2 Children 10 and under

Wolfville Farmers' Market

Robie Tufts Nature Center, Front Street. 8:30-1pm
Music Guests: George Symonds. Fresh and fun cooking demonstration w/ Pete Luckett & Chef Michael Howell. They are celebrating the success of the Buy Local Challenge (so close to signing up 100 Participants!) www.wolfvillfarmersmarket.com

Scotian Hiker Hike to Amethyst Cove

Rendezvous @ parking lot at the Port Williams bridge. 10:30am
Moderately difficult hike from Cape Split to look for amethyst & explore the beach.
No charge, Contact Don: scotianhiker@hotmail.com

Mayben Skateboard Camp Pre-Registration

Wolfville Skate Park.

11am-5pm
The actual camp will take place later in the summer.
Tom: 401-7126, mayhemskatecamp@hotmail.com

Plant Your Roots - Deep

Roots Music Fundraiser
Paddy's Celtic Room, Kentville. 2pm till closing (see pg 6 poster)
\$5, great door prizes, Marie: 582-2585, www.deeproootsmusic.ca

John Duggan - Live Music

Mudcreek Bar & Grill, Wolfville. 7:30 pm

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Hughie McDonnell – Live Music

Port Pub, Port Williams.
8:30pm 542-5555, portpub@ns.aliantzinc.ca

Rob Lutes - Live Music

Union Street Cafe, Berwick.
9-11:30pm
Inspiring soulful singer-songwriter from Montreal.
\$15, www.unionstreetcafe.ca

Sunday June 21

Father's Day

2nd Annual Provincial XC Mountain Bike

Championship
Woodville Hiking Trails.
Races: 12pm
BNS sanctioned race by the Annapolis Valley Mountain Bike Association.
Valley Stove & Cycle: 542-7280, www.avmba.com

SWIG - Live Music

Mudcreek Bar & Grill, Wolfville. 5pm

Fundy Summer Films Presents: DOUBT

Acadia Cinema's Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville. 8pm
Starring: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Meryl Streep, Viola Davis. Upon the arrival of the school's first black student in the 60's, a charismatic priest is trying to upend an institution's strict customs which have been fiercely guarded.
Tickets \$8, 542-5157, www.fundyfilm.ca (see pg 7 ad)

Monday June 22

Town of Wolfville – Budget Meeting

Wolfville Town Hall.
7:30pm, www.wolfville.ca

Wed June 24

Picture of the Entire

Web – Lecture
Room 209, Acadia University. 10:30-11:30am
How big is the World Wide Web? Join us for the unveiling of the world's first picture.
Sharon.Watson@acadiau.ca

Thursday June 25

12th Annual Acadia Axemen Hockey

Celebrity Dinner
Acadia Arena, Wolfville. 6pm
Special guest Jean Belliveau
Tickets \$125 single, \$575 half table, \$1000 full table. Proceeds to AXEMen Hockey.
darren.burns@acadiau.ca

Wolfville's Gravely Ghost Walk -

Visit www.ValleyEvents.ca for more event listings for the entire Valley.

Historical Production Meet at the Clock Tower, Main Street. 8:20-10:00pm Adults \$10, Students \$5. Please pre-book or come by chance. 692-8546, jeremy@wolfvillewalkingtours.com (see pg 2 ad)

Friday June 26

Dixieland Jazz Band
Windsor Waterfront Gazebo.
7-8:30pm

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Saturday June 27

Wolfville Farmers'

Market

Robie Tufts Nature Center, Front Street. 8:30-1pm
Music Guests: Ron Edmunds. Info Booth features: Strawberry Tasting!
www.wolfvillfarmersmarket.com

FREE Women's Beginner Mountain Bike

Clinic

Noggins Corner Farm, Greenwich, 9am-4pm
To register: Valley Stove & Cycle, 542-7280, bikergirl@eastlink.ca

Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Event

Lockhart & Ryan Park, New Minas. 10am-4pm
Sponsor walk, BBQ, family games, wheelchair races, music.
Sharon: norahs@eastlink.ca (volunteers needed)

Kingsport Gala Days - 10am-10pm: community-

wide yard sale, bingo, BBQ, music and evening fireworks.

Swimmy, Frederick & Inch By Inch - Children's Performance by Mermaid Theatre, Windsor. 11am
Leo Lionni's production including puppets! Suggested age range: 2-8.
\$10 adult, \$8 children, 798-5841, www.mermaidtheatre.ns.ca

Scramble For Cancer Care '09

Ken Wo Country Club, New Minas. 1pm Shotgun Start
Special Guest: Cindy Day
\$90 for a 2-lady team, proceeds to Valley Regional Hospital Cancer Unit.
Beth: 678-8318

Dukes of Kent Sing & Serve

Bethany Memorial Baptist, Aldershot Road, Kentville. 4-6pm
"Champions of Atlantic Canada's Barber Shop Chorus" serving cold plates & strawberry shortcake.
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children, 678-8865

Music Benefit Show for Celina Flynn

Royal Canadian Legion, Wolfville. 7pm
Hillbilly Magic, Basil Davidson, Robin Wright, Caroll Edwards & Harold Hunt.
\$5

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Alice Stops Time - CD Release Party

West Side Charlie's, New Minas. 9pm
An up-and-coming high-energy alternative rock band. Trademark sound consisting of surf, blues, dance & classic rifts. \$4, www.myspace.com/stoptimealice

Beer in the Headlights – Live Music
Kings Arm Pub, Kentville. 10pm, 678-0066

Sunday June 28

FREE Women's Beginner Mountain Bike Clinic

See Saturday June 27th for info

Public Herb Walk

Avalon Gardens, Black Rock. 12-1:30pm
Meet plants to be used for culinary, medicinal & cosmetic purposes. Visit the labyrinth too!
\$12, 538-0724, trioriana@hotmail.com

2nd Buy Local Challenge Workshop

St. John's Parish Hall, 189 Main St, Wolfville. 1-4pm
Learn about canning, drying & freezing fresh food.
Devon: 542-5044

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Fox Hill Cheese Open House

Lower Church St, Port Williams. 2-4pm
Cheese sampling, wine tasting, live music, face painting & calf petting. 542-3599, www.foxhillcheesehouse.com

Fundy Summer Films presents: SUNSHINE CLEANING

Acadia Cinema's Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville. 8pm
Starring Amy Adams, Emily Blunt & Alan Arkin.
A small-time crime scene cleanup crew in a crumbling corner of Albuquerque offers an offbeat and oddly endearing drama, leavened with just the right amount of comedy.
Tickets \$8, 542-5157, info@fundyfilm.ca (see pg 7 ad)

Wednesday July 1st - Canada Day!

Canada Day at Willow Park (Wolfville)

Mark Riley & the Players Club. 12-2pm
ibrownstein@ns.sympatico.ca

Canada Day at Ross Creek

555 Ross Creek Road (North Mountain). 1-10pm
Great food, workshops, entertainment & fireworks
582-3842, mail@artscentre.ca

Canada Day at Aylesford Public Beach

11am-3pm for: entertainment, games & BBQ

Canada Day at Halls Harbour

7am pancake breakfast ending with fireworks over the Bay of Fundy.
Activity all day long.

Full Circle Festival, June 19-21, 2009

Young Atlantic Canadian stringbands are collaborating to organize the inaugural Full Circle Festival. Over the course of just a few years, Atlantic Canada has seen the birth of a wealth of young bluegrass and old-time bands, including The Smokin' Contra Band, Ryan Cook & Sunny Acres, The Strangeboys, Grand Sass, Grassmarket, The Moonshine Ramblers, and more. The sense of community among these new bands has culminated in a collaborative, musician-run



stringband weekend, Full Circle Festival. Full Circle is a weekend of camping on the farm, jamming around the campfire, collaborative song writing, contra dancing, and celebrating the Summer Solstice. The inaugural event will be held at the stunning Red Fox Farm in Centre Burlington, Nova Scotia. For more information, visit www.fullcirclefestival.ca

Event Details
 Dates: June 19-21, 2009. Location: Community Hall, Centre Burlington, NS
 Tickets: \$50 Available through the website (www.fullcirclefestival.ca)

artists wanted

Jack's Gallery is once again welcoming submissions for its next exhibit! Located in the Just Us! Wolfville Coffeehouse, it has become a vibrant, diverse display of local talent. We encourage participation from artists of all ages and levels of experience. To submit artworks please download our submission form at: www.justuscoffee.com/wolfvillecafe.aspx, or e-mail jacksgallerywolfville@gmail.com

Deadline for submissions is July 1, 2009!
Be sure as well to come and look at the current exhibit Eudaemonia by Horton High School's advanced art class, on display until July 16, 2009.

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Panel 1: SO YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE? -AGAIN? -WHAT DO YOU MEAN "YOU CAN HEAR THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GALAXY"? IT'S CALLING ME. -I CAN FEEL THE TUG IN MY TUMMY.

Panel 2: THAT'S RIDICULOUS! -HOW CAN THE GALAXY TUG YOUR STOMACH? I DON'T KNOW. -IT JUST FEELS SORT OF TUGGY. ANYWAY, I HAVE TO GO.

Panel 3: HEY, GUYS! -I JUST DROPPED BY TO. ASHELLE'S LEAVING! SHE SAYS THE GALAXY IS YANKING HER BELLY OR SOMETHING.

Panel 4: WHAT? -YOU'RE LEAVING? -I'M SAD ABOUT HAVING TO SAY GOOD-BYE, BUT MY DESTINY AWAITS! -IT'S SAD BUT IT'S ALSO EXCITING. SHE'S CRAZY!

Panel 5: WAIT, JUST HOLD ON A SECOND... OH, JEN, THIS IS REALLY UPSETTING FOR YOU, ISN'T IT? HMPH! WHAT'S GOING ON?

Panel 6: IS ASHELLE MESSING UP THE SPACE-TIME CONTINUUM AGAIN? YES! -SHE'S LEAVING AND WHO KNOWS IF SHE'S EVEN COMING BACK?!

Panel 7: WHAT?! -ASHELLE! BUT I WAS JUST BEGINNING TO REALLY LIKE THIS PLANET! SO THEN MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAY AND NOT FOLLOW ME THIS TIME. -BUT I HAVE TO GET PACKED...

Panel 8: ASHELLE... HM... -ALL I'VE GOT, THOUGH, IS MY WEDDING DRESS AND THE OTHER EARTH CLOTHES I COLLECTED. -THEY'RE NOT REALLY WELL-SUITED FOR OUTER-SPACE...

Panel 9: BUT... SHE FOUND IT AT THE DISCOUNT CLOTHING STORE AND WOULDN'T GO HOME WITHOUT IT. I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO WEAR IT. -BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING IN LIFE...

Panel 10: BUT WHAT ABOUT US? WE JUST GOT TOGETHER. -CAN I COME WITH YOU? SORRY, TOM. -YOU ARE DEAR TO ME, AND WE DIDN'T HAVE LONG THIS TIME, BUT YOU NEED TO STAY BEHIND. THIS IS JUST FOR ME.

Panel 11: BESIDES, KYTANNA IS THE ONE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WITH. -AND YOU'RE BOTH FALLING IN LOVE, SO IT ALL WORKS OUT. WHAT?!

Panel 12: OKAY, EVERYBODY, FOLLOW ME. THIS NEXT PART IS IMPORTANT.

Who's Who: Ramona Jennex



Surrounded by an exhibit of art by young people at the back of the Just Us cafe, Ramona Jennex is reminded of the gallery's namesake, Jack Sheriff. She counts herself lucky to have taken courses from the late arts patron who she describes as "a really good professor and very approachable." Jennex pauses and thinks back to her time at Acadia, starting in 1973, when she first adopted the Annapolis Valley, or the Valley first adopted her. "He was very alive and he had so many projects in the community," she says. It was in Sheriff's office that she first saw a copy of Frank Parker Day's novel, *Rockbound*, sitting on the shelf. When she eventually read the book, she discovered a thinly veiled retelling of her own family history. Written in 1928, the island of the book's title was a fictionalized version of East Ironbound, where Jennex grew up. Although the depiction of the islanders in the book is less than positive, she speaks of the place with a sense of nostalgia. "I went to a one-room school and I was related to everyone on the island," she says. "We had the water and the fields. The chickens came from the henhouse and they were as fresh as they can be." While at Acadia, Jennex studied Special Education and after getting her degree she began teaching at Glooscap Elementary. Over the years, the theme of her career has been diversity and integration. At a time when

students with special needs were generally kept apart from the rest of a school's population, Jennex was interested in finding ways to make her classroom more inclusive. The board of education took notice and began implementing her strategies. Later, she took a year off from the classroom to pursue a Masters degree at Acadia, which she received in 1997. Her research at that time was in the area of poverty and education. Jennex seems driven by the notion that there is always room for improvement and the theme comes up again and again in conversation. Of her school's breakfast program she says, "Our schools are serving more needs than when I first started teaching. There has been a shift over the years to good nutrition in the cafeteria." Having seen the effect that a healthy lifestyle has on a student's ability to learn, Jennex is a believer in physical activity in schools and in general. "I think it's very important to move every day," she says. "I get my best ideas when I'm walking by myself." Recently, Jennex had a chance to do a lot of walking, but she was rarely alone. With the help of about 80 people working on her campaign for MLA in Kings South, she followed a strategy of "earning one vote at a time" that brought her into contact with thousands of people in the area. The decision to run came after years of working for the NDP at the grassroots level as an organizer. During that time, she says, she was often involved in the search "for good candidates across the province and it occurred to me that I was asking others to do what I wasn't doing. When I was asked to run, I didn't have an excuse not to." Jennex says she was struck by the disenfranchisement that people were feeling when it came to government in

the province. The strong showing of the NDP, she feels, was a result of her party listening to what people in rural areas had to say. She also credits party leader Darrell Dexter for building strong ties with people outside of the HRM. For the final 20 days of the campaign, Jennex took an unpaid leave of absence from her classroom at Coldbrook District School to make sure she had done everything in her power to ensure a positive outcome. While on the trail, she realized just how close knit the Valley is. "There are so many threads that connect all of us together," she says. "It's a Nova Scotia way of being." On election day, Jennex won the riding by a large margin and when next she returned to her school she found herself to be a kind of celebrity for her students. "All the kids wanted my autograph. I felt like a rock star all day." When it came time to explain that she would be leaving the classroom for her new government position, she says that "the children weren't really surprised. They recognized that I had changed roles." Now, Jennex is on to the task of learning everything she can about her new role. June will be a busy month as she joins the other new MLAs in getting up to speed on how things work but she is excited to help create a new future for the province. Her plan for success is the same as the one that got her into office: "You need to go into the community and talk to people."

by Patrick Bazinet

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The non-profit Acadia Cinema Cooperative Ltd. has announced a Summer Equity Tax Credit Share Sale, June 5 - August 31. Share purchases are eligible for a 30% Nova Scotia Equity Tax Credit – a non-refundable provincial income tax credit that offsets the cost of each share by \$30.

The co-op launched a three-year plan to pay off the Acadia Cinema building's mortgage. "Sink the Mortgage" asks each current

or new shareholder to buy at least one share (\$100) a year for each of the next three years.

Thanks to the generosity of many participants, the co-op has made five double mortgage payments and the 2009 "Sink Tank" is almost a third full!

If you value the Al Whittle Theatre, here's an opportunity to invest in the rich cultural life of the Valley and help the co-op "Sink the Mortgage" too:

Own a share? Consider taking part in this three-year plan and purchase a \$100 share to help "sink the

mortgage" today. Already purchased your 2009 "sink" share? Help your co-op and encourage others who value the theatre to join the plan and buy their first-year share this summer. And if you are not yet a co-op member, why not join the more than 650 shareholders who have made this important investment?

With continued success, the mortgage will be "sunk" by 2011 – just in time to celebrate the Acadia Cinema building's 100th birthday! And each month thereafter, the co-op will have thousands of freed-up dollars to enhance theatre operations.

Tide Predictions at Cape Blomidon

June	High	Low
18	9:17am	3:23pm
19	10:13am	4:19pm
20	11:08am	5:13pm
21	12:01pm	6:06pm
22	12:53pm	6:58pm
23	1:44pm	7:49pm
24	2:35pm	8:19am
25	3:25pm	9:09am
26	4:16pm	9:59am
27	5:08pm	10:50am
28	6:01pm	11:42am
29	6:56pm	12:36pm
30	7:53pm	1:33pm
July 1	8:51pm	2:31pm

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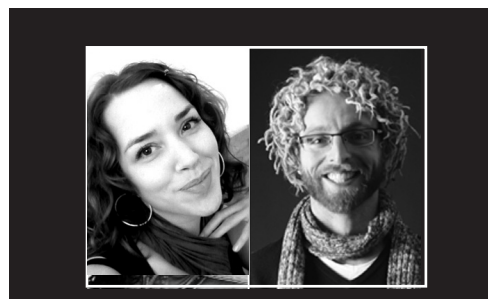
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