

# Return from Kilimanjaro



In this photo, Lloyd Stone, at 13,650 feet, is cheered and applauded by some of his fellow climbers and most of the porters, at the point when he decided to leave the climb. As one of his fellow trekkers said, "Lloyd is 82 ... he made it 3 days and up to 13,000 feet. He is an inspirational man." This sentiment was shared by all, it would seem, looking at the faces of those accompanying Lloyd above.

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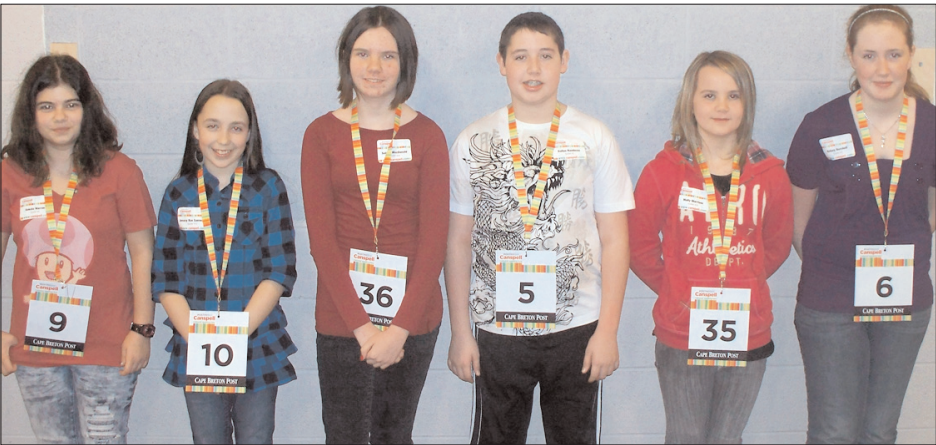
Lloyd Stone reports that he has returned from Tanzania, Africa, none the worse for the wear. In fact, he says that the trip was a marvellous and unforgettable experience.

He did not succeed in his attempt to reach the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro but did manage to get to 13,650 feet on the 19,000 foot mountain before experiencing some ill effects from the thin air (altitude sickness) and exhaustion.

He admits to being not as physically fit as he thought he was. Of the twelve Canadians in the group of climbers, ten succeeded in reaching the summit.

While in Tanzania, he went on a one day safari, and although a very exciting and enjoyable experience, it wasn't as demanding physically as one might expect. The opportunity to see the country, the animals and the people was an experience he would not have wanted to miss at any cost, we can be sure.

# North of Smokey spellers



Above is a photo of the North of Smokey Spellers who competed in the Canwest Regional Spelling Bee, on Saturday, February 12, at CBU, Sydney. Left to right: Dakota Warren (Grade 6, Cape Smokey Elementary), Jenacy Samways (Grade 6, Cape Smokey Elementary), Selena MacDonald (Grade 6, North Highlands Elementary), Dalton Rambeau (Grade 7, Cabot Jr./Sr. High School), Molly Morrison-placed 4th (Grade 6, North Highlands Elementary), Kelsey Burchell (Grade 7, Cabot Jr./Sr. High School). Great job everyone! Congratulations to the Champion Speller: Paryse Broussard

# Creative economy gets a boost from report

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Government will support and encourage creative excellence in Nova Scotia's arts and culture community with the adoption of a new five-point plan. Premier Darrell Dexter announced the plan February 14th, after extensive consultation.

"Today the province charts a new course for Nova Scotia's creative economy," said Premier Dexter. "This approach ensures that the arts and culture community has a strong voice in determining the province's priorities for supporting arts and culture."

"As Nova Scotia focuses on creating good jobs, this plan will shape the province's work with members of the sector to ensure a bright future for Nova Scotia's arts and culture community."

The province released the final report on the consultations from Horizons Community Development Associates Inc. The report outlines the major themes that participants in the consultations raised, including recognition of the importance of arts and culture, providing support for cultural diversity, addressing governance and communication with the arts and culture community and the need to look at investment in the sector.

The plan includes:

- status of the artist legislation to emphasize the importance of arts and culture to the province
- establishing Arts Nova Scotia, an

independent arms-length body to oversee and make decisions about funding support for artists

- forming the Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council from the present Nova Scotia Arts and Culture Partnership Council to advise government on arts and culture policy and lead the development of a provincial cultural strategy

- developing a communications strategy for arts and culture, including a new interactive website for ongoing discussions that will allow artists to showcase and market their work.

- creating an interdepartmental committee to co-ordinate government efforts to support and fund arts and culture development

A panel of arts and culture representatives will be established in the next few weeks to set out the terms of reference for Arts Nova Scotia.

"I'm excited to be leading my department at a time when we're taking concrete steps to enhance Nova Scotia's arts and culture community," said Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage David Wilson. "This plan can really position Nova Scotia to ensure new and established artistic and cultural talent shines on the creative stage"

The Horizons report is available by going to the department of Communities, Culture and Heritage website at [www.gov.ns.ca/tch/](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tch/) and selecting the link under What's New.

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