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Creating pollinator habitats



PHOTO: ANN HART

by Ann Hart and Joshua Barss Donham

The Urban Farm of Spryfield is working with neighbors in our area to increase pollinator habitats for endangered monarch butterflies and bees that depend on our gardens to live. Many visitors to the Urban Farm tell us about the monarchs they have seen

in their own yards.

We are fortunate to have the longest stages of the yearly monarch metamorphosis right here. Our monarchs arrive in July and leave for the long trip south in late October. It all depends on the seasonal weather, of course. Many storms make their migration difficult. The magic of their

existence is inspiring and beautiful. Spring is in the air! While many of us are beginning to think about yard work, preparing the garden and buying seed, the monarch butterflies that overwintered in Mexico have already begun to leave their tree roosts in the mountains and are moving north.

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Editorial

As we were putting together the March issue, none of us realized the changes that one month would bring. There were reports in the daily news-feeds about the problems people were having in other nations, but as in most crises, to North Americans, the problems were usually elsewhere, and not in our own back yards. Not anymore.

There is enough information available to tell you what to do now to avoid exposure to the virus, but in the meantime, some of our fellow citizens are out there on the front lines, risking their own health for the better good for all. Medical personnel, fire services and police services are in the front of this brigade, but we also need to think about those in designated essential services who are going to work to ensure we have secure utilities, groceries, and medication. From the people diligently cleaning grocery carts between customer use, to those stocking the shelves so we feel secure in our supply of food, to those truck drivers who are pushing themselves to their limits to bring food to the stores, we have a lot of people to thank.

And what about after the crisis? We are a region of small businesses, and these businesspeople have taken a big hit with the closures. When this is over, we need to rally as a community and support them as they try to get back on their feet.

April is Volunteer Month. Many who volunteer are now unable to do so, and those who rely on their services are missing them. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who give of their time to help their fellows. Although your hands are tied right now, you have served and will again serve your community well. Congratulations. Stay safe, everyone.

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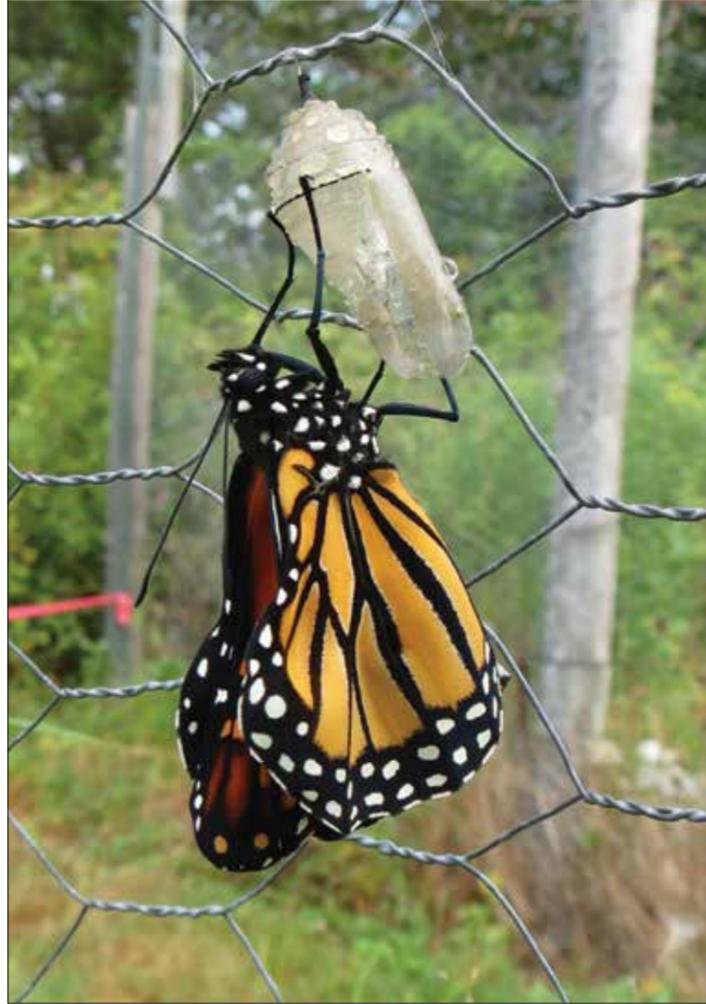
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In the coming weeks, somewhere in Texas or the Carolinas, these overwintering monarchs will find a milkweed stand, attract a mate, lay eggs, and die, leaving their offspring to continue the 5000 kilometre flight to Nova Scotia. They show up in our neighborhood gardens in early July. The timing and number of new generations along the way are subject to the weather and food sources.

PHOTO: JOSHUA BARSS DONHAM



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Soon after their arrival here, the new monarchs find mates and begin laying eggs on the milkweed we have established. From mid-July through September caterpillars hatch and eat great quantities of milkweed, sometimes leaving a plant stripped of leaves. By the second week of August the fully grown black and yellow striped caterpillars begin roaming,

searching for a stem or fence wire to attach themselves to. They transform into emerald green chrysalides, ringed with gold spots. On a warm day a week or so later bright orange and black adult monarch butterflies emerge from the chrysalides. In late summer and early fall the newly hatched monarchs join the honey bees, bumble bees, and the hummingbirds in the flower gardens. In October the last of the new monarchs head south to their mountain retreats in southern Mexico to winter over.

The Spryfield Urban Farm, along with a network of schools, parks, organic gardens and backyards that stretch between here and Mexico, is part of a conscious effort to create habitats for monarchs and other native pollinators. We are at the northernmost extent of the monarch range and
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St. Paul's United Church continues in a modified form

by Carolyn Mont

In last month's issue of Chebucto News, I had told you of the exciting fundraisers St. Paul's was offering to the congregation and the greater community. As you would expect, none of those is happening in the near future but it is our plan to return to them when the current crisis is over.

On March 17, the Unified Board of St. Paul's United Church met and made the difficult decision to close our building. It would not be possible to conduct business as usual in a busy church while also keeping to the recommended social distancing. Before making that decision, we were reminded that the church is not the building but the people and even with the doors closed, the church continues. Rev. Anne Hoganson read a message from United Church Moderator Richard Bott:

It is important to remember: church doesn't close. Ever.

It's lived, around the world, and in our homes; it acts, when our hearts reach out, it keeps going, wherever there is one disciple of Jesus

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We have suspended gatherings but we are still the church. Rev. Anne remains available by phone, text and email as well as in person for urgent matters. Call/text 902-237-3318 or email annehoganson@gmail.com.

Worship resources are being developed and will be emailed to the congregation, with printed copies available on request. "We are the church, Always and all ways."

For St. Paul's United, closing the building is not quite as simple as it sounds because we have our community ministry, the Family Resources Institute (FRI). As it stands now, FRI

will continue with two programs, Soup's On and the Food Bank but in a different format. Soup's On is a free lunch on Tuesdays at noon. People are invited to sit at a table and be served the meal. Going forward, this will continue but as a take-out only.

Normally, the Food Bank clients come in, take a number and sit at tables waiting their turn, enjoying tea,

coffee and snacks while socializing. Going forward, when they are called to confirm that they will be served on Food Bank day, they will be given a specific time to arrive, thus ensuring that they practice social distancing. At this time, the plan is for both of these programs to continue in the modified form.

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are providing for those butterflies who must fly the farthest. Planting flowers for monarchs provides nectar for other pollinators as well, as many of the vegetables that grow in our gardens depend entirely on insects for pollination.

If you wish to join us in our effort to help these beautiful butterflies in their annual migration you can plant flowers such as aster, marigold, cone flower, goldenrod, and Joe Pye weed. These are flowers that adult monarchs feed on. Milkweed is the only plant monarch caterpillars eat, so that would be the first plant to consider adding to your yard.

We are always looking to welcome new members and donations are always appreciated. Email us at urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com. To find out more on how you can create a

habitat for monarchs and other pollinators, check out the Urban Farm of

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



Andrew Bonar Law, his close connection to Spryfield



by Iris Shea

Andrew Bonar Law (1858-1923) served as prime minister of Great Britain from 1922 to 1923, the only Canadian to hold that position. His mother, Elizabeth Annie, was the daughter of William Kidston, Jr. and Elizabeth (Dawson) Kidston of Spryfield. The family settled in Spryfield on their 1000 acres farm in 1822. Elizabeth Annie Kidston, one of 10 children, was sent to Glasgow, Scotland, to be educated. In Scotland she met and married James Law, a Presbyterian minister. The Laws settled in Kingston, now Rexton, New Brunswick, where Andrew Bonar Law was born. Bonar Law, as he preferred to be known, was two years old when his mother died. Jenny Kidston, his mother's sister, also educated in Scotland, came to New Brunswick to take care of him and his older brothers and sisters. The story passed down in the Kidston family is that young Bonar Law, with his Aunt Jenny, spent summer holidays with his Kidston cousins in Spryfield.

When Bonar Law was 12 years old, his Aunt Jenny took him to her wealthy Kidston cousins in Glasgow, Scotland, to be educated and to learn the banking business at William Kidston and Company. He became active in the Conservative party and entered Parliament in 1900 as the Scottish representative in the House

In the photograph, dated 1921, members of the Kidston family of Spryfield pose near the Kidston farmhouse on Rockingstone Road, Spryfield. These six Kidston brothers with their sister, Eliza, are first cousins to Andrew Bonar Law. Their father, Archibald, was a brother to Bonar Law's mother. From left to right are: Alice (Drysdale), her husband, Archibald Glen Kidston; Lillian (Hansen) and husband Richard Kidston; Bertha (Drysdale) and husband William Kidston; Emma (McKenzie) with husband Charles Kidston; standing, Elizabeth (Bishop) with husband Arthur Kidston; John Kidston and wife Bessie (Geizer) with adopted daughter, Elsie, on her lap; Eliza Kidston and Dorothy, adopted daughter of John and Bessie. Photo courtesy the Kidston family.

of Commons in Great Britain. He was a popular politician, and throughout World War I was often acting Prime Minister to Lloyd George. He was the leader of the Conservative Party during the periods 1911-21 and 1922-23. On October 24th, 1922, Bonar Law, although reluctantly, became Prime Minister of Great Britain. Due to ill health, he resigned as Prime Minister on May 20, 1923. He died October 30, 1923. The Prince of Wales was one of the pallbearers at the burial service in Westminster Abbey.

A letter was written three days following the death of Bonar Law by Harry B. Kidston, a cousin of Bonar Law in Glasgow, Scotland. The letter was addressed to John Kidston, Halifax, and was saved by the Kidston family of Spryfield. The letter follows:

Dated 2nd November, 1923, 93 West George Street, Glasgow.

Dear Cousin:

I am sending you today a batch of newspapers printed in various centres of the country from all of which you will learn of the grief of a nation. The loss of a successful man always

calls for regret—but the taking away of a great and good man means loss irreparable. He was your first cousin and, by reading the poor expressions of my letter, you may be able to understand—but only in part—the great love we bore for him.

He was great because of his goodness. His simplicity of nature, his wonderful faith, his indomitable courage was for him not only respect, but love—aye, even from those who were forced to worship from afar. His honesty was, at times, disarming—but that same steadfastness of purpose and his sterling character was for him a place in the hearts of all. It is men of such stamp that the world can ill afford to spare. We mourn his loss but we thank God such men have lived among us. They show us the way, but few have the strength of character to follow. The man himself has gone—but his unselfish devotion to duty will live as a shining example to those who are left & to those who are still unborn.

The story of silent suffering cheerfully borne can never be realised except by a very few. His thoughts to the end were of others & his wonder-

ful spirit bore him above all suffering. The agony at times must have been intense but always that unconquerable spirit shone through, bright & unquenchable. So it was to the end. Such a man was Andrew Bonar Law. To him death comes as a happy release, & the emptiness is felt by those who remain. Today all seems sadness, but we should try and rejoice—for He is happy. His resting place is to be Westminster Abbey—and what more fitting. May the country he truly died for carry on in the path he led & be worthy of the great example he gave us. My father goes South to the funeral but I remain here. I shall send you some accounts of the service next week. I shall write again soon. My respects to you all & I know you will hand the papers round.

Yours

Harry B. Kidston

The name Bonar Law is remembered as a provincial historic site near Rexton, New Brunswick. Bonar Law Memorial High School is located in that community, as is Bonar Law Common at 31 Bonar Law Avenue in Rexton. Bonar Law married Annie Pitcairn Roblee in 1891 in Glasgow. Descendants from their four sons and two daughters continue to live in the United Kingdom. Their Kidston cousins continue to live in the Kidston homestead in Spryfield.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I have been heartened by the offers of help that have come from younger people in the past week. We at Spryfield Community Association hope that many people are reaching out to friends and neighbours with offers of help, particularly to folks who are elderly or living alone or disabled.

Our Association also promotes

on-line connections throughout the community, so do take a look at www.myspryfield.org, find us on Twitter @sprycommunity, or on Facebook for details of how you can stay connected with us and one another through these unprecedented times.

*Marjorie Willison, Board Chair
Spryfield Community Association*

APRIL Religious Services Directory

****To have your church/synagogue/mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com****

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19, MANY OF THESE SERVICES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED. CALL AHEAD TO CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH.

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Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 am

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road)
Sunday Prayer Time: 10:00 am
Sunday Family Service: 10:30 am
Nursery & Children's Ministry 10:30 am
Wednesday Night Prayer: 7:30 PM

Spryfield Christian Community Church (91 Thornhill Dr)
Church services Sunday 11-12 am

Oromo Gospel Church
Sunday worship service: 3 pm
Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd.)
Every Sunday: 8:00am traditional service.
Every Wednesday during Lent, 10:00 am communion service followed by Bible Study. Theme: Encounters with God
We are an affirming church. Everyone is welcome at any of our services.

St. Michael Catholic Church (6 St Michaels Ave, Spryfield)
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday 11 am

St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)
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Sunday, 9:50, Prayer Circle meets
Sunday 11:00, Sunday worship and Sunday School

Stella Maris Church
St Michael's Catholic Church (6 St Michael's Ave, Spryfield)
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 11am

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Sunday 9 am

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Sunday 10am

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St. James United Church: 3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro
Parkhill United Church: 5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore
Our two Churches are cancelling Sunday worship services for several weeks due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will announce when worship will resume on our website: www.sambrojollimorepc.com.
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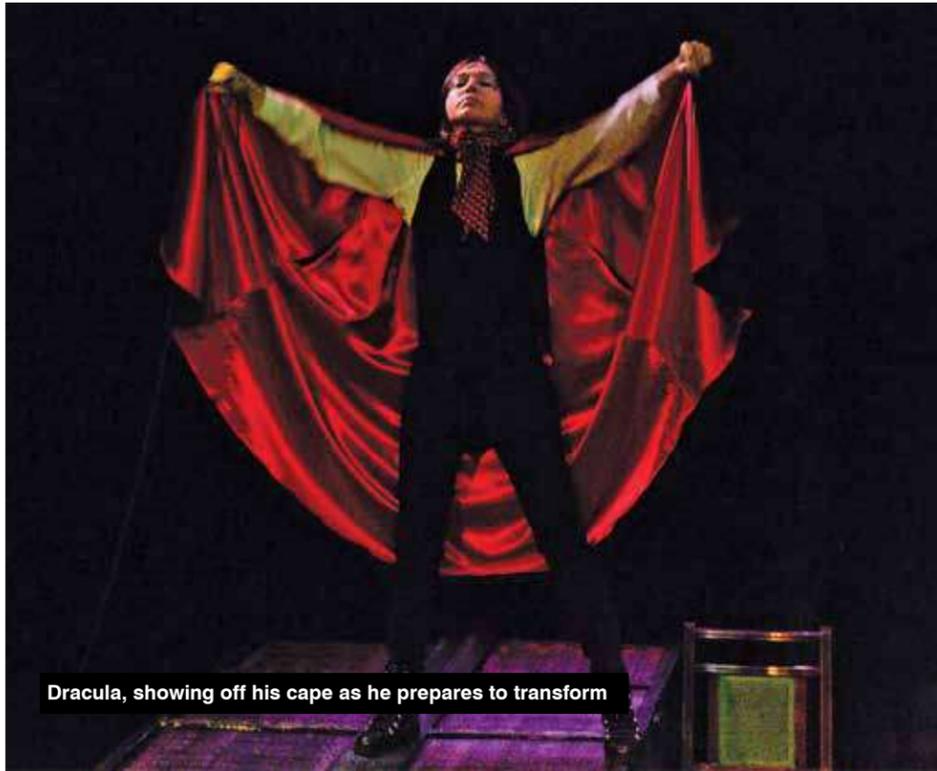
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Dracula—the Bloody Truth

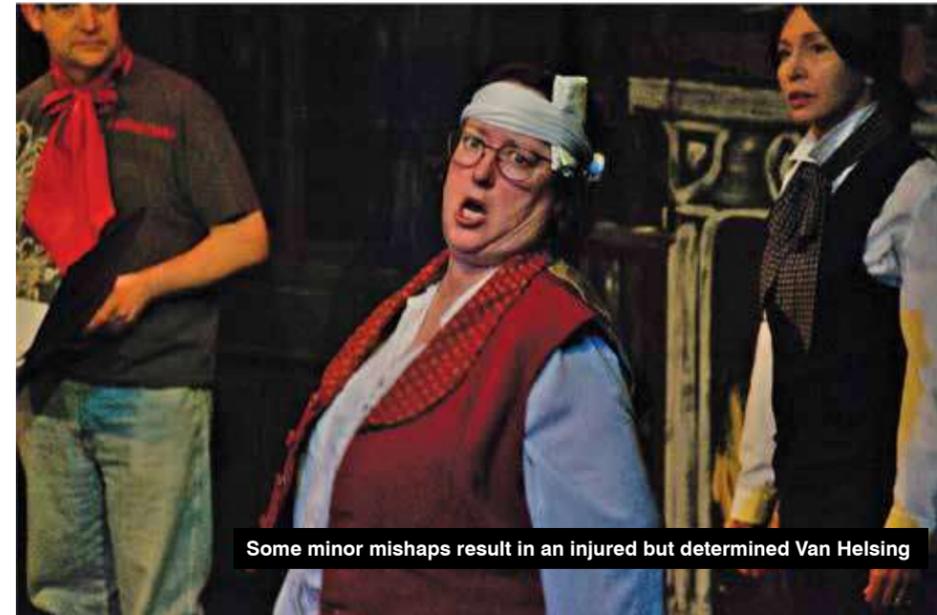
Story and photos by Sam Ramsay



Lucy delightedly receives flowers while two of her suitors look on – one irritated, one mildly injured



Dracula, showing off his cape as he prepares to transform



Some minor mishaps result in an injured but determined Van Helsing



Mina comforts her husband after his ordeal in Dracula's castle

The Theatre Arts Guild's spring production this year is "Dracula – The Bloody Truth". A comedic retelling of the classic "Dracula" story, this play features Professor Van Helsing as a slightly irritable narrator here to lecture the audience on the truth of what really happened all those years ago. The Guild describes the play as "a mixture of Monty Python, The Play That Goes Wrong, and an Adult Panto", and says that with nearly forty characters split between a mere four actors, it's one of their most complicated productions yet. The trick,

according to Director Nicholas Jupp, was to work backwards – starting with the moving scenery, followed by the fixed set, auditions, and finally rehearsals with lighting and sound.

The play runs from Thursday, March 19th to Sunday, April 4th, and takes place at the Pond Playhouse on Parkhill Road. The situation with COVID-19 has caused the theatre to postpone the play until further notice. Please check with their website for updated information by going to tagtheatre.com.

Notice re Postponement of Dracula ...the Bloody Truth

The health and well-being of our patrons, cast, crew and volunteers is of paramount importance. Following the direction from the Premier and provincial public health officials, the Theatre Arts Guild at the Pond Playhouse is postponing performances of Dracula...the Bloody Truth.

Our Board believes this is the best decision to help keep all our participants safe and healthy. We are sure you will agree.

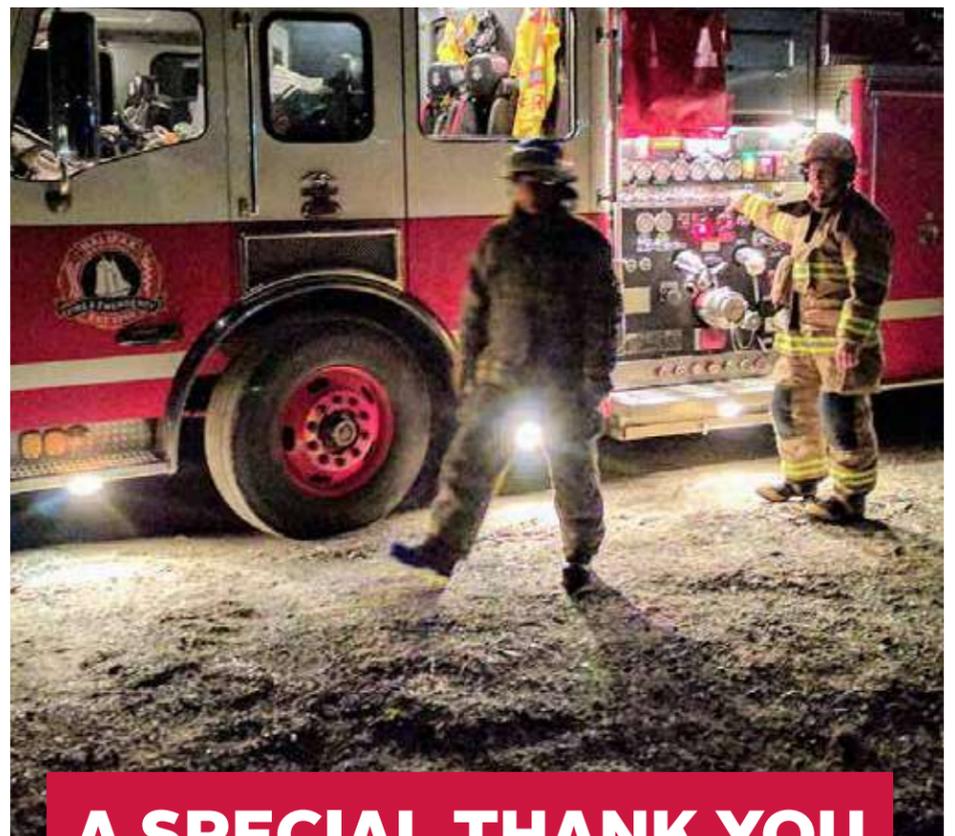
We will continue to monitor the advice of Nova Scotia public health officials and will announce decisions about a revised schedule as the COVID-19 situation unfolds.

If you have tickets for Dracula... the Bloody Truth, purchased from

Ticket Atlantic, Ticket Atlantic will issue the refund.

All tickets purchased over the phone or online via TicketAtlantic (dot) com or at the Pond Playhouse using a credit card will be automatically refunded by Ticket Atlantic. As you can understand, given the volume they are dealing with and the unprecedented nature of this situation, this could take up to 2-3 weeks.

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• The future is calling! **The Halifax Community Learning Network** offers FREE tutoring and GED classes for adults at the Captain William Spry Community Centre.

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• **Lion's Rink** offers a seniors' public skate Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to noon, \$2 admission.

• **Nursing History Nova Scotia** meets every third Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Tel: Edie @ 902-435-1475 for more information and details if this is of interest to you.

• **Community Connections 55+** welcomes you to a monthly get-together the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Spryfield Legion, to do a different activity each month and socialize with others.

• **Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield** The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield invites you to become a member/volunteer at our Urban Farm or simply come and learn what we do at the Urban Farm! The Farm Committee meeting will be held Wed. April 15th at 7pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. Everyone welcome! Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you all there! **This event is being postponed due to COVID-19. Tentative new date is May 6th.**

• **2020 Homecoming for Nurses'**

Alumni Calling all Victoria General Hospital School of Nursing graduates. We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of our Nursing Alumni, the longest continuous Nursing Alumni in North America, 1920 to 2020. Set aside the week-end of September 11-13, 2020. Invite your nursing classmates to attend with you. It will be fun. It takes place in Halifax at the Westin Hotel (formerly the Nova Scotian Hotel). For more information and to register check out our Nursing Alumni website at www.halifaxvghnursesalumni.ca.

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- Rosie



NEWS & VIEWS

from the desk of
Bruce Holland



Spring is finally here! It's always great to step outside and smell the freshness at this time of year, and it's a great time to think about fresh starts in our own lives. The COVID-19 virus has thrown a wrench into all our lives, but we are all coping as best we can.

WORKPLACE EDUCATION

The SBC, proudly in partnership with the Department of Labour and Advanced Education, regularly hosts free valuable courses for anyone who is employed, self-employed, or a business owner. Classes are in the Spryfield Business Commission Training Centre in the Royal Bank Building at 339 Herring Cove Road, Suite 211. (If the current social distancing protocols are in place, the course may proceed "virtually" via an internet connection and some online tools.)

This Spring we're running two WordPress courses beginning April 16 and running for 11 weeks.

9 a.m.-12:30 pm - WordPress Level 1, suitable for beginners. Learn how to build a WordPress website from the ground up, including best practices for domain and web hosts, backing up your site, installing WordPress, building pages and posts, updating themes and plugins, search engine optimization, Google Analytics, video and more.

1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. - WordPress Level 2, suitable for intermediate. Participants must have previously taken WordPress Level 1 or demonstrate that you have sufficient skills to take the Word Press II Course. Learn about Google Tag Manager, Facebook Pixel, working with images, keyword research, search engine optimization, fixing crawler errors, Google Analytics metrics, page load speed and caching, advanced video techniques, basic HTML coding, finding and repairing broken links, Gutenberg and much more.

If you've been looking for a chance to learn or improve your WordPress skills, contact Bruce at 902-452-7472 or bruce@discoverspryfield.ca today to reserve your spot.

SHAY & MACKAY MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY

The Sambro Area Community Association (SACA) will host the 6th Annual Shay & MacKay Memorial Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Grand Lake in Williamswood. On-site registration opens at 8:00am and ends at 10:30am. Final weigh-ins must be in line no later than 3p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under.

There is an early bird prize draw for anyone registering between May 1 and May 24. Even if you aren't fishing, paying the \$10 registration fee will entitle you to get in on the prizes.

Prizes, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, free children's fish pond game. Funds raised are in support of the Shay & MacKay Memorial Scholarship at J.L. Isley High School, a wheelchair accessible gazebo, fishing wharf and picnic area, and SACA. This event is family fun for all ages.

If you would like to volunteer, donate a raffle prize or derby prize, please contact Kim MacKay at 902-475-1583

CBDC BLUE WATER

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, CBDC Blue Water is temporarily suspending their in person interviews at the SBC offices on Thursdays. Their Senior Business Development Officer, Alayne Jackson, is happy to provide assistance remotely, so don't hesitate to give her a call at 902-889-7523 or email alayne.jackson@cbdc.ca

SPRYFIELD DAYS FESTIVAL

Planning for the 2020 Spryfield Days Festival is ongoing. If you are interested in becoming involved, would like to sponsor an event or volunteer during the Festival, please email bruce@discoverspryfield.ca. This is a great opportunity for students to get volunteer hours and experience for scholarships and programs.

RURAL BUS SERVICE UPDATE

The "Requests for Proposals" (RFP) are in from the companies who are interested in contracting with us to provide the bus service, and the SBC Board of Directors has chosen a company to provide the service. The pre-implementation project is nearing completion and we can now apply for the funding to put the bus on the road. Provided the funding is approved by the Province and Halifax Transit (they cost share the Rural Bus Funding Program), we anticipate the Chebucto Transit Service will begin to operate in late summer, perhaps around Labour Day.

We are seeking community minded members of the general public to sit on a steering committee which will eventually take over the management/operation of the Rural Bus from the Spryfield Business Commission. If this is something that interests you, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

We will continue to share the progress on this project as it unfolds.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new member Bay Street to Main Street Consulting, Certified CBW Merchant Coach creating supporting communities and engaging customers to support them. Find out more at <https://www.bay2main.com>

As the snow melts, it reveals trash that has blown around and been buried over the winter months. Let's all do our part and pick up any trash around our homes and businesses. It's great for our health, our environment, our community, and it's something you can do while social distancing.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please e-mail me at bruce@discoverspryfield.ca.

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Infrastructure improvement planning continues as health crisis continues

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

As we near the end of winter, and hopefully snow, we can look back on our snow and ice operations and assess what was done right and what needs some improvement. Relatively speaking, this winter was not as severe as in the past. There weren't as many snowfalls and the accumulation, in general, was not as bad. However, the freezing rain and temperatures around 0 degrees always causes havoc.

I've had a few comments, emails and phone calls concerned about the contractors' plows being out before a storm begins, or after it has begun. The operations previous to a storm are generally related to pre-salting or putting down a brine in preparation for an event. This is a generally accepted practice.

The biggest concern borne out of this is that there is an assumption that this activity is wasteful and the drivers are 'padding their overtime'. Not only is this disrespectful, it is simply wrong. The contractors working in and around Spryfield have a fixed contract amount paid by HRM. Regardless of how much they plow, this amount does not change. And, there are service standards which must be met, so they are unable to cut back on

their effort without penalty.

Last year, I requested that our staff assess the intersection at Herring Cove Road and Drysdale Road for traffic lights. This assessment is scheduled to take place in the Spring. (Scheduled should be emphasized given the Coronavirus and its impact on our community. Over the next few months, it is reasonable to suggest that traffic volumes will be lower, thereby skewing the data)

Given the high number of homes being built and sold in and around Governor's Brook, and the new J.L. Ilesley High School under construction, traffic has increased significantly. Further compounding the traffic volume is activity at our rink. From a practical perspective, it certainly makes sense to have traffic control at this intersection. As any updates become available, I will let everyone know.

Both our Operating and Capital budget processes were interrupted by the Coronavirus and its implications. However, pending final approval, here is a list of paving projects, new sidewalk work and repair work. We often get questions about the timing of projects. Our Engineering staff are suggesting that once the projects are approved by Council, they will make every effort to design, tender and construct in 2020; however, circumstances may arise which could impact on the scheduling of these projects, and potentially cause delays. It is our

intention to complete this list in 2020; however, we are trying to manage expectations as best as we can in the event there is an unexpected delay.

The biggest project is a continuation of work from last year. The 500 Block recapitalization, complete with new sidewalks, concrete curb and gutters, bike lanes and an upgraded crosswalk, is scheduled to be completed by late summer. These improvements began last year; however, given the magnitude of the project, the work had to be spread over two construction seasons.

In Leiblin Park, both Ivylea Crescent and Juniper Crescent will undergo recapitalization, which means the old asphalt is removed and the crescents are completely repaved.

Abrams Way, Lois Lane and Pinegrove Drive will undergo Planer Patching, which is the removal of distressed areas to a depth of 2" and then repaved. These can be 1-2 feet wide and can run upwards of 15-20 feet long.

13 streets and roads will undergo crack sealing, which will preserve the life of the pavement. Ardwell, Tartan, Thornhill, Rockingstone, Alabaster, Marble, Mica, Onyx, Titanium, Travertine, Drysdale, Emerald and Hartlen are all scheduled.

A new sidewalk is also planned for part of Theakston Avenue. It will extend from the existing sidewalk near

Hartlen to the end of Pinegrove.

As of the writing of this article, there were 9 reported cases of the Coronavirus, also known as Covid-19, in Nova Scotia. By the time you read this, this number is sure to have grown. There is an extensive amount of information available on-line regarding HRM updates with respect Police, Transit, Recreation and other services. As well, halifax.ca can also provide updates on prevention, precautions and other helpful insights. Although I am far from qualified to comment on this virus, I will leave you with this. Increase your frequency of hand-washing, resist touching your face (especially around your eyes, nose and mouth), keep a safe distance from others (2 meters is recommended) and if you have symptoms, call 8-1-1. And, please be kind to each other and check on our vulnerable population.

In the run of a week, I get messages in all forms. Due to the volume of various messages, at times it can be difficult to ensure that I see them all. In fact, I have missed some Facebook messages and for that I apologize. The best way to address issues is to call 3-1-1 and send me the reference number. My assistant Ken is always available at (902) 490-7184 or benoitk@halifax.ca Email is also a good way to communicate. My email address is adamss@halifax.ca.

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In hopes that the COVID-19 situation will be behind us by the end of May, we here at the Sambro Area Community Association (SACA) are continuing to plan the 6th Annual Shay & MacKay Memorial Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. On-site registration at Grand Lake in Williamswood is scheduled from 8:00-10:30am. Fishing will continue through the day, with the final weigh-ins ending at 3p.m.

There will be a barbeque, prizes, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, and a free children's fish pond game. All funds raised will support the Shay & MacKay Memorial Scholarship at J.L. Ilesley High School, a wheelchair accessible gazebo,

fishing wharf and picnic area, and SACA. This event is family fun for all ages.

Early bird registrants between May 1 and May 24 get a chance at an additional prize. Registration is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under and includes the chance to get in on some prizes, whether you fish or not.

Cory Shay and Kyle MacKay were two great friends, and avid fishermen who graduated from J.L. Ilesley in 2005. Both sadly passed away from cancer in their 20s. During their fierce battles with cancer and the complications resulting from their treatments, both were very brave and never complained. They were an inspiration and taught those who knew them

not to sweat the small stuff, live each day to the fullest, never take their health for granted, and always take time for family, friends and community.

This fishing derby honours their lives and legacies. A wonderful way to enjoy spring, it brings folks together for a day on the lake to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and share memories.

We're looking for volunteers, donations of raffle prizes and derby prizes. If you can help, please contact Kim MacKay at 902-475-1583

Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



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The Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

I want to start by echoing the words of Premier Stephen McNeil: “This is an unprecedented time for all of us and I want to thank Nova Scotians for their cooperation given the disruption to all of our daily lives. If we follow public health advice, support our neighbors, friends and family, and do our part, we will slow the spread of this virus in our province.”

I want to express my appreciation for every single Nova Scotian who has stepped up to help and followed proper protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19. My heart is full when I see the dedication of our hospital staff, nurses, doctors, CCAs, pharmacists, first responders, and public health officials who have worked tirelessly to protect our residents.

In this moment where a global pandemic is touching nearly every part of our lives, I’m also thinking of many others; from the teachers, students, and researchers, to the IT staff helping businesses transition to online sales, to the grocery store workers, the delivery drivers, construction workers, restaurant owners and all those who rely on tips to pay their bills, and to all businesses and those who are self employed. I know the uncertainty and rapid changes have been difficult. I’m also thinking of all the artists and performers cancelling tours that are vital sources of their income. My thoughts are also with the many athletes and teams and volunteers, and to all those organizing events, festivals, and cultural celebrations whose hard work won’t be showcased in quite the same way this year. I want to acknowledge the stress of expectant mothers, seniors at home and in care facilities, and everyone living with a compromised immune system at this time, and thank all civil servants and food bank workers and volunteers for their contributions.

The COVID-19 pandemic has required quick, decisive, and dramatic action on the part of our province, the national government and municipalities. These are extraordinary times, and patience and understanding is very important. We are working around the clock to provide crucial details on new programs and supports; the details of which will not be immediately available and in certain cases may need to be modified.

At this moment, I want to provide you with the best possible information and resources available as of this writing while we navigate this situation:

1) Use novascotia.ca/coronavirus, canada.ca/coronavirus, and 811.novascotia.ca to learn more about the virus and the situation surrounding it, and to ascertain whether you need to be tested. Please do not call 811 for general information about the virus. The federal government has set up a general information line on COVID-19 which can be reached at 1-833-784-4397.

2) The NSHA has restricted visitors and is suspending elective and non-urgent appointments and services to contain the spread of COVID-19 and conserve resources. The IWK Health Centre has also restricted visitors and is suspending all non-urgent appointments and services.

3) On March 22, the province had no choice but to declare a state of emergency, allowing Nova Scotia to do whatever is necessary for the safety and protection of our residents and to help contain the spread of the virus. There were some Nova Scotians who were not understanding the seriousness of the situation, and not appreciating that each one of us has a responsibility to protect ourselves, our family, our neighbours, and our community. It is now an offence to not practice proper social distancing, and persons and businesses will face fines and other consequences if they do not practice social (physical) distancing and self-isolation.

4) The province is investing \$1 million to help Feed Nova Scotia serve their clients during this difficult time. Nova Scotia is also investing \$2.2 million in additional support for Income Assistance clients. Each individual client and member of their family will receive \$50 each. This is automatic, and there is no application. This will not be classified as an overpayment and does not need to be paid back.

5) Note that many changes to regular policies have been made, including that pharmacists can renew prescriptions for most medications, employers cannot require a doctor’s note if an employee must be off work, and Nova Scotia Power will not be disconnecting power on account of unpaid bills. The province is also suspending payments on Nova Scotia student loans for six months, from March 30 to September 30.

I want to strongly encourage you to follow my Facebook page for the latest updates. I am sharing all new information we receive, and my office can help answer questions and connect constituents with

services. We want to connect you with the supports you need, whether you’re an individual, a family, or a small business or community organization.

As always, I can be reached at (902) 455-1610 or info@lenadiab.ca. Please take good care of one another and check

in with your neighbours and loved ones in a safe and responsible way. To paraphrase Dr. Strang, it’s vital to exercise the 4 C’s right now: Caring, Community, Compassion, and Common sense. We are in this moment together, and we will get through it.

Be a part of the solution, not a part of the problem

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

COVID-19 update:

All of you are now aware of the COVID-19 outbreak and how serious it is. As I write this article there are five confirmed positives and ten presumptive positives in Nova Scotia.

What is flatten the curve and why it is so important?

The curve takes on different shapes, depending on the virus’s infection rate. It could be a steep curve, in which the virus spreads exponentially (that is, case counts keep doubling at a consistent rate), and the total number of cases skyrockets to its peak within a few weeks. Infection curves with a steep rise also have a steep fall; after the virus infects pretty much everyone who can be infected, case numbers begin to drop exponentially, too.

The faster the infection curve rises, the quicker the local health care system gets overloaded beyond its capacity to treat people. As we’re seeing in Italy, more and more new patients may be forced to go without ICU beds, and more and more hospitals may run out of the basic supplies they need to respond to the outbreak.

A flatter curve, on the other hand, assumes the same number of people ultimately get infected, but over a longer period of time. A slower infection rate means a less stressed health care system, fewer hospital visits on any given day and everyone getting the proper treatment they need.

What is social distancing and self-isolation and why is it important?

Social distancing, is important because coronavirus spreads when an infected person coughs small droplets - packed with the virus - into the air. These can be breathed in, or cause an infection if you touch a surface they have landed on, then your eyes, nose or mouth.

The less time people spend together, the less chance there is of this happening.

Self-isolating means staying at home and not leaving it, other than for exercise. Don’t go to work, school or public areas during this time.

If possible, you should not go out even to buy food or other essentials. If you are unable to get supplies delivered, you should do what you can to limit social contact when you do leave the house.

If you feel like you may have come in contact with someone with COVID-19 go to <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/> self assess, than call 811.

Support for individuals, families and businesses

Help is available for people facing economic hardship because of COVID-19.

The province has made the following announcements to help vulnerable Nova Scotians:

- Every individual and family member on income assistance will receive an additional \$50 starting Friday, 20 March. People do not need to apply.
- \$1 million to help Feed Nova Scotia purchase food and hire more staff.

- Emergency funding of \$230,000 for Senior Safety Programs and Community Links to help vulnerable older adults.

The province has made the following announcements to help businesses:

- Government will defer payments until June 30 for all government loans, including those under the Farm Loan Board, Fisheries and Aquaculture Loan Board, Jobs Fund, Nova Scotia Business Fund, Municipal Finance Corp. and Housing Nova Scotia.

- Government will defer payments until June 30 for small business renewal fees, including business registration renewal fees and workers compensation premiums (a list of fees will be posted online early next week).

- Changes to the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program, administered through credit unions, include deferring principal and interest payments until June 30, enhancing the program to make it easier for businesses to access credit up to \$500,000, and for those who might not qualify for a loan, government will guarantee the first \$100,000.

- Small businesses which do business with the government will be paid within five days instead of the standard 30 days

- Suspending payments on Nova Scotia student loans for six months, from March 30 to Sept. 30 and students do not have to apply

- Ensuring more Nova Scotians can access the internet to work from home, by providing \$15 million as an incentive to providers to speed up projects under the Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative and complete them as soon as possible

The province and its health system partners are working to increase capacity within the health system. This includes:

- doctors and pharmacists have new options for virtual care, using telephone and secure videoconferencing

- pharmacists can renew prescriptions for most medications and government will cover the assessment fee

- College of Physicians and Surgeons waiving the fee for retired doctors to renew their licenses so they can come back to work

- Retired and other nurses are being brought into the system to assist with 811 staffing

In the end remember we are all in this together: do not hoard supplies, check on your loved ones, most importantly seniors and the most vulnerable in your life.

In the end just remember to love one another.

If you need anything during this time, call my personal cell 902 499 5500.

Be safe and know we will all get through this together.

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My Precious Baby Girl

What a gift you have been. From the very first day they brought you and put you in my arms I knew that we had something special. I have learned so much from you; how to love more deeply, and how to open up to the people around. You lit up a room just by your presence. Remember after you were a few months old we went to see the neurologist? He saw you laugh out loud and was astonished! From there we began to put resources in place to help you become the very best you could be. We sent you off to Wee Care where you began to show us all the things you could do. You loved your teachers and the other children. You tolerated the physio, not really understanding how important that would be for you. But, best of all, Anna introduced you to music. We watched in amazement as you began to respond more and more to the sound of her voice and the guitar. I knew that we had found the one thing that you really loved and could participate in. Your next adventure was big girl school. Girlie! You have no idea how terrified I was to take you from the safe spot you knew and launch you into the unknown world of elementary school. Your first day at William King Elementary School...I was a mess.

But you took it all in stride. As the days and years passed you added to your rapidly growing circle of friends; other kids your age, your teachers and EPA's. And you grew...you developed new skills. I remember the day they told me you deliberately turned your head to activate a switch to turn your music on! I was so excited! You were experiencing things that delighted you and you would belly laugh out loud. How you loved your sensory room...a wish from Children's Wish Foundation...London Bridge. Many hours you spent in that room with your buddies. You were a trooper girlfriend. Trips to the hospital, sickness that we thought you would not recover from. For 12 years you beat them all. But, we saw you getting tired and this last one was just too much for you to beat. You went to sleep and quietly slipped into heaven. You leave behind a world of people who love you so much. So many families; Daniel, Ben, Catherine, and Micah; along with so many other foster brothers and sisters. Your extended family; Grandparents Ralph and Peggy London, and too many Aunts, Uncles, and cousins to count. Your school family; Teachers, EPA's who did so much for you, and all your friends. Your Church family at Gospel Light Baptist Church. And the friend who will likely miss you the most - your music buddy McKayla. You have no idea how many people you touched with your sweet smile. Then there was your medical team. I am so thankful for their care for you. Dr. Chobatuck, Dr. Logan, Dr. Brna and Dr. Colwell and Dr. Cherry. The nurses and support staff on PMU. There were so many! You left a little bit of you with everyone of them. Well Precious one. It is time to say goodbye to this earthly body that held you captive for so long. Rest safely in God's Hands until we see you again. All the love in the world Mama. To place words of comfort and condolence, you may visit www.walkerfh.com

Edith Lorraine Flemming

Herring Cove (formally Ketch Harbour) died peacefully on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Arborstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home. Mom was the last surviving member of her family. Born in Halifax, June 7, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Kathleen (Redden) Gray from West Pennant. At the age of 16, Mom left West Pennant and went to work for Bremner's Grocery on Chebucto Road in Halifax. In 1957, Mom landed a job at the Red Cross Society as a Stenographer. She became our full-time caregiver from 1960 onward. In later years, Mom looked after the office of Dad's business, Ken's Plumbing & Heating until his retirement.

Mom lived her married life in Ketch Harbour and was a great church worker for St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. In Mom's younger years, she loved to square dance, bowl, knit and have coffee around the community with friends and spend time at the cottage. For the last twenty

years, Mom lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Herring Cove. Mom leaves behind her sons Darrell (Nancy), Portuguese Cove, Bruce (Anna), Timberlea and daughter Carla (Kevin) Cormier, Herring Cove. Grandchildren Joshua (Tara), Herring Cove, Jennifer (Chad) Garrison, Sambro, Austin and Eric Flemming, Danielle and Marc Cormier. Great-Grandchildren Theo, Laurel and Audrey. Sister In-Laws, Bernice Gray and Madeline Gray. Mom was predeceased by her husband of 41 years, Kenneth Daniel Flemming and a daughter, Mary in infancy. Mom was also predeceased by her brothers Gerald, Bernard, sister Ella (Gray) Watson and nephew Michael Gray. The family would like to thank Arborstone staff, 4th floor for their superb care in Mom's last 9 ½ months. Home Instead for Mom to have companionship, many games of Scrabble and Northwood's Personal Care Workers, VON for their care when Mom was still at home. For Melissa Henneberry who stayed with Mom during vacations. For those who visited, chatted and sang for Mom, we are truly grateful. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Kidney Foundation or Canadian Diabetes Association or any charity of your choice. Jesus came and wrapped His loving arms around you and took you to our Heavenly Father and Dad. May You Rest In Peace, Mom. To place words of comfort and condolence, you may visit www.walkerfh.com.

Gladys Elizabeth Ryall (Dinn)

During a glorious sunrise on the morning of March 9, 2020, in her 92nd year on this earth, Mom was lifted by the angels to be with her Lord and Saviour, and to reunite once again with all those who have gone before her. Gladys was a devout Catholic, and was firm in her belief of everlasting life. Gladys was born on January 9, 1928 in St. John's Newfoundland, to Leo Joseph Dinn and Millicent Aphra (nee Vere Holloway). She was predeceased by her parents, husband Frank, son Nick, sisters Joan and Ruth, brothers James and Leo, sons-in-law Robert Power and Scott Murphy. Gladys spent her working life at home as a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to her very large family. Her exceptional mothering skills were not limited to her own family, as she was known as a second-mom to many kids in the neighbourhood. There was always an extra kid at the dining room table, but who could tell with a family this large? Her compassionate heart was also shown to injured animals we would carry home for her to nurse back to life. She loved all creatures! Gladys was a miraculous homemaker who could cook, clean, sew, and constantly renovate the home with new paint and wallpaper. She was a talented baker and made all her children's wedding cakes. If there was a cause for celebration, Gladys was baking a themed cake, and decorating the house from top-to-bottom. No calendar event went unnoticed. Gladys was a truly remarkable woman. A master of nurturing children in every stage of their development. She could

change diapers, assist a toddler with walking, help a preschooler learn their ABCs, review homework and report cards, discipline unruly pre-teens, and console young broken hearts all in ONE DAY, such was the age span of her large family. For all her nurturing, all bets were off when it came to playing card games. Mom enjoyed a robust game of cards and would take no mercy on you. Mom taught us many life lessons, and raised her children to be compassionate, honest, tolerant, and kind. While she will be dearly missed, her legacy will live beyond in the sixty-four direct descendents she leaves behind. She is survived by her children Lorraine (Laurie), Nick's wife Susan, Gail, Valerie (Les), Francis, Debbie (Foster), Noel (Joan), Lori (Mike), Mary (Karl), Mercedes, Sam, Michele, Jackie (Rod), Leo (Cherie), David, Doug (Cathy), Sean (Danielle), and Tracey (Darren); Grandchildren Jim (Shelley), Patrick, Michael (Lia), Kelly, Tanya (Jason), Angela (JP), Krista (Jonathan), Lindsay, Michael, Melissa (Steven), Sarah (Keenan), Samantha (John), Ian (Marie-Eve), Shaunessy (Jesse), Katie, Nic, Rebecca, Allison, Mandy, Jamie, Jacob, Ryan, Jenna, Madison, Quinn, Olivier, and Abigail. Great-Grandchildren Aiden, Hayden, Emmy, Jesse, Julia, Benjamin, Anastasia, Elizabeth, Cameron, Dalayla, Alexa, Nathan, Alex, Alyssa, Gracie, Delilah, Lexi, Liam, and Aurélie; Nieces Donna, Joan and Millie; Nephews Harry and Albert. The family would like to thank the staff of Northwood Ivany Place, Blueberry Hills, for taking such gentle care of our Mom, (in particular Leslie, Prince, Melanie, and Jordan; Gen, Lori, Joann and Suzy); sister-in-law Susan for making sure Mom's hands were always beautifully manicured; and sister-in-law Cathy for managing foot care, and for gently guiding the family through the vigil. You have our heartfelt thanks. Donations can be made to Hope for Wildlife, or charity of your choice. Words of comfort and condolence can be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

Leonard Vincent Newman

Age 61, Halifax, passed away March 10th, 2020 at the Halifax Infirmity. Leonard had worked for the City of Halifax for 35 years. He is survived by his mother, Doreen (Musolino) and step father Donald Archibald "Dad"; sister, Krystal Murphy (Brent); special aunt, Shelley; niece, Ashley Chaisson (Joe); former wife, Tina Newman (Brad); uncles, Eugene (Sandra), Randall (Barb), Gary (Paula), Darrell (Susan); aunt Janice and many cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter, Laura Anne; maternal grandparents Alvina and Angelo Musolino; step grandfather John Musolino; uncle, Angelo Jr and aunt, Patricia "Patsy". The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors and staff of the Halifax Infirmity 5.2 and 8.2 for their care given to Leonard and to Rev. Michelle Bull, Donnie Cameron of Walkers Funeral Home and to special friend of the family, Lorena MacDonald. To place words of comfort and condolence, you may visit www.walkerfh.com.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR APRIL

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19, MANY OF THESE EVENTS MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED. CALL AHEAD TO FIND OUT IF AN EVENT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING IS STILL ON.

Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion (7 Sussex Street) Events: (902) 477-0467

- Bingo every Sunday 1pm. Doors open 12pm
- Chase the Ace: every Wednesday. 5 to 7pm. In partnership with Young at Heart Club. Open to the public.

Food Banks:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd) Call Wed. Pick up Thurs between 9:30am and 10:30am. 902-477-1954. **Closed until further notice.**
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Call Mon/Tues. Pick up Wed between 10am and 12pm. 902-477-5090.
- Greystone Food Bank; Call in Monday and Tuesday, 902-477-5090. Pick up at 9 Cranberry Court, Wednesday at 1:30

Free meals for those in need:

- **Mondays:**
 - Mobile Soup Kitchen 7pm Bread of Life Ministries (McIntosh St. & 500 Block of Herring Cove Rd)
- **Wednesdays:**
 - 2nd Wednesday of the month, Spry Café 5:30pm at the Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave). Call 902-479-3031 ext 302. Registration required.
 - Salvation Army offers continental breakfast during the week and a full breakfast on Thursday mornings. **Changed to take out only until further notice.**

Harrietsfield/Williamswood Community Centre (1138 Old Sambro Road) Events:

- We are currently looking for volunteers. If you are able to volunteer for a couple of hours a month at our various events please contact Natasha at 902-293-7427
- For any rentals for private events contact Natasha at 902-293-7427
- Sparks, Brownies Monday nights
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Canceled due to COVID-19**

Quarter Note Singers (Captain Spry Centre) Events:

- JOIN THE CHOIR! You'll Be Glad You Did! The Quarter Note Singers is a mixed adult community choir that has been making music for over a decade at the Capt. William Spry Community Centre. Singers of all levels are welcome; there is no audition. Please contact Mary Jo Mackintosh at 902-423-5636 for more info.

Rotary Club of Halifax North West (Smitty's Restaurant at 362 Lacewood Drive in Clayton Park.) Events:

- Retired? Bored? Check out our club! We are known for the Toonies for Change 50/50 draw in Spryfield, which benefits eight charities in the Spryfield area, but we also support other local causes as well as international projects. To meet great community-minded people and to get involved, join us for lunch any Tuesday at 1200 noon. For more information call Roger Chiasson (902-445-5905) or go to www.rotary-clubhalifaxnw.ca

Spryfield Lions Club (111 Drysdale Road) Events:

- Every Wednesday at 1pm. BINGO! In the rec centre. Come have fun, make friends and support a great organization.
- Spryfield Lions Club meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at the upstairs den of the Spryfield Lions Rink. 111 Drysdale Road. Anyone interested is encouraged to sit in on a meeting, meet some great people and see how you can help your community. For additional information, please call 902-475-1878
- Spryfield Lions also collect hearing aids, CPAC machines and glasses for refurbishment and distribution. Items can be dropped off at regular bi-monthly meetings or our weekly bingo at the Rec Centre.

Pond Playhouse (6 Parkhill Rd, Spryfield) events:

- TAG will be presenting Dracula – The Bloody Truth beginning March 19th and running until April 4th. Check out their website for all the details. **We are postponing our show due to COVID-19.**
- TAG Annual Yard Sale Set up your table, enjoy the BBQ & meet fun theatre folks! This event is open to anyone in the TAG family and surrounding community. Feel free to setup a table with your items in the TAG parking lot, or if you live in the community, set up at your own yard sale and we'll point people in your direction - just let us know your location. This event is a fund raiser for the TAG Building Fund. A donation from earnings would be appreciated. Any leftover unsold goods will be donated to charities around Halifax. If you wish to donate some goods, please email Lorne Abramson at building@tagtheatre.com or call 902-478-5210. Please do not leave any items at the theatre without discussing with Lorne, thanks

Forever Young Seniors' Club (212 Herring Cove Rd):

All events cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19

- Crib every Thursday at 1:30pm
- Darts every Thursday at 7pm.
- Chase the Ace: Every Wednesday. 5pm to 7pm. In partnership with Spryfield Legion 152. Open to the public

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

City Church Telephone #: 902-479-248
c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca
www.citychurchhalifax.ca

- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd.) events:

902 477-1783, website emmanuelanglicanchurch.net

- Prayer Group meets on Thursday, March 12 and 26, at 1:00 pm in the church basement (Use the side door). All are welcome to join us.
- Our hall is available for rentals. Call 902-477-1783 and leave a message.
- Food Bank is open every week. Please call ahead at 902-477-1954 to arrange for help. **Food bank is temporarily closed due to COVID-19.**
- Busy Hands Social Club: We have started a knitting, crocheting and needlework club, with opportunity to visit and enjoy each other's company. The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 10 - noon, in the Ladies Parlour in our lower hall (use the downstairs door on the right).

Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) Events:

- Breakfast to-go bags: 9:30-10:30am Monday to Friday
- Family Services by phone call 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226
- Our hours are reduced from 9:30-12:00pm

St. James Anglican Church (2668 Joseph Howe Drive – at the Armdale Rotary) events:

- Meeting space is available for rent. Please contact Sarah-Jane at 902 477-4106

St. James United Church, Sambro (3811 Old Sambro Road) Events:

- Dinner Theatre "Alberta Bound." Performances: Friday, 24 April 6:30; Saturday, 25 April 6:30; Sunday, 26 April 4:30; Friday, 1 May 6:30; Sat, 2 May 6:30. A 3-course lobster dinner will be served at all shows. Tickets \$40 online with credit card at sambrodinnertheatre.eventbrite.com. **Cancelled due to COVID-19.**

St. Michael's Church (14 St. Michael's Avenue, Spryfield) Events:

- Bingo! Friday April 3rd, 17th and 24th. Doors open at 5:30pm. Mini game starts at 6:30pm and regular games begin at 7pm. 50/50 draw, canteen, and more! **PLEASE CALL BEFORE COMING AS COVID-19 MAY HAVE US CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT.**
- Playgroup every Tuesday morning at 9am.
- April 19th, Country Music Hall of Fame Concert at 2pm. Admission \$10 at the door

St Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road) Events:

- Recycling on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Drop off between 10am and 1pm. Or, call Elaine at 477-2376 to have them picked up
- Residents will be able to fill up water jugs inside the church kitchen Tues to Fri 9 to 3pm.
- Concert with Hal Bruce, Friday April 24th at 7pm. Hal Bruce is a One-Man, One-Voice, One-Guitar, BIG SOUND, full-time entertainer/producer/songwriter, from Nova Scotia, Canada. Tickets for sale on Eventbrite www.eventbrite.ca or Heather Embrett 902-440-7552 Cost \$25.00. **Cancelled due to COVID-19.**

Spryfield Christian Community Church (91 Thornhill Drive) Events:

- Community room is available for rent on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and daytime Monday through Friday! Includes access to kitchen, bathrooms, storage, and parking. Please contact Rev. Pauline Coffin at 902-477-4099 email: sccc@gmail.ca, facebook: Spryfield Christian Community
- Chimo Taekwondo Club. Training: Monday, Thursday @ 6:30 Saturday @10:30 am

Other Events and Notices:

- **Hand in Hand** (440 Herring Cove Road) which is operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society: Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm. Saturday 10am to 5pm and Closed on Sundays.
- **Girl Guides of Canada** We are in desperate need of leaders. If you can give of your time and have an interest in seeing girls succeed in life, please contact us at NS-HarboursideAC@girlguides.ca. Toll Free Phone: 1-800-565-8111. Office in Halifax: 902-423-3735 Website to Volunteer: www.girlguides.ca/volunteernow

- **Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents:** For those Harrietsfield residents who get water at St. Paul's, note the change in time. When the cold weather sets in the outside tap will be turned off at St. Paul's Church. Residents will be able to fill up water jugs inside the church kitchen Tues to Fri 9 to 3pm.

- **3rd Spryfield Cub Pack** (ages 8 to 10) and **Scout Troop** (ages 11 to 14) are looking for new members! We meet at 7pm every Wednesday night at St. Paul's United Church on Old Sambro Road. Contact Robyn Parsons (902-477-1090) or Dan Drabble (902-477-2657) for more info or visit www.scouts.ca.

- Join **Chebucto Family Centre** at Freeman's Fairview every Thursday from 6-8 pm for Chase the Ace! More details online at www.facebook.com/ChebuctoFamilyCentre

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