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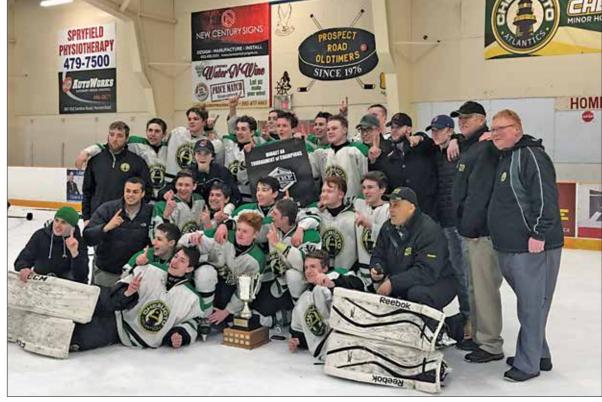






# Dante Manuel wins prestigious Coach of the Year Award!





Chebucto Midget AA Champions

by Bruce Holland

Chebucto Atlantics Minor Hockey Association coach Dante Manuel is the winner of the 2021 Jacques Comeau Coach of the Year Award, presented annually by Hockey Nova Scotia. The Award is presented in memory of long-time Halifax Hawks minor hockey coach Jacques Comeau who passed away in 2014.

The old adage "It takes a community to raise a child" is certainly true in this instance. As a child Dante started hanging out at the Spryfield Lions Rink and he was quickly taken under the wing of rink staff member Greg Lynch, who said," I felt it was better to have Dante hanging out at the rink than out on the street. Dante was a great help around the rink". While he always told Greg he wanted to be a referee, with the help of a couple

of local individuals and kind-hearted businesses, it wasn't long before he was playing minor hockey, where he quickly progressed to competitive hockey.

A former captain of Chebucto's U18 AA team, Dante, with the encouragement and support of the team's head coach Eric Caines, turned his sights to coaching in 2018. A talented hockey player and athlete, he quickly adapted to his new role behind the bench. Assistant Coach, Peter Mowat, said, "Dante is always such an upbeat person; someone who is patient and perceives things quickly. He loves the community he grew up in and just wants to give something back to the community who helped him along the way."

With Dante on the team staff, the club went on to win back-to-back

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league championships, something that had never been done by a Chebucto U18 AA squad before. During the 2019-20 campaign, Dante and his club dealt with significant adversity when Eric became ill. Dante and the

Atlantics persevered, however, and captured their second-straight league title. After the win, Dante and a group of players took the banner and league trophy to the head coach in the

(See Dante Manuel on page 3)

# **Urban Farm court ruling**

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (UFMSS) recently found themselves in court defending full rights to land they technically own. The owners of Lot 31 in Spryfield were found to be encroaching on land that had been donated to the UFMSS by Emscote Ltd. in 2016. Only after a peaceable resolution offered by the UFMSS could not be agreed upon, did the case find its way before the courts. In his Decision, Judge Scott Norton ordered that "the UFMSS is entitled"

to a declaration that the property line between Lot 31 and the Urban Farm Museum of Spryfield's Donated Property is as it appears in the July 30, 2018 survey plan, that the Aubys cease trespassing on UFM property, a mandatory injunction requiring the removal within six months of the fence and all other structures erected on UFM property at the sole expense of the Aubys, nominal damages in the sum of one dollar and costs." For

(See Urban Farm on page 3)



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#### **Turtle crossing**

by Cathy Vaughan
Why did the turtle

Why did the turtle cross the road? To get to her nesting site!
But it's no joke! Road mortality continues to decrease their numbers in

continues to decrease their numbers in our lakes, ponds and wetlands.

Crossing the road during spring nesting season is a perilous journey for expectant turtles whose natural GPS is driving them towards gravely, sandy sites at the side of the road to dig their nests and lay their eggs.

Spryfield has many ponds, marshes, lakes and wetlands that are home to the large, prehistoric looking snapping turtle, as well as the smaller, more colourful painted turtle. These freshwater turtles need shallow wetlands, unpolluted streams, lakes, marshes, or ponds. They like slow currents, muddy shorelines to hide in, lots of vegetation and plentiful food sources, like minnows, worms, insects, or snails.

But their numbers are dwindling and in some provinces the turtles are listed as a species of "special concern" or "Specially Protected Reptiles." The Nature Conservancy of Canada lists the loss of their wetland habitat and road mortality as part of why their numbers are diminishing.

According to the Nova Scotia
Department of Lands and Forestry, the common snapping turtle ranges from 22 cm to 35 cm in shell length and weights 4 kg to 16 kg. These slowmoving snapping turtles can easily be recognized by bony plates that form ridges on their long tails, making them very prehistoric looking.

Painted turtles are smaller slow-



Mother turtle digging her nest beside a busy road in Spryfield. Photo: Margo Kerr

pokes that like to lounge on logs and rocks on the shoreline, warming themselves in the sunshine. You can identify them by their glossy black shells and red and yellow markings.

Spring nesting begins mid June to July and the females can be seen on our roads, searching for a safe nesting site. They prepare their nursery by digging a hole not far from their water source; sometimes in your garden if you happen to live close to a lake in Spryfield. The mother turtle then lays from 15 to 50 eggs, covers them with sand and leaves the nest. The baby turtles hatch about two months later and instinctively make their way to the nearest water source.

Connecting with nature is easy in the Spryfield community with our many lakes and ponds. We have accessible parks and outdoor recreational areas that bring us in contact with nature and wildlife. You may see a turtle crossing the road in your neighbourhood.

If you need to escort an expectant turtle across the road, you should watch The Canadian Wildlife Federation (blog.cwf-fcf.org) for a useful video on how to safely (for both of you) move a turtle off the road.

Learn more about how you can help our local snapping turtles and painted turtles stay alive and thrive at "The Turtle Patrol" blog or at HelptheTurtles.ca.

Turtles have shared the planet with us for millions of years, survived the extinction of the dinosaurs, several ice ages, Spryfield fires, floods and pestilence. We are the stewards of their wetlands, ponds and lakes. We only get one chance to save them.



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# Grow your own garden with help from Atlantic Superstore garden centres

The combination of warmer weather and spending lots of time at home may have you thinking about gardening this spring. No matter the size of your outdoor space, there is truly a garden option for everyone – whether it's a small container garden on your balcony, a vegetable patch in your backyard, or a full-fledged garden retreat.

This year it's extra important to support local - and this holds true for planning your garden and populating your plot.

Did you know that the flowers and other plants you'll see at the garden centres at Atlantic Superstore locations in Halifax and throughout the Maritimes are 100 per cent Canadiangrown? Even better, the vast majority of these are grown locally by Forest Glen Greenhouses of Brookfield, Nova Scotia. This family-owned busi-

### **Dante Manuel**

(continued from page 1) hospital.Tragically, Eric passed away during the offseason.

When the time came to begin the 2020-21 season, Dante was selected to take over as head coach. A confident young man, he is looked to as leader by a group of players who are only a few years younger than he is. Throughout a challenging season, he gained the respect and admiration of his team.

Those who know him well say the 22-year-old is mature beyond his years and they believe he truly represents the best of the Chebucto Atlantics Minor Hockey Association. Congratulations Dante and thank you for all you do!

# **Court ruling**

(continued from page 1) those interested in detailed information, the full decision can be found at https://decisia.lexum.com/nsc/nssc/en/item/496047/index.do

While the UFMSS is relieved to be free of a stressful court case, they are looking forward to this year's growing season and their future plans of creating an Urban Farm Museum in Spryfield. They wish to thank the many people who have supported them during the past 3 years, especially their lawyer Jamie Simpson.

ness has been a supplier to Loblaw and Atlantic Superstore for more than 30 years.

Forest Glen Greenhouses has grown and evolved in step with Atlantic Superstores' garden centres and the PC® Lawn & Garden line-up over the years, reflecting an ever-growing interest in gardening in our region. Judy Thompson founded the business with her husband Lee, and currently works alongside her daughter Megan and son-in-law Jason. It's a true family affair, as her grandchildren also make frequent appearances at the greenhouse facilities!

"Through our relationship with Loblaw, our business has certainly evolved over the last 30-plus years," said Thompson. "What started with us growing bedding plants in a single cold-frame greenhouse in our backyard and selling to one local store in Truro, has now grown into a major operation with six acres of greenhouses."

Forest Glen ships to Atlantic Superstores throughout the Maritimes. For the spring season they now grow everything from potted annuals and perennials, pre-planted hanging baskets and containers, to herbs and vegetables including tomatoes, cucumber, peppers, squash, pumpkin, lettuces, kale, and beet greens, as well as mixed-herb containers, salad bowls and strawberry plants!

Later in the year they also supply Atlantic Superstore with fall mums as well as beautiful poinsettias for the holidays, all grown at the Brookfield greenhouses.

Right now, you can find stunning hanging baskets and planters, as well as a great selection of annuals, herbs and vegetables all grown by Forest Glen Greenhouses at your nearest Atlantic Superstore Garden Centre. The garden centres in the Halifax area opened in May and provide an outdoor shopping experience with all protocols in place to ensure the safety of customers and staff.

Garden centre staff are happy to provide advice on the best options for your specific growing space and all of your gardening projects this spring. Regardless of whether you're looking to grow your own food or to create a pleasing oasis to escape to this summer in your back yard, don't be afraid to try something new and let your garden grow!





Atlantic Superstore garden centres are open now across the region, with an abundance of Nova Scotia-grown flowers and plants to choose from. This is just part of the selection at the Joseph Howe Superstore





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#### DISCOVERING OUR PAST



#### Yeadon family story confirmed in 18th century English newspapers

by Iris Shea

Families often have stories which have been passed down through several generations but they are often difficult to confirm. In the case of John Yeadon, who originated in England and settled in Rawdon, Hants County, Nova Scotia, in 1783, stories passed down through several generations of his descendants have been proven correct through online discoveries from 1779 British newspapers. The names of John Yeadon's parents as Samuel and Mary are also confirmed in these early newspaper accounts.

A story written in 1940 by John Yeadon's great, great grand-daughter, Ruth Havill Brunt, states that John Yeadon was born at Yeadon, England, that he left that country and his fiancé behind following the murder of his mother and younger brother; that they were a well-educated and well-to-do family who were killed for their money. T. Illingworth's account of the parish of Yeadon in Yeadon Yorkshire (first published in 1980 by M.T. Rigg Publications, Guisley, Leeds) listed a Christopher Yedon (sic) among those on a militia muster roll for 1539 and noted that the surname appeared in various records for the township of Yeadon for several generations. It is interesting to note that the early township maps for Leeds in England show Rawdon and Yeadon as neighbouring parishes. Rawdon, Nova Scotia, was settled by several Yorkshire families and one might speculate that John Yeadon chose to move there for this reason.

Ruth Havill Brunt also recalled that there were several Yeadon monogrammed silver spoons, a gold watch and Eton school uniforms passed down in the Yeadon family, the same, no doubt, as were listed as part of the inventory of John Yeadon's 1833 estate papers. Yeadon returned to England and brought back his former fiancé as his bride. No record has been found to determine what became of Yeadon's wife, Elizabeth. She was not mentioned in the estate papers at the time of her husband's death. The Yeadon name in Nova Scotia lived on in John and Elizabeth's son, William Yeadon who settled in Spryfield. Ruth Havill, the daughter of Frederick Moore Havill and Jennie Yeadon, had taught school in Harrietsfield in 1914-1915 and boarded with Frank Brunt and his wife, Margaret Yeadon. Ruth married their son, Frederick, in 1920, following his return as a soldier in World War I. The couple settled in Yonkers, New York, and changed their surname to Brant.

Correspondence with Jennifer Smith, a Yeadon descendant, revealed the following story from a 1779 newspaper and other documents from the same time period, and which backs up the story that was passed down to Ruth Havill Brunt from her grandmother, Jane (Umlah) Yeadon.

Story from the Derby Mercury, Derbyshire, England, Friday, July 23, 1779 and subsequent issues of the newspaper over a period of time.

July 3, 1779.— William Yeadon, keeper of the Scrooby toll bar, and his mother, Mary Yeadon, who lived with him, were murdered, and their house plundered, by a person of the name of John Spencer, a native of North Leverton. In a most barbarous manner he fractured their skulls by repeated blows with a heavy hedgestake. He was soon after taken, and when tried a few days subsequently in Nottingham, was sentenced to be executed, and to have his body hung in chains near the place where the bloody deed was perpetrated.

The sentence was received by him with apparent composure; but on the next day he cried very bitterly, and made a full confession. He said that, being unable to meet his payments, he could think of no other expedient to raise money than robbing the toll house. Accordingly, at eight o'clock on the evening of the murder, he went to the bar, and talked some time with the mother and son, and then wished them good night. Retiring on to the common and making himself satisfied that no one was about, he after a while returned, and called upon the son, who in the meantime had retired to rest, to assist him in driving some beast through the turnpike; but on making his appearance he knocked him down with a spiked hedgestake, and repeated the blows unmercifully. He then went into the house, took a watch off the chimney-piece, proceeded up stairs, and killed Mrs. Yeadon as she lay fast asleep in bed. This being done, he ran out of the house in a state of great trepidation, scarcely knowing, he said, what he did.

At eleven o'clock on the following Monday morning the malefactor was placed in a cart, and conveyed to the usual place of execution. He was remarkably dejected, frequently bursting into tears, and fainted two or three times on the journey. Under the gallows some minutes were spent in prayer, the singers went through a psalm, the unhappy man, upon whom many thousand eyes were fixed, repeated a short prayer, and the world closed upon him forever. After hanging the usual time, the body was removed to Scrooby, and there hung in chains with the hedgestake in its right hand.

Years rolled on, and the body gradually became less and less, first one bone dropping and then another, until nothing was left but the chains which originally encircled it, and these in



Photo courtesy of Ruth Havill. Martha Jane Yeadon and Frederick Moore Havill were the parents of Ruth Havill Brunt

course of time fell and were secretly conveyed away. The gibbet post was then, with its withered and weatherbeaten arm, the only remaining evidence of the law's vengeance, and this, sixty-seven years after, still stood erect. Time, however, which had been gradually gnarling the loathed stump to its core, at length accomplished its task, and in April, 1846, the Scrooby gibbet post fell to the ground.

In a story written in 2014 by JFW Knifton, the parish of Scrooby is described as a largely rural and peaceful community, a country village in the north of the county of Nottinghamshire. "On July 3rd 1779, it was the scene of two truly horrendous and violent murders. The tolls were always collected by Scrooby's tollbar keeper, William Yeadon. On the date of the slayings, William Yeadon, was being visited by his middle aged mother, Mary Yeadon." See more of this gruesome story, "Murderer Strung Up for 67 Years. It's Not Enough", online at the following website: https://johnknifton.com/2014/12/05/ murderer-strung-up-for-67-years-itsnot-enough/

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# **Church in the time of Covid**

by Carolyn Mont

When I submitted last month's article to the editor of The Chebucto News, I thought everything was correct. Within a few days, however, things changed and we were under a Covid 19 lockdown. I contacted the editor, Tangelene Ramsay, and asked if it was too late to delete some items and I was pleased that she was able to do that for me. Certainly with Covid, things change quickly and we have usually learned to adapt to that.

I had planned to say that in-person church would be resuming soon at St. Paul's United Church but that was not to be. Certainly, we look forward to the time when that is possible but we also know that God is omnipresent, that is, God is everywhere. That means we can worship wherever we are. In fact, we at St. Paul's have not only the worship service on Zoom but we also have Communion via Zoom using our own elements at home for the bread and wine. We are missing the presence of our congregation but we are not missing God's presence.

The other thing I had asked to be removed from last month's article was the date of our Boutique Flea Market.

It has now been postponed for the second time but we hope to host it in the fall. We have some great items for sale so watch this spot for information about that.

St. Paul's Family Resources Institute, (FRI), still has some programs running. The Food Bank continues as it has since the pandemic began, with clients receiving their orders at the door rather than inside. People looking for food call 902-477-5090 on Monday. They leave a message then and get a call back on Tuesday to confirm their order. The individualized orders are all filled on Tuesday and are picked up on Wednesday.

FRI also oversees our Community Garden and Kristen Hollery has said that there are still a few plots available. If you are interested, please call her at 902-479-1015.

For many years FRI has had a summer day camp, Camp Paul. This year it will run for just the month of July, starting on July 5. This day camp will, of course, follow all the appropriate Covid 19 protocols. If you wish to register your child, please call Kristen Hollery, our Community Ministry 'director at 902-479-1015.

#### Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

My name is Gary MacLeod.

I served on the original Harriets-field/Williamswood/Sambro Transit Committee to establish the Sambro Loop Metro Transit Route. I never believed the Sambro bus was treated fairly and the way Metro Transit scheduled the bus route so that did not meet the needs of people using the bus to go to work or for appointments, that had no evening runs, no service on weekends or bus shelters, it was doomed to fail.

During the last several years leading to the discontinuation of the Sambro Route, groups like It's More Than Buses, the Cycling Coalition in conjunction with the Ecology Action Centre and a majority of Councillors led by Waye Mason and Shaun Cleary started a campaign to end the Sambro Loop Transit Route saying it was too expensive for taxpayers to support when the area rate was more than paying for the service. While it was thought the Sambro Bus was too rich for taxpayers to support, Council does not mind spending millions of dollars to support active transportation lanes

only less than 1% of the population use.

The rural areas of HRM, particularly the Harrietsfield/Williamswood/ Sambro Loop do not have a voice when it comes to services like transit services or City Water for Harrietsfield. A recycling plant for construction and demolition debris was forced upon the community of Harrietsfield against the wishes of the majority of the people. I have talked to our Councillor, Patty Cuttell, about reviving the Sambro Loop Metro Transit Route. I know there is lots of interest in getting our bus back. It is a long shot and probably will take some time and letter writing to accomplish, but I think it is doable. I am looking for a few dedicated people who would like to serve on the committee to work with me to get our bus back. Councillor Cuttell is on board to work with us if enough interest is shown and we have a good committee of people. As long as the pandemic is present our meetings will have to take virtually until such time when it becomes safe to meet in person. Anyone interested may contact me via e-mail; ablegrafix@gmail.com.

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### **Vandalism at Urban Farm**

by your friends at the Urban Farm Unfortunately our June article is not our usual one which highlights the peace and beauty of our Urban Farm – the old growth forest, birds, butterflies, wildlife, flowers and our vegetable gardens.

Sadly, we have had two incidents of vandalism and destruction in the old growth forest area given to our UFMSS in 2016. One occurred on April 12th – 4 young trees were cut down, a large yellow construction barrier was carried into the forest area and an attempt was made to start a fire. On April 29th, a gallon of white paint was splattered over the construction barrier and ground creating damage to the environment as well. Another young tree was also cut down. These small trees are really important in maintaining our forest as they are replacing the old trees which have been damaged by time and weather. Our thanks to the public who informed us of this damage - the police have visited our site and an investigation is underway.

For those new to our community, this little piece of old growth forest (some trees are over 100 years old) once belonged to the Kidston family. Janet can tell you the story of how her Dad gave it to his best friend, Roland Theakston for \$1.00 before going off to war. After Mr. Theakston's death, the land was sold to John Buchanan and later to Ralph Medjuck. In 2005, the board of our UFMSS wrote a proposal to Mr. Medjuck asking for the 2.14 acres of land to expand our Urban Farm. At our 20th Birthday cel-

ebration in June 2016, we were very excited to announce that Mr. & Mrs. Medjuck had indeed donated the land to our UFMSS.

Although the land was given to our UFMSS, it was Mr. Medjuck's wish that it remain intact and shared with our community of Spryfield. During the past few years we have had several volunteer groups help us trim and remove dead trees and create pathways and trails for visitors. We have also had a very successful Forest School program for children and it is used for our CGWU children and youth, visitors to our Urban Farm, dog walkers and hikers.

Historically and in the present, this small piece of forest is very special to our Urban Farm and our future plans. If you know who is responsible for the recent vandalism, please encourage them to stop before they are reported to police by members, friends and neighbours. It is illegal to cut down trees on property belonging to someone else and very dangerous to the bordering homes to start a fire - even a small one can quickly spread out of control. Please help us preserve this small piece of old growth forest for future generations.

Covid19 restrictions are again mandatory in HRM. Our boundary signage now says "Due to Covid19, Urban Farm is closed to the general public, except members of 5 or less, 6-8 feet apart as ordered by the Public Health Authority".

Plans are underway to begin our Come Grow With Us family gardening program on June 8th. (3 garden



These photos show some of the destruction to the old growth forest at Urban Farm

plots are still available). If you are interested, please call 902-497-3683. Covid19 restrictions will be in effect, with everyone expected to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Scheduling will also be necessary if numbers on site are restricted by HRM.

The Annual General Meeting on June 14th has been postponed until September 13th. It is our sincere hope to welcome new board members at that time. If you are interested in being part of the future of our UFMSS, please consider a 2 year commitment. For further information, please email patriciabmaclean@gmail.com

Our Board of Directors would like to sincerely thank all our members,

friends and especially our lawyer, Jamie Simpson for your support during the past year. It was very much appreciated!

New members are always welcome at our Urban Farm! Yearly memberships are \$5.00 for Students and Seniors, \$10.00 for Individuals, \$15.00 for families and \$25.00 for Groups and Organizations. Membership fees can be paid by ETransfer to urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com or mailed by cheque to 211-339 Herring Cove Road, Halifax NS, B3R1V5. Please check our Facebook page for updated information re Covid19 restrictions. We look forward to seeing you when it is safe to do so!



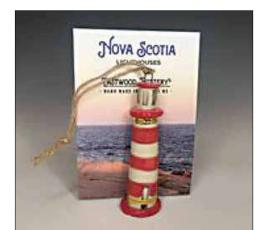
# Sammy says



The Sambro Area Community Association (SACA) is pleased to partner with Eastwood Pottery in our latest fundraiser.

We're selling hand crafted Sambro Lighthouse ornaments created by Sarah Eastwood of Eastwood Pottery. Each lighthouse is handcrafted and no two are exactly the same, so the lighthouse(s) you receive may vary slightly from the photo.

Each ornament is \$20, with all profits going towards SACA's efforts for a future community centre, our two J.L. Ilsley scholarships, and a barrier-free, accessible fishing area at



Grand Lake.

To get your own original Sambro Lighthouse keepsake, contact Kim MacKay at 902-475-1583, email me at SammySambro@gmail.com or fill out the form at https://forms.gle/7GXA9uGuwyvZQAgs7.

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

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# Just like having a cottage

by Claire McIntyre

A lake to splash in, rocky cliffs to scale, blueberries to pick, nature to explore, life-lessons to learn - feels like we're at the cottage.

We didn't have a cottage when I grew up in the Williams Lake area. The lake was our cottage, a rich environment of lessons and laughs that shaped my childhood.

The Shaw Wilderness Park and Williams Lake are like cottage country to me, right here in Halifax – a walk, bike or bus away for most of our HRM residents. HRM invests in playgrounds, tennis courts, sports facilities, soccer fields and other aspects of our city's environment. It is just as important to invest in protecting and rehabilitating our natural environment. I believe that the payoff for these investments could be even greater because of how many people benefit now and for years to come. Most importantly, our fragile ecosystem benefits from a healthy, functioning environment as well.

Living close to the Shaw Wilderness Park, a favourite thing I used to like to do was jump off the huge rocks into the deep lake waters in a little cove across from the Williams Lake dam. I needed to work up the courage to jump into the unknown and learned to push through my fear. The jump was always a highlight of our summer play.

We also anticipated blueberry season when berries were ripe and we could spend hours picking and tasting. It was an adventure. We felt so wild and free to forage in the natural tundra, around the lake, often in bare feet and eating berries until we were "blue in the face."

Skating on the lake was a magical, winter experience because I loved being able to explore the entire lake from a different perspective. Seeing the beaver dams close up, viewing huge rock piles, hearing streams flowing into the lake, but the hockey games were the best! We enjoyed the winter because we were outdoors playing, exploring and learning.

When I think about "amenities" I want to live with, I think about the woods, lakes, ocean and natural spaces to play, explore, learn and just be in. I think it is important that these natural spaces are accessible to all people.

My partner also grew up in Spryfield and he has fond memories of biking in the woods near Colpitt Lake with friends. Jumping streams, anticipating the next rock drop, inhaling the forest, the rush of the speed was the adventure. Such freedom we had! We value this part of Halifax so much we wanted to start our family here. Luckily, we have been able to.

I've been taking my daughter out

on walks in nature since she was born. In these early days of childhood, we have a lot of responsibility to be our kids' playmates and playing their games all day is a lot! Going outside, I feel like we have more space and opportunity to appreciate our time together.

Having the opportunity and privilege to spend time in and around the Shaw Wilderness Park makes parenting easier and rewarding for me. I teach my daughter about plants, birds and wild life that live around us. Our experiences outside have contributed to her development, physically and mentally. During these Covid times, being outside is one of the healthiest and safest things we can do for our children, spouses, families and friends.

The lake and the park have been a life saver! As a mum with small kids, I thrive off time with family and other friends raising children – so a good walk and explore in the Shaw Wilderness Park, especially during Covid times does wonders for all of us.



Claire McIntyre's daughter Maya exploring Shaw Wilderness Park. Photo permission: Claire McIntyre

# **Use it or lose it**

by Cathy Vaughan

Fishing, canoeing, swimming, picnicking and paddle boarding on Williams Lake are popular mental and physical activities in pre-Covidtimes. They are even more critical to us now in this time of strict lockdowns, mandatory restrictions and necessary precautions with the Covid pandemic in Nova Scotia.

Williams Lake levels are at seasonal, spring levels. You can launch your canoes at the HRM non-motorized boat area at Acorn Drive, off the Williams Lake Road. You can float your boat off the rocks of HRM owned area on Wyndrock Drive, off Williams Lake Road. You can build a sandcastle, fly a kite or paddle your lake-lounger behind Cunard Junior High on the HRM beach. The Shaw Wilderness Park, 360 acres of forested, rock-and-root trails also has areas where you can launch a non-motorized boat into Williams Lake.

But the spring water levels are short-term as the lake levels drop by approximately 2 centimetres each day. The Williams Lake dam is deteriorating and leaking volumes of lake water all year. Last year the lake disappeared at the west end of the lake and you could view the mudflats from Williams Lake Road.

The municipal department of Parks and Recreation has viewed the dam in its current state of decline and are in the process of writing a staff report to council on how to remediate the dam. The Williams Lake Conservation Company, Williams Lake Dam Association, Councillor

Shawn Cleary and other concerned citizens are working with HRM to find a solution to fix the dam and

save the lake for everyone to enjoy.
Use it now or lose it later this summer to mudflats.



Williams Lake, September, 2020, Wynrock Drive. Photo: Margo Kerr



Same area of Williams Lake, April, 2021. Photo: Margo Kerr

# SBC needs your input...

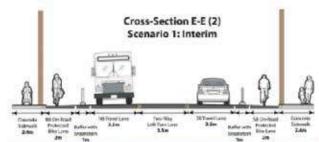
#### Dear Friends,

On this page is a letter sent from the Board of Directors of the Spryfield Business Commission (SBC) to the HRM Mayor and Members of Council expressing our concerns with proposed changes to the Herring Cove Road, resulting from a report of the HRM Transportation Standing Committee.

As many of you will know, we went through this exercise with HRM approximately 10 years ago and were forced to gather over 5000 names on a petition signed by local residents to have our concerns dealt with.

We fear that Council is going down the same path they did years ago and we hope they will be open to discussing this matter.

An example of a typical cross-section is found below



transit priority inbound between Cowie Hill Road and the Armdale Roundabout, where transit priority is ost. The following changes to the street are included in the Ultimate Design dewalk gaps along the corridor are completed and upgrades to existing?

- crossings would be further considered.
- Raised curbs offer a more permanent protected cycling lane and will reduce maintenance over time
- compared to pre-fabricated curbs but will have a higher initial cost.

  A dedicated inbound transit only lane is included from Cowie Hill Road to the Armdale Roundabout iffibound queue bypass lane at Cowie Hill Road, a northbound queue bypass lane at Wil
- ake Road, and a northbound queue bypass lane at Old Sambro Road In some sections, traffic lanes are retained to ease future congest



The picture above shows two scenarios of the proposed changes. While the SBC is more favourable to scenario 2, we still are concerned that it is not clear what exactly the Municipality will do.

The SBC wants to know what you think of this proposal and are asking you to please take a minute and let us know by filling out a brief questionnaire which has a space for your personal opinion as well. You can access the survey at https://forms.gle/8gdYfy5TRTfZx1xu6 or by visiting our website at https://discoverspryfield.ca/news/

Here is a link to the full report: https://www.halifax. ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/standingcommittees/210325tsc1211 1.pdf or go to our website at www.discoverspryfield.ca/news.

If you have any questions, please contact our Executive Director, Bruce Holland, at bruce@discoverspryfield.ca or phone (902) 452-7472.

Please feel free to submit your thoughts and comments on this matter so we can share them with Council. Please share this freely with your family, friends, and neighbours.

Sincerely, Clyde A. Paul Chairman, Spryfield Business Commission



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Mayor Savage and Members of Council Halifax Regional Municipality

May 5, 2021

RE: HRM Transportation Standing Committee Report – March 25, 2021 Herring Cove Road Bus Lane and Active Transportation Infrastructure

Dear Mayor Savage and Members of Council,

First, let me thank you for the work you do in your capacity as representatives of the people of HRM. It is a daunting task, and you are to be commended for what you do.

I write to you on behalf of the Members of the Spryfield Business Commission, those Members with Commercial properties along the SBC Business Improvement District corridor, which in part, is in the subject area of the above referenced report.

We want you to know that we are in favour of improving the traffic flow along this corridor, however, we are not convinced, nor do we believe the members of the public are convinced, that the plan proposed in this report will accomplish improved traffic flow along this corridor.

We are completely in favour of sidewalk improvements and incorporating bike lanes with the sidewalks as shown in Scenario 2 on page 7 of the report. We are not in favour of the hideous looking bike lanes proposed in Scenario 1.

In fact, for those of us who use this artery daily, we know that the traffic flows extremely well in the areas that have been widened, as per the vision of Council in the 1970s, and the back-ups occur where it narrows, particularly where the road narrows before the Herring Cove Road and the Purcell's Cove Road merger and leading to the Armdale Round-About.

It is our intention to survey our Members on this issue and to widely circulate the Report with residents of Spryfield and surrounding communities to gauge the appetite for these changes.

We would like an opportunity to express our views on this matter to Council directly, in person preferably or by Zoom if necessary, and look forward to hearing from you in this regard. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely SBC Board Members,

Clyde A. Paul, Chairman Clyde A. Paul & Associates, Solicitors

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# Fleming Cottage update and call for more volunteers



by John McManus & Linda Levin
On February 9th, 2021, after being presented with a petition signed by 1600
people from the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park, HRM unanimously passed a motion tabled by Councillor Shawn Cleary requesting a Staff Report to "develop a plan to restore and preserve Sir Sandford Fleming Cottage, a Registered Heritage Property owned by the municipality and situated in Sir Sandford Fleming Park."

This was a welcome step forward, but the work for Friends of Fleming had only begun.

Because HRM is not structured to manage an historical site like Fleming cottage, Friends of Fleming completed substantial research on how to set up a new incorporated, non-profit charitable foundation as would be required to manage the cottage and associated site, once HRM gives the go-ahead for the restoration. (The restoration cannot happen until the Staff Report is completed and goes before the budget committee next spring.)

If there are enough suitable volunteers, the plan is to put in place an 'organization-in-waiting' that will be activated if/when the funding for the restoration of Fleming Cottage is determined.

Once this organization-in-waiting is set up, Friends of Fleming will be notifying HRM that the new organization will be available to take on the management of the cottage. This will

increase the odds that the funding for restoration will be approved if the organization is in place before the 2022 budget review.

Governance research is completed, and after calls for volunteers to consider participating in the setting up of the organization to manage the cottage, many people came forward and volunteers have been identified for most of the required positions. However, we still need to fill the positions of chair, co-chair, secretary and treasurer and, of course, general membership participation is welcome.

Are you interested but hesitant? Maybe you feel you don't have the experience or expertise required? That's ok! We have people 'behind the scenes' who can show you the ropes and mentor you with guidance and advice to make the job easier. So don't let a lack of confidence deter you!

Why volunteer? There are many reasons people get involved! Maybe one of these ideas speaks to you:

- You'd like to learn a new skill or put skills you already have to use.
- You have free time to fill and are looking for a chance to do something

worthwhile for your community.

- You want to learn about the history of your neighborhood and the people who made it what it is today.
- You are concerned about historic properties being lost and forgotten.
- You enjoy meeting like-minded people and making new friends.
- You are a proud Haligonian and want to see the knowledge of our history preserved and shared!

Why not step up and say "Yes! I'll help!" We would welcome your participation! If you can volunteer or have questions, email John McManus at cottagevolunteers@gmail.com.

We do hope to hear from you, but first, have a look at this wonderful video prepared and narrated by Diane Mackie, where she tells you more about Sir Sandford Fleming, the cottage history and how you can get involved. https://vimeo.com/535598223/53ad1ffd3a

If you'd like to learn even more about Sir Sandford Fleming and his accomplishments, here's the link to an interesting short film from the CBC archives. https://www.cbc.ca/.../1879-sir-sandford-fleming-delivers.

# **History of Father's Day**

by Tangelene Ramsay

Father's Day is traditionally celebrated on the third Sunday in June and is considered a day to honour the father figure in your life. As with Mother's Day, Father's Day as we know it was first celebrated in the United States

Many believe that Mother's Day was the inspiration for Father's Day, with a woman in Spokane Washington trying to establish a day of honour for men like her father. Sonora Smart Dodd was one of six children being raised by their father, who was a widower and a war vet. She petitioned churches, businesses, the YMCA, and government officials for support in creating this holiday. In the end, she was successful and Washington celebrated the first statewide Father's Day Sunday on June 19th, 1910.

As it turns out, men were not enthusiastic about this holiday in the beginning. According to one historian, "they scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products – often paid for by the father himself" (source history. com/topics/holidays/fathers-day)

This thinking changed, however, during the Great Depression, when retailers were struggling. They began marketing gifts for men, such as ties, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs, etc. They tried to present Father's Day as a "Christmas for men".

When WW II began, Father's Day was also seen as an opportunity to honour the men who went to war for their country and to support the war effort. It wasn't until 1972 that Father's Day became an actual federal holiday. Richard Nixon was the president who signed the proclamation

making Father's Day official across the US.

In Canada, Father's Day was adopted from celebrations in the US including using the third Sunday in June as the official date for the holiday.

Around the world, Father's Day is celebrated any time between March and December, with some countries tying the holiday to other significant events, such as new moons, religious days, or birthdays.

In Russia, Belarus, and Mongolia it coincides with Soldiers Day. This is a day to honour the men and women of the military, but it has become an opportunity to celebrate all fathers. In Germany it is Ascension Day, which is a Christian celebration sometimes referred to as Holy Thursday. Ascension Day commemorates the day that Christians believe Jesus ascended into heaven. In the Islamic Calendar, the celebration is held on 13 Rajab or the 13th day of the 7th month of the Islamic Calendar. This is also the day that people of the Islamic faith honour the birthday of Ali Ibn Abi Talib. Ali Ibn Abi Talib was a cousin, son-in-law and companion of the Islamic Prophet Muhammad who ruled from 656 until his assassination in 661.

As with most holidays, the traditions are varied around the world. But one thing is clear, just as mothers deserve a day to be honoured for all that they do, so do fathers. This year, on June 20th, take time to honour the person in your life that you consider your father figure. The person you look up to, who you can rely on to be there when the going gets tough, the role model for all men in your life. Whether this is your biological father, or a father you chose, they deserve one day where they can relax and be honoured by you.



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#### LOCAL OBITUARIES

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#### **Daniel Darrah**

With deep sadness we announce that Daniel William Darrah age 74 passed away peacefully Friday, April 16, 2021, afternoon at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (Cardiac Unit) in Halifax. Danny was born in Herring Cove, the son of William "Bill" Darrah and Sarah "Sal" (Reyno). Survived by his loving wife, Joan M. Darrah; son, Brian; daughter, Tammy; granddaughter, Megan McLean; great grandchildren, Sylas and Cyniah. He is also survived by brother, Charlie. He was predeceased by sister, Jane Pelham. Danny was a fisherman at heart and loved being out on a boat whether it be fishing or cruising. He fished as a kid with his father and family in Herring Cove, with his son and daughter in New Brunswick, and in retirement he enjoyed jigging Mackerel and spending time on the Sambro Wharfs. When not fishing he loved boating with the love of his life Joan (wife of 50 years) on their boat "Joan 'N' Aye". Danny worked as a Pipefitter and Sprinkler Fitter (Local 213) for 25 years. He enjoyed building projects, he built 2 homes and a large garage from the ground up. After Hurricane Dorian decimated his wharf and shed, Danny was determined to build a wharf that would withstand the rage of future hurricanes. He took on



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www.walkerfh.com 902.477.5601 what would be his final project with friend John and they built a wharf that he (and we all) believe will survive the test of time. Danny was loved by his family and friends and will be forever remembered. We would like to thank the all the staff at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (Cardiac Unit) on the 5th and 7th floors, they were very accommodating and compassionate. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com

#### **Donald James Hollett**

95, passed away peacefully at home in Bedford, NS, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by sons: Wayne, Keith (Karlene), daughters: Donna Foley (Peter), Edna Oakley (Wayne), Sharon Buggie (Brian), grandchildren: Billy, Tina, Marjie, Sylvia, Ronnie, Jennifer, Patrick, Missy, Julia, Jamie, Timmy, Keith, Robbie, Jayme, Kelly, Holly, Sherry, Terina, Amanda, Josh, Trevor, Ashley, Rhonda, Amanda, and many great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his beautiful wife Florence Aileen Hollett (Hartlen), sons: "Junior" Donald Joseph, Robert, and twin sons in infancy Peter and Paul, daughter "Linda" Josephine, grandsons: Ronald, Terry, and Jordan. As he would often say "God has more of us now than who are left, all part of His great plan". Our home will never be the same without our loving father and grandfather. He was full of wit, humour and playfulness until the very end. He loved the smiles and reaction to his antics. He was full of life, very talented, and a natural born entertainer. He did it all with such ease, from playing guitar and singing, to dancing, writing songs, and reciting poetry with great charm. He had zeal for life, great love for his family, and hope in the Lord Jesus. He was a man of faith and in the end, he said he was ready for Jesus to come for him. At long last, he will miss his dearly beloved wife no more. Condolences may be left on his tribute page by visiting walkerfh.com.

#### **Judith Anne Duval**

Age 74, Halifax, passed away on April 24, 2021 at Northwood Centre. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Roy and Marie Walsh (Conway). Judy loved bingo, karaoke, dancing, coloring, artwork, Elvis and going to the Spryfield Legion. She was a warm loving person who lived day by day and would say the hell with tomorrow. She loved being with young people and enjoyed the bus rides she took all over Halifax. Judy will be missed by so many people who refer to her as Mama Jugs, Big Sexy and Aunt Jude. For Denna, Mama Jugs has left the planet. She is survived by brother, Tim; sister, Debbie Hill; grandson, Dylan Duval; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great great nephews; God Daughters, Tessa Sampson and Sherry

Briggs and friend, Pam Travis. She was predeceased by daughter, Shelly Duval-Julian; brother, Sonny and sister, Janet Sampson. Condolences may be left on her tribute page by visiting walkerfh. com.

Meghan Ellice Elizabeth Anderson Age 29, Halifax, passed away suddenly on April 25, 2021. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of Barbara (Noseworthy) and the late Donald Anderson. Meghan loved to try new things and her newest adventure was learning how to use the excavator. She loved to bake and give it to the neighbors, and spending time at the cottage. She was her daddy's girl. Meghan is survived by brother, Matthew; maternal grandparents, Clyde and Sarah Noseworthy; many aunts, uncles and her two fur babies Daisy and Newfie. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Phillip and Mary (Diggins) Anderson.. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walk-

#### John Allan Brown

erfh.com.

January 29, 2004 - April 22, 2021 Our darling boy is gone, He will be forever in our hearts. John was a light to everyone and his laughter and smile were a constant. Although he is gone, the memories will remain forever. John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. We sincerely thank HRP, SAR, all the volunteers and everyone who reached out to help in so many ways. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh. com.

#### **Barbara Catherine Service**

(d. 24 December 2020, age 80 years). Passed away after a brief illness, with family present, at Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, NS. Born to Lionel Courtney Trivett and Mabel Geraldine (Corey) Trivett, 22 April 1940 at Sydney, NS; one of five children. Barbara "Barb" attended Colby School and Sydney Academy. Barb joined the RCAF in 1959 and served for three years. Thereafter she worked for CBC in Halifax for nine years. On July 6, 1968, she married her lifelong best friend Nigel Patrick Service at St. Paul's Church, Halifax. They had two sons, Peter and Paul. Barb was active in Scouting as a Beaver Leader, Venturer and Rover Advisor. Barb was also very active through her involvement in the Elizabeth Sutherland School Parent Teacher Association and the parent's initiative to have the school rebuilt and expanded in the mid 1980s. In 2001 their first grandchild, Anwen, was born. In 2004 their second grandchild, Callum, was born. Thereafter she was known as Nanny and cherished by both. She loved spending time with them and was incredibly proud of their activities and achievements. Her profound love for them was evident by the quantity of photos of them in each room of her house. Dogs were a major part of Barb's life, start-

ing with her family raising Springer Spaniels. This continued when Nigel and Barb acquired their first Welsh Corgi in the 1970's. In recent years, the family German Shepherds, Cinder and Pax, would visit regularly with Nanny. Cinder was with Barb when she passed. Barb was as generous with biscuits for her grand dogs as she was with kindness for those she met in life. Barb's love of travel was fulfilled with their travel trailers, most notably her involvement with the Airstream Club (WBCCI). She was often the first to greet clients as they came into the family business and stayed active in travelling as she and Nigel would often deliver vehicles throughout the Maritimes and Quebec. It was these trips that Nigel and Barb often reminisced about; the people they met, the sights they saw and the experiences they had. Barb was also very involved with the churches she attended. The family attended St. David's Presbyterian Church where she was involved in the chowder luncheons hosted by the church during the Lenten season and the Ladies Guild. In recent years, she was an active member of Calvin Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the choir, the Ladies' Fellowship, the turkey pot pie makers, a regular attendee of the after-service Cousin's Restaurant crew on Sundays, and a constant contributor to the life and work of the church. At the time of her death, Barb was a board member of the CBC Retirees Pension Association (Maritimes). For nearly twenty years, she was active with the RCAF Airwomen's Halifax/Dartmouth Group. Barbara is survived by her sons Peter (Cara Maloney), Paul (Karen Lowery), grandchildren, Anwen and Callum and sister Marjorie Belovich (Trivett). Predeceased by her husband Nigel, her parents and her siblings Reverend Canon Donald Trivett, Dr. Gordon Trivett and Jean Trivett. Her loss is felt by her nieces, nephews, her sons' friends whom she had "adopted", and a close network of friends spanning all walks of life. The family would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to long time family Doctor Gina Burgess, and to the palliative care team at the VG Hospital including Dr. Ann Marie Krueger-Naug, Katie Chisholm, Shelley Sandblom, and Andrea Conrad. Your kindness, caring, and compassion towards Mom and our family was noted and appreciated beyond words. Donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Canada or a charity of your choice. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.

#### **James Oliver Penny**

May 16 1963 - May 1 2021 Passed peacefully away at his home with his partner by his side. Jim was born originally from Marystown Newfoundland. Jim and Yvonne Hayes his partner made Halifax Nova Scotia their home in 1990. Jim was known as a hard working man; Jim worked with the Halifax Bridge Commission for 12 years, then

turn his hand to a plumber into the construction trade. Jim was just an all around handyman, but one thing for sure he was no mechanic but he sure could fix a busted pipe or furnace. Jim was a honest and caring man, love to joke around and play with the grand kids, and if he was feeling down or something was bothering you that's when he was there to help you back up and if you were to ask anyone they would say Jim was a great guy and a good friend and if you needed help in any shape or form he was there no question ask, he was always there with a helping hand; If anyone was looking for Jim and for anyone that knew him always knew where Jim could always be found at watering hole (as he would call it). The Legion 152 was where you could find him, Jim has been a long standing member for 20+ years and there is where you would also find him helping out with any occasion that was put forth, volunteering his time or to sit and have a yarn with a beer. Jim love to play darts, cards, and pool, and if you were to ask him what's the most important thing in his life he would say Yvonne "Bonnie", his one and only, she was a major part of his life. Jim and Yvonne are very Thankful for all the love, help and support from the Martell's through the years as they made Nova Scotia there home. Jim will be forever missed by his family and a large circle of friends, Aunt's, Uncles, nieces & nephew. Leaving to morn: Yvonne Hayes partner of 36 years, Tina Rogers(Kevin) - Renee Inkpen (Chris) and Taylor, David Inkpen and Sebastian, Curtis Inkpen (Brittany) Ayden and Baby (boy) to be, Rodney Tibbo (Laura), Donald Martell (Morgan), Rodney JR., Elizabeth Tibbo - Antonia Tibbo - William (Grampies little man), Jamie-lee Tibbo (Ronald) – Noah, Jasmine Tibbo (Grampies little angel), Jim's (baby sister) Audrey Penny - Marie and Morgan, Archie Penny (Louise) – NatashaTo leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com.

#### **Gerald Dennis Nathan Harris**

It is with great absolute sadness that the family of Gerald Dennis Nathan Harris, of Jollimore, announce his passing on May 13, 2021 in his bed peacefully at Northwood surrounded by the love of his oldest daughter, Kathy and oldest granddaughter, Karie. Gerald was born in Shelburne on October 5, 1933. He was the son of the late Dennis and Lucy Harris, the oldest of three children. Gerald moved to Halifax in his early 20's and married the love of his life, Myrtle Matilda Blakeney in 1955, who he stayed eternally faithful to after her death in 1991. Gerald was thoroughly devoted to his church, Parkhill United, where he remained a loyal board member, right up to his death. Gerald retired from the National Health & Welfare Department where he worked as a Lab Technician in the Health Protection Branch, and would enjoy telling stories of some of the bizarre things

he would see while working there. Gerald spent many years as a member of his Ham Radio Club and he enjoyed using his radio gear to collect the weather from all over Nova Scotia and reported it to CBC. He enjoyed collecting unique coins and could always be found tinkering on one project or another, which earned him his nickname of "Inspector Gadget". For many years Gerald could be found working in his workshop and mastering his craft of woodworking and enjoyed sharing his projects with his family. We, the family are very proud to still display those items in our homes, and will always hold them dear. Besides his parents and his astounding wife, Myrtle, Gerald was predeceased by his brother, Earl Harris. Left to mourn and to miss him dearly are his 5 children, Kathy (Dale) Lewin, James (Margaret) Harris, Lynn (Mark) Flemming, Rick Harris & Cindy (Edward) Oakley, his 7 grandchildren, Jeff (Judy) Flemming, Karie (Chad) Raymond, Vicki (Alain) Veilleux, Kory Flemming, Michelle (Kyle Dempsey) Harris, Morgan and Sophia Oakley, his 7 great grandchildren, Jessica, Caleb, Samantha, Nicole, Kody, Riley and Colt. He is also survived by his sister, Ruby Harris. The family would like to express their genuine gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the staff of 4C in Northwood, Halifax Campus. Especially the sincere genuine kindness shown on his last day by Wendy, Swami, Pam and Renee. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.

#### Jean Margaret Cole

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Cousin and Friend to many. Jean was predeceased by several family members who welcomed her into Heaven including; her parents, all her sisters and brothers, her husband Leonard, her second love Gerald (Jiggs), her daughters Bridget and Mary-Patricia, son-in-law Pat, cherished cousin Eileen (Tootsie), great grand-son Gaige and most recently her best friend of 81 years, Isobel. Her remaining daughters, Cathie, Beverly, Carolyn (Will), and Denise will hold her in their hearts forever. Jean's eight grand-children, Cora, Mark, Rebecca, Sarah, Patrick (PJ), Felicia, Joel and Breah and 12 great-grand-children will all miss her dearly. Her extended family of nieces, nephews, and honoree family members, Raymond, Danny, Eliz, and Diane all will carry fond memories of this spectacular woman. With six daughters, two husbands, and lots of others to care for, Jean was proud to be stay at home Mom until she was in her 50s, when she got her first job at the Saraguay Club. Jean enjoyed music and dancing during the 1950s straight through to the 1990s. She also spent her free time reading, gardening, knitting, and especially loved playing cards with family and friends. Jean volunteered for over 20

Years, with the 2nd Spryfield Brownie pack, and to support her daughter Mary-Patricia, who thrived with Cerebral Palsy, Jean was a volunteer with the Special Olympics. Over a 25 year period, Jean (Jaws) broke many bowling records in various Spryfield and Fairview Bowling Leagues. Jean lived her life to the fullest and never missed a chance to love, laugh or to "tell it like it was." Our heartfelt thank-you to Cora, Geoff and Elliott for their special love and care throughout her life. We also want to extend a thankyou to Northwood Ivany Place and the staff in Seaside Cove, especially Stacy, Patti, Marcie, Cheryl, Tracy, Jennifer, Stephanie, and Travis and all the others we may have missed. You all provided such great care and without a doubt became her second family. Jean will be missed by everyone who knew her, but is now surrounded by all those she missed. Donations in Jean's memory can be made to the Northwood Foundation and will go toward celebrating the team at Ivaney Place who provided such amazing care. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com

#### William Edward Grant

At the age of 53, Billy passed away after a short, unexpected illness on May 17, 2021. Born in Cape Breton, Oct. 13, 1967 on his father's birthday, Billy was the sixth of seven kids. He was a quiet, creative boy with dimples and blonde curls. Billy survived a tragic accident in his teens, which killed his brother Kevin and left him

with a permanent brain injury. With quiet determination, unwavering support from his family, and a hospital visit from a young Wayne Gretzky, Billy recovered to live a full, meaningful life. Billy was a lifelong, fan of StarTrek and the Montreal Canadians. He loved animals. He had a quick wit and contributed obscure facts to every conversation. He never saw a movie or met a hamburger he didn't like. In 1995 Billy moved to Halifax with his late mom Irene and dad Bill, where he was able to work, volunteer and be involved in his community. Billy was an active member of St. John the Baptist parish. He worked for nearly 25 years with New Leaf Enterprises, and for nearly 20 years as an usher at the Metro Centre ("You mean Scotiabank Centre," he would correct you.) Billy was a charming, good natured and much loved member of his family. Predeceased by brother, Kevin and mother, Irene nee Kearney Grant. Survived by his Dad and best friend, Bill; brother, Terry (Dolly) and sisters, Kathy Dauphney (George), Frances Grant-Feriancek (Shane), Wileen Grant and Joan Babineau (Rob). Uncle Billy will be missed and remembered by 12 lucky nieces and nephews. Erin nee Dauphney MacDonald; Simon, Nicole and Ian Feriancek; Rebekah, William, Luke and Haley DesJardins; Matthew Grant; and Tyler, Owen and Carly Babineau. Donations in his name can be made to New Leaf Enterprises or Epilepsy Nova Scotia. To leave words of comfort for the family please visit www.walkerfh.com





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# **Cuttell Community Update**

by Patty Cuttell, HRM Councillor, District 11, Spryfield-Sambro Loop-Prospect Road

June is here! Such an exciting time for all you gardeners out there. And I know there are many. Last year while campaigning I had the great pleasure of seeing many home gardens all around District 11, including beautiful perennial, container, and vegetable gardens. The gardening talent and knowledge here is vast. I think we need to find a way to bring this beauty and bounty to the forefront of our communities. If you have any ideas for community beautification or food garden projects please let me know.

#### Accessibility strategy

Halifax is becoming a better place for people of all abilities. Councillors gave the Accessibility Strategy the green light during the May 18, 2021 Regional Council meeting. This strategy will make Halifax a more accessible place to live, work and play. 31 key items are outlined in the strategy, which will be actioned over the next nine years, by 2030.

Accessibility is a broad term that impacts us all in some ways. It's an issue that concerns Nova Scotians of all ages, from those with disabilities to parents travelling with their children in strollers to seniors in our communities. We'll be making accessibility improvements in several key areas outlined in the Accessibil-

ity Act including built environment, employment, public transportation and infrastructure, information and communication, along with goods and services.

Herring Cove Road Bus Lane and Active Transportation Infrastructure Halifax Regional Council approved a motion to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to endorse the Herring Cove Road functional plan and to begin efforts to acquire property to widen sections of Herring Cove Road between Glenora and the rotary to accommodate active transportation and transit infrastructure. Phase 2, from Glenora to Greystone, will begin advancement from 30% to 60% design. During this next critical phase there will be opportunities for public engagement so please stay tuned for announcements about this project.

#### **Councillor Cuttell – Affordable Housing Support**

Last month at Regional Council I put forward a motion that was unanimously approved to have a staff report detailing the financial implications and scope to expand support for affordable housing outside of the Regional Centre by registered nonprofit groups or charities beginning in 2021/22. This is a direct action in relation to the housing crisis we cur-

rently face in HRM with record low vacancy rates and escalating housing costs. Over the past year Council has approved a number of initiatives in support of affordable housing including secondary suites, tax rebates, and density bonusing. This latest motion is one more potential tool in the box to help ensure Halifax has a mix of housing types and tenures to support folks across the municipality, including District 11, and across the spectrum of housing needs.

June Regional Council meetings
There are three Regional Council
meetings scheduled for June, which I
look forward to participating in. These
are in addition to several specific
committee meetings. Check out the
full schedule of upcoming meetings on HRM's website, and I invite
you to join us virtually! Agendas and
reports are available by noon on Fridays prior to the meeting date.

Regional Council meetings for June 2021 (subject to change):

- Tuesday, June 8th at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m. (If required)
- Tuesday, June 29th at 10:00 a.m. Citizenship Awards for HRM youth

Each year the Halifax Regional Municipality's Citizenship Award is presented to outstanding Grade 9 students in our municipality. Each school has only one award recipient, and schools choose their award recipient based on leadership qualities, service in the school and community, and academic performance. Citizenship Award recipients receive a special plaque with the HRM crest, along with their name and the year engraved in it.

I was very pleased to take part in the 2021 Citizenship Awards that took place during the virtual May 18th session of Regional Council. This year, 38 students in total received this award of distinction. I extend my congratulations to each award recipient; your hard work and service to our community is so appreciated.

I would like to particularly highlight students from District 11: AnnaWen Sampson (Brookside Jr High), Shamil Bajen (Rockingstone), Ruby Genevieve Angus (Herring Cove Jr High), Mya Bohaychuk (Elizabeth Sutherland), and Rebecca Comeau (Cunard Jr High). Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition!

#### Green and blue collection update

Weekly green cart collection of your organic waste is returning for July, August, and September.

However, blue bag recyclable collection will occur once every two weeks. Both changes come into effect on July 2, 2021.

Finally I would like to wish all the dads, step-dads, and father figures out there a happy Father's Day on June 20th. And congratulations to all the 2021 Graduates! Celebrate safely and good luck with all your future adventures.

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# **Outdoor inspiration during lockdown**

Even though we're in pandemic lockdown, you can still get outside. Hike Nova Scotia has the ideas and information you need while staying close to home.

"The Province has specifically told us to get outside, but to do that in our home communities," says Janet Barlow, Hike NS Executive Director. "It's crucial to do this to stay healthy - both physically and mentally. Go spend some time at a nearby park, trail or other greenspace."

If you need inspiration or advice, Hike NS has lined up a slate of outdoor-themed webinars you can access no matter where you live in the province or your level of outdoor experience. They are free for paid Hike NS members or \$20 for non-members, who then get a free one-year membership. Upcoming webinars include an Intro to Hiking and Leave No Trace.

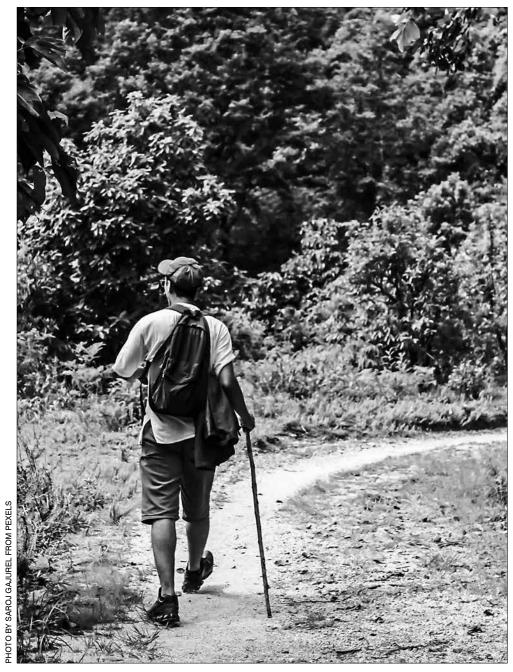
"People are just craving this type of outdoor knowledge," Barlow says. "For example, we just held a wildly successful Tick Prevention webinar with about 100 people registered."

Webinars and in-person courses are offered with the support of the NS Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, the Outdoor Council of Canada and other partners. Learn more and register at www.hikenovascotia.ca.

Hike Nova Scotia encourages and promotes a growing hiking culture throughout our great province. We strive to be the voice for those who hike, walk and snowshoe. With every step we're building a community of outdoor adventure enthusiasts.

For more information contact:

Janet Barlow, Hike Nova Scotia info@hikenovascotia.ca www.hikenovascotia.ca



### **The Armdale Report**

by the Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

Happy June, everyone! I want to start by thanking all Nova Scotians for the sacrifice everyone has made over the last number of weeks. I know that following strict public health measures isn't easy, but it makes an enormous difference in our fight against the virus. Thank you as well to everyone (and it's a lot of you!) who are getting vaccinated. The more we test, vaccinate, and vigilantly follow the restrictions in place, the faster we will get back to a time when we can enjoy more freedom, socializing, and a life that looks more "normal." If you haven't already, please follow my social media pages (@LenaMetlege-DIabNS on Facebook, @lenametlegediab on Instagram) for all the latest updates.

I also want to give a very special shoutout to all the students who are graduating or moving on to a new school! We all know this past academic year has been a challenge unlike any other, but you persevered, and you succeeded, even when it was tough. Take a moment to take pride in your own resilience and all your accomplishments. I know the next chapter will be brighter for all of you and I wish you well in what's next.

With the third wave causing major disruptions in the way we live and work, I was very proud to have been part of announcing Nova Scotia's new COVID-19 Sick Leave Program last month. Nova Scotians who must take time off work due to COVID-19 may now qualify for up to four paid sick days under this new \$16 million program. For those who cannot work remotely and miss less than 50 per cent of their scheduled work time in a one-week period due to COVID-19, you can apply to have your wages covered for up to a maximum of \$20 per hour or \$160 per day. This includes people taking time off because they are awaiting a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test appointment, and those who are getting tested, are self-isolating while awaiting test results, or are going to get vaccinated. The sick days do not have to be taken consecutively, and any sick days taken between May 10, 2021, and July 31, 2021, may be eligible. I'm very pleased to have this coverage in place for Nova Scotians, and I believe it will very closely complement the federal Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB), which covers longer absences from work. Full details, including application forms, are available at: novascotia.ca/coronavirus/ paid-sick-leave-program.

As we navigate our way through the third wave, we're once again reminded of the toll that this pandemic has taken on our collective mental health. This only further underscores the importance of funding and providing mental health support to Nova Scotians wherever they live in the province. That's why I was proud to see the province announcing an \$850,000 investment through the federal Safe Restart Agreement in mental

health support for 28 organizations across the province. This funding allows local organizations to continue the important work they do each day for the clients they serve. This will build upon earlier mental health investments, including those in Budget 2021-22 and the \$1.6 million recently allocated to the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Although this June won't have the same type of local festivals we know and love, I am glad to share with you that the Lebanese Cedar Festival will be continuing in a new form. On June 5 and 6, the festival team will hold Lebanese Cedar Festival Express, offering curbside pick-up of all your favourite Lebanese dishes! Orders can be placed online for pick up from the new church at 111 Clayton Park Drive. I encourage you to find Lebanese Cedar Festival on Facebook for

in for what will surely be a delicious reminder of all the fun and festivities of previous years.

In closing, I want to encourage everyone to hang in there and keep doing everything we can to beat this virus. Wear your mask, book your vaccine appointment, get tested regularly, and follow all public health directives as they evolve. The finish

get there soon, together.

all the details and to get your order

# **The Maguire Report**

by the Honourable Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

This month I want to take a different approach, instead of talking about our community, I want to talk directly to you.

Covid has had an impact on all of us. We are tired. It has impacted our physical and mental health. We miss our friends and families; as humans we are social creatures.

We got through the first wave with tough restrictions, the second wave we got through because of all your hard work, but this third wave has been extremely tough.

We all recognize the struggles of our small businesses; remember if you are buying anything, please support local.

Our local businesses have always supported our schools, our local sports teams, and any and all fundraisers, now it is our time to support them. To our healthcare workers THANK YOU. Through the long shifts, the stress and strain, you have performed above and beyond. You truly are heroes

To our teachers, this is a challenging time, you have done an incredible job.

To those of you who are working a counter, driving a bus, or working with the public THANK YOU.

To our ECEs and those looking after our youth I know this is incredibly difficult but you have been a shining star.

By the time this is article is public, I am hoping our numbers have continued to decline, that restrictions are being lifted, and there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

You have all done an incredible job getting vaccinated. At the time of this

writing over 500,000 Nova Scotian's have stepped up. I suspect by the time you read this, it will be much higher.

line is in sight, and I know we will all

Numbers have shown we as a province lead the way when it comes to recovery. I have faith in all of you and I am proud of all of you.

If you are struggling please call the mental health crisis line 1-888-429-8167

Reach out to friends and loved ones, check in on them, let them know you are thinking of them and you love them.

Try your hardest to rise above any negativity; to be a positive light as you never know what those around you are going through.

Remember that what you type on social media matters, that people are watching and it impacts them no matter if they tell you or not.

lots of love I am so proud to be your MLA Brendan Maguire 902 499 5500

# Like to meet people?

Chebucto News is looking for someone in the community to sell advertising for this publication. Email Dan Doherty at dan@dandoherty.ca to discuss.

#### Like to write?

Chebucto News is looking for community writers to report on happenings in the area. This is a volunteer position. Email the editor at chebuctoeditor@gmail.com to discuss.

### Summer fun

by Meg McCallum, Executive
Director, Chebucto Family Centre.
Looking for some fun family activities? The Chebucto Family Centre
provides free Craft and Recreation
Kits. The Kits include instructions,
supplies and equipment. Home delivery can be arranged.

If you would like to get a kit call the Centre, 902 479 3031.

If you would like to support the Centre's kits visit www.chebuctofamilycentre.ca.

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# Happy Fathers' Day

from the Management and Staff

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# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



# To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 477-NEWS or send e-mail to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com. Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JUNE Food Banks:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd)
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.

#### Free meals for those in need:

- Salvation Army offers Breakfast To-Go Bags Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-10:00am
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd) Our Tuesday lunch program, Soup's On, is still operational but as takeout only
- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield
- Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 6 and 7 PM, out of the St Michael's Church Hall site. (while supplies last).

#### Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

• AGM for the centre is taking place through Zoom on June 28th 7pm. If you would like to attend please send your name, phone number, email address and home address to HWCC@ outlook.com

**Spryfield Lions Club events:** 

Regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd and fourth Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at the Lions Rink Den. We are encouraging anyone who might be interested in attending to call ahead so we can ensure COVID health code regulations are met - 902-479-2917. We will also be starting up our bingos in the future but need more time to work out details. We want to thank the community for their support and wish everyone the best of health.

#### Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield events:

- Families wishing to participate in the Come Grow With Us gardening program are asked to call 902-497-3683 to register. Masks and social distancing will be required. Scheduling may also be necessary if numbers on site are restricted.
- Annual General Meeting has been postponed from June 14th until Monday, September 13th, 7 9pm. Please consider a 2 year commitment as a volunteer on our Board of Directors. For further information, please contact patriciabmaclean@gmail.com

#### 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:

• Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 10 - 11 am. Orders may be called in up to 10:00 am Tuesday each week. Call 902-477-1954 and

leave a message. We are grateful to our volunteer staff for their faithful work for the food bank and its clients. Our website:

emmanuelanglicanchurch.net

#### Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) Events:

- Family Services by phone call or walk in 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226

#### Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish Events:

• Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 6 and 7 PM, out of the St Michael's Church Hall site. (while supplies last). For further information contact Stella Maris Parish office at 902 477-3530 or stellamaristwelve-baskets@gmail.com

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

• Chase the Ace Ticket draws will be on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. as in the past.

There will also be ticket sales at the Spryfield Legion Chase the Ace ticket booth on Monday evenings from 5 p.m. to 6:45 prior to ticket draw.

Ticket holders are not required to be at the draw and if your ticket is drawn you will receive a phone call.

You will have the option to arrive at the legion in 15 minutes to make your own card draw or have one of the Chase the Ace supervisors to make the draw for you.

 Now that spring has arrived, our outdoor tap has been turned on for those in need of clean drinking water.

#### **Developmental Pickup Hockey**

Looking for players 40+ years old. Spryfield Lions Rink Fridays 12-1pm. Starts Friday, Oct 16. Skills sessions first week, next 3 weeks pickup. We call it Developmental Pickup Hockey. Skills to increase puck time on your stick and improve your game. Pickup at a bit slower pace.

Let me know if you're interested. 902-497-2068 or ronaldbulmer@ amail.com

Improve your reading, writing and math skills, work toward the GED in person or from home. The Halifax Community Learning Network is here to help! We offer free adult learning programs in several locations. COVID protocols are in place for your safety. Call 902-422-7648 for more information. Let's get learning together!

#### Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave.) Events:

- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield
- Joan's Table and the tenants at 191 Herring Cove Rd. plant fruits and vegs a labour of love which brings them together and supports food security with fresh produce. They are gratefully accepting garden donations such as soil, transplants and seeds which can be dropped off to the apartments at your convenience. www.joanstable. com

Chebucto News looks forward to returning to a robust community events page when the current crisis ends. In the meantime, we will endeavour to keep you informed.

# Religious Services Directory for June

\*\*To have your church/synagogue/ mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com by June 18 for July's issue\*\*

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19, MANY OF THESE SERVICES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED.

CALL AHEAD TO CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH.

**St. Augustine's Anglican Church** (2010 Purcell's Cove Rd) Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 am

**City Church** (276 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Family Services: 9:30am and 11am

Nursery and Children's ministry: 11am

Wed. morning prayer: 10:30am

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

#### **Oromo Gospel Church**

Sunday worship service: 3 pm and Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

#### Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd.)

Our 10 am services are livestreamed on our webpage and facebook pages. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information as things change quickly with Covid. And of course, we are following precautions and ask people to join us online if they are sick. Everyone is welcome to our services. We are an affirming church.

#### **St. Paul's United Church** (173 Old Sambro Road)

Rev. Anne Hoganson does the church service alone and posts it on our Facebook page. She is available if you wish to speak with her, at 902-237-3318.

We now have a paid Zoom account and members of the congregation will be able to be a bit more involved in the worship service. As had previously happened, the service will be posted on our Facebook page for those who couldn't join the 11:00 am service. If you would like to be part of that service but are not a member of the congregation, or if you are a member but we don't have your email address, please call the church at 902-477-3937 to be added to our list.

#### Stella Maris Church at St Michael's Catholic Church

All welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey! Saturday 4:00 pm and Sundays 10:30 am. Registration required at www.stellamarishalifax. com and all COVID protocols must be followed.

Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge: In-person Sunday Services at Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) at 9:30 am; St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro) at 11:15 am. For those unable to attend in person the service will be live-streamed at 11:15 am on St. James Facebook Page. Mother's Day All-Ages Services will be held on 9 May 2021. Information 902-868-2791 or https://www.sambrojollimorepc.

# www.Doberty.ca







The Nova Scotia Association of Realtors just released their statistics for real estate sales in Spryfield for single family homes and condos.

#### Some interesting statistics to note:

In the single family homes category, there are

- more new listings,
- more pending sales and
- substantially more sales that closed in February 2021 than February 2020
- a major trend is Days on Market Until Sale:
  68.2% fewer days to sale of property
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   10.4% over February 2020
- but the number of houses on the market has gone down

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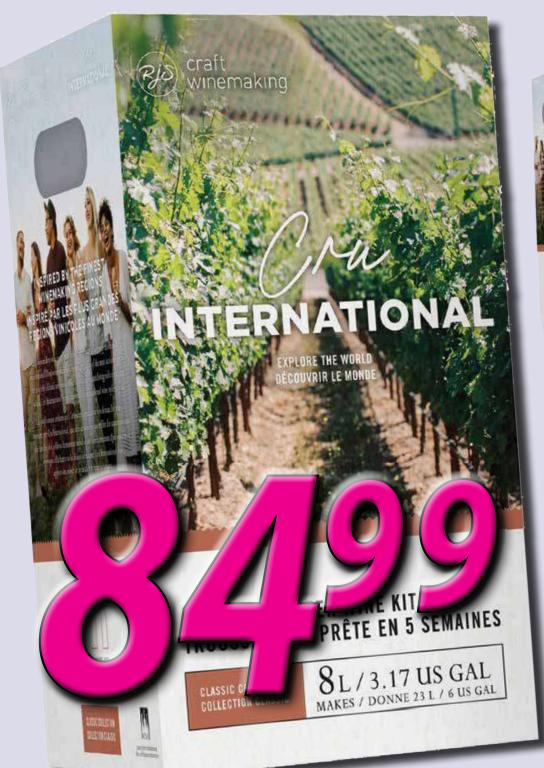
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