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KHARA gets a home—come buy your tree to help



The Ketch Harbour Area Residents Association has the whole community engaged in recovering the old Fire Hall for recreational purposes

by Beverley Clarkson

A couple of cyclists burned up the hill to my house and inquired if I'd like to buy a Christmas tree to support Khara. What kind of trouble is she in, I wondered. No, it seems that KHARA is the Ketch Harbour Area Residents Association and they're getting a community hall.

Where charming kids like these two might have a local place to hang out at last. And other residents of the area might have a place to get together, hold meetings, host events, run clinics; stuff like that. Despite having some 1902 residents in the 2011 census and growing (some beautiful new waterfront homes out there), there's no public building in the community or those nearby except one church and hall. No place nearby for young people, or anyone, to get together or grow that community spirit. The community does own a beautiful wharf which often serves as a venue,

but it's a bit chilly this time of year.

This endeavour started with HRM decommissioning a local fire hall in 2013. Times change and HRM has a new plan for fire protection for the area. The hall was surplus to requirements. Ketch Harbour residents built that hall themselves and signed it over to the Fire Department some years ago. They held a unanimous community vote to take it back when the Fire Department offered it.

Simple to transfer the deed, right? Well, then there's legal niceties, official ownership and such. And then there are bureaucracies. Long story short, the deed ended up with the Department of Natural Resources who has been requested to make the transfer: the application was made and \$1 was paid, and it is somewhere in process.

Councillor Steve Adams even offered a helpful grant so the community can remodel the hall and begin activi-

ties, which will lapse if the deed is not forthcoming soon. Meanwhile, residents led by KHARA co-chairs Dan Welsh and John Himmelman, have forged ahead, making critical renovations to maintain the property in expectation of ownership. Holding bottle drives for funds. And the kids are determined; it's going to be their space.

Lucinda Woodard is an organizing force in the community and wanted to

do something with the area kids to help get the community hall up and running. The season being timely, she organized a competition among 6 teams of two students to sell quality Christmas trees. They will even deliver if you need it. They're pretty serious about the hall and what it means for them. The money is adding up fast. "We have lot of kids with nowhere to go, and there are so

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JL Ilsley's Wall of Remembrance

by Ciara Harris

This past Remembrance Day, J.L. Ilsley High School had a new and unusual display. Near the newly-renovated cafeteria, there was a "Wall of Remembrance", with photos and stories of the family members of students and staff who had served in times of war. Mrs. Ursula MacKinnon, Ilsley's librarian, was the creator of the project. She explains her inspiration for the wall: "As Remembrance Day approached, I was thinking of my Dad, who passed away last year. He rarely spoke of his experiences in the war, but when he did they were often comments that smashed our typical stereotypes of combat and bravery. They were very personal stories about families on both sides of the war, and about loss and remembering young men and women who gave up their youth very suddenly when they were called to serve. The idea of exploring our personal connections to past wars through photos and stories seemed crucially important at this time. This, of course, is because many of the older veterans, like my dad, are gone. I wanted to do something spe-

cial that would encourage our students and staff to start asking questions about their relatives, some of whom they may have never known. I wanted to encourage a more personal, more real connection to Remembrance Day." Both staff and students contributed photos of family members who served in WWI, WWII, Korea, and present day conflicts. Some contributed young and old photos of their grandfathers, grandmothers, fathers and uncles. The contrast of the young and old photos was particularly touching to see.

This was a labour of love, and a way to encourage people of different generations to converse with one another. "When each person gave me their photo, I made a point of asking them to tell me what they knew about their family member. Some knew their stories, while others said they would have to inquire further. This was the best part of the project as it got a dialogue started between family members. Some people even thanked me for instigating this conversation in their family. It was truly a beautiful thing. There were

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Government helps support new playground for YWCA Spryfield

Children at the YWCA Spryfield Early Learning and Child Care Centre will soon enjoy a new playground thanks to an investment by the province. Government will contribute \$11,000, representing half the funding needed to build the playground.

“Government is committed to supporting environments that encourage children to be active and healthy,” said MLA Brendan Maguire, on behalf of Health and Wellness Minister Leo Glavine.

“Investments like this one not only support our local communities, but they also help make sure our children grow up knowing the importance of physical activity.”

The centre opened in 2012 and

provides care to 70 children, ages six months to five-years old.

“The YWCA is committed to the highest level of excellence in child care, while remaining accessible for low-income families in our community,” said Miia Suokonautio, YWCA executive director. “We are thrilled to have a new space where our children can play and our community can come together.”

“We know that organizations like the YWCA here in Spryfield could not operate without the dedication and hard work of amazing volunteers, and the support of local businesses. The province is proud to be a partner in their work,” said Mr. Maguire.

The playground will be completed by spring 2016.

For more information about the YWCA early learning and childcare centres, visit: <http://www.ywcafamilies.com/>.

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many things we can do, we have Christmas parties but we’ve outgrown people’s houses.”

On December 5, there will be an open tree sale in the lot with community residents there, hot chocolate, music, and the old time feel of a community tree market. All are welcome, so if you live on the loop, come on out to the old fire hall just before the Duncan’s Cove turn off and get your beautiful tree. And check out the gorgeous village to see why it’s so special.

Now all that is needed is the deed so that renovations can be completed, furnishings acquired, utilities covered, insurance paid for and events set up to help residents have a social venue this winter. Please, Santa, if any one from DNR is reading this, the deed would be a wonderful present to the community. It’s really pretty chilly in that hall so it would be a great gift to go under one of their own trees this Christmas. For more information, email KHARA@hotmail.com.

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Seniors’ Beat: Three things to share in life: love, hope and laughter

by Beverley Clarkson

Terry Punch’s mother was always chuckling about something. His father, an early bird, was a serious man and dead set against alcohol. His mum loved life, loved people and loved to laugh. Friends and relatives would come round to their place and play cards into the wee hours and when dad went off to bed, out would come the sherry from its hiding place.

His father died in his sleep at 95 but his mother lived to 103 with all her faculties and slipped away while Terry was visiting. His folks were best friends all their wedded lives. His mother’s motto is the title. I love this story.

If you want to trace your roots, Dr Terry Punch, CM, D. LITT., FIGRS, FRSAI, is your man. His own Canadian ancestors were German settlers on the South Shore who moved up the coast, with one Irishman among them. He was motivated to begin his family history search with the Irish when someone who told him the Irish were “trouble” and slammed out of the room. He had to find out about them.

His mother’s family, like mine, is from County Armagh. His grandfather was a cooper. He’d been a “no surrender” Ulsterman who was discharged after major battles in Spain and got a land grant in Hammonds Plains with his wife and three sons. Built a home and thriving business, was burned out by a forest fire at age seventy, and rebuilt all over again.

He’s written many books, but for those of us searching for our pre-famine Irish, his Erin’s Sons series, followed by North America’s Maritime Funnel: The Ships That Brought The Irish are wonderful resources. He hasn’t forgotten the Scots, French, German and generalist seekers either. Amazon and the library have them all. And he’s still writing, and speaking, sharing his knowledge. When not touring the province on his motorcycle.

Terry is a lover of words and language. When he started work in the plumbing stockroom at Stairs & Morrow in the 50s, and graduated to being a signals coordinator in the navy, he was always determined to get an education. He got a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary’s at night school, two courses a term. He won a fellowship to Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, but his dad had a serious accident so he returned to Halifax to help the family and carried on learning part time.

His wife, Pam Beaulieu, descended from Louis Hebert, sounds a lot like his mother. She came in laughing. “His head is so full of all sorts of information, it’s like a dress up chest we used to have as

kids. He has a great memory for detail and brings up ideas constantly,” she claims. “We talk all the time, the thoughts pour out and I learn something new every day.”

They lost two of their three children as teens and their remaining son and his family are intensely precious. “We talk loads, too, even though his field is physics. He gave me ball room dancing lessons one time and then my lovely son danced with me. I never had such fun in my life”.

“Commensality.” says Dr. Punch. “A French principle where a whole family sits and talks and eats together; all ages. We really believe in this and think if a family does this, twice a week, it’s a lot less likely to fall apart. We’re dealing with a young generation now that is los-

ing its bonds with others, always checking their phones. We’ve got to engage them again; listen to them; hear what they can teach us. We don’t know it all and it’s fantastic to learn. You talk to your kids? At my house, we never shut up.”

“We cook together. We grow our own food and make plain whole food from scratch,” Pam continues. “I’m vegan though Terry eats meat. My garden is my church. I have two freezers and we give a lot away. I can’t bear waste. Of any kind. Including people.”

“We also believe we should be grateful we can accept refugees who need help so badly. The enemy is not the Muslim people. We are all descended from Lucy. We need to teach every Canadian their own stories. Geography is a great way to do that. Follow the track the ancestors

made, censuses and so on, and see what it tells you”.

What would an historian with the Order of Canada recommend for Canada’s sesquicentennial? “I’m an old man. I’m brazen now, I speak my mind”. Terry replies with a twinkle.” “Quit spending on frivolous things when there are hungry people. And teach children their history.”

Replies Pam, “I hope that young people will think of the old as friends.”

Just wow.

Author’s note: There are several references that may not be familiar to readers. They weren’t to me either. I googled them and think it might be nice if you do too, if you need to. Saves space and gets you doing research.

Celebrating the 2015 Christmas season with City Church

Celebration of the Christmas Season is in full swing at City Church, 276 Herring Cove Road.

In the spotlight is the annual Christmas family musical comedy performed by a large cast. This year it is “CHRISTMAS IN THE KITCHEN” and will be presented December 11, 12, 13 at 7 PM each night.

Admission is free for everyone and there are special candy treats for the children.

In addition to the Sunday 10 AM and 6 PM services – City Church will also present a CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE-LIGHT SERVICE on Thursday, December 24 at 7 PM. It will feature the singing of favourite Christmas carols and a message about the events of Christmas.

Another offering during December is that the City Church inspirational radio station LIFE 94.7 FM is broadcasting Christmas music twenty-four hours a day until December 26th. Life 94.7 fm is also available on the internet at www.life947fm.com.

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Only fond memories remain of South Armdale School

by Iris Shea

In local schools during the 1940s, half term seemed to fall in February when teachers recorded the success of their students and sent home report cards. Often those results would be published in the Halifax Mail. In February 1943, Marjorie Major reported, in her weekly Armdale News column, the following results for students who attended South Armdale School. Names are spelled as written in the newspaper.

Honour Roll of South Armdale School for the half year, 1942-1943 is as follows:

Grade Eleven: Marjorie Coady, Frank Brooks, Katherine Roussell, Cyril Morgan, Nova Adams.

Grade Ten: Lillian Farwell, Harold Merlin, Ruth Wilson, Phyllis Lloyd, Joyce Havill. Grade Nine: Dolores Taylor, Douglas Ferguson, Joan McFatrige, Yvonne Wetmore, Joan Wilson.

Grade Eight: Mary MacLauchlin, Rosaleen Prosser, Joan Jackson, Marion Fry.

Grade Seven: Gordon Elop, Leo Boutillier, Donald Fleiger, Ronald Callis.

GradeSix (a): Richard Jones, Anne Coady, Kenneth Lord, Marjorie Prosser, Thomas MacLaughlin, June Morgan, Joyce Fry, Lillian Meehan, Lois Morgan.

Grade Six (b): Beaton Downie, Ernest Orman, James Farwell, John Clarke.

Grade Five (a): Gretchen Herman, Freddie Oxner, Carol Jones, Morris Barss.

Grade Five (b): Joyce Livingstone, Percy Landry, Loretta Hiltz.

Grade Four: Jacqueline Valiquette, Herbert Dickie, Janet Dexter, Eleanor Hubley, Miriam Edmonds, Robert Ross, Dale MacInnes, Gwyneth Fredericks, Peggy Ross, Doris MacLaughlin.

Grade Three: Jean Turner, Ruth Findley, Beulah Martell, Barbara Ann Kidd, Yvonne Walters, Shirley Oakley, Ruth Herman, Roy Boehner, Alan Colville, Jane Harboard.

Grade Two (a): Lois Brewer, Allison Keddy, Carol Ann Vye, Pauline Beardsley, Muriel King, Margaret MacLaughlin, Hugh MacDougall, Sylvia Hynes, Norman Dodds, Donna Daniels, Eileen Farrell and a Livingstone.

Grade Two (b): Rodney Redden, Barbara Bedley, Anne Ross, Viola Marriott, Lorraine Hynes, Michael DeYoung, Beatrice Marriott, David Black, Ruth Bona, Carol Hiltz.



Front Row (left to right): Edith Butt, Mary Lou Blackadar, Margo Herman, Joan Rogers, Molley Stacey, Nova Beck, Eileen Coady. Second Row: Frances Inglis, Louise Riggs, Mary Campbell, Verena Brewer, Barbara Slaunwhite, Viola Marriott, Joan Alchorn, Nancy Smith, Jean Ann Flemming, Ruth Bona, Marie Keating. Third Row: Albert Rorai, Billy Emberly, Walter Fitzgerald, Frank Creelman, Harold Dodge, Robert Parker, Kenneth Murphy, Jack Whalen. Back Row: David Richardson, Malcolm MacLeod, Bobby MacAllister, David Street, Douglas Zinck, Carson Baxter, Eugene Hamilton, David Howard, Billy Draper, Mike DeYoung. Missing from photo: Greta Murphy, Grace Sullivan, Irene Welsh, Sylvia Ritchie, Louise Downie, Harry Irons Frank Prosser, Milton Singer, Donald Fraser. Photograph of South Armdale School, grade seven, 1949, courtesy of Ruth (Bona) Swan

Grade One: William Beckett, Edith Butt, David Street, Carol Tibbetts, Douglas Archibald, Walter Fitzgerald, Arthur Vardy, Margo Herman, Jeananne Flemming, Doreen Hanrahan, Barbara Dickey, Margaret Kidston.

The principal at South Armdale School in 1942-1943 was Florence Eleanor Ross. Mrs. Ross held a Class AC teacher's license and earned an

annual salary of \$950 when she began teaching grades six, seven and eight at South Armdale in September 1928. She continued teaching the senior grades at the school during the 1930s and 1940s, and served as principal and supervisor. Her salary was raised to \$1150 in 1943. Her son Earl also taught at the same school in the 1930s and 1940s. Mrs. Ross was asked to return to South Arm-

dale to teach English at South Armdale High School for one term, from January to June 1958 when no other English teacher could be found. She was 80 years old at the time, teaching grades 9 to 12. I have fond memories of her as my grade 12 English teacher. She died during the summer of 1960.

Regular religious services were conducted at South Armdale School in the 1930s by Rev. Mr. Gardiner (Church of England, Armdale), Rev. Father P.F. Martin (Roman Catholic, Armdale), and Rev. A.D. MacKinnon (United). Roman Catholic students from St. John the Baptist Parish were able to attend their own school, Sister Pius, beginning in 1946.

South Armdale School opened in 1920 and was torn down to make way for the parking lot of the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. The Recreation Centre, however, was once South Armdale High School which opened in about 1950 for grades nine to twelve. It served, in addition to students from Armdale, those from Fairview, St. Margaret's Bay, Hubbards and all of the communities now being served by JL Ilsley High School. South Armdale High School closed in June 1958. It was replaced in September 1958 by Halifax West High School on Dutch Village Road.

The photograph accompanying this article is the grade seven class of the old South Armdale School, April 1, 1949.

Local Rotary Club celebrates Toonies for Change success

On 26 October, the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest held an appreciation event at the Captain Spry Community Centre for the volunteers, vendors and beneficiaries involved in their increasingly popular Toonies for Change project.

Toonies for Change was introduced in May of last year as a fundraiser in support of a number of not-for-profit organizations in the Spryfield and surrounding areas. The beneficiaries are:

- Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield
- Urban Farm Museum
- * Chebucto Atlantic Minor Hockey Association
- Hand-in-Hand

- Chebucto Connections
- Sambro and Area Community Association

After thanking all of those involved for their participation, project team leader and Rotarian Dick Hodgson outlined the significant achievements of the Toonies for Change initiative in the relatively short 18 months since its inception, including over \$25,000 awarded to the weekly winners of the 50/50 draw, contributions of \$12,000 to the beneficiaries, and an equal amount towards the many local and global projects that the Rotary Club supports.

Mr Hodgson then presented the latest \$500 instalments to each of the

grateful beneficiaries. Brendan Maguire, the local MLA, and Linda Mosher, local city Councillor, expressed their deep appreciation and congratulations to the Club for their very meaningful contribution to the community.

Further information may be found at www.tooniesforchange.com

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The Scratching Post



by Sarah Fraser

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The formation of a Domestic Animal Advisory Council is one step closer to being less of a dream, and more of a reality. The wheels turn slowly, but rest assured, they DO turn. I was invited to participate in a Halifax Stakeholder Meeting regarding the formation of this committee. I excitedly accepted, and joined a room filled with Halifax Council staffers, interested animal advocates, Veterinarians, animal rescues and Steve Adams, who is Councillor for District 11.

The staffers only had a few hours to gather information and ideas, and they used the time effectively. People were seated at tables, but asked to rotate several times so ideas and opinions could be shared with all.

This process was a first for me and I found it interesting and informative.

I was surprised by quite a few things, some of which I'll mention now. Not all vets agree on what is best for an animal. I was wrong in thinking that veterinarians always form a united front and support one another. While everyone was very polite, considerate and professional, they did stand their ground when it came to discussions on feral and stray cats. People defended their choices rather vehemently and everyone was heard.

Discussions focused on topics like micro-chipping and how effective it was at reuniting lost pets with their owners, and whether or not there should be a bylaw in place requiring domestic dogs and cats to be micro-chipped. The cost is relatively low compared to other procedures responsible pet owners pay for, and when licensing your dog, it provides you with a slightly lower cost.

Speaking of licenses.....

It has been a topic of debate (some

might say TOO much debate) in past Council sessions. I believe time has healed those wounds and we may be able to broach the subject again. Should cats need to be licensed? Cat owners and lovers have begged, pleaded and finally demanded cats be treated as equals to dogs, so why not require a license for them, also? Everyone knows I love the little critters, but admittedly they CAN be a nuisance when they're running at large. One of the questions I get asked most often is 'How do I keep the neighbour's cat out of my garden/flower bed?' If people were accountable for the destructive damage their animals caused, they may be more likely to keep a closer eye on them. My best friend loves cats. She even recently adopted two black kittens (Congratulations on your fur-ever home, Mio and Mable!). She keeps her kittens indoors, so when she sees neighborhood cats squatting in her garden, it boils her blood.

We've really only 'scratched' the surface of the making of this committee...but more will follow. I purromise!

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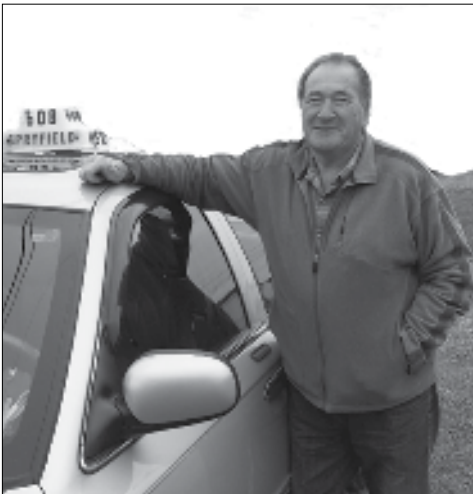
Dr. McCallum: Yes! Fleas can come into your house or apartment as "hitchhikers" on your shoes and clothing, or on other animals that do go outside like the family dog. I have treated a flea infested cat that lived on the 10th floor of an apartment building! Besides being a nuisance, fleas can cause other problems for your cat, such as flea bite allergy dermatitis and severe infestations can cause anemia. But fleas can also transmit parasites to your cat (i.e. tapeworm and Hemotropic Mycoplasmosis – a blood borne parasite). Fleas can be a vector of Bartonellosis (Cat Scratch Fever) which is a zoonotic disease (meaning it affects people). So fleas are not just an esthetic issue, they are a health issue for cats and people alike. Talk to your family veterinarian about the best parasite treatment and prevention protocol for your cat.

Kim McCallum is a veterinarian at the Metro Animal Emergency Clinic and lives in Sambro with her two and four legged family.

Happy Retirement 608 Spryfield!

Ronnie Clark is very excited to be retiring after more than 49 years of working in the taxi industry. He was born and raised in Spryfield and continued to work there until he recently retired in November. He has seen many changes in the industry over the years. When he first started driving taxi, the company was originally called Spryfield then changed to Armdale and now is owned by Yellow Cab, a well-recognized company. Not only was Ronnie's roof light number "608" a familiar beacon for family, friends, and customers, but he was also the only taxi driver in the city that kept "Spryfield", the original company name, on his roof light.

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ing experiences and has seen it all!

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Winnifred Joudrey
Passed away at 89, on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. Born in London, England, Winnie was the daughter of the late Harry and Hannah Hoare. Winnie and her late husband, George, married in London on November 23, 1946 and the “war bride” and groom made their way to the Port of Halifax in 1947. Indoc-trinated to Canada in rural Bridgewater farm land, they later moved to the city and built a home in Spryfield where they raised their three sons, Michael (Margaret DeWolf), Gary (Elaine Nowe), and Lee (Tina Mombourquette). Winnie has 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and a third on the way. A stranger in a strange land, Winnie connected with her community while working at the Dominion Store check-out. These connections included many Warbrides. Durable bonds grew over decades within the War Brides of Nova Scotia. Winnie’s sense of humour was amazing. She could laugh at herself, even in troubled times. Her faith was strong and always delivered her. She was an inspiration, a guiding hand, and a most forgiving soul. She loved her Camp in Chezzetcook, and entertained family and friends over many years. Winnie was rooted in tradition yet loved to try new recipes. Her favourites are family tradition now at every special occasion. She was predeceased by

brother, Harry, and sisters, Mabel, Rose, Ivy, and Olive. Her sister Doris re-mains. Special thanks go to the staff of Ivy Meadows for their loving care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Ivy Meadows Home, Rosecrest Communities.

Marie Elizabeth Hickey
Age 79, of Halifax, passed away on October 30, 2015 at Northwood Manor. Although Marie was from Sambro, she called Northwood Manor her home for the last eight years. She was a good woman who loved camping in her younger years and then enjoyed a good game of bingo and cards in her later years. Marie is survived by her sons James Hickey (Betty-Ann), Nor-man Marnier (Linda); daughters Col-leen Stewart, Margaret Hickey (Wade Harnish); brothers Roderick and Joseph Boudreau; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was prede-ceased by her husband James Hickey and son Kenneth. Marie will be sadly missed but never forgotten by her fam-ily. The family would like to extend many thanks to the staff of Northwood Manor. Words of comfort can be left at www.walkerfh.com.

Laurence C. “Laurie” Umlah
Aged 86, died peacefully at his home in Spryfield on Monday, November 2,

2015. A son of the late Allan and Myrtle (Topple) Umlah, he was born December 24, 1928. Laurie grew up in Jollimore, a keen Snipe sailor in his young days, and won the championship three years in a row with the Jollimore Juniors hockey team. Laurie spent his working life in insurance with H. N. Wrathall Insurance, Adjusters and Appraisers, and with the Provincial government as Superintendent of Insurance. He raised his family in Leiblen Park, a dedi-cated and loving father. He will also be remembered by many as a Sunday school teacher, hockey coach, Scout leader, fellow Reservist, and Lions Club member. He served on the Spryfield Jamboree committee and was very active in Emmanuel Anglican Church in Spryfield for many years. He was one-time president of the local Progres-sive Conservative association. He was greatly loved by his 5 children, Dawn (Jim) Mills, Heather Umlah, Brian (Jackie), Gail Gionet (Danny Mabee) and Mark (Cheryl-Ann Trites); nine grandchildren, and eight great grand-children. He is also survived by his sister, Iris (Michael) Shea and sisters-in-law, Lillian Umlah (Lou) and Noreen Banks. He was predeceased by his wife, Doris (Campbell); brothers, Greg and Edgar “Eggie”. In lieu of flowers, dona-tions in Laurie’s memory can be made to Palliative Care, QEII Foundation PATH Fund T858 at: 1-888-428-0220 or qe2foundation.ca.

Wayne Francis “Corky” Doran
Age 63, Spryfield, passed away peace-fully November 13, 2015 at Palliative Care, QEII. Born in Truro, he was a son of the late Raymond and Viola Doran. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (Johnson); son, Chad (Heather); grandson, Briar, all of Spryfield; brother, Kevin (Connie); sisters Muriel (Glen); Judy (Paul), all of Truro; half sisters Garnetta, Mabel, Eileen and Leona. He was predeceased by sisters Cherlyn and Judy Marie.

Gary Edward Dill
age 65, Falmouth, formerly of Windsor, passed away on Monday, September 28, 2015, at the Hants Community Hospital, Windsor. Born on March 26, 1950, in Halifax, he was the son of the late John and Melda (Millett) Dill of Windsor. Gary was employed with Nova Scotia Power Corporation for 30 years, retiring in 2001 as a linesman. He sold produce for many years, with the last 16 years selling in Spryfield, where he had also sold Christmas trees. Gary had a pig rac-ing show for Atlantic Lotto, called Dill’s Racing Pigs. His first love was always harness racing, having raced several horses of his own over the years. He was involved with ‘4H’ throughout his early years while living at home on the family farm in Windsor. In his younger years, he played hockey for the Windsor Royals for several years. Gary was a member of the Windsor Lions Club and had two very successful fund raisers in recent years. He was President of the Heritage

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Classic Beef Committee that held a well attended beef show at the 250th, Anniversary of the Hants County Exhibition. Gary always said that he had attended the 200th Anniversary and wanted to participate in the 250th Anniversary and he proudly did this past weekend. Gary is survived by sisters, Ellen (Robert) Miller, Windsor; Geraldine Smith of Musquodoboit Harbour; and by several nieces and nephews In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Gary were requested to be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to a charity of one’s choice. To add your condolences, click on “Contribute” at, www.lindsaysfuneralhome.com

Patricia Ann Crocker
Age 58. From Halifax. Passed away October 25, 2015, after a lengthy battle with breast cancer, having fought it four times throughout her life.

Daughter of John and Evelyn (Fitzpatrick) Robinson, she is survived by her father John Robinson, Ret. P. Eng., Winnipeg, Manitoba, her loving husband and BFF Ken Crocker, Spryfield; her sister Pamela Wood (Chris), niece Josie Wood and nephew Keifer Wood all of Dartmouth; stepdaughter Carrie (Crocker) Bellefontaine; granddaughter, Lauren Bellefontaine; grandson Dylan Bellefontaine all of Portuguese Cove; stepson Craig Crocker, Fernie, B.C.; and her beloved Tibetan spaniel, Zoey. Pat was predeceased by her mother Evelyn (Fitzpatrick) Robinson.

Pat was born in Winnipeg and moved to Ottawa at the age of four, then on to Nova Scotia at age ten. She has been a

true Bluenoser ever since. Following her mother’s passion for curling, she became a member of CFB Halifax Curling Club in 1983. She became very involved in the sport, both as a participant and as a volunteer. She served as Ladies President of CFB Halifax in 1990 – 1991 and then became President of CFB Halifax in 1997 – 1999. As an avid sports fan, she spent countless hours watching Carrie and Craig curl in junior curling. Craig also played Little League baseball and Pat helped with the stats while her husband coached. She served as a Chairperson in the 1992 Scott Tournament of Hearts, the 1995 Labatt Brier, and the 2003 Nokia Brier all held in Halifax. She loved her job with Capital Health, working in the Biomedical Engineering Department at the Victoria General Hospital for the past 26 years, and though offered a scholarship for Honours classes at Saint Mary’s University, she said, “but I like what I do” and opted to stay with “her guys” in Biomed. She loved her garden and spent countless hours putting, pruning, and weeding. She loved to cook and always worked at making a dish better than the last one. She was an avid reader. Pat will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

The family extends a heart-felt thank you to staff on 5A and 7A at the VG Site.

Donations in Pat’s memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the QEII Foundation.

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Wall...

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stories of seven brothers in the same family serving, a husband and wife meeting and marrying as a result of being at the same air base, and stories of wounds, both physical and mental, that these soldiers carried for life.” Mrs. MacKinnon’s father, Walter MacKinnon, his four brothers, Mickey, Hector, Frank and Eddy, and her mother’s brother Daniel Almon all served in World War II. Mickey MacKinnon was killed in Italy and Danny Almon spent three and a half years in a Prisoner of War camp. All were given places of honor on Ilsley’s Wall of Remembrance.
Mrs. MacKinnon also came up with the idea of making buttons out of photos of family members who had served in war. “The button idea emerged as a way to remember family members who served, as well as others who suffered the impact of war. Some of our staff with European backgrounds had family members who were civilians on the other side of the conflict who suffered

terrible atrocities. By wearing buttons with our family members’ faces on them, we carried them next to our hearts on Remembrance Day. Our Arts Express coordinator, Sabine Fels, being of German heritage, felt this was a way that she could participate in the act of remembrance, and it was she who loaned us the button maker.” During the Remembrance assembly, many Ilsley students and staff wore buttons to honor and remember family members who had served in war.
The response to the Wall of Remembrance project has been overwhelmingly positive. “The veterans from the Spryfield Legion who participated in our school’s Remembrance Day ceremony lingered by the display afterwards and felt much appreciated looking at their own, and others’, photos and stories. People who had no connection to the wall stopped me in the hall and mentioned how emotional they felt looking at it, and all the young faces of those who served. There is something very powerful about a stark black and white photo staring back at you



Ilsley Librarian, Ursula MacKinnon, stands at the Wall of Remembrance

from another time. I think students and staff alike felt proud to tell their families’ stories. Even strangers who visited the school ended up looking at it. One of our custodians, Donna McDermott, mentioned that groups that visited the school on the weekend for other pur-

poses ended up looking at the wall and commenting how lovely a tribute it was.” J.L. Ilsley High School is proud to honor those who have served and continue to serve to protect our rights and freedom.



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Sammy says



The Sambro Area Community Association (“SACA”) is once again running a Christmas 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and will be available at Mishoo’s in Sambro, or by calling 902-868-2553.

SACA’s Children’s Christmas Party is on Saturday December 5th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. James United Church. The cost is \$5 per child. Voluntary donations of non-perishable food items will be gratefully accepted for the Food Bank sponsored by the St. Paul’s Family Resource Centre. There will also be a table set up selling Christmas cards, tags and Sammy Sambro dolls.

The group has lots of fun things planned for the party, including a hot dog lunch, visit and photo with Santa, cupcake decorating, face painting, a reindeer craft and reindeer colouring contest with prizes. School aged chil-

dren can be dropped off and preschool aged children are welcome to stay with a parent or guardian.

To ensure the success of this event, we need a few more volunteers. If you are a teenager or adult who is able to help out for a couple of hours, please email sambroareacommunityassociation@gmail.com or call 902-868-2553.

I’ve been chatting with my friends at the Sambro Island Lighthouse Heritage Society (“SILHS”) about the state of my favourite lighthouse. DFO has begun the process of setting up the res-

toration project on Sambro Island and architects specializing in the preservation of historic sites have been tasked with overseeing it. The work scope is being determined and the project is on track to have tenders submitted in the spring, with work slated to begin next summer.

Bill C-588 received overwhelming support from all political parties on its second reading in the House of Commons. Unfortunately, the Federal Election was called before it could be passed, but SILHS is hopeful that they


will maintain the political support needed to have Sambro Island Lighthouse included in the Parks Canada inventory. This would have Parks Canada tasked with overseeing the ongoing maintenance of the site and preserve it for generations to come. Further updates can be found on SILHS’s Facebook page.

Wishing my friends from far and near and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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



Photo courtesy of Sue Paul and Carrie Flemming of SILHS. It was taken during the Sambro Island Lighthouse Tours in September



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Carroll, Pyke & HP Atlantic get Gold again

Hunter Carroll and HP Atlantic’s Head Coach, Kathy Pyke, return home with another championship title. Hunter’s 6th major title of the year comes at the 2015 Pan American University Championships held at the US Military Academy,

WestPoint. Hunter went undefeated with a record of 4-0. The win gives Hunter an automatic berth at the 2016 Pan American Senior Championships representing Canada.



De Costa Thomas, who plays for the Chebucto Atom Bruins, scored his first Atom goal on November 14th. De Costa shows off his puck while his brother sits proudly beside him.



Noah Harvey gets set during a Pee wee AA game against the Halifax Hawks on Saturday November 14th. Chebucto won 2-0.

Hey Coach

by Benny DeVine
I met up with Chris Pierce Saturday evening after an Atom A game at the Lions Rink for a question and answer interview. Chris Coaches Chebucto Atom A, Chebucto Pee Wee A and Millwood High School. He is also the lead instructor for Outside Edge Hockey Development.

Q How many Years have you been coaching Hockey?

A I have been coaching for 18 years.

Q Did you play Hockey as a kid?

A Yes, I started when I was 4 Years old.

Q Where did you play as a kid; what area?

A I played for the Chebucto Atlantics.

Q What are your goals as a coach this year?

A As Head Coach of the Chebucto Atom A team, I have 3 primary goals:

1. Improve the skills and team play of each player
2. Teach our players to always value their teammates and contribute to their team
3. Continue to develop our players’ passion for the game

Q What is the most important thing your players can do to improve as the season goes on?

A I find that the most important thing my players can do is “Be Ready and Step outside Their Comfort Zone!” The players who consistently come to the rink on time, ready to listen, ready to work hard, and willing to push past their comfort zone, are the players who continually improve throughout the season.

Q If you had one tip for young hockey players what would it be?

A Play with your head up! Practice handling the puck with your head up! It’s hard to properly read and react to the play if you are skating with your head down. You notice a huge difference in the kids that can carry the puck with their head up, who can identify open ice and who can see pass options that other young players never see because they watch the puck when they



carry it.

Q What is your favorite food Coach?

A Healthy eating is very important to me. Sushi is one of my favourites if I’m going out to eat!

Q How are things different today than when you played as a kid?

A The biggest difference that I notice is that most of the kids take much longer to develop a shot and some of the other basic athletic skills and instincts that we took for granted as kids. My friends and I played hockey on the ponds all winter and were outside all summer playing games like base-runner, soccer, baseball, tennis, and golf. I find that many of the kids aren’t spending enough time outside to develop these skills away from the rink.

Quote - Something here you would like to say as a coach.

Coaching hockey is an aspect of my life that I am very passionate about. Helping kids set and achieve goals and being a part of their development as a hockey player and as a human being is very rewarding. As a hockey coach, I believe it is important to recognize the true potential of the kids in and outside of the game. When you take stock of the positive attributes that each individual brings, you will find ways to help each player grow and ensure that they are able to successfully contribute to the team.

Kline and Purdy lead the way with Double Hat Tricks



Stephen Purdy (left) and Daniel Kline pose after their win

by Benny DeVine
The Chebucto Atlantics Pee wee AAA team played the second game of the Blue Wave Challenge Cup Pee Wee AAA Tournament at the Gray Arena on the afternoon of Friday, November 13th, against the South Shore Sharks.

Captain of the team Daniel Kline opened the scoring in the second period with his first of 3 goals of the game. Stephen Purdy

also netted 2 second period goals to give the Atlantics a commanding 5-1 lead after 2 periods of play.

Kline and Purdy each scored in the 3rd period and Jacob Newcombe and Jacob Clothier each had singles to make the final score 8-1 for Chebucto.

Goalie Jake Dodge stopped 24 shots to record the win and Chebucto finished the Tournament with 3 wins and 1 loss.

Parking issue resolved

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

Common sense can prevail! Over the past several months I was receiving emails from residents who had been getting ticketed for parking in two hour parking zones. They parked in a spot, left for several hours and came back and parked on the street again and received parking tickets for parking “in the same zone” or “moved zone”. There are no signs indicating exactly what a zone was or that you cannot park more than once in a zone in a 24 hour period. Residents who have received tickets and called 311 and/or searched our website could not find any information on this. I brought the matter to the Halifax Board of Police Commissioners and received unanimous endorsement for a report on timed parking zones and the enforceable law to issue tickets.

Traffic Services can post time restriction parking zones in residential areas. Signage is placed to indicate the permitted parking. Parking enforcement has indicated “Timed parking signs were installed to allow for constant turn over throughout the day, not to move around and park for free all day.” This is understandable; however, the zones would allow someone to park, then move their car to the opposite side of the street and not receive a ticket.

As well, some residents have indicated that these tickets have been successfully challenged in court. I felt that either this practise had to stop and be deemed unenforceable or HRM’s Traffic Services would have to post signage on all streets with timed parking zones indicating what a zone was and advising motorists of the parking restrictions within a zone; as well as updating our website and 311 responses. This would be very costly and it seemed silly that you could park on a street, and return to the same street and it was okay to park on the other side of the street but not on the same side that you parked previously.

After bringing this to the Police Commission, the matter was assessed and HRM staff verified that several people who received tickets had been successful in their challenge of the ticket in court. The decision to dismiss the tickets was based on the onus for the issuing officer to prove the vehicle did not leave the area and return to the

same spot under the two hour period. Legislation does not provide a definition of ‘move’ as being out of the zone and does not place a restriction of the distance of what ‘move’ indicates. Therefore parking enforcement has been advised not to issue tickets in Zoned Parking (longer than two hours). I am happy that Halifax Regional Police and Parking Enforcement have resolved this issue.

I am pleased to inform residents that we installed new crosswalk flags at

eight locations. Five of these locations are on the Herring Cove Road portion of District 9, one on Connaught Avenue, one on Purcell’s Cove Road and one on St. Margaret’s Bay Road. A local company designed the flags and holders so that they are much more official looking than others you may see in HRM. The crossing man is entirely reflective and the flags are brighter and more durable. Should you see other locations where you would like flags installed, please contact me and I will request Traffic Services to review the location. They will not approve locations without appropriate infrastructure in place such as poles in which to mount the buckets,

nor will they install them at traffic signal locations. I also partnered with the Spryfield Business Commission to promote public safety. You will see their logo on the Slow Down- Drive Like Your Family Lives Here signs. Should you wish to have a sign, please contact me at 902-476-4117 and I will drop one off to you. Alternatively, you can pick one up at the Spryfield Business Commission office, 339 Herring Cove Road. The contact is Bruce Holland, Executive Director, 902-452-7472.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays. Wishing you a Happy New Year and all the best for 2016!

Better winter snow removal goal for this season

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Festive Season

As the festive season comes upon us please remember those less fortunate. If you are able, perhaps you could purchase a meal for a family in need or a toy for a child who may otherwise not receive a gift. To capture the true joy of Christmas, simply picture the look on a little one’s face when he/she opens the gift you have given them. What makes it even more special is that they will know someone is thinking about them. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2016.

Thank you

By the time you read this article, the paving projects for Drysdale Road, Emerald Crescent and the Spryfield Lions Rink parking lot should be completed. I appreciate that the delays and rough driving areas were frustrating; however, I am hopeful the finished work will far outweigh the short-term inconvenience. As another road construction season comes to an end, I thank you for your cooperation, patience and perseverance while we made improvements to our infrastructure.

Leaf and Yard Waste

Until spring 2016, excess leaf and yard waste may also be placed in clear and orange plastic bags due to the low inventory of paper yard-waste bags. I thank you for your continued cooperation and support of the solid waste/recycling program.

Consideration of Weekly Collection at the Curb

During the 2016/17 budget deliberations, Council will consider weekly collection of recyclables (blue bags) as well as extending weekly collection of green carts to include the month of September. At a motion passed on November 10th, I asked staff to consider weekly collection of recyclables across the municipality.

Long Lake Provincial Park Access

I’ve received a number of calls with regard to the road work on North West Arm Drive at the intersection of Long Lake Village. This work is being done to provide access to a parking lot as part of a trail project with the Long Lake Provincial Park Association. The work and material for this project is being provided by the developers of Long Lake Village and Long Lake Provincial Park at no cost to residents. All work has been approved by the Department of Natural Resources. I can assure you that the integrity of Long Lake, along with any environmentally sensitive areas, will be protected.

Some have demonstrated frustration with this project as they see roads or amenities in our area that require maintenance that they feel is not getting done. I assure you these are separate issues as this is not a taxpayer funded project.

I am excited about the short and long-term plans for Long Lake and look forward to its completion.

Snow Removal

The winter of 2014/15 was the worst

in decades with the exception of White Juan in February of 2004. It certainly took its toll on everyone. I, members of Council, and staff heard from residents, citizen groups, businesses and other stakeholders regarding our snow removal performance. The information obtained was considered when reviewing the Winter Operations program and necessary improvements have been made for 2015/16.

We have taken some steps to improve service and accountability internally, and to ensure our contractors have the experience, equipment and capacity to better deal with extraordinary winter conditions. The geographic areas to be covered by fixed cost contractors have been expanded and access to more equipment has been secured.

The new street contracts, awarded this summer, require better coordination between the street and sidewalk operators, particularly in areas with limited or no snow storage between the curb and sidewalk. This change is intended to reduce instances of street plows depositing snow on sidewalks that have been recently plowed.

New this season is the vehicle tracking technology that will provide real time information on winter maintenance operations. This technology has been adopted in other jurisdictions in Canada and was recommended in an independent review of the Winter Operations program.

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The Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

I'm pleased to be able to provide you with a few important programs taking place across our province. First, I want to remind residents about the Heating Assistance Rebate Program (HARP). Service NS is now accepting applications to help with up to \$200 toward home heating costs. Applications can be found at my constituency office, or by calling 1-800-670-4357 or visiting: www.novascotia.ca/sns/access/individuals/consumer-awareness/heating-assistance-rebate-program.asp.

I was pleased to attend the province's Experience Through Opportunity announcement on filling 70 public service positions with new graduates and younger workers across the Province. It's exciting that over the next five years government will recruit younger workers for 5% of new government hires and will also create more co-op opportunities for university and high school

students in the public service. The jobs will be posted on Career Beacon: careerbeacon.com/corpprof/govns/govns.html, and at: makeithere.novascotia.ca.

As you know there has been much talk about refugees across our country. NS is prepared to welcome more refugees. Nova Scotians are caring and we know that people and communities across the province want to help. On November 17th, I was pleased as Minister of Immigration to announce that 211 would coordinate offers of support for Syrian Refugees. Those wishing to help can call 211 or email help@ns.211.ca to offer housing, household goods, financial donations, or volunteering. For further updates on the refugee effort, you can visit: www.novascotia.ca/refugeerresponse and follow @nsimmigration on Twitter.

Last month, I took part in many

community events including organizing the Armdale community walk at the Chain of Lakes Trail, Fairmount Entrance. I look forward to having another trail walk some time in the winter. I thank everyone who came to my MLA Constituency Office Open House and for bringing non-perishables for St. Paul's United Food Bank. I observed Remembrance Day at the Spryfield and Fairview Legions and attended ceremonies at Springvale Elementary and John W. MacLeod-Fleming Tower Schools.

December is sure to be a busy month for all as the holidays quickly approach. I look forward to attending the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade and many school and local events.

I would like to wish all of you a very happy and safe holiday season! As always, you can contact me by phone, email and follow me on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date with my latest activities and community/provincial news. Thank you for your continued support.

Adams

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There will also be a dedicated Winter Operations resource at 311 for email, online service requests and centralized dispatching during snow-clearing efforts. Residents are advised that if they contact 311 about snow or ice removal on a street or sidewalk while crews are still within the service standard, their inquiry will be logged in the system but not be dispatched for service, as it is expected crews will get to the area as they're able. Residents can call 311 direct or send an email to contact@halifax.ca.

In the event of an emergency and 911 has been notified, dispatchers will be in touch with municipal snow-clearing crews to ensure emergency vehicles have an efficient and accessible route. If a street has not yet been plowed, the municipality will dispatch a snow-clearing crew working in the area to come clear a path for the emergency vehicle.

Contact

Please contact our HRM Citizen Contact Centre at 3-1-1 if you have a municipal issue that needs to be addressed. This is the most expedient method to have your issue recorded in our system and forwarded to the appropriate staff for action. You will be given a reference number which can be used to follow the progress of that particular issue. If you wish to speak to me concerning municipal issues, please contact me by phone at 902.477.0627 or email at Stephen.Adams@halifax.ca.

NO developments happening on the Long Lake Provincial Park Land

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Over the last the few weeks I have received a few emails and calls about the construction on NorthWest Arm Drive and at Long Lake Provincial Park.

First I would like to address a few concerns, there are NO developments happening on the Long Lake Provincial Park Land; no condos, no houses and no buildings. Long Lake is provincial park land and none of this is permitted.

Over a decade ago, a master plan was developed by Natural Resource staff and members of our community. The idea was to create areas of the park that all could access and enjoy. Included in these plans was a trail system, parking lot and a family picnic area to name a few things. This plan lay dormant for a long, long time; there were no resources to make this plan a reality.

Over the last two years I have worked with the municipality, the newly formed Long Lake Provincial Park Association, the private sector and the Department of Transportation, Environment and Natural Resources to make this plan a reality. We have worked to

ensure that there is no impact to the wildlife, that the trails are small, non-intrusive, safe and sustainable. No foreign material will be introduced to the park, it will all be clean and natural. In the end we will have a beautiful natural trail system for all to enjoy. If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office and I will gladly sit down and chat about this or anything else.

On November 10th I had the distinct pleasure of announcing a grant for the YWCA of Spryfield. This grant will be used to build a much needed playground for their childcare centre. While visiting the centre a few months back I noted they did not have a playground. When I asked why they informed me it was due to lack of funding. I made it my mission to find funding and was proud to deliver. I can't wait to drop by after it is built to see all the smiling children!

On November 12th we held a winter clothing drive out of my office. 100s of items of winter clothing for all ages

were donated. Dozens and dozens of people walked away with much needed warm clothing for the winter. Thank you to all who donated; you really made a difference.

I want to wish a very happy birthday to my amazing partner, wife and best friend Rena and no I won't reveal your age. Thank you for all you do for me and the kids, we love you!

Finally, thank you to the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion for a beautiful Remembrance Day Ceremony. Most importantly I wanted to thank all of our service men and women; we will never forget your service for all of us. You gave your all to protect our democracy and freedom. You deserve our gratitude and utmost respect. Thank You!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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• **Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents:** For those of you in the Harrietsfield/Williamswood area who fill water jugs at the St. Paul's United Church outside tap, please note the following change: Now that the weather is getting colder, we have to turn off the outside tap. Water is now available inside from Tuesday through Friday between 9am and 3pm. Please email weneedsafe-water@gmail.com with questions or to arrange an alternate pick up time.

• **Adult Volleyball:** Wednesdays from 8 until 9:30 beginning September 30th

at Herring Cove Junior High. \$5 per person (to cover rental costs) Contact Paula Taylor: taylorpa2714@gmail.com to register or for more info.

• **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 Brad McCallum for more info at 902-401-1223 or visit www.scouts.ca.

• **Spryfield's Own Second Chances Band** will be hosting a Holiday Concert on December 13th at 2pm (Doors open at 1:30) at the

Saint John's Anglican Church at 2187 Larry Uteck Blvd. Admission is \$10. Refreshments served during intermission

• **Christmas Dinner** to be hosted by Brendan Maguire at the Boys and Girls Club (11 Aldergrove) on Sunday, December 20th at 4pm. Please call 902-444-0147 to RSVP

• **Women for Music** will be meeting December 3rd from 1pm to 3pm with Lucy Hayes-Davis and Lynette Wahlstrom at 6199 Chebucto Road, Halifax. New members welcome www.womenformusic.com

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The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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DECEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield (11 Aldergrove Road) Events:

- December 20th: 4pm. Brendan Maguire will be hosting a Christmas Dinner at the Boys and Girls Club. Please RSVP by calling 902-444-0147 All welcome to attend.
- After School Program Registration: September 2015 - June 2016: A low-cost fee of \$75 - \$125 a month provides care for your child during the critical hours care period of the day. We provide a healthy after school snack, walking school bus child pick-up from Central Spryfield School, structured free play, a variety of programming from high energy recreational games to low energy cooking and baking in our kitchen!
- Day Camp Registration September 2015 - June 2016 In-service Day Camps including March Break! \$25 our in-service and holiday day camps are a worth wild investment to keep your child entertained and engaged on school in-service days.
- For more information please call 902-477-9840 or email generalinfor@bgc-spryfield.org today!

Chebucto Community Health Team (16 Dentith Rd) Events:

- Free Community Health and Wellness Programs for December:
- Craving Change Follow Up: December 3rd from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at the Wellness Centre
 - Why is Change So Hard?! December 7th from 1:30pm to 2:30pm at the Wellness Centre.
 - Community Health Team Drop in. December 18th from 8:30am to 10am at the Wellness Centre.
 - CALL 902-460-4556 to register or go online at CommunityHealthTeams.ca
 - PLEASE NOTE: People eligible for the programs are anyone who lives, works or has a family doctor in the communities of Clayton Park, Fairview, Rockingham Larry Uteck, Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield, and around the Sambro Loop. Please call 487-0690, go to www.communityhealthteams.ca or drop-in to register.

Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion (7 Sussex Street) Events:

- Bingo every Sunday at 1pm.
- Sundays at 7pm: Washer Toss – open to the public- \$5 per person. Prize money determined by #of entries
- Seniors Dance from 12:30pm to 4pm. \$4 per person. Light lunch served. Door prizes, 50/50 draw. Music by Albert Martell. All seniors welcome.
- December 14th: Seniors Christmas dinner.
- December 18th: 7pm. Open Turkey Shoot. \$10.
- New Year's Eve Dance: 9pm to 1am. \$10 per person. Finger foods. Band will be Second Generation
- New Year's Day Dance: 1pm to 6pm. With Cheryl. Free admission.

Food Banks:

- Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Her-

ring Cove Rd) Call Wed. Pick up Thurs between 9:30am and 10am. 902-477-1954

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Call Mon/Tues. Pick up Wed between 10am and 12pm. 902-477-5090.
- Greystone Community Centre Association(2 Indigo Walk). Call Mon. Pick up Tues. 7:30am to 12pm. Call 902-431-8087 between 9:30am and 12pm on Mondays

Free meals for those in need:

- **Mondays:**
 - Continental Breakfast at Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) from 9:30am to 11am.
 - Mobile Soup Kitchen 7pm Bread of Life Ministries (McIntosh St. & 500 Block of Herring cove Rd)
- **Tuesdays:**
 - Continental Breakfast at Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) from 9:30am to 11am.
 - Soup's On Program 12pm to 1:30pm at St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro 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.
- **Thursdays:**
 - Hot Breakfast 8:30am to 9:30am Salvation Army- Spryfield Family Resource Centre (328 Herring Cove Rd)
- **Fridays:**
 - Continental Breakfast 9:30am to 11am. Salvation Army- Spryfield Family Resource Centre (328 Herring Cove Rd)

Holiday Hampers:

- Salvation Army and St. Paul's Family Resource Centre are both offering Holiday Hampers for those in need this holiday season. Please register by dropping in and bringing appropriate identification. Further information can be found online or by calling either place. Salvation Army (902-477-5393) St. Paul's (902-477-5090)

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

- Friday Night Mixed Dart League with bar service. 8pm. \$5 to play Phone 902-475-1817 for more information (leave message)
- Jam sessions every Sunday evening from 7pm until 9:30pm. Free admission, just bring your instrument. Call John at 902-220-7720 for more information or check out the Facebook page [hwccjam-sessions](https://www.facebook.com/hwccjam-sessions).
- December 8th: 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Tree Lighting Event. Donations to the food bank greatly appreciated
- December 31st: 9pm to 1am. New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets are \$8 per person or \$15 per couple at the door. \$5 per person if purchased in advance. DJ and light finger foods. Contact Rose at 902-475-1817 for advanced tickets.
- Halifax Tai Jitsu runs classes at the

centre every Wednesday and Thursday and Saturday morning. Contact Natasha at 902-293-7427, halifaxtaijitsu@gmail.com for more information.

Quarter Note Singers (Captain Spry Centre) Events:

- Singers Wanted! We are a mixed adult community choir that has been making music for over a decade at the Cap't William Spry Community Centre. Singers of all levels are welcome; there are no auditions. For more info please call Steve Trussoni at 902-477-2664
- December 10th: 7pm to 9pm. Coffee House. Refreshments served. Donations gratefully accepted. Special guests Hydrostoners Ukulele Ensemble. All welcome

Spryfield Lions Club (25 Drysdale Avenue) Events:

- Every Wednesday at 1pm. BINGO! In the rec centre. Come have fun, make friends and support a great organization.
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Lions Club Meet. Upstairs in the Lions' Den. Please consider becoming a Lion! The Pride always needs new members to keep it strong in service!

YMCA Events:

- Elderobics-Forever Fit classes. No registration necessary. \$4/per class plus annual fee of \$10.
 - Emmanuel Church Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 11am.
 - Captain William Spry Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 10am

Young at Heart Club (212 Herring Cove Rd):

- Crib every Thursday at 1:30pm
- Darts every Thursday at 7pm.
- Wanted: Piano player to volunteer on Tuesdays from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. For more information, contact Edna at 902-477-5842

Emmanuel Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Road) Events:

- December 5th: 8pm to 12am. Dance. \$7per person. Light lunch at intermission. Music by Bay City Band
- December 31st: 9pm to 1am. New Year's Eve Dance. \$15 per person. Music by Bay City Band. For tickets, call Alecta at 902-477-7870

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

- December 5th: 11am to 1pm. Children's Christmas Party. \$5 per child. Includes visit and photo with Santa, decorating cupcakes or cookies, a colouring contest, face painting and a hot dog lunch. All food items are peanut free. Preschool children must be accompanied by an adult. School aged children may be dropped off and picked up. A voluntary donation of non-perishable food items will be accepted for the St. Paul's Family Resource Centre Food Bank.
- December 13th: 2pm. Downhome

Christmas Concert. Food bank donations for St. Paul's Family Resource Centre gratefully accepted. Everyone welcome!

St. Michael's Church (6 St. Michael's Avenue, Spryfield) Events:

- December 11th: 7pm. Cash Bingo!
- New Year's Eve Dance! 9pm. DJ and cash bar. Tickets go on sale November 1st. Call 902-477-3530 for more information.

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

- December 13th: 7pm. Annual Christmas Carol Sing! Join us for a wonderful evening filled with the sounds of the season. Refreshments to follow. All welcome!
- Recycling on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Drop off between 10am and 1pm. Or, call Elaine at 477-2376 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have them picked up
- For those of you in the Harrietsfield/Williamswood area who fill water jugs at our outside tap, please note the following change: Now that the weather is getting colder, we have to turn off the outside tap. Water is now available inside from Tuesday through Friday between 9am and 3pm. Please email weneedsafewater@gmail.com with questions or to arrange an alternate pick up time.
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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 Reverend Dennis Nickerson at 902-476-9989.

Other Events and Notices:

- **Hand in Hand (440 Herring Cove Road)** which is operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society, has new operating hours: Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm. Saturday 10am to 5pm and Closed on Sundays.
- **Girl Guides of Canada** Registration is now ongoing! Interested girls and aspiring leaders can go to www.girlguides.ca for more information. Or call 423-3735.

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17 Old Sambro Road \$149,900

Great carpet free bungalow for a starter home or one level living for retirement, you choose. This cozy 2 bedroom one bath home is on a 5,000 sqft R2P lot on a bus route and close to all amenities. It has a good size living room, updated eat in kitchen a good sized master bedroom and a smaller second bedroom. The yard is a gardeners delight and even boasts a mature apple tree. Come have a look today.



2304 Old Sambro Rd \$199,999

Gardener's Delight! This great split entry home in Williamswood, sitting on a 16,000 sq.ft. landscaped lot, is a dream for the avid gardener. This R2 zoned home has 2 bedrooms and a full bath on the main level and a 1 bedroom in-law suite in the walkout basement. Both units have beautiful Angle Stone fireplaces and large living rooms. The current owners have completed many upgrades some of which include blown in insulation (R50 in the attic) and a new fiberglass oil tank.



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4) Own entrance/washrooms/facilities	9) When you succeed, we succeed (We're here to help)
5) Built in "Instant Traffic" (We're busy)	

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