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We have a WINNER! Congratulations to Peter Mowat who was presented with a \$1,719 cheque by Dick Hodgson, Rotarian and organizer of the Toonies for

Toonies for Change off and running in the New Year!

Toonies for Change, the popular Spryfield and District fundraiser managed by the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest, started the year off with a bang with the presentation of a cheque for over \$1,700 to Peter Mowat, at the Club's regular lunchtime meeting on January 21st.

Peter is a very active member of the Spryfield community, and one of the leaders in the management of the hockey programs put on by the Chebucto Minor Hockey Association, so it is perhaps fitting that he should find himself a winner this time. In excess of \$8,000 in prize money has now been handed out to lucky winners since the project was launched only eight months ago.

The six community organizations that are supported by Toonies for Change were also big winners in December when each was presented with a cheque for \$500 just in time for Christmas! These funds are now being put to good use in the community.

Giacomo Bruno, President of the Rotary Club, put it well when he said, "We're delighted to be collaborating with the fine folk of Spryfield not only to strengthen the support available to those in the community who could use a little help, but also to have a bit of fun".

(See Toonies on page 2)

Mad for March Break!

Et tu, Brute? This year's March Break falls squarely into the Ides territory, falling within the Halifax Regional School Board schedule from March 16 - 20th. Beware – it's time to start planning for March Break camps before spaces fill! Caesar himself would be impressed with the variety of activities within the Chebucto Loop and HRM available to keep kids busy while having fun with a bit of learning thrown in for good measure.

Camps: The Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield will host a March Break day camp from Monday to Friday for the low cost of \$125.00 per child for the week. The days start at 8:00am and run until 5:45pm. To register, or for more information, call 902-477-9840, or email generalinfo@bgcspryfield.org.

Halifax Recreation will be hosting day camps across various facilities within HRM, including one for children ages 5 - 10 at the Chocolate Lake Community Centre. The cost for the week is \$89, and the program runs from 9:00am to 4pm daily. Another day camp will be held at the Captain William Spry Centre from 8:30am to 4pm for children ages 5 - 11, also for \$89.00. For more information, or to register for these or other Halifax Recreation programs, visit: halifax.ca/rec, or call 902-490-6666, or 1-866-445-4415 toll free.

A little further outside the roundabout, you can find camps tailored to activities your child might be interested in:

 Artech Camps at the Shambhala School is hosting a week of technical fun creating video games, animations or robotics for 6-10 years olds and 11-14 year olds. The cost for the week is \$339 plus HST, and runs from 9 - 4. Contact

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March Break!

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- The Centre for Art Tapes is also holding a creative week of video and film making with a weeklong camp for kids aged 12-16 for \$250.00. Contact Kristy at 902-422-6822, or communications@cfat.ca.
- Dalhousie University is holding a basketball camp for kids age 8-15 for the cost of \$225.00 for the week, as well as a climbing camp for ages 6-12 for the cost of \$285.00. Register online at www.dalplex.ca, or fax the online registration form to 902-494-2574.
- Mount Saint Vincent is holding a "Jungle Fever" March Break theme over the week for children in grades Primary to Grade 6 for \$155.00. To register, call 902-457-6420.
- Perennial favourite, the Discovery Centre, is also holding its fourth "Yuck

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and Other Stuff" camp for kids aged 6-11 for \$200.00 for the week, as well as a "Digital Discovery" week for children aged 10-15, for the cost of \$275.00. Register online by visiting the following link: https://41859.thankyou4caring.org/events/march-camps

• Finally, The Canada Games Centre is hosting two camps for the week; a 'Learn to Play Sport" camp for children in grades primary to six for \$175.00, and an "Animation and Robotics" camp for kids ages 9 - 12 for \$195.00. Register online at https://www.hfxcgcwebtraconlinereg.ca.

Activities: There's so much going on in HRM during the break it's a challenge to write it all down! Two must visit locations on your list are the Oval, and the new Halifax Library Main Branch. Both are cultural icons for Halifax, have a ton of interest for kids and adults, and are free! The next best thing to free is cheap, so Cineplex Theatres is offering 'Toonie Matinees' throughout the March Break week. Check the various locations within HRM for further details. Hatfield Farms is extending its popular "Family Roundups", featuring covered wagons, petting zoo and playground to four times daily from March 13 - 21 for \$13.99 per person. The Spryfield Lion's Rink has ice time available for those looking to strap on their skates; call 902-477-5466 to book your spot.

No matter what you and your children end up doing during this year's March Break, we hope it's safe, healthy and fun!

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The project is looking forward to 2015 and the opportunity to continue to build the project into major fundraiser for the community.

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Seniors' Beat: Our stories are us

by Beverley Clarkson

Why love history? Well, why love Elvis or your team or a classic car? Some of us just have that urge that takes over all reason at times and drives us to see, know and understand what went before. Some people say it's to understand the present better, which is true, but personally I love it like I love chocolate and that's all I need to say.

Some of us just have the history bug; like a genetic condition or blue eyes. It's a good thing because those of us that do have it preserve it for others like us down the road. Especially these days when it doesn't seem to be taught in depth in school any more. Some people don't like history and never see the use in learning it. However, there's a purpose in creation for us all.

That purpose doesn't always show up right away. Iris Shea of Herring Cove is a passionate historian who has blessed this paper and our communities with her extensive knowledge and preservation of the stories of the local people and places that came before us. But first, she grew up in Jollimore, trained as a nurse, went out west and married before she returned with her family in 1982.

Her father build the Pinegrove Hotel in Spryfield, where Tim Horton's is today. At that time, Spryfield was a stopping off point for horse and buggy traffic between Halifax city and distant communities like Sambro. Hunters, sports fishermen and military people going to York Redoubt stopped there for a meal and maybe a night's lodgings. He sold it and moved to Jollimore where she was born. He built the first store there and became the first superintendent of Fleming Park.

After years raising her family and nursing in British Columbia, Ontario

and Manitoba- six moves in six years and ten years in Duncan, BC, Iris' husband had a choice of places for his next military posting. And he, all on his own, decided on Harrietsfield. They were coming home!

At this point the bug kicked in and she started researching her own genealogy. A nephew took her to visit an older Umlah (Scots: Umlaich, Nova Scotian: Hemlow) and she was hooked. She spent every day at the Archives gathering material she still shares with us in her columns.

The hunt for her family's roots extended to others; blood kin and strangers and early settlers, and then it grew into the wider context of Nova Scotia history.

She says she "follows a story of someone's life; sees something bright and shiny and says 'oh look at that!'" and off she goes. Her computer is full of decades of research. She wrote, inter alia, Deadman's: Melville Island and Its Burial Ground with Heather Watts, and Discovering Our Past from Armdale to Pennant, Volumes I-III. She is also a part of the Executive Council of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society.

Iris is passionate about the Mainland South Heritage Society, which exists to research, document and preserve the heritage of all of the communities in the loop. If you have any memorabilia, old pictures, letters or stories that should be preserved, that's the place to send them. We're living tomorrow's history.

She is also on the Board of Nursing History Nova Scotia and says they are always looking for volunteers help to update their beautiful website https:// sites.google.com/site/nursinghistorynovascotia/. Efficient administrative types who like to toss old clutter almost lost us thousands of patient records that

were literally saved on their way to the dump. Historians must be vigilant and always alert to future interests.

Historians tend to be givers; they give us a foundation for our communities and a place to be proud of. They also give us knowledge of our families and where they started. It isn't about making money, which is unique in today's world. It is a source of pleasure that anyone can afford.

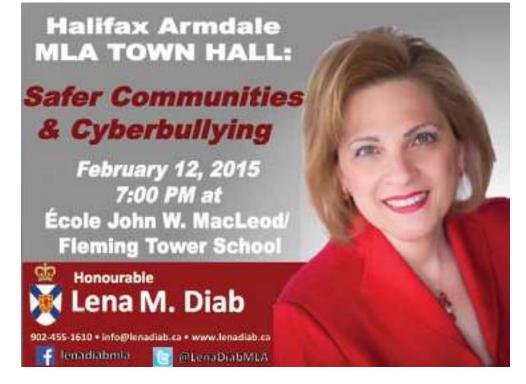
A marathoner and triathlete with good knees and strong back still, Iris belongs to many organizations and works with people who knit our lives together, current and past.

She and her husband made their living opening Subway Stores but she has never stopped giving back. What does she ask of us? "Remember your roots. Where you come from is about who you are, whether you travel far or change your life, you started somewhere and it is yours". It's a big story for every single person, full of drama and pain and wonder and joy. For some of us, it is a thrill to explore the old stories as much as to live our own. Thanks, Iris.





Seawall in need of repair at Sir Sandford Fleming Park. See Linda Mosher's column on page 12 for more information.





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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



Winter ice created havoc for some local families

by Iris V. Shea

Ice on the Northwest Arm and on many lakes in Mainland South provided pleasure and profit for the early settlers to our area. Our ancestors fished through the ice, skated and played hockey on it, cruised on it in their iceboats, and cut it into blocks for refrigeration. Winter ice, however, created hazards for those who ventured on it before it was safe to do so.

Residents of Jollimore, wishing to do business in Halifax, often walked across the ice on the Northwest Arm. In the afternoon of 10 February 1861, John Martin Boutilier walked across the frozen Arm from his home near the Dingle to buy a pair of shoes in Halifax. On his return, not far from shore, he fell through the ice and drowned. He left a widow and 11 children.

Another family from Jollimore suffered a great loss on 10 December 1897 when 16-year-old Percy and 14-year-old Francis, sons of Frederick and Emma Jollimore, drowned while playing hockey on the thin ice of "Coalpit" (Colpitt) Lake. Alice, their 12 year old sister, watched helplessly from the shore. The family lived on a farm located on what is now Forward Avenue.

On 23 April 1874, William Henry Brunt and his two sons, Benjamin and James, aged eleven and nine respectively, were trout fishing through the ice on Dryhill Lake in Harrietsfield, not far from their home, when the ice gave away. All three family members drowned.

Chocolate Lake was a favourite skating spot, attracting hundreds of skaters at a time. For several years, from the 1920s to the 1940s, skating "shacks" on the Balcome and Keddy properties provided a warm shelter for skaters. Canteen and skate rental facilities were also available at the "shacks." Keddy's "Shack" provided music for the skaters. Tragedy struck on 9 January 1911 when Ainsley, aged 12, and Myles, aged 10, sons of Peter and Jane Marryatt of Braeburn Road, were returning from Sunday School at St. James Church. The two young boys were taking a shortcut across Chocolate Lake when, about 20 feet from shore, they fell



Clearing ice on Frog Pond, 1915. Left to right: George Jollimore, Fred Boutilier, Francis (Tiny) Slaunwhite and his father, Eli Slaunwhite, and Joe Boutilier, father of Fred. Photo courtesy of Mainland South Heritage Society

through the thin ice. Several people in the neighbourhood responded to their yells, immediately launching a rowboat. Their would-be rescuers reached Myles, the younger of the two boys, who told them to get his brother first. Ainslie was rescued. When the rescuers returned to pick up Myles, the young boy had disappeared under the ice. Headlines in the newspapers declared him a hero.

Another heroic rescue was reported in the "Eastern Chronicle", New Glasgow, 3 March 1942. Ten year old Lawrence Kidd, son of Fred Kidd, and his six year old friend, James Howitt, son of Alfred Howitt, both of Melville Cove, were playing near the shore on "ice cakes" in Deadman's Cove on the Northwest Arm. James ventured further out on the ice and fell through. Lawrence heard his yells and ran along the shore to grab an old oar. Lawrence managed to get close enough for James to grip the extended oar, pulling James to safety. While that incident had a happy ending, two years later, on 17 December 1944, James Howitt was playing on the thin ice of Quarry Pond and drowned. He was eight years old. Quarry Pond was located off the Purcell's Cove Road where, a few years later, a housing development was built, across from John W. MacLeod School.

In Jollimore during the 1930s and

1940s, there were two private icehouses, one in the backyard of Mr. William Graves, the other on the property of Mr. Roy Hunter. Both families cut their ice from Frog Pond and stored it in layers of sawdust. In Spryfield, the Kidston family cut their ice from Kidston Lake and stored it in their icehouse. The old icehouse, still seen on Rockingstone Road, is now used for a different type of storage.

Frog Pond in Jollimore was a favourite skating place for Haligonians. Military bands from the Garrison in Halifax often played at the lake for skating parties in the early1900s. The "Morning Chronicle" on 9 January 1899 reported

excellent skating on Frog Pond. On 15 January 1912, the same newspaper suggested taking a ferry across the Arm for a short cut to the excellent skating on Frog Pond. During the 1930s, Harrison James of Melville Cove set up a portable canteen for skaters on Frog Pond. George (Nin) Craig of Jollimore provided the same service in later years with young Ernie Scarfe of Jollimore using a cart on wheels for his portable canteen.

Ice boating was a favourite pastime for many families. On the Northwest Arm, when it was safe to do so, some children from Melville Cove traveled by iceboat to attend old Cunard School in Jollimore. Skating on the Arm was common. The Evening Mail, 2 Jan. 1918, reported, "There is a splendid sheet of ice in the Northwest Arm, and yesterday a crowd of skaters took advantage of the holiday to spend the afternoon there skating." In the winter of 2002, and again in 2010, hundreds of skaters once again took advantage of the thick ice on the Northwest Arm.

I would like to extend an invitation to readers on behalf of Mainland South Heritage Society to come out and enjoy the 21st annual Heritage Display of photographs and artifacts on Saturday, February 21st from 1-4pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. The topic this year is Shipwrecks and New Acquisitions. Bring your friends. Tea and refreshments will be served, free admission. Donations are gratefully accepted.



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Not at all! Many animals find themselves homeless due to situations that are far beyond their control. People move away and abandon their pets, some cannot deal with unwanted litters of kittens, while others find themselves faced with allergies or deteriorating health and cannot provide proper care for their pets any longer.

What benefits are there to adopting an adult cat instead of a kitten?

When you adopt an adult cat, there are no surprises. Your kitty has already come in to their own personality, you will know if it's a good fit for you, and they are just as likely to form a bond with you as a kitten is. Adopting an adult cat is giving a second chance at

life, and often adoption fees for adults are less than kittens!

Senior cats are too old to make good companions, aren't they?

Senior cats make fantastic companions and tend to be more relaxed and focused than their younger counterparts. They are often well trained in appropriate and inappropriate household behaviours. Senior kitties are great napping buddies, too!

Isn't it cheaper to get a free cat that someone is giving away?

According to the Nova Scotia SPCA website (www.spcans.ca), the costs break down like this:

A "Free to a Good Home" cat will need to be examined by a vet where they will receive two vaccinations, a feline leukemia test, an FIV test, a deworming, microchipping and spay/ neuter surgery. The total cost for this is between \$350 and \$750.

Should you choose to get your new cat from the SPCA, the cat will have had a vet exam that includes first vaccination, feline leukemia test, deworming, microchipping, spay/neutering and flea treatment. The SPCA will charge you between \$65 and \$210 for your cat. The second vaccination, which you will still have to get for your cat will cost you \$50. Which means that the cat whose life you save has cost you between \$115 and \$260.

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Once you've established the new cat is in good health, introductions should be made slowly. Place the new cat in a room with its own litterbox, food and water, places to hide, a scratching post, toys, etc. Place the new cat's food and your current cat's food on either side of a solid door so the cats will associate the new smells with something good – food! You can also spray the area with Feliway, a cat pheromone that helps reduce anxiety. After a few weeks, you

can place stacked baby gates at the door way so the cats are still separated but can now see each other. Initially start with just a few hours of exposure and then gradually increase. After this, you start allowing the cats to be in close contact for short periods of time, until they are feeling comfortable. Ensure that both cats have the opportunity to hide, and/or find security if they feel threatened. Remember, a new cat or kitten is exciting and fun, but remember to still give your current residents the attention and love they were used to.

Also consider that if you are increasing the number of cats in your home, you should match that number with the same number of litterboxes (more if possible) to help prevent behavioural and medical problems associated with elimination habits.

You can also practice some of the above mentioned techniques when bringing home your cat who was hospitalized for a period of time. Sometimes the returning cat could be attacked by its housemates because of stress pheromones or strange smells the recuperating cat may have.

For more information check out these great websites:

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Zion's Gate has something for everyone



Zion's Gate Boutique first opened their doors at 47 Williams Lake Road in late November of last year. ZGB is a second-hand boutique specializing in brand-name clothes for men, women and children, as well as a variety of unique antique/vintage finds, home decor, and more. The owners of Zion's Gate, Kye Dorey and Emily Mosher, both have strong roots in the community and are thrilled to be contributing to it in this way. Their love of a great deal, combined with their love of old, history-filled objects (and Emily's love of fashion) was the basis behind the concept of the store. "We both really love 'stuff', things with a history that evoke feelings or memories, and we both love a good deal. Who doesn't? We wanted to pass our love of 'stuff' on to others, and we want them to feel like they are getting a good deal at the same time."

If you love thrift shopping but hate riffling through bins or navigating giant, warehouse-sized second-hand stores, Zion's Gate is the place for you. Brand

names such as Calvin Klein, BCBG, MEXX, Louben, Free People, Nike and Under Armour (to name a few) line their racks, with the average price point being between \$5 and \$40. "We want people to love what they buy, not only because it is a quality piece, but because the whole experience is enjoyable." It is an eclectic mix of current trends and nostalgic collectibles. Imagine secondhand boutique meets yard sale meets museum. "We try to know as much as possible about every item. We love sharing our knowledge with people who enter the store." They acquire their merchandise through various facets, and although they're unable to reveal all their sources, you can be assured each item is handpicked for the store. Items are found at flea markets and yard sales, old barns and over-stuffed basements. Some items are shipped in from other provinces, sometimes even as far as the southern United States. Are you an avid collector or are you in search of something in particular? Let them know and you will be contacted if an item that

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Recent efforts to improve the centre's recreation program have EJCC expanding one of their five playgrounds, replacing older equipment to encourage gross motor skills for all age groups. They need new helmets for 3-6 year olds, to enable them to use the various bikes, scooters, etc that will eventually be purchased. They are also trying to adapt a tricycle for one of the children who is learning to walk and to develop their gross motor skills. As young Canadians, the children have shown a keen interest in hockey; and want to purchase new nets and sticks for the toddler and preschool groups.

As a non-profit group, EJCC relies

on fundraising events and the generosity of donors to meet their goals. January brings their annual participation in the Lucky Duck lottery, a fundraising venture sponsored by Recreation NS and Subway Restaurants in support of community groups. The lottery allows an impressive 70% profit on all ticket sales to their participating partner groups. EJCC's target for this year's ticket sales is 600 books of tickets, which will net EJCC \$4200 profit. Each class has made their own goal to work toward, and are excitedly looking forward to purchasing light tables, prismatic building blocks, a microscope, crawling tunnels for infants, a water table, and other items. Any funds left over from this fundraiser will be used to buy sport and recreation equipment.

The Lucky Duck tickets are \$1 each, 1st prize is \$3000; 2nd is \$500; 3rd is a weekend getaway to Digby Pines Resort; and 7 draws of \$100. Tickets available until Feb 2. To purchase Lucky Duck tickets, or donate to the Edward Jost Children's Centre, or for information about the centre's childcare program, please contact the centre at 902-477-9324 or admin@edwardjost-childrenscentre.ca.



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LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd. 902-477-5601

Heather Marie Vallis (Schnare)

Age 53, Halifax, passed away suddenly at home on December 11, 2014. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Raymond and Marie (Slaunwhite) Schnare.

Heather had worked with Northwood Care for 36 years. She is survived by her husband, Ross; daughters, Holly (Scott); Melissa (Jason); sisters, Debbie Majcan; Gail Schnare; brothers, Donnie (Fran); Barry (Lisa); Kevin (Shelley), all of Halifax; grandchildren, Cody, Riley, Myles and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Gary Schnare.

Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Rd. Interment to take place at a later date. Donations in memory may be made to a charity of choice.

Joseph Vincent "Joe" Tramble

78, Halifax. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dad, grandfather, brother and friend Joseph "Joe" "Dody" Tramble who died peacefully in his sleep on December 22, 2014.

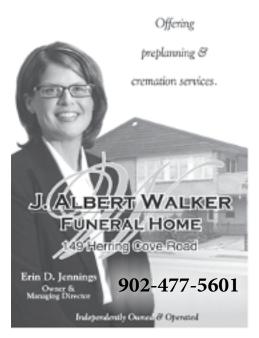
Dad was born on January 26, 1936 in Monastery Nova Scotia. In 1958, while working for Canadian Pacific Railway communications dad met Kitty, his soul mate and the love of his life. They were married on October 14, 1961. In 1966 Dad left the CPR to work for Maritime Tel and Tel. He retired from MT&T in 1993 as Manager of Inter/Intra services Coordination. Never one to sit still even in retirement Dad, refused to slow down. He continued to act on his strong sense of community and service. He volunteered in the palliative care unit at Camp Hill Medical Centre and the Saint Vincent DePaul society, chaired committees instituted to assist refugees from Vietnam, Kenya and Bosnia, chaired the Resident Tenancy Board and was appointed to the Board of Referees for EI Canada. Not long after he moved to the Admiral Long Term Care facility he also served as President of the Resident Council. Constantly underlying dad's strong sense of community was his deep commitment to his family, his faith and education...the three pillars. He served as a trustee for Herring Cove Elementary and Junior high Schools. As an active and faithful parishioner of Saint Paul's Roman

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Catholic Church, he sang in the choir, served on the parish council and chaired the cemetery committee. With his family, he often divided his time between the old Tramble family home in Monastery, where a hot summer day often ended with a dip in the "warm as milk" waters of Barrios Beach, and in Herring Cove, the home where he and Kitty raised their four children. Dad loved trees. The yard at Herring Cove was filled with them. Each tree told a story; the birth of a child, a confirmation, first communion, graduation. All were planted by dad as an expression of the pride he felt in his children's achievements.

Dad will be lovingly missed by his children, Joseph (Carol) Brampton, ON; John (Shelly), Halifax; Roderic (Jennifer), London, ON; Mary Elizabeth (David), Whitecourt, AB and his brother, Father Eugene Tramble O.S.A. Marylake, ON. He will be tenderly missed by his grand-children, Stephanie (Craig), Meghan, Megan, Joseph, Logan, Madison, Sean and Claudia. Dad was predeceased by Kitty, his beloved wife of nearly fifty years; his brothers, Thomas Daniel Tramble, James Leo "Rod" Tramble and his parents, Joseph Everett and Mary (MacDonnell)

Thank you to the staff of the Admiral Long Term Care Facility who provided Dad with great care and compassion for the last two years.

Arrangements are under the direction of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 herring Cove Road. Interment will take place in St. Paul's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Society of Canada.

Curtis Bruce Jarvis

Age 60, of Lakeside, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2014 at the Victoria General. Born on October 30, 1954, Curtis was a son of the late George and Ruby (DeLeon) Jarvis. The smile that Curt left on everyone's face just from his presence will be deeply missed. Curtis worked for the Public Works Government Services Canada for 30 years where he was heavily involved with the union and was recognized for his hard work with numerous awards. Outside of work Curtis kept himself busy with his family, playing music and bowling. He will be remembered for his smile and the nicknames that he had for everyone. Curtis was an amazing man that was truly loved by all that he came into contact with.

Curtis is survived by his wife Beth Shephard; son Curtis Paul (Alysia), East Hants; step son Shon (Yvette), Beechville; daughters Shyla Johnson, Georgina Lea "Jenee", and step daughter Nychelle, all of Halifax; brothers Phillip (Theresa), Coldbrook; Larry (Chrissy) Winnipeg; Alfred (Darlene), Spryfield; Roger, Halifax; sister Deacon Patsy (Wilfred), Beechville; Emilie, Beverly, Elsie (Mike), Juanita (Allan), all of Coldbrook; Grandson Makii; Granddaughters Chayce and Josie; step grandson Jerrell; two great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; Special son Deni and Godmother Thelma. Curtis was predeceased by his son Scott Brett Somers; brother George Jr and special brother Leo Shephard. The family would like to extend their gratitude to all who cared for Curtis during these difficult times and special thanks to the staff of 8A Victoria General Site.

Arrangements are under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. In lieu of flowers donations in Curtis' name can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Patricia "Pat" Elizabeth Snow

Halifax, died on Friday, December 26, 2014 at the QEII New Halifax Infirmary. She was 51 years old. Pat was born on St. Patrick's Day in Halifax to her parents, Rita (Turner) Snow and the late Ernest Snow. She attended Hants North Rural High School and graduated from Maritime Business College in 1997. She worked in many different jobs over the years and eventually found her niche and passion for her work at Arborstone Enhanced Care working in the kitchen and serving the residents there over the past 10 years. Pat dedicated her time to caring for her grandchild, Jesse "Squirt" Melanson. She was excited and looking forward to the birth of her future granddaughter, Brooklyn Elizabeth Faye Beaver. She was a loving and caring woman who loved to spend time with her family as family meant the most to her. Pat fought courageously and with a positive attitude through her various health challenges, dedicating a lot of her time to assisting others, especially her mother, in their day-to-day activities and living. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Pat is survived by her beloved daughters, Sarah "Nikki" (Cory) and Samantha Snow and grandson, Jesse Melanson, all of Halifax; brothers, Ernest "Ernie" (Nancy) Snow, Stewiacke, Gerald Snow, Halifax, Kenneth "Ken" (Darlene) Snow, Gaetz Brook, James "Jimmy" Snow, Dartmouth; sisters, Sandra McNeil, Redcliff, AB, Nancy Schnare, Halifax, Mary (Oliver) Barkhouse, Penbroke, Shirley DeWolfe, Halifax, and Sheila Snow of Halifax; she will be missed by two of her closest nieces, Tracy and Kelly Schnare, whom she loved dearly, along with 21 other nieces and nephews; 40 great nieces and nephews and 11 great-great nieces and nephews; best friends, Roseanne MacDonald and Darlene Langevine. Pat was predeceased by her son, David Ernest Charles Snow; brothers-in-law Daniel "Danny" McNeil, and Ronald "Ronnie" Schnare. Arrangements are under the care of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Canadian Cancer Society. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting, www. walkerfh.com

Maragret Roberta (Doubleday) Poulsen

Age 89, of Halifax, passed away peacefully at the Northwood at the Harbour Care Facility on December 29, 2014. Born on July 16, 1925 in Halifax, Margaret was a daughter of the late Robert and Matilda (Harnish) Doubleday. Margaret would always be up for a game of cards and would frequent the bingo hall with her daughter, Carol Ann. Margaret will be remembered for her love for animals. She will be missed by her daughters Carol Ann (Raymond) Sabine, Halifax; Sharon Reid, Herring Cove; Valarie Poulsen, Herring Cove; brothers Carl (Leona), Herring Cove; Clarence (Barbara), Herring Cove and Clifford (Helen), Herring Cove; sisters Jean Forhan, Bedford; Elanor Gallant, Halifax; Geraldine (Bill) Melnyk, Ontario; Lorraine turner, Ontario and Carol (Vincent) Mickelberg, Herring Cove; grandsons Kevin, Williamswood; Donnie, Harrietsfield; Terry, Bayside; Chris, Herring Cove; and Jamie, Herring Cove; granddaughter Krista, Dartmouth; six great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Margaret was predeceased by her husband Gordon Kenneth Poulsen and sisters, Doris, Eileen "Mickey" and Betty. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of fourth floor at Northwood by the Harbour Facility for their care and compassion while caring for Margaret. Arrangements are under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., Burial took place at CampHill Cemetery. Donations in memory of Margaret can be made to St. James Church, Herring Cove. Words of comfort can be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.

Ernest Hilburne Ossinger

83, Harrietsfield, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 31, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Gunning Cove, Shelburne Co., he was the son of the late Hilburne and Eva Ossinger.

Ernie worked at the NS College of Art and Design from 1956 until his retirement in 1996. He loved playing cards, hunting and fishing with the boys, and enjoyed the country life at his family home in Shelburne. He was a member of the Spryfield Legion, Branch 152. Dad was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He will be sadly missed by sons, Ernest Jr. (Irene), Calvin (Susan), Michael (Debbie), Alan (Judy); daughters, Janice (Kevin) Warner, Sharon (Steve) Vossen; grandchildren, Victoria, April, Melissa, Sherman, Wayne, Jason, Joseph, Scott and Craig; Great-grandchildren, Isabella, Tyler, Mitchell, Dakota, Taiton, Isabella and Jacklyn; brother, Murray and sister in-laws, Patricia Ossinger, Joyce Anderson, Marjorie Smith and Vivian Smith. He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Regina; and brother, Kenneth.

Arrangements are under the care of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road. Donations in Ernest's memory may be made to the Heart and Stoke Foundation.

Maurice Henry Martell

It is with heavy hearts that the Martell family shares the passing of Maurice Henry Martell, age 85 on January 4th, 2015. He passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit, Halifax, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Sydney, NS on June 30th, 1929. His childhood was spent in Poulamon, Richmond County. On September 1st, 1946, at 16 years of age, he moved to Halifax and started his working career at the CN Hotel Nova Scotian. He worked there until 1967, when he started a new career as a Union Representative for Local 662- Hotel, Restaurant and Bartender Employees Union and Organizer for the International until his retirement in 1994. During that period he also served as Employee Representative on the Labour Standard Tribunal (NS) for 12 years. As well as serving as the Employee Representative on the Board of Referee Employment Insurance for 14 years. He was a life member of the NDP and a member of the Branch 152 Legion. He was a truly loving and selfless man. His strength was an inspiration to all who knew him. He leaves behind his loving wife and friend of 64 years Jeanette (nee Leblanc); his sons and

their wives Morris (Karen), Mark (Sharron), Blair (Janice), his daughter Sheila (Gordon) and his daughter-in-law, Barb. He will be forever loved and missed by grandchildren and greatgrandchildren; Michelle, Amy, Josh (Angela), Jessica (Ian), Sarah (Adam), Amanda (Abe), Kyle, Reiley, Aria, Brooklyn, Andrew and Alex. He was predeceased by sons Joseph at birth and Paul Henry.

Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Rd. Interment to take place in Mount Olivet Cemetery Halifax. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. His prayer for the world: "In the name of human rights and peace in the world, I trust in Jesus".

Garnet "Ducky" Rose

It is with profound sadness that the family of Garnet Rose announces his sudden passing at home with his loving family by his side on January 6th, 2015. Born in Halifax, Garnet was a son of the Late Garnet and Juanita Rose. Garnet loved spending time with his family whether it was playing the drums at the family party's or dancing it up on the dance floor to some of his favorite tunes. Music was one of his favorite passions in life along with sports. Garnet will be remembered for all the great coaching and cheering he did when his son and grandsons played hockey or baseball. Garnet had worked for the city of Halifax at the recreation Department and later on he worked for Sir Frederick Fraser School for the blind.

Garnet is survived by his soul mate and best friend of 43 years, Theresa (Bellefontaine), his only child Timmy (Delores) all of Williamswood. He is survived by Sister's and brother's Gary, Gregory, Donna, Annette and Susan. He will be forever loved and remembered by his two grandson's Travis (Lynsey), Taylor (Julia), great grandson Colton Rose and many nieces and nephews. Garnet was predeceased by his sister Linda and brother Terry.

Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd, 149 Herring Cove Road. Donations in Garnets' name may be made to The Brain Tumor Foundation of Canada.

Gail P. Drysdale

Drysdale, Gail Patricia- Age 64, of Halifax, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2015 in the VG Site, QEII. Born in Halifax on March 15, 1950, Gail was a daughter of the late Charles and Hannah (Stuart) Drysdale. She will be lovingly missed by her sisters, Phyllis (Ron) and Gloria (Gary); brothers, Bobby (Rose), Charles (Karen) and Mark (Madaline), as well as many nieces and nephews. Arrangements are under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., Burial in St. Johns Cemetery. Donations in Gail's name can be made to The Canadian Cancer Society. Words of comfort can be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

Michael Anthony Donovan

(71) - It is with great sadness that we announce the "taking up into His loving arms" of Michael Anthony Donovan on December 23, 2014 in Halifax, N.S.. He was born to Tim and Margaret(Royal) Donovan on March 3,1943 in Sydney Mines, N.S. He was the father of Diane(Steve) Wyatt of Thorold, Ont., Jane(Eddie) Orrell, of North Sydney, Tanya (Wade) Huelin of Grimsby, Ont., Michael(Vicky) of Coxheath, and grandson, Mitch of Thorold, Ont., "a special" daughter Tammy Clark of Sydney Mines.

Michael was predeceased by his parents, his wife Dolores, son Todd, sister Jane Rose, brothers George and Alex(Beaver). He was in the nursing profession for many years in Cape Breton before moving to Halifax and volunteering for many years at such places as the Parker Street Food and Furniture Bank, Parkstone Nursing Home, Mount Saint Vincent Mother House, Caritas House, Camp Hill Veterans Hospital, the Anavets Assoc. on Maynard St., and in his home community of Harrietsfield at the Community Centre.

Michael was a well known advocate for the needs of others and the less fortunate, often before his own needs. He also leaves behind much loved 12 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, sisters Shirley Fraser, Margaret Strickland, brothers John, Kenneth, Harold, Manuel, James, and Peter, all from the area and Tom of Ont. and close companion of 29 years Larry Sinclair and his "body guard" cat, Sassy. To all those who had the great opportunity to know Mike was given a great legacy of love and caring.

The family wishes to acknowledge and thank with contented hearts the excellent care afforded Michael in his last moments, the Palliative Care Department, the V.O.N., the Red Cross Respite Team, the many clergy who visited him and his many coworkers. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the nearest food bank is preferred, or a charity of one's choice.

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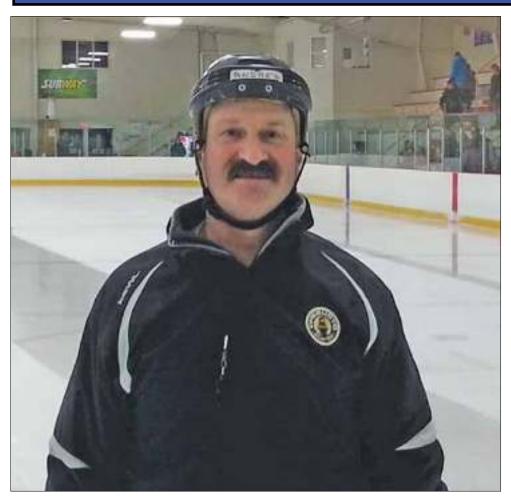


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Reg Horner Memorial Character News Sports Page



Hey Coach

by Benny DeVine

Andrew Schnare is the Head Coach for the Atom C Chebucto Blackhawks.

I caught up with Andrew before a practice on January 5th for a question and answer interview.

How many Years have you been coaching Hockey?

I have coached for 16 years in Chebucto Atom rec. hockey.

Did you play Hockey as a kid? *I did. I played hockey from 8 years old till I was 17.*

Where did you play as a kid? The Spryfield/Chebucto Association. Who is your favorite NHL Team? The Vancouver Canucks

What are your goals as a coach this year?

Same as every year in rec hockey, to see the players have fun and see their confidence grow.

What is the most important thing your

players can do to improve as the season goes on?

Believe in themselves and practice what they have learned.

What is a tip for young Hockey players? Work hard away from the puck to get them open for a pass.

What is your favorite food, Coach? *Pan fried haddock.*

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

Coaching and development is much greater today but I would say parental support would be number one. In my era a lot of parents dropped their kids off at the rink, now parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters all come to the games to cheer.

Quote "The NHL is not in everybody's future, so it's important to have fun and enjoy the game so you can play it until you are very old."



Chebucto IP 1 players (4 and 5 years old) practice on Saturday, January 10th at the Lions Rink

Worry-free vacation!

by Maria Caines

Some people love winter! Skiing, skating, snowboarding, and sliding are great fun for the whole family. March break is coming soon and by then, many will be yearning for a glimpse of summer with beaches and palm trees or much taller ski slopes. You're your vacation is booked, the checklist starts. Passports, immunizations, new swimsuits, book a kennel for Fido and find someone to check on your home.

Insurance companies often include a clause in their home and tenant insurance policies that require someone to be in your residence while you are away. Sometimes, that means for as little as a long weekend but how often will depend upon your insurance policy and the time of year. It is best to have someone that you can count on to check your home and handle any situation that may arise.

There are many situations that your home may face while you are away that could present the unfortunate situation of an insurance claim. In the winter, frozen pipes are the most common while the spring may see flooding. A power outage could result in a refrigerator failing to restart and becoming a giant, smelly mess. Having your home checked cannot guarantee that those

things will not happen but you will have someone on the ground to help deal with the situation on your behalf.

A neighbour, friend or family member could be your solution, but if you are new to your area or all of your friends and family are going with you, then you may need to hire a service. The nominal fee that most companies charge will more than offset the value of an insurance claim that may be denied if you have not taken the necessary steps to prevent the damages.

Make sure that the company that you choose has a current criminal record background check available for you to see, along with business insurance or bonding (same thing) and references. Review the services that are offered and request any additional services that you may require. Your services should already be on record for when you go to the cottage in the summer, or need to go to that conference in Germany in October, or whenever you need to get away.

Then, you can relax on your vacation instead of worrying about the state of your home when you return. Knowing that you have taken care of your home will let you enjoy your well-deserved vacation time! Now...if you could just leave your cell phones at home!

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Northwest Arm Seawall restoration by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

The seawall at Sir Sandford Fleming Park (Dingle) has been failing. It is over 60 years old and was built using traditional methods which did not take into account the rising sea levels. After severe storms such as Hurricane Juan, we hired a consultant to evaluate the damage to the walls and paths due to flooding, wave actions and sealevel rise. The distinct, quarried stone seawalls were evaluated to determine how to rebuild them to last for another 100 years. The study took into account storm waves, high water levels and anticipated future sea level rise and other climate changes. We also held a public meeting to present the various options the consultant provided to rebuild the wall. The vast majority of residents indicated their preference for rebuilding with natural granite versus an engineered wall. The natural granite walls are the most expensive option but reflect the historic integrity of this park.

Recently Council awarded phase 3A and 3B of the Northwest Arm seawall restoration to Lange's Rock Farm Construction Limited. They were the lowest bidder meeting tender specifications and their bid came within 1.5% of our engineering estimates (\$660,130.38). This company did Phase 2 of the project and they have extensive experience working with natural granite.

One section is 40 meters in length and is located left of the supervised beach area. The other section is 130m and is to the left of phase one, below the bandstand area. This section is failing in many spots and granite rocks are falling into the arm. The scope of the work includes construction of a granite rock seawall, asphalt walkway, drainage and associated reinstatement. Due to tidal zone and weather restrictions there is limited time to complete the project. It is anticipated phase 3A will be completed by September 15, 2015 and Phase 3B will be completed by June 1, 2015. See photos of the Seawall on page 3.

Active Transportation Trail Winter Maintenance

Recently the entire 7.25 kilometers of the Chain of Lakes Trail (COLT) was paved and will be maintained throughout the winter. Previously it was only paved in sections and only these sections received salting and plowing. Residents made enquiries to me as to

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the standards for timeframes to remove snow on COLT and other trails. Our Superintendent of winter operations within Public Works reviewed the standards of our active transportation (AT) trails and they were inconsistent. Some had adjacent sidewalk sections which were priority one, other trails were priority 3 and some priority 2.

As there was not a consistent approach, staff evaluated the priorities and decided to have the same service standards. Thus all AT trails have been changed to a priority 2 to have a consistent level of service moving forward. This p2 priority is the same for sidewalks along bus routes and will be cleared within 18 hours following the end of a snow fall. Overall this will be an improvement to the reliability of service to residents who use AT trails, as entire routes will be cleared in a consistent manner-rather than some sections of the same route being cleared and others not. In my experience, the Chain of Lakes Trail is often cleared before the streets and the service standard is

consistently superior to even a priority one route. However, in certain weather events it may not be cleared until 18 hours after the end of a snow fall.

Chocolate Lake Beach

Chocolate Lake Beach is the municipality's busiest urban beach park with approximately 12,630 people attending the beach from July 1-Aug 31st.Last summer we welcomed a new \$1 million+ renovation to the Chocolate Lake Beach area. New change and washroom facilities were installed. In addition the area was made accessible by wheel chair, and other amenities such as an outdoor shower were implemented. With such a great facility it was unfortunate that they were only open the months and times that life guard services, running from July 1st-August 31st and closed each day at 5 p.m. This left many people who wanted an evening swim without washroom or change facilities. Based on the complaints I brought the issue to Halifax & West Community Council and requested that the hours of operation and months that the facilities

are opened be extended. I am pleased to announce that from now onwards, we will be opening the Chocolate Lake Beach public washroom/change facilities from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., May 1st- to October 31 annually.

Community Signage/Beautification
This past summer and fall we had new community identification signage installed at Flinn Park and Horseshoe Island Park. Flinn park upgrades included a paved walking path that will be maintained in the winter and some planting beds. Horseshoe Island Park now has a new flag pole and Canadian flag. Next spring we will landscape around the

sign and the flag pole base.

Previously we also installed community signage in Purcell's Cove, Fleming Heights, Kline Heights, Fairmount and the Armdale Rotary. Should you see any opportunity for other communities or beautification projects you would like to see in our district please feel to contact me at your convenience to discuss potential community projects for next year.

Road maintenance resolved after fifteen years of negotiating by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Harrietsfield - Station 62

Since the fire at the Harrietsfield station on New Year's Day, Volunteer Fire Fighting staff in our community have been meeting with HRM Fire Services to address this very unfortunate event.

We are actively pursuing a location in Harrietsfield to house the fire-fighting apparatus. In the interim, fire protection will be provided by the Sambro, Herring Cove and Spryfield stations.

At this time, it is premature to predict the long-term plans for the existing station in Harrietsfield. A number of our municipal business units are working to determine the extent of damage and the logistics regarding repair or replacement of the building. As soon as information becomes available, I will ensure residents are made aware in a timely manner.

As we move through this process, I assure you that fire protection will not be adversely impacted nor will residents' safety be compromised.

Winter Road Maintenance in Herring

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Cove and other Areas

You may have noticed that we are now utilizing road salt as part of the winter maintenance/de-icing of roads in the Herring Cove area. I have received detailed information on this matter from our Manager of Energy and Environment in the municipal Planning and Development office.

He explains that the reason for the change to salt is that Halifax participates in the National Salt Vulnerable Area working group with Environment Canada and has participated in developing and reviewing best practices with respect to winter street maintenance and de-icing. The best practice approach, which Halifax employs, is to measure and manage the amount of road salt deployed from the works depots. This includes two key parts:

- 1. Training of contractors and internal staff on winter works, and the proper use of de-icers;
- 2. Monitoring and measuring of salt dispensing.

In recent years, Halifax invested in weigh scales to best monitor and measure how much salt is used in winter operations. The combination of training and measuring has resulted in marked reductions in the amount of salt entering our watersheds / waterways and making its way to our lakes. Further, the municipality has improved operations completing pre-wetting / salting of roads to reduce the need for excessive de-icing after an event.

The former practice of applying sanding in some limited areas had a negligible impact on the receiving waters considering the entire watershed feeding the lakes cost more and presented public safety risks.

From an environmental standpoint, sanding is problematic as well - as a lot of sand is required and it plugs the storm systems. The current method of de-icing is the optimal environmental, economical, and public safety solution for Halifax.

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The Halifax Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

I am pleased to write to you as your representative in the Nova Scotia legislature and provide you with some important community and provincial updates. Nova Scotia has created Canada's first cyberbullying investigative unit. CyberSCAN works with victims, families, schools, and others to investigate complaints, gather evidence and help stop victimization. Cyberbullying is a very important issue to raise – new technology is creating new challenges in the area of bullying. It is imperative that we open up the conversation with students, school staff, parents, and community members in general.

On February 12th at 7:00pm I am hosting a Town Hall on Safer Communities & Cyberbulling in partnership with École John W. MacLeod Flem-

ing Tower School. The Director of the CyberSCAN Investigative Unit will be doing a presentation with time for discussion and questions. We will also be providing information on how to improve community safety by reporting your concerns through the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods program. Mark your calendar for this event.

In terms of immigration, Nova Scotia introduced a new immigration stream in January called Nova Scotia Demand: Express Entry. The goal of this new program is to promote a faster route for skilled immigrants to enter the province in response to labour market demands. The federal government's new intake system provides the framework for this program, but to develop the stream the Nova Scotia Office of Immigration (NSOI) engaged with key partners, including: private businesses, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, immigration settlement organizations, and immigration law practitioners. We have also launched a new website at the NSOI. I encourage you to visit the site at novascotiaimmigration. com to see the changes and learn more about our programs.

This month there is a call for provincial volunteer youth and family award nominations and I hope all residents in Halifax Armdale will support this process of recognizing important volunteers in your neighborhood. We all know someone who works tirelessly to better the community through their hard work and free time. Nominations can be made by anyone – forms are available at recreationns.ns.ca/provincial-

volunteers-awards. Deadline to submit award nominations is February 20th.

I hope everyone enjoys the new statutory holiday called Nova Scotia Heritage Day: Monday, February 16th. Many other places in North America have a holiday on the third Monday in February. The first February Holiday will recognize Viola Desmond. Enjoy your day off!

Have a great month and know that my office door is always open to listen to your concerns. You can contact our office at 902-455-1610 or by email at info@lenadiab.ca. You can "like" my page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/lenadiabmla) and follow me on Twitter (@LenaDiabMLA) to stay up to date with my latest activities and news in the community/province.

Thank you for your continued support.

Making our new February Holiday fun at Bowlarama

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

When I was a child growing up one of the things I looked forward to was the community fairs and community fun days. Now as an adult and looking back fondly on those memories, my thoughts are we need more fun FREE events for the people of our community. The success of last summer's BBQ, hosted by Councillor Adams and myself, was a great example of the type of events our community needs more of. February 16 marks our first February Holiday, Viola Desmond Day. So to kick off the first ever February holiday in Nova Scotia, I will be starting a new tradition of a free community fun day. I will be hosting a community Bowling and Pizza afternoon at Spryfield Bowlarama from 1 pm to 3 pm on February 16th. There will be 8 lanes put aside so please bring your friends and family and join in the fun.

Last month I had a meeting with management from the Department of Community Services to get an update on the Income Assistance office in the Spryfield area. I was very pleased to hear that we are near the tendering stage and we are moving closer to this need becoming a reality.

January saw HRM city council vote unanimously to transfer responsibility of Chebucto Head Road from the municipality to the province. The ongoing issue around ownership of Chebucto Head Road is finally over. I am very proud of this as it goes to show what we can accomplish when we all work together.

I also want to recognize the organizers of the Herring Cove Polar bear dip and the staff at Pavia. This year's polar bear dip was a huge success and we were able to raise \$5000 for the YWCA. Way to go team!

This month was a very special month for me as firstly I received the Courage to Give Back Awards Ambassador of the year from Family SOS. To have my name mentioned beside past recipients like Danny Graham, Wanda Thomas Bernard, Fred Conors and Colin Macdonald is humbling and one I will never forget. Thank you Family SOS for this huge honour and also a heartfelt thank you for everything your organization

does to help families and children in HRM such as the Healthy Kidz program in Greystone.

Most importantly this month was special because on January 13th at 8:11am my wife Rena gave birth to our second child, a beautiful baby girl Rufina Brigit Maguire. Mother and

daughter are doing fine and now resting up at home, big brother Oliver is very excited to be an older brother. A few people have asked me where the name Rufina comes from, she is named after my amazing mother in law.

In closing, with the winter season in full swing, if you are having issues

with snow removal on provincial roads, please contact me via my office at 902-444-0147 or my cell at 902-456-0103 or message me on Facebook. You can also contact the Department of Transportation at 1-888-432-3233.

Have a great month.

Oliver and Rufina, daddy loves you.

Road maintenance

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The way salt migrates to the lake is through the street storm system. As you can see on the map below, the Williams Lake Watershed is fed from Purcells Cove Road, Herring Cove Road, Williams Lake Road, etc. In road de-icing actions, salt is mixed with the sand and requires much more application and is detrimental to the storm system. A summary of the Environment Canada direction on Road Salts can be viewed at: http://www.ec.gc.ca/sels-salts/default.asp?lang=En&n=8CA814AB-1

Both our Winter Operations Superintendent and Environmental Performance Officer participate in this working group and implement the recommendations through ongoing operations management.

Chebucto Head Road – Duncan's Cove

At the January 13th Regional Council meeting, I put forward the following motion: "I move that Regional Council accepts transfer of road ownership with the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal as described in Table No. 1 of the December 18, 2014 report." The impact of this motion is significant.

This motion officially transfers the maintenance and snow-plowing responsibilities of Chebucto Head Road to the province. After 15 years, this issue has finally been resolved.

I would like to thank the residents for their patience and understanding; although there were times when we were all frustrated, Brendan Maguire, our MLA, made sure that the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) understood the importance of this issue and continually requested action be taken to rectify the situation.

Although residents see the outcome of issues such as these during a Council meeting, on-line or by reading about it in this publication, a lot of the work and background research was done by members of our staff. Without their diligence it would be difficult, if not impossible, to ensure projects such as these come to fruition.

In this particular case, Dave Hubley, Manager, Design and Construction Services with HRM's Transportation and Public Works, worked tirelessly with provincial staff, local residents and myself, to develop the strategy. I can tell you unquestionably that if it had not been for Mr. Hubley's perseverance, the transfer and subsequent solution would not have occurred.

This is the first time I have seen this type of agreement reached between two levels of government and I am certain that this strategy will be used in years to come.

Budget Discussions

In the January article, I mentioned that budget discussions are ongoing at Regional Council. Once again, I encourage you to be an active participant in these discussions as Council decides how your property tax dollars will be allocated for 2015-2016. An opportunity for Public Comment has been added to each agenda. The meetings are held on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates: February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, March 4th and 11th, 2015. These dates are subject to change so please consult the municipal website at www.halifax.

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If you are not able to attend a Committee of the Whole session, you may add your comments through our Shape Your City, Shape Your Budget website at: http://shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/hfx-tax2015

I look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions as we plan the budget for 2015-2016.

CONTACT

If you wish to speak to me in regard to municipal issues, please contact me by phone at 902.477.0627 or email at Stephen.Adams@halifax.ca.

Do you like to write?

Chebucto News needs a new reporter to cover events at J.L. Ilsley! If you are a student at the school with an interest in writing, the time to cover and report on at least one event a month, and are interested in this volunteer position, please email the editor at chebuctoeditor@gmail.com.

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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

FEBRUARY COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

- Registration is now ongoing for our Afterschool Program. Space is limited so don't wait! Stock Bus Transportation available from many schools in our area.
- Spaces are still available for inservice days and March Break. Only \$25 per day! Call Samantha Snow at 902- 477-9840, email generalinfo@bgcspryfield.org For more information go to www.bgcspryfield.ca

Captain William Spry Library Events:

- Wednesdays in February at 6pm for ages 8 to 12. Happiness from Head to Toe: Youth Wellness Series. Registration Required Call 902-490-5818
- February 4th: Yoga
- February 11th: Relaxation Stone
- February 18th: Nutrition
- February 25th: African Drumming
- Thursdays in January for Teens. 6pm drop in. 7pm program: Teen Zone (In partnership with HRM Recreation)
- February 5th: Board games
- February 12th: Anti-Valentine's Day Party
- February 19th: Games night at the Centre
- February 26th: Jewelry making
- Saturdays in February for all ages: Puppet Shows!
- February 7th: A Kiss for Little Bear
- February 21st: The Chicken and the Crocodile (African Heritage)
- **FRIDAY** Puppet Show: February 13th: Frog and Toad are Friends (the story)
- Tuesdays in February: 4 to 5:30pm Paws to Read. Call Ella @ 902-490-5796 to register
- Tuesdays in February: 10:30am Family Drop –In for ages 0 to 5
- Fridays in February: 10:30am Story Time for ages 3 to 5
- February 11 & 25: Knitting Classes.

 Ages 10 and up. Registration required.

 Check the website http://www.
 halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/for more
 information on these programs. Follow Us
 on Twitter or find us on Facebook!

Captain William Spry Community Centre Events:

 Get Your GED! 10 week course offered by the Halifax Community Learning Network. Please call 902-490-5715 for more information

Chebucto Community Health Team (16 Dentith Rd) Events:

- Tuesdays Beginning in February: Living With Stress: Skills for Life. This four week program teaches skills to deal with stress.
- February 2nd and 9th: 9:30am to 11:30am: Heart Healthy Living. Join us and start on our road to a healthier heart.
- PLEASE NOTE: People eligible for the programs are anyone who lives, works or has a family doctor in the communities of Beechville, Lakeside, Timberlea, Hackett's Cove, Hatchet Lake, Hubbards, Peggy's Cove, Prospect, St. Margaret's Bay, Tantallon, Terrance Bay, Clayton

Park, Fairview, Rockingham Larry Uteck, Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield and around the Sambro Loop. Please call 902-487-0690 or dropin to register.

Chebucto Connections Events (531 Herring Cove Road):

- Nova Scotia Legal aid will offer legal services at our offices every second Friday. Dates for July are the 4th and 18th. Please call 420-3450 to set up an appointment and ask for the Spryfield office.
- Volunteer Board Members needed! Interested parties will want to be a part of a team that is actively engaged in making our community a healthy and vibrant place to live and work! Contact ccda. stecroix@gmail.com or 477-0964 for more information

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

- Bingo every Sunday at 1pm. Mini Bingo at 6pm. Superstat Bingo at 7pm
- Seniors dances on February 2nd and 16th from 12:30pm to 4pm. \$4 per person. Light lunch served. Door prizes, 50/50 draw. Music by Albert Martell. All seniors welcome
- February 14th: Valentine's Dance 9pm to 1am. Band: Tailgating. \$10 per person. Doors open 8pm

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

- Friday Night Mixed Dart League with bar service. 8pm. \$5 to play Phone 902-403-1666 or 902-477-8749 for more information.
- February 19th: Family Dance, sponsored by the elementary school "Home and School Association" 6pm to 8pm Adult supervision and canteen services.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays and Saturday morning: Tai Jitsu Classes. Contact Natasha at 902-293-7427, halifaxtaijitsu@gmail.com

Quarter Note Singers (Captain Spry Centre) Events:

• Thursday nights from 7pm to 9pm beginning September 11th. Come join the fun! Contact Steve Trussoni at 902-477-2664 for details

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. 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!

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (Captain Spry Centre and Farm at Ardwell and Rockingstone) Events:

• February 9th. 7pm. Meeting of the UFMSS will be held at the Centre. Everyone welcome please check our

website www.urbanfarmspryfield.com

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.

Emmanuel Church Hall Events (322 Herring Cove Road) Events:

- February 14th: Valentine's Dance. \$7 per person. Music by Bay City Band
- February 17th: Pancake Supper. 4pm to 6pm. Adults \$7, under 12 years of age \$3.50

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

• February 17th: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. 4:30pm to 6:30pm. All Welcome

St. Michael's Catholic Church Events (14 St. Michael's Ave) Events:

- January 31st: Kitchen Party. 7pm. \$5 per person.
- February 14th: Valentine's Dance. \$10 per person. 8:30 to midnight. Cash bar. DJ David George.
- February 15th: The St. Michaels's CWL (6 St. Michael's Ave) will be having their annual Penny Auction at 2:15 in the church hall. There will be a Fudge Table and light refreshments will be served. Everyone Welcome.

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

- Recycling on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Drop off between 10am and 1pm. Or, call Elaine at 477-2376 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have them picked up
- Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents who question the safety of their drinking water can fill up empty water jugs inside the Church Tuesdays through Fridays from 9am to 3pm.
- February 28th. 4pm to 6pm. Roast beef dinner with dessert. Adults \$15, children \$7. Under 5 are free. Family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children) \$40. Tickets at the door. Take-out available.

Other Events and Notices:

- Friends of McNabs Island Society:
- Dinner and Fundraising Auction on Saturday February 21st. Murphy's Cable Wharf Restaurant. Doors open at 5:30pm. Music by Celtic band The Worry Birds. Silent Auction, door prizes, slide presentation of McNabs Island Photography. Tickets \$50 each and available at Ticket Atlantic and Superstore ticket outlets.
- Active Kids by the Sea meet Friday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm at Ketch

Harbour Park. For more information contact activekidsbythesea@gmail.com

• Mainland South Heritage Society:

21st Annual Heritage Tea and Display. This year featuring Shipwrecks and New Acquisitions, photographs and artifacts from several new collections. February 21st from 1pm to 4pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Tea and refreshments will be served. Free admission, Donations gratefully accepted.

- 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. We have everything you need to start the New Year off on the right foot! Updated the wardrobe or toy-box over the holiday season? We will happily take the old clothes and toys for someone new to love.
- **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.
- Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents who question the safety of their drinking water can now fill up empty water jugs inside the Church Tuesdays through Fridays from 9am to 3pm. At Saint Pauls United Church located at the corner of Old Sambro Rd and Rockingstone Road.

Check our Facebook page for late arriving events and changes or updates to listed events

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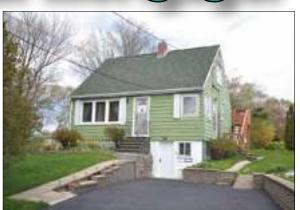
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