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Northwest Arm Heritage Association view safety presentation

The Northwest Arm Heritage Association held its annual general meeting at the Armdale Yacht Club on March 26. The meeting was followed by a presentation on Safety on the Northwest Arm: Then and Now, by Sarah Jane Raine, daughter of George Perry. George operated the Arm Patrol for the Halifax Police Department, enforcing speed limits and other water safety regulations from 1951 until his retirement in 1977. Shown here are the board of NWAHA, with Sarah Jane.

Left to right: Greg Gosine, Liz Whyte, Michele Raymond, SarahJane Raine, Peter Terroux and Agnes MacLean

Services to Spryfield area residents celebrate first year anniversary



Eastern Chebucto Hub Organization

This September the Eastern Chebucto Hub Organization (ECHO) located at Chebucto Connections will be celebrating its first anniversary. What started as a partnership among twelve organizations is growing every day with

more community partners joining in, and more and more Spryfield residents learning how this new hub's services can help them.

Spryfield residents know all too well how hard it can be to try to get out to the services they need, so having resources like Nova Social Legal Aid available to drop in on; or Habitat for Humanity available to answer questions about what's needed to qualify for one of their new homes; or reachAbility's

form-filling volunteers to help out with cumbersome forms, can be a real light at the end of the tunnel. The ECHO hub 'one-stop shop' alternates all of these services and more through Chebucto Connections' convenient location at 531 Herring Cove Road.

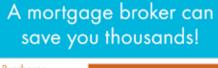
From elders in our community, to youth who want to talk to a lawyer in confidence, to families needing information on how to get their child help through IWK, to people wanting to learn how to use an iPad; ECHO has seen them all in its seven short months

And for those who aren't sure what they need, or when a service might be at Chebucto Connections, they can look online at www.ECHOHub.ca or on the Community Calendar www.ECHOHub. ca/community-calendar/, which lists the many activities our vibrant community has to offer. From Harrietsfield Run Jump Throw night, to Soups On at St. Paul Family Resource Institute, to ECHO Hub partner drop-in times, the options are endless.

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Sammy says...



Sambro Sou'Wester Days plans are in full swing already but my friends at the Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") are busy planning lots more fun things for our community. The Salvation Army Used Clothing Drive is set for May 22-June 6. For further details

dress

and to see a list of acceptable items, see my column published last month, or check out the SACA Spring Cleaning Used Clothing & Household Goods Drive event on Facebook.

The 1st Annual Shay & MacKay Memorial Fishing Derby runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 30. It's being held in memory of Cory Shay and Kyle Mackay. Registration is in two categories: Kids 12 and under for a \$5 entry fee and Adults for \$10. Please note all anglers over the age of 16 are required by law to have a valid 2015 Nova Scotia Fishing License. A registration book will be available at Mishoo's in Sambro starting on Monday, April 20th.

Grand prizes will be awarded by draw, and everyone registered will be eligible. Trophies, prizes and additional

grand prize draw entries will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd biggest trout and also for the biggest bass. Additional draw entries can be purchased. There will also be a 50/50 draw and a barbeque, which will be manned by SACA members. Proceeds from the derby will support multiple charities, and the profits from the barbeque will stay with SACA. They will also be selling raffle tickets for a unique handcrafted bird house, as well as lobster and corned beef.

SACA is also planning a children's movie night in June and a pop up drive in family movie night, along with some other fun surprises.

More volunteers and input are needed at the SACA committee meetings. The next meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2015. Why not come share your own great ideas, check out what it's all about, or volunteer your time? Call 902-475-1583 or email sambroareacommunityassociation@gmail.com.

Check out Sammy's blog at http://100nslights.blogspot.ca. If you're on social media, follow him on Facebook or Twitter to keep up with his crazy antics.

Services

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Although the romance between the ECHO Hub and the Spryfield community is just beginning, it is clear it will be a long and fruitful one. ECHO continues to invite community members to drop-in to ask questions or make suggestions about Hub services. This summer look for the ECHO staff at many community events as they share what they are all about. ECHO will also host a few events of their own so watch for updates on the website or through the Chebucto News.

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Seniors' Beat: Think ahead and keep your options open

by Beverley Clarkson

A couple of months ago, Fred O'Hearn and his wife Lynn hopped in their car and took off for Florida. He'd just closed the doors to Lumbermart, a business he started some thirty plus years ago, handed the keys to his son Jason, and was into retirement. And, coincidentally, missed the worst snows on record, justifying his belief that timing is everything.

"Young people should realize they have time on their side, a great resource. Think ahead, be strategic, keep a lot of balls in the air," he advises.

Fred is a local boy, born and raised in Spryfield, and aside from a brief stint in Ontario (like most of us, it seems) he loves his home and never strayed far from Herring Cove again.

However, he means to explore every nook and cranny now that his days are free of obligations. Last year a trip to Cape Breton whetted their appetites for knowing their homeland better and they mean to wander around Nova Scotia to their hearts content in the twenty-three foot trailer they brought back from Florida. In the worst of the blizzards.

"I don't golf, don't drink, don't do drugs and I don't play bingo. What else am I going to do?" he asks. "I'll wake up each day and see what it brings. Follow the open road. "He's into older cars, maybe, has a bunch of hobbies, but does not want to decide just yet. "I won't be going home to the porch."

It would be hard to think he might. Even as a young man, he was full of ideas and plans. Foresight in investing in properties was an early retirement plan that worked out well.

He was a founding member of a business group that evolved into the Spryfield and District Business Commission which aims to ensure an all-encompassing business district with a unique mix of retail, services and products, and hospitality to ensure a growing residential community that appeals to people of all ages, backgrounds and interests. There was no tax or funding support in those days; they did it all themselves for the community.

He still spends untold hours fostering innovations and support for the community that do not fall into a specific category but many here would thank him for his assistance

He will be on hand as advisor to his son in growing Lumbermart, should he be invited, and is delighted to have free time to spend with his grandkids.

But that small seniors' community in Florida beckons and he and Lynn have a mobile home in a park there, in addition to the trailer. He is inspired by how people in Florida manage their retirements. Some are peripatetic, having sold their high maintenance houses for motor homes, while others keep two seasonal bases, and two communities of friends. Living small like the mobile home is a great blessing, saving time and unkeep

Still, his community here is precious to him and wife of almost forty years. "Next year is the Big One," he grins. His eighty year old widowed mother is a big part of his life too, and he reflects on the difficulties seniors have maintaining a house past a certain age or health condition. "You can stay independent as you want," he says,

"barring bad luck. But an apartment is very freeing. She can walk out the door, turn the lock whenever she pleases. And not worry about the snow".

He might consider what's involved in creating some modern senior's housing although the current regulatory system discourages innovation. Might be the sort of challenge he'll meet someday. Once he's put in enough travel and discovery time.

I hope so, I might be looking at options myself by then. I came back east for the ocean and want to keep it in my life. But man that snow was murder to keep cleared!

Growing a great garden

by Pete LaPierre

Did you know that a single tablespoon of fertile garden soil is home to over a billion organisms, including over 40 thousand different species of bacteria, protozoa, fungi, nematodes, insects and earthworms?

It is this rich ecosystem of life that converts organic material into the nutrients essential for plant health and growth. I like to think of this biological community as the engine of the soil and the organic material as the fuel that makes it run.

To build and maintain a great garden you simply must add new organic material to your beds each and every year to keep the engine running.

Top dressing your beds each year with a 3-5" layer of compost or well-aged manure and mixing it lightly into the top layer (4-6") of existing soil will ensure a steady supply of nutrients.

It is not necessary or recommended to deep till or turnover your garden. Doing so is disruptive to the life cycle of soil organisms; fungal threads are broken and earthworm burrows are destroyed. The balanced web of life on which your garden depends is best left undisturbed.

Another method of passively introducing organics into your garden soil is to mulch around your maturing plants with leaves, grass clippings, straw or seaweed.

Not only will mulch keep your soil temperature steady, help retain moisture and

suppress weed growth, it will slowly break down and be incorporated into the soil. Come fall you will be wondering where it all went. What remains can be mixed into the soil and will decompose over the late fall and through the early spring.

A third strategy for building organic content is to plant a fall cover crop of legumes such as clover, alfalfa, peas or beans. Legumes fix nitrogen from the atmosphere and transfer it to the soil in a form readily available to plants. Turning your cover crop into the soil in early spring will provide a nutrient boost just when it's needed.

Adding organics also improves the struc-

ture of soil. Sandy soils that leach water and nutrients quickly are vastly improved by the retentive properties of organic material. Dense clay soils that resist water, air and root penetration will release their natural fertility when enhanced with the introduction of organics.

Perhaps all of this is best expressed in an old adage of gardening wisdom: poor gardeners grow weeds; good gardeners grow vegetables; very good gardeners grow soil!

Pete LaPierre is co-owner of Home Harvest "The Edible Landscaping Company" assisting home owners in growing their own fresh, nutrient rich herbs and vegetables.

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From Rhodes Scholar to hermit, Roy Leitch was a radical thinker

by Iris Shea

A query several years ago from Major Michael Patton, a researcher in England, prompted this article on Roy Leitch. Many will remember, as I do, Mr. Leitch going door to door, late at night on his bicycle, selling his selfpublished newspaper, "STORM". From 1939 until just before his death in 1957, Mr. Leitch and his four cats lived in a cabin in the woods off Colpitt Lake Road in Spryfield.

From his remote cabin in the woods, Mr. Leitch produced multiple copies of his typewritten newspaper on a handprinting press. The object of the paper, according to Leitch, was to try and



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persuade people to think for themselves. Known by many as "Mr. Storm", he was reporter, editor and publisher. In 1941, he charged three cents a copy, and by 1947 the price was five cents. There were always two or three pages of small ads, from large businesses like Zellers of Nova Scotia, and from small local businesses like Ken's Hilltop Groceries of Jollimore Village. The front page, usually pink or yellow, sometimes contained a drawing done by a local schoolboy.

Residents in the area accused Mr. Leitch of practicing Communism, of being "a dangerous man" and "an insane man". Leitch reported these accusations in his own newspaper. The only accusation he denied is that of practicing Communism, saying he was even more radical than the Communists, but that he believed in "Freedom and Democracy". Although his controversial writings offended many, others applauded him for his outspoken views on clergy, politicians and lawyers. He opposed all governments and formed the Christian Socialist Party (he was its only member).

Mr. Leitch was not always so down on the "Establishment". In a 1941 issue of his newspaper, referring to himself as "Storm" and writing in the third person, he asked "Is Mr. Storm Crazy"? He answered his own question, pleading guilty to the charge of insanity. He wrote: "He was insane when he served his country at his own expense in the first Great War. He was loony when he expected politicians to give him back his job after returning from the Front. He was suffering from mental aberration when he thought so-called Christians would applaud his self-sacrifice and give him at least a 'thank you' for it." (Mr. Leitch fought for his "King and Country" in World War I, serving in the Serbian Army when Canada and Great Britain turned him down for health

reasons).

Roy Leitch was born in Charlottetown, P.E.I., in 1885. He excelled in academics and athletics at Prince of Wales College and at Dalhousie University, playing hockey and football on several championship teams. He received his Arts degree from Dalhousie in 1908 and attended Oxford Uni-

versity that year as a Rhodes Scholar, concentrating on English and Economics. In the Daily Echo, front page, March 23, 1908, was this headline "Another Dalhousian for Rhodes Scholar". The article went on to describe Leitch's academic excellence at Dalhousie University..."In second year he ranked fourth, leading in English, won second class in Latin, and in French won High First. In his third year he led his class, winning High First in English, first in Latin and History, and 2nd class in Greek. Thus in two years he has won general distinction. In his fourth year he led his class in English, Education, Philosophy and Political Economy; second in Anglo Saxon History and Latin. Thus far he won six in points over great distinction and is among the class leaders in all individual subjects."

When Mr. Leitch discovered that Canadian Rhodes Scholars were not permitted to play on the Oxford hockey team because of an agreement with

Cambridge University "to prevent a massacre", it is said that he organized the first Team Canada and was instrumental in the development of European Ice Hockey. On the front of their jerseys was a red Maple Leaf.

In 1929, Mr. Leitch taught English Composition at Dalhousie University and had the respect of the professors with whom he worked. This earned him the title "Professor Leitch". In 1937, his many friends in the academic world raised money for him to fight in the Spanish Civil War against General Franco. When he moved to Spryfield in 1939, one of the first things he did was organize a Boys' Club called Unholy Angels. He believed that young boys needed to be given activities to prevent them from getting into trouble with the law. With the boys' help, he cleared some of the land around his cabin and made a tennis court. He took the boys on hunting and fishing trips and taught them wood lore. On many occasions, according to his obituary in the "Halifax Mail", 10 May 1957, boys in need were cared for in Mr. Leitch's modest cabin. Although he was particularly opposed to lawyers, arrangements for his funeral from the Halifax Funeral Home were made by a group of Halifax lawyers. His only surviving relative was his sister-in-law, Mrs. Gordon Leitch of Charlottetown. Mainland South Heritage Society has several copies of "Storm".





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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

May I please use your column to possibly learn more about the 1968-1969 decision of the former city of Halifax to annex Armdale, Kline Heights, Spryfield north of Chambers Hill, Jollimore, the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS), and Purcell's Cove. Do any of your readers recall the terms of this decision by the then Public Utilities Board vis-à-vis the City of Halifax's obligation to provide public transit service to the newly-annexed areas?

I would welcome a postal note to P.O. Box 41, Station M, Halifax B3J 2L4, or an email to aruffman@dal.ca.

The current Halifax Transit proposal is to cease all Bus #15 transit service on the Purcell's Cove Road south of the William's Lake Road, and no transit service whatsoever to be provided to south Jollimore and the access to the Williams Lake swimming area, to the two sites of the RNSYS, Purcell's Cove and the Nova Scotia Nature Trust's backlands hiking area including the Purcell's Pond swimming hole, the previous Anglican Church that has been recently sold and has been repurposed as St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, the **DND Connaught Battery Listening** Post, Ferguson's Cove, Parks Canada's York Redoubt National Historic Site, or to DND's Fire School directly adjacent to the York Redoubt site. Readers who wish to support the retention of the current Bus #15 service should log on

to the Halifax Transit website called, ironically, "MakeTransitBetter.ca" and register your support for Bus #15. *Regards, Alan Ruffman.*

Editor's note: Please ensure that letters to the editor are sent in Word format or in the body of an email to the editor at chebuctoeditor@gmail.com.

Calling all local landscapers

by Bruce Holland

Last Year, the Spryfield and District Business Commission (SDBC), organized and sponsored the "Spryfield Landscaper Challenge" as part of the SDBC's Annual Beautification Program in the Business District. We were pleased to have the support of local Councillors Stephen Adams and Linda Mosher as we partnered with 6 local landscaping companies to create 6 beautiful flower boxes throughout the District.

The feedback we received from the general public to this program was so positive that we have decided to run the "Challenge" again this year and actually expand it to a few more locations. We

If you have any suggestions we would be pleased to hear them. You can send suggestions along to Bruce at sdbc@ eastlink.ca.

Expanding to a couple of more loca

Expanding to a couple of more locations means we will need to have a few more landscaper companies participate. If you are a landscaping company from the area or operating in the area please get in touch.

are looking for a few more locations in

which to place additional flower boxes.

Participating companies last year were RRolls Yard Maintenance, Landworks Property Services, Green Roots Landscaping, Blade Lawn Care and Landscaping, Duel Property Services and, of course, last year's "Landscaper Challenge" winner, Dan's Tree and Landscaping Service. We look forward to all of these companies returning and adding several more. I must say it was a pleasure to work with these companies to make Spryfield and the surrounding areas a better place to live, work and play.

The flower boxes certainly went a long way towards enhancing the SDBC's Flower Baskets and Street Banners program as well. New banners are on the way this year. If you are a local company and would like to sponsor a banner, let me know and I will send you the details.

Now that spring has sprung it's time to spruce the place up for a successful summer!

E M POWER LAW returns to Spryfield

After 6 years in Toronto working as a specialist in housing, human rights and poverty law, local lawyer Daphne Williamson has come home to Halifax and is reviving E M POWER LAW to serve the local community.

Although the main office of the firm is now located in the North End of Halifax, Daphne, a former resident of Spryfield, still has a strong commitment to serving the community and has made plans to have her Spryfield satellite office up and running in the coming weeks.

The office will be located in the back ground floor office of Walker's Funeral Home at 149 Herring Cove Rd., a central location that is not only easily accessible by transit but also for those with mobility issues.

"There are a lot of people in Spry-

field who need help with legal issues that affect their families, rights and quality of life. Many of those depend on legal aid to get access to lawyers. I was once one of them. The people of this community have supported me over the years, personally and professionally, and I want to do everything I can to continue to support them. I want to be as accessible as possible, which is why I'm setting up a second office here. I look forward to seeing some old clients again and meeting some new ones."

Initially the office will be staffed one day per week, but other days may eventually be added depending on the need for services. Anyone who wishes to make an appointment with Daphne can reach her office directly at 902-453-1600.

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The Scratching Post



by Sarah Fraser

If you have any questions or comments, please write to me at

thescratchingposthalifax@gmail.com As I write this column, I am being eyed suspiciously by a plump, handsome, orange and white kitty who goes by the name of Rory. If I move suddenly, he will dart out of my daughters' comfy kid/cat size recliner to the solitude that is my laundry room. He recognizes that I am far too lazy to give chase, and the chances of me ACTUALLY going in to do laundry are slim to none.

Rory is one of 38 cats taken off a private property in Sambro. This was not a hoarding situation. This is simply what happens when cats are discarded. It is a story played out in Halifax every day.

"We're moving and can't take our cat". Out goes kitty.

"My son developed allergies and we can't keep Muffin". Out goes kitty.

"Furball is scratching the furniture and making a mess". Out goes kitty.

"Fluffy keeps having litter after litter of kittens and we can't keep up". Out goes kitty.

"Tom keeps spraying the house and making everything stink." Out goes

"Mittens use to be a sweet kitten, but now she's just another mouth to feed". Out goes kitty.

Many of these cats wind up on someone's doorstep, begging for a meal, but one lady got a few more than she bargained for.

Edna Gilkie lives in Sambro, and to say she is a cat lover is an understatement. She has been taking care of Sambro's discarded cats for decades and never complained.

"We've always had cats around. They started having kittens and multiplied." Mrs. Gilkie and her husband are big cat lovers, and have gone through great lengths to build shelters, find homes and care for the colony of kitties.

The population quickly got out of control as is the case with so many colonies around Halifax, and soon she was feeding almost 40 cats on her meager government pension. Recognizing that this was a community issue, and not a burden Mrs. Gilkie ever asked for, some cat rescues, community members and Councillor Adams got together and decided to help.

The cats were trapped, spayed/ neutered and assessed for adoptability. Some were kittens that were easily socialized and moved along to loving homes to live out the rest of their lives. Some were adult cats, but due to Mrs. Gilkie's loving care and affection, were able to trust people and were also able to be adopted out. Others, (like Rory), were born outside and do not appreciate the company of humans. These cats were part of a TNR program. Trap,

Neuter, Release. Today, there are less than a half dozen cats remaining in the colony, and they are still lovingly fussed over by their caretaker, Mrs. Gilkie.

"Whatever comes to my door gets fed," she said with a laugh.

This is an excellent demonstration of how TNR programs are successful and also a lesson in how it really does take a village to solve a problem.

Thank you, Mrs. Gilkie, for caring and for saving so many furry lives

Ask a pet vet

Question: My friend has been having trouble with her neighbour's outdoor cat going under her deck and spraying her basement windows. It's completely shaded so marigolds and other deterrent flowers aren't an option. Any ideas on keeping it away from her windows? She'd like to be able to open them this summer but can't even consider it right now **Dr. McCallum:** If you know who owns the cats, ask about their spay/neuter status – if they are intact, spaying/neutering them might help. - You can block off the area or make it uncomfortable for the cat to walk on with pine cones, prickly yard trimmings or chicken wire. . - Feliway – feline pheromone - sprayed every day in the area for a month has been used for indoor cats who urinate inappropriately and could also be used in this scenario. Or use a deterrent odour such as strong citrus scents or Skunk Shot (a natural and non-toxic malodorous chemistry of the skunk). Here is a great home-made cat deterrent spray recipe: Combine 1 tsp of black pepper, dry mustard & cinnamon in a spray bottle with a few drops of citrus essential oil and a crushed garlic clove. Fill to the top with water. Be sure to try to clean/wash the area first to remove the scent of urine spray first. - Motion sensors that will either spray

air, water or make a startling noise may

help – there are a variety on the market. - Living plant repellants that may deter cats include: "Scaredy Cat Plant" and "Piss-off plant" (Plectranthus caninus), rue, lavender, pennyroyal, Coleus canina and lemon thyme. Or you can create an area where the cats can urinate, i.e. an outdoor litterbox or cat-friendly garden containing mint, honeyscukele and cat nip. - Dumping dirty litter pans along boarder of property – the smell of your own cats' urine may deter other cats. Kim McCallum is a veterinarian at the Metro Animal Emergency Clinic and lives in Sambro with her two and four legged family.

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grooms the other cats. She is very dependent on her mother Sasha, so ideally we would like to find a home for them together. Aria has been getting braver with each passing day. After meals is when she is most playful and affectionate - so wet food is the key to her heart! She needs to go to someone who understands shy cats and will give her lots of TLC to help her blossom into a

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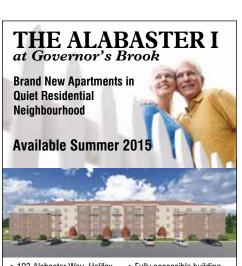
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Stuart Albert Carscadden

95, Halifax. A man of a hundred stories and a thousand jokes, a well-known and devoted member of the Parish of Christ Church Lantz and Emmanuel Anglican Church, Spryfield, passed away peacefully in his sleep the morning of March 28, 2015. Stuart was the son of the late Peter and Ida May (Reid) Carscadden -A native of Saint John, New Brunswick, Living in Lantz for 40 years, he was for many years Sunday School Superintendent and teacher as well as involved in many parish committees and organizations including rector's warden, parish council, regional council, Diocesan Synod representative and a member of the Lantz Men's Club. His love and service in ministry as an Anglican lay reader has spanned over 50 years between Christ Church, Lantz and Emmanuel Anglican, Spryfield. He has TV notoriety as a "Grandfather Cuddler" and has received his 25 year pin for his continuing volunteer commitment at the IWK - Grace. In Halifax his involvement in a variety of organizations have included; Nor-West Seniors, Transport 2000, VIA Rail pensioners, Salem Railroad Group, Marriage Encounter Group and the Merchant Navy Veterans Association. Stuart served with the Merchant Navy from 1940-1945 including service on MV Kaikoura and HMCS Lady Nelson. After WWII, he rejoined the Canadian National Railway Dining car service and then the Halifax Chronicle Herald Limited as a

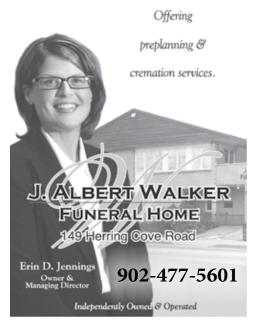
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proof reader and retired in 1984 after 32 years in the newspaper world. Stuart was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lola. They were an absolutely wonderful couple – a beautiful example of two people still in love after 65 years of marriage. They were both delightful, warm hearted, intelligent and interesting with a keen sense of humor and a passion for travelling. In recent years Stuart enjoyed living at The Berkeley (Bedford) and for the last year, at Camp Hill Veterans Memorial Building, unit 6 West, where he was telling jokes and making people laugh right up to his last day. Stuart is survived by daughters, The Reverend Jane Clattenburg; Mary (Clifford) Hines and Anne (Vaughn) Isenor. In addition, 7 grandchildren, Erna May Smith, Mark Whidden, Karen Whidden, Leah Poirier, Jody Isenor, Tammy Lawson and Jena Clattenburg; 10 great grandchildren, to whom he was known as "Poppie", Daniel, Amanda, Michael, Colin, Owen, Isaac, Rhys, Charlotte, Lola and Brayden; sister, Audrey Hutton. He was predeceased by his daughter, Audrey Jean Dares; sister, Jean Burgoyne. The family would like to thank the staff on 6 West (Camp Hill) for their help in making Stuart's time there filled with love, laughter and caring. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Christ Church, Lantz, Emmanuel Anglican Church, Spryfield, IWK or to a charity of one's choice.

Brian Patrick Dempsey

83. It is with heartfelt sadness that the family of Brian Patrick Dempsey announces his passing on April 1, 2015 at the age of 83. He was the son of Lorne Anthony Dempsey and Margaret Mary (Hanrahan) Dempsey. Dad was a devoted catholic and served under many priests, first as transporter of the daily milk can to the convent, at the age of 5, then as an alter-server. He was the caretaker, church painter, and committee member under Frs. MacKinnon, Heffler (who lived with Dad's family until the Glebe was built), Melanson (Mom and Dad were the first to be married in the rebuilt church), Neary, Purcell, Mills, Campbell, Burke, MacKinnon, O'Toole. Dad was an avid volunteer all his life. When asked once why he devoted so much of his time to his church and community, he said, "Because it's the right thing to do." Over the years Dad was President of the Herring Cove and District 5 Recreation Association, The 4 Cove Recreation Association, Herring Cove Area Settlement and Servicing Strategy, Chairman of St. Paul's Cemetery (26 years), Herring Cove Steering Committee, Latters Lake Project. He was involved in the acquisition of the Recreation Field and the Senior Citizens Complex. His most cherished accomplishment was the monument honouring the Pilot Boat Disaster. Dad has received many awards for his volunteerism including the Air Canada Heart of Gold Medal, the Queens Jubilee Medal, Provincial Volunteer Awards, HRM Volunteer of the Year. Dad lived by and raised all his children with the "Golden Rule" and that a promise made

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Hebridean sinking anniversary



The 75th anniversary of the sinking of the pilot boat Hebridean was commemorated on March 28, 2015 with a well-attended special Mass at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Herring Cove. During the reception following the Mass, a wreath, shown here with two members of the Atlantic Pilotage Association, was blessed by Fr. Alfred Eshun. The wreath was taken aboard the current pilot boat and dropped over the

place where Hebridean went down near the mouth of Halifax Harbour. Nine men with ties to Herring Cove went down with Hebridean just before midnight on March 28, 1940. Attending the special Mass and reception were many descendants of the nine brave men, one of whom was the daughter of Roy Purcell. Mr. Purcell never got to see his daughter who was born that same day.

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Maura Whitman, singer, songwriter & grade 8 student

By Lorrie Boylen

Maura Whitman, a Grade 8 French immersion student at Herring Cove Junior High, is pursuing her passion for music. Her original composition, 'Spread Your Wings', was released on April 2nd on iTunes and within days of its release, it ranked #3 in local play and top 100 in Canada on Reverbnation. The song is about embracing changes and not being afraid of moving forward in your life.

The single is published by Oakley Music Works, recorded at their studio in Sambro. Maura met Ed Oakley at her school's coffee house where they both performed, and he was drawn to the character and tone of her voice. He invited her to record a demo at his studio and when she sang 'Spread Your Wings' it was love at first listen. Oakley enlisted the help of colleague Ron Huestis to co-produce/engineer the single. Oakley, Huestis and John Parker all perform on the single.

Oakley is not only her publisher, but also her musical mentor. The Whitmans are thankful to him for taking Maura under his wing, believing in her and helping her stay true to her vision. Oakley says, "Maura possesses a unique gift that I have seldom heard in a songwriter of her age. Her lyrics and themes are very mature. Her writing is very 'old soul'. Maura has grown up with a strong jazz influence in her life. This permeates throughout the complex chord progressions and unexpected melody shifts that occur in her music. As a songwriter myself, I appreciate artists that put 'a little extra something' into their music and resist the temptation to follow the easy road. Simply put, she is the real deal." She's back in the studio working on her second single and has written several other songs.

Grade 12 J.L. Ilsley student Thomas Rizzuto filmed, edited and created the video for 'Spread Your Wings', which appears on YouTube. Filmed at The Music Room on Lady Hammond Road, the Steinway piano Maura plays is 7 feet long and worth \$150,000.00.

Maura's parents are impressed with her spirited approach and dedication to her music. She's been studying with vocal coach Elise Besler-Harnish at Nusong Studio for 7 years and embraces every opportunity to perform at churches, coffee houses, concerts, the music festivals or vocal recitals.

In addition to singing, Maura plays

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bass guitar in the HCJH School Band and is self-taught on the piano, guitar and ukulele. "Maura has many talents and we want to continue to support her in all her areas of interest." Maura's father Jeff plays the guitar and bass and sings, while her 17 year old brother Liam plays both the guitar and bass and is in the J.L. Ilsley High School Band. Both often perform with her at live events and in their home studio. The Whitmans encourage other parents to support their children's passions and help them realize that any dream is possible if you work hard. While music has always been Maura's passion, she is also a Competitive Cyclist in a National Training Program.

Maura is excited to be sharing her love of music. To keep up with the latest, check her out at www.Facebook.com/ MauraWhitmanMusic, www.YouTube.



com/user/MauraWhitmanSings or find her on iTunes.

(Lorrie Boylen is a Writer and Administrative Professional who lives and works in Sambro)

Toonies for Change soon to be one year old

Toonies for Change, the fundraising project recently organized by the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest in support of the Spryfield Community, is approaching the end of an excellent first year.

Peter Ruptash, project treasurer and Rotary Club member is proud of what has been accomplished to date. "We will have generated over \$30,000 in revenue by the end of the first year, of which half will have gone in prize money to lucky residents of the Spryfield area, while the other half, after modest running costs, will have either been distributed to local Spryfield community support organizations, or to other deserving Rotary projects."

The six Spryfield community organizations benefitting from this initiative are the Spryfield Boys and Girls Club, the Chebucto Atlantics Minor Hockey Association, Chebucto Connections, Hand in Hand, the Spryfield Urban Farm Museum, and the Sambro and Area Community Association. They are all delighted to have now received \$1,000 each as a result of the community's support for these fundraising efforts.

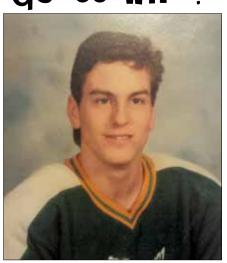
Rotary Club President Giacomo Bruno is looking ahead to the coming year. "We are very pleased with progress to date, and now expect to be able to grow this project to at least twice its current size, so as to provide double the support and of course, double the fun."

Anyone interested in trying their luck, in support of a very good cause, is invited to sign up at any one of the 17 collection boxes located at vendors in the Spryfield area and play their toonie! More details are available at www.tooniesforchange.com.



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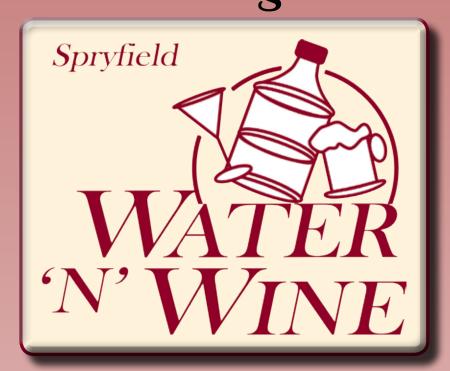
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Kaelyn Budden makes the Gymnastics Nova Scotia Team



by Benny DeVine

Kaelyn Budden competed in the Nova Scotia Provincial gymnastics Championships on March 27th. As a result of her placing she earned a spot on team Nova Scotia and she will be competing in the Atlantic Gymnastics Championships from April 24th to the 26th in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Kaelyn is 14 years old and is multisport athlete. Leading up to the Provincials she was training 16-20 hours per week.



9 Year Old Maris Hume earned her Orange/Green belt recently at Nova United Martial Arts. Seen here is Maris with her sensei, Jason Scott

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is a promise delivered. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, RoseMarie; son, Richard (Paula), Edwin (Joy), Roy (Sharon); daughters, Rosanne (Alexander), Pamela; sisters, Margaret Ann Elliott, Janet (Wallace) Scallion; brothers, Brendan (Annette), Gerald, Daniel (Joan). He will be greatly missed by his 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Dad was predeceased by both his parents, and sisters, Lorna and Mary; brothers, Kevin, Dennis and James "Sonny". In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the MS Society.

William Charles Hatch

"Billy": 75, Portuguese Cove, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family April 5, 2015 at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Born in Halifax on October 11, 1939, he was the son of the late William George and Bertha (Brophy). Retired due to an injury at the Halifax Grain Elevator, he loved hunting in Rawdon and loved his grandchildren more than words can say. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Margaret (Nicholl), and sons, Blaine (Carol) and Barry (Angela), brothers, Eddy (Sylvia) and Maurice (Mona), and sisters, Helena Harding and Nina (Stephen) Iceton, as well as grandchildren, Kathleen, Bradley, and Logan, and many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to all the nurses and doctors of 8.2 at the QE II Hospital. Donations in William's name can be sent to the Nova Scotia Lung Association. Words

of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

Katherine P. "Kay" Keddy

87, Spryfield, passed away peacefully at home, sleeping beside her loving husband of 57 years on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Born in Port Hood, she was a daughter of the late Leonard and Amy Watts. Kay was a 50 year member of the Topaz Rebekah Lodge. She enjoyed doing crafts and loved spending time with her family and friends, attending the Breakaway program and loved to return to her Port Hood roots. Mom's passion in life was to share all she had with family and anyone in need. She lived and believed that it is better to give than to receive. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her husband. Edward "Ted": daughter. Amy (David); sons, Stephen (Arlene) and Craig (Valerie); 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Kay was predeceased by 3 sisters and 6 brothers. The family would like to extend thanks to those who helped and supported Mom through the years; Dr. Wieder, Dr. Murphy, Northwood Home Care and VON. Also, thanks to neighbors, special friend, Pauline Yeadon and to Kathleen and Janet and to our miracle blessing, Anelfa. Donations in Kay's memory may be made to the Children's Wish Foundation or to a charity of one's choice.

Effie May Fiander (Levy)

Spryfield, slipped away quietly in the early hours of April 14, 2015 at the age of 99, at the Halifax, Infirmary, QEII. Born in Indian Harbour on January

22, 1916 to the late Artimus Levy and Gertrude (Hurshman) Levy-Cleveland. In her younger years, before marriage, she was a maid at the Halifax Ladies College. She was devoted to her Anglican faith and was a life time member of Emmanuel Anglican Church, Spryfield. She was active in most church activities right up until her health started to fail just recently. Effie is survived by daughters, Sharon Leipert (Klaus), Burnaby, BC.; Linda Middle Sackville; brother, Harold (Rose), Indian Harbour; sister Annie Smith, Portuguese Cove; special granddaughter Debbie; grandchildren Doug, Heather, Anne-Marie, Paul, Vickie, Angela, Kevan and Shannon; 15 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by husband Frederick Fiander (1966), son, Leonard, daughter, Colleen, grandsons Christopher (1986) and Derek (2009) and granddaughter Erin (1997), sisters Dora Kane, Gladys Williams, Hilda O'Neill, brothers Ronald and Keith Cleveland, Raymond in infancy and son-in-law Weston.. Memorial donations can be made to the Emmanuel Anglican Church or the Canadian Cancer Society. Special thanks to the EMS and Emergency staff at the QEII and the staff on 8.4 and to the Red Cross Home Care.

Marjorie Vaneta Cleveland

It is with sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Mom on Friday, April 10, 2015 at Arborstone Enhanced Care after a lengthy illness. Born in Halifax on July 23, 1921 she was the only daughter of the late Harold and Elsie (Levy) Cook. Marge attended Chebucto Elementary and Bloomfield High school and worked at Eaton's store on Barrington St. She married Gerald (Ace) Cleveland on Dec 1, 1941 just months before he went overseas fore active duty. Marge dedicated her life to being a loving and kind wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She was especially proud of her two sons Barrie and Darrell who supported her living in her own home until 93 years of age. A longtime resident of Herring Cove and member of St. James Anglican Church she was active in the Women's Guild for many years. Marge enjoyed cooking, baking and knitting but her biggest joy was spending time with her family and friends. She is survived by son Darrell (Sheila) and their children Sheldon, Lauren, and Ryan (Sara); daughter-in-law Linda and children Heather (Rick) Carson, and Judy (Paul) Parnell; great-grandchildren Stephanie (Jason) Trim, Nicole Trim, Daniel Trim, Michael Trim, Ashton Parnell, and baby girl Cleveland due in Aug; two greatgreat-grandchildren Ella and Colton; sister-in-law Myrna Cook, numerous nieces and nephews. She was especially close to nephew Neil and wife Gwen. Our sincere thanks to Dr. Lawen and the entire staff of VGH 5B and staff at Arborstone for their excellent care. Marge was predeceased by husband and companion Ace in 1981, eldest son Barrie in 2010, and two brothers Gordon and Douglas Cook. Donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

Mike LeFort - 1986-87 @ 17 years old. Guess Who?

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To restore or redevelop?

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

The vast majority of our municipal revenue comes from the property tax. Per capita, Halifax has one of the highest reliances on property tax as a source of revenue and we receive one of the lowest amounts of funding from the provincial and federal governments. In fact, the province actually takes over 25% of the property tax revenue to fund provincial mandates such as corrections, housing, and assessment services. Residents are facing significant financial pressures including increased provincial and federal taxes, cost of living increases, necessities such as fuel and food and the property tax. Many residents are on fixed incomes and it is becoming increasingly difficult for many people to stay in their homes.

Halifax Council is continually faced with cost pressures and requests for funding. A recent request was to rehabilitate the Khyber Building to remove hazardous materials and bring it up to code. HRM engaged an engineering firm to prepare a building assessment. The Building Condition Assessment (FCI) of the building was "Very Poor Facility Condition Index of 50%." This was a visual assessment and did not include invasive testing, which could deem it in even worse shape. Any FCI over 10% indicates poor condition. The cost estimate to remove the identified hazardous material and meet the building codes and CSA Standards for Accessibility is \$4 million. This estimate does not include associated risks. Our staff confirmed there are no funds for this project.

Also of concern is that there have been many modifications to the building since 1888, including placement of steel columns that do not align vertically. This is causing significant sagging to the second and third floors and it appears that the supporting members have been removed or relocated.

Despite many people being attracted to the historical value of the building, the council report noted that the façade of the building remains in its original state, but historic detailing has been completely lost. Renovations to date on the interior have not been sensitive to scale, or the use of materials and finishes. The report also stated that to bring the building up to code, about half of the usable space would have to be removed to accommodate elevators, washrooms, etc. The cost of renovating the building would be over \$600 a square foot. To put this into proper perspective, the cost to build a new, state of the art building is about \$200 a square foot. We were asked to approve moving forward with spending \$4 million on a building worth less than \$1million and lose half the usable space. Therefore, there would only be about half the available space for art groups, which

would mean a large number of them would still be looking for comparable space elsewhere. It made no sense to me and I voted against it. However, the majority of Council supported a report which will come back in six months

My suggestion was to incorporate an arts and culture facility into the former St. Pat's School development. We are in the initial stages and this could be added to the request for proposals. A developer could pay for it as part of obtaining the land. Thus, we could get double the arts space, at no cost, and sell the Khyber building. The Khyber building would generate sales revenue and

tax revenue as well. The public could play a role in how the new arts centre would be designed. I saw this as a win-win for the community and taxpayers.

At the meeting, the Councillor who brought this forward suggested that Neptune Theatre would be spearheading a community effort that would include a renovation plan, operating strategy and be in charge of fundraising. As a result of his comments, many Councillors supported the request. However, the day after the meeting we received an information bulletin from Neptune clarifying that this was NOT the case. Some of the content included: "This clarification is important for all to understand, as Neptune Theatre was not consulted regarding the wording of the motion that was brought before council...To characterize Neptune Theatre as the sole arbitrator

of whether a successful operational and renovation plan can be developed for the Khyber misrepresents Neptune's intentions in our discussions surrounding the Khyber. It also does a disservice to the other organizations and individuals who are involved in this process. To further conjecture that Neptune has a plan to either own or operate the facility also invites false speculation."

The letter and staff report are on my website: www.lindamosher.ca under the News tab. Should you wish to contact Council either in support of, or against, moving forward, or any other suggestions, your feedback would be appreciated. Written submissions should be sent to the Municipal Clerk's Office at clerks@halifax. ca Please indicate if you would like your correspondence distributed to all members of Council.

Farewell, my friend by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11



Brian Dempsey

In early April, we said goodbye to a true community leader in every sense of the word. Brian Dempsey, a long- time resident of Herring Cove, passed away at the age of 83.

Brian was involved in just about every aspect of his community. Whether it be the Church, recreation programming or helping those less fortunate, Brian was always there to help. He was instrumental in helping to deliver sewer and water service to most of Herring Cove and in establishing an extensive planning document to protect Herring Cove. His efforts led to him being named HRM Volunteer of the Year.

Brian's family has lost a husband, father, grandfather and brother.

Our community has lost a tireless advo-

I have lost one of my very best friends. Purcell's Cove Backlands

On Tuesday, April 14th, Regional Council discussed the options available and future direction for the Purcell's Cove Backlands. The following background information may help with perspective on this issue.

In May of 2014, I put forward a motion that certain PID's (property identification numbers) comprising the Backlands "... be referred to appropriate staff to initiate a public engagement process to examine

options and possibilities to bring some or all of these PIDs into public ownership". The motion passed by a 15-1 vote and was an important first-step in acquiring these lands for public use.

Ten months later, the staff report came back recommending deferral until our Greenbelting and Open Space Priorities Plan is completed. I did not agree with the deferral, as I wanted to bring our community, staff and the property owners together to develop a recommendation to Council to transfer some or all of these properties into public ownership as soon as possible. I felt this would have eliminated uncertainty with regard to these lands and minimized community angst. Further, I would have proposed that the Williams Lake Conservation Company, or their designate, become the stewards of those lands; with their concurrence.

Unfortunately, the recommendation to defer was passed so we will have to wait until 2016 to see how this unfolds. Snow and Ice

As I'm writing this column, the snow and ice are quickly melting with no expectation of additional snow in the short-term forecast. However, this is Nova Scotia and weather patterns can change quickly.

I have communicated in previous articles that this past winter has been like no other. I am certain that most of us had issues to varying degrees regarding snow and ice control.

At our end-of-year meeting regarding the 2014-15 season, I will be sure to raise the issues you have brought to my attention over the past three months. If there are any other concerns you would like to have raised, please feel free to contact me. Halifax Transit

Since the launch of Halifax Transit's MOV-

ING FORWARD TOGETHER draft plan outlining proposed changes to its system; I have received numerous phone calls and emails concerning the proposed changes specifically in relation to Routes 402 (Sambro) and 15 (Purcell's Cove) . Your calls and emails have been logged.

There still appears to be some misunderstanding around the proposals as put forward. I want to assure you that I am not supportive of the proposed changes to Route 402- Sambro or Route 15 Purcell's Cove. The proposed changes are a draft only and no decision will be made until the final report comes forward to Regional Council in the fall of 2016; one year from now.

Volunteer Award Recipients Congratulations to Barb Allen, Kayla Bernard, Matthew Corkum, Jenelle McAuley, Akrim Al-otumi and Elizabeth Amyoony, who were recognized at the April 8th HRM Volunteer Award ceremony.

Each year Halifax Regional Municipality, the Mayor and Regional Council recognize the extraordinary contributions of individuals and groups who volunteer their time and skills to provide services and programs in municipal communities. I cannot say enough about how valued our volunteers are for all that they do to make our communities more vibrant and livable. Thank you for your generous commitments to our community.

Contact

Please call 3-1-1 if you have an issue that needs to be addressed. 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 in regard to municipal issues, please contact me by phone at 902.477.0627 or email at Stephen. Adams@halifax.ca.





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The Halifax Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

Our local landscape is extraordinarily beautiful. Chief among the charming places in HRM is the Northwest Arm because it is a place of historical significance, a refuge for relaxation, and a marvel to the senses. The western side of the Halifax peninsula has attracted artists and cartographers from the earliest days of settlement to today leaving the province a legacy of images and maps. It is this wonderful legacy that is now being showcased at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. The Gallery has scoured provincial collections to exhibit the very best artistic expressions of the Northwest Arm from 1750 to 2015. The unveiling of this culturally important collection was accompanied by a talk and tour by Michele Raymond, former MLA and current President of the Northwest Arm Heritage Association. This exhibit is of particular interest to Northwest Arm enthusiasts, which everyone should be if they have seen and experienced the Arm's familiar vistas and natural beauty. www. artgalleryofnovascotia.ca.

I had the opportunity to rise in the Legislature to acknowledge two important and inspiring women entrepreneurs in Halifax Armdale. One was Erin Jennings, a remarkable woman who has overcome many challenges in a male-run industry to become the first female funeral home owner and manager in Nova Scotia who did not inherit a family business. She has built up her business, J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, by hard work and a strong commitment to the community by her support for local organizations. Erin is a former President of the Funeral Service Association of NS. The other was Corrine Weir, who has been a constituent of Halifax Armdale for 47 years and the proud owner of the very successful and philanthropic Heppy's Pies since 1991. Ms. Weir's principle is to only use locally sourced ingredients ensuring our local farmers are supported. Heppy's also supports local initiatives that help the disadvantaged and terminally ill. I want to thank these two women for making a positive economic and social impact in the area.

I would like to briefly highlight two important initiatives the provincial government is committed to providing relating to opportunities for young people and quality of life for seniors. Graduate to Opportunity provides an incentive to employers to hire new graduates on a full time basis. Employers can receive 25% of salary costs back in the first year, and 12.5% in the second year. For more info visit www. novascotia.ca/econ/gto. There is improvement and increased supports for seniors: \$2 million to reduce orthopedic wait times for hip and knee replacements and other surgeries; \$3.8 million to increase homecare supports; \$1.5 million to the Senior Citizens Assistance Program to help seniors stay well and in their own homes longer,

and \$319 K in positive aging grants to help seniors stay independent and to be active. Find these supports in the 2015 Positive Aging Directory now available around the city and at the constituency office.

As always, my office door is open to listen to your concerns. You can contact me

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.

Elephant in the room

by Brendan Maguire. MLA for Halifax Atlantic

The month of April is commonly known in politics as budget month. This will be the second budget of my political career. Budgets always present challenges and it can be difficult, if not near impossible, to please everyone. There are difficult decisions that need to be made and I know that these decisions impact real people.

The elephant in the room is the Film Tax Credit. As I write this sitting in the legislature I know that both Screen Nova Scotia and the Finance Department were in long meetings trying to find common ground.

The Film Industry is one that I am very familiar with; my wife Rena has been in the industry for over a decade. It is an industry that brings all Nova Scotian's great pride and one that employs a lot of people. This budget was a clear indication from the Department of Finance that we as a province need to look at all government programs to see if they are serving their purpose and

My wife and I have been strong advocates for the film industry and will continue to support our local artists and film makers. I believe that a deal will be reached that will work for the tax payers of Nova Scotia and for the film industry. In the end we need a film industry that continues to be vibrant, creative and convince young people to stay in Nova Scotia.

This budget is about reforming our finances to make sure we can deliver the services, like Healthcare and Education, which Nova Scotians deserve. This budget is a continuing investment in Education to the tune of 24.5 million more dollars. Last year's budget saw us put a cap on primary to grade 2 class sizes, this year we will continue that cap but also place a classroom cap size on grades 3 and 4. Capped classroom sizes allows our very valuable teachers to have more one on one time with our children. We are also investing 2.6 million into early years programs including opening up 4 new Early Year Centers, these programs will help give our children the tools that they need to succeed.

After a couple of weeks of beautiful weather we are finally seeing the snow melt. I've taken my snow tires off the car and we are enjoying some time outdoors. With the snow gone, we are now into what I like to call pothole season. It is safe to assume that the graders and plows have created new

potholes and made small ones bigger. If you live on a provincial road, do not hesitate to report the pothole to me via email at brendan@brendanmaguire.ca or via phone at (902) 444 0147. I will forward all of your inquires to the Department of Transporta-

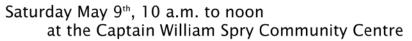
I wanted to take a moment to congratulate Harold (Haley) and Amanda Henneberry on their brand new baby girl, also Paul and Holly Hunt on their brand new baby girl. There is nothing better than family!

To Donny, Mandy, Kady and Brandon for so long your family has been a pillar of our community. You have been there and opened your house to so many. My heart goes out to all of you and know that we as a community will be there for you all.

Enjoy your spring, call or email me anytime! Brendan Maguire

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Job Postings

Summer Employment Job Posting

The Spryfield and District Business Commission promotes the business members within the Business Improvement District through advocacy, the delivery of programs and the development of events and activities that draw new consumers to the district.

Job Title: Program/Project Assistant

Job Description: Under the direction of the Executive Director, the successful applicant will perform a variety of tasks both administratively and physically. The candidate will update SDBC data bases, contact members, develop correspondence and perform a variety of computer based functions as required. The SDBC operates predominantly in a Microsoft Office Program environment and a thorough knowledge of these programs is required. The successful candidate will perform physical duties related to the SDBC's beautification program and the operation/maintenance of the Long Lake Provincial Park trails system. This will require the knowledge and operation of a variety of landscaping power and hand tools. The successful candidate will also assist with the development and implementation of the SDBC's annual activities and events.

Employment Dates: June 08, 2015 – August 28, 2015 (12 weeks)

Pay Rate: \$14.00 per hour

Hours: 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. (35 hours per week) hours may vary from time to time with the possibility of some weekend and night time hours if required.

Competition closes Friday, May 22, 2015, 12:01p.m. We thank you for your interest. Only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Contract Job Posting

The Spryfield and District Business Commission are seeking the services of a Social Media Marketing/Web Site Administrator on a contract basis.

The successful applicant will administer the SDBC Web Site and Social Media sites to promote SDBC Business Members. In addition, the successful candidate will perform a variety of administrative duties related to invoicing, marketing and communications. This will require a limited number of office hours, which are to be negotiated along with the remuneration package.

Anyone interested in the above positions should submit a resume and cover letter to Bruce Holland, Executive Director at sdbc@eastlink.ca, on or before May 22, 2015. Questions? Call 902-452-7472.



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

MAY COMMUNITY EVENTS

Captain William Spry Library Events: TEENS:

Zumba with Kat! Wednesday, May 13 / 6 pm for ages 8-12

DIY: Sushi with Tomoko Wednesday, May 20 / 6 pm for ages 8-12

Youth Art Week: May 1st-7th is Youth Art Week! We're celebrating at Teen Zone with special guest artist Sherry Lynn Jollymore. Become a fashion designer for the day and customize your very own T-Shirt with Fabric Paint (make sure to bring your own t-shirt!). Wednesday, May 6 / 6 pm for ages 8-12 Thursday, May 7 / 6-8 pm for ages 12+ Ablutions Party: Learn about different cosmetic and hygiene products for both boys and girls. Ask an expert any questions you may have and score some free samples too! Wednesday, May 27 / 6 pm for ages 8-12 Thursday, May 28 / 6-8 pm for ages 12+ ADULTS:

Law, War & History with William Fenrick (SCANS course) Wednesdays/ 10 am April 22 - June 3th

2015 Atlantic Book Festival: Readings with Nominees, From May 7-14, celebrate the best in writing and book illustration from around the region with presentations by nominees for this year's Atlantic Book Awards. For full shortlist, visit atlanticbookawards.ca Lindsay Ruck (Winds of Change) and John Paris Jr. (They Called Me Chocolate Rocket) Saturday May 9/2:30 p.m. Please note that for your convenience there is a community drop off for library items at the Greystone housing office. www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca (http://www. halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/) Follow us on Twitter http://twitter.com/hfxpublib Visit us on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/hfxpublib

Captain William Spry Community Centre (16 Sussex St.) 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:

- May 26th through June 16th: 6pm to 8pm. Living With Stress. 4 week program.
- May 27th through June 17th: 2pm to 4pm. Weight Management. 4 week program.
- June 2nd, 9th, 16th: 10am to noon. Making the Most of your Food Dollar. 3 week program.
- (located in the Spryfield Shopping Centre) 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. Marga-

ret'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 drop-in 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 May 11th and 25th from 12:30pm to 4pm. \$4 per person. Light lunch served. Door prizes, 50/50 draw. Music by Albert Martell. All seniors welcome

· May 29th. 9pm to 1am. Karaoke with Cheryl! \$5 per person. Doors open at 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.
- Jam sessions every Sunday evening at 7pm. Free admission, just bring your instrument.. Call John at 902-220-7720 for more information or check out the Facebook page hwccjamsessions.
- May 5: 7pm. Annual General Meeting. whereby there will be an election of board Chair and board Treasurer, as well as taking of new members for those interested in becoming part of their community, a brief report from the members of the board, and a light lunch to follow. All residents from Harrietsfield and Williamswood are invited to attend!
- May 14: 6:30 to 8:30. Preteen Dance. \$3 per person. Adult supervision, canteen services. Open to students up to grade 6.
- We are hiring! Permanent part time and summer employment opportunities. Contact Larry for more details. 902-477-8749, 902-403-1666, or 902-719-0618
- May 9: 1pm to 3pm. Women's Self Defense Seminar open to all women ages 12 and up. Pre-registration required. 902-293-7427, 902-405-1539, halifaxtaijitsu@gmail.com
- Wednesdays and Thursdays and Saturday morning: Tai Jitsu Classes. Contact Natasha at 902-293-7427, halifaxtaijitsu@gmail.com
- May 22. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Community Meeting on discussions over Water quality and the newly proposed Wind Turbines. There is an information booklet at the centre for those interested in viewing(but may not be removed from the centre) and a March and Rally is planned for May 30 starting at the centre For further information call Larry at 902-477-8749
- May 30th: 9am to 1pm. Spring Yard Sale. Table rental \$10. For further info or to rent a table call Rose at 902-475-1817 or 902-293-9190. Or Contact Larry at 902-477-8749, 902-403-1666, or 902-719-0618
- Now taking registration for Summer Day Camp, See Angel at the centre

Sambro Area Community Association:

 May 14th. 7pm. Meeting. We invite all interested persons to attend, find out more about us, and possibly become part of this great team. For more information, please call 902-475-1583 or email sambroareacommunityassociation@gmail.com.

 Salvation Army Used Clothing Drive. May 22nd to June 6th. For more information, please see the Sammy Says Column from April or check out SACA Spring Cleaning Used Clothing & Household Goods Drive event on Facebook

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:

- May 9th: 10am to Noon. Much-More-Than-Just-Plants Sale. Donations of perennials and bedding plants welcome ahead of time. Contact urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com All funds raised will be used for the Farm's programs.
- May 11th. 7pm. Meeting of the UFMSS will be held at the Centre. Everyone welcome please check our website www.urbanfarmsprvfield.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):

- May 8th. Gift Card Bingo. Doors open at 6:30pm and Games begin at 7pm.
- May 13th. 6:30pm. Penny Auction.
- Crib every Thursday at 1:30pm
- Darts every Thursday at 7pm.

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

- May 9th: 8pm to 12am. Dance. \$7 per person. Music by Bay City Band St. Augustine's Anglican Church (290 Purcells Cove Road) Events:
- May 1sth: Annual Art Show and Sale with wine and cheese. 8pm-9:30pm. \$12/person. Doors open at 7:30 for previewing.

St. James Anglican Church (2 Harrigan's Road) Events:

• June 20th. 3pm to 6pm. Annual Lobster Supper! Menu includes mussels appetizer, choice of lobster, scallops or ham, salads, dessert and a beverage. To order tickets or for more information please call 902-477-0398 or 902-477-1051

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

• May 29th. Gift Card Bingo Fundraiser! Doors open at 6:30pm. Games start at 7pm. Canteen available.

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

- May 8th. 7pm. Time, Talent and Treasures Auction. Preview time is 6:30pm. Auctioneer Jerry Lawrence.
- 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.
- May 30th. 4pm to 6pm. Roast Pork 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:

- 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.
- June 7th: 11am to 2pm. Sambro Elementary School Spring Fair (3725 Old Sambro Road). BBQ, Raffles, Bouncy Castle and more! Special guests from the Fire Department and the Coast Guard. Everyone Welcome!
- 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.
- Spryfield's Own Second Chances Band is hosting the following: second annual Halifax Community Band Festival held at St. Mary's University Campus. This wonderful weekend begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2015, and continues until 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 24, 2015 For more information about the Second Chances Band and to register for the festival, visit us at: www.secondchancesbandns.com. You can also find us on facebook at: www.facebook.com/secondchancesbandns and on Twitter at: @secondchancesNS

- P.T. & The Cruisers, Spryfield's favourite band will be playing at the LeBrun Centre in Bedford on May 2nd. 9pm to 12am. \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Call Pat at 902-223-9908 or Mike at 902-830-6685 for tickets.
- Yard Sale, Nursing History Nova Scotia. Saturday, May 9th. 9am to 12 noon. 2565 Roosevelt Drive. Rain or Shine.
- Chebucto Heights Elementary School (230 **Cowie Hill Road). Community Fair Saturday** May 30th from 10am to 2pm. Bouncy Castle, Cake Walk, BBQ, Silent Auction and more!
- Harrietsfield Elementary School (1150 Old Sambro Road). Saturday May 30th. Spring Fair from 11am to 2pm.
- Salvation Army Used Clothing Drive. May 22nd to June 6th. For more information, please see the Sammy Says Column from April or check out SACA Spring Cleaning Used Clothing & Household Goods Drive event on Facebook
- First Annual Shay & MacKay Memorial Fishing Derby. May 30th 8am to 3pm. For more details, see this month's Sammy Says
- McIntosh Run Watershed Association. May 19th 7pm Meeting at Harrietsfield Elementary School, 1150 Old Sambro Road. Future meetings held on the third Monday of the month at the Captain Spry Centre.

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

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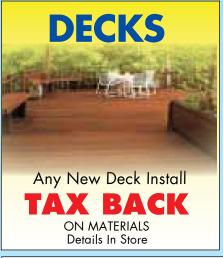


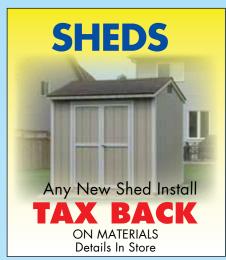


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