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75th Anniversary of sinking of Hebridean Pilot Boat

We are marking the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the pilot boat Hebridean off Halifax Harbour near midnight on March 28, 1940. This resulted in the death of nine men, most of them from Herring Cove and surrounding fishing communities.

On Saturday, March 28th, at 10:00 AM, a commemorative Mass will be held at St Paul's Church, in Herring Cove. Following the service, a wreath will be taken to Hebridean Park, and given to the crew of the current pilot boat, who will place the wreath over the spot where the Hebridean sank near Cheducto Head. A reception will be held in St Paul's Hall following the Mass. It is hoped that a number of the descendants of those lost will be able to attend the service.

An altar was constructed and dedicated

to those lost in the disaster. It presently sits in an alcove of St Paul's Church, along with a votive candle stand that was also dedicated to the men. A plaque listing their names is attached to the altar. The W.R. MacAskill photograph "Rainbow At Night, Sailor's Delight" pictures the Hebridean sailing out of Herring Cove in 1939.

On the 70th anniversary, a stone cairn and plaque were placed near the breakwater at the mouth of Herring Cove, creating Hebridean Park. The Halifax Pilot Authority website has further information on this. See article in this issue of Chebucto News "Discovering Our Past".

The event on March 28th is open to the public. For further information contact Michael Coughlan, mike.coughlan@ns.sympatico.ca

Councillor Adams purr-oves he's a man of his word

by Sarah Fraser

As many of you may know, our District 11 Councillor Steve Adams (Spryfield, Sambro Loop and Prospect Road) put forward a motion on February 3 to request city staff "assist in the formation of a Domestic Animal Advisory Committee with membership to include but not be limited to representation from local veterinarians, cat rescue groups, SPCA and a provincial representative from the Department of Natural Resources (Wildlife)."

I am pleased to report that the motion was passed unanimously! I caught up with Steve Adams to find out what inspired him to put the motion forward.

"There's two reasons," said Adams. "One is because it's the right thing to do. We started with money toward the (SPCA) Spay and Neuter Program and this (the advisory council) is a logical and reasonable second step; and the other is—many of the Council members, including myself, signed the Tuxedo Stan pledge and when you commit to something you should follow through with it and fulfill that commitment."

The pledge Adams is referring to was presented by The Tuxedo Party in October of 2012, shortly before the City of Halifax was to vote for their new Mayor. They presented a challenge to candidates and Councillors to sign Tuxedo Stan's Pledge of Compassion and Action. The Tuxedo Party is a political movement aimed to improve the welfare of felines in Halifax Regional Municipality (and around the world) "because neglect isn't working." The pledge states as follows:

If elected to Halifax Regional Municipality Council, I, _____, pledge to help the cats. I will support a comprehensive feline population control program to humanely control the feline population and prevent suffering.

Such a program would include, but is not limited to:



Earl Grey, proud supporter of feline health and safety, gives Councillor Adams 2 paws up!

- Formation of a Domestic Animal Advisory Committee
 - Implementation of an affordable and accessible spay/neuter program
- Signature _____
Date _____

Dr. Hugh Chisholm, member of the Tuxedo Party, retired Veterinarian and owner of the late Tuxedo Stan, was "cautiously optimistic" regarding the formation of the Domestic Animal Advisory Council. (See Adams on page 2)

Conditions at JL Ilsley

by Brendan Maguire

Over the past month, I have had numerous phone calls, emails, Facebook posts and personal conversations regarding the state of the roof at J.L. Ilsley High School. During the last week of February, classes were cancelled due to leaks in the roof. As your MLA, I find this

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JL Ilsley

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unacceptable.

Monday February 23rd, JL took damage from the rain and snow. I did what any responsible MLA would do. I went to the school to see the damage for myself and to work with staff and students to make sure our students were put first.

In May of 2014, I was able to secure \$1.2 million dollars for much-needed roof repairs. This was the first major expenditure for our High School since it was built in the early 70's. My expectation was that the roof would have been brought to a level which would have extended its life, and ensured a dry building for many years to come. As we are all well aware, this has not been the case. What should have been the first of many good news stories for J.L. Ilsley has turned sour for many.

I have been meeting with our government officials, along with School Board



Garbage pails sit under open ceiling tiles collecting the water that leaks through the roof of J.L. Ilsley High School

staff to determine why this job has not been done satisfactorily and why we are in the situation that now exists.

I have done my very best to represent the interests of our area, and will continue to advocate for more funding. I commit to you that I will examine the chain of events that led to this situation, and will work to have this resolved.

In the end I want to thank all of the students, staff, parents and Councillor Adams for continuing to work with me and keep me informed on the conditions at JL Ilsley. I want to assure everyone that JL is my highest priority.

Adams

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“We will need to wait and see who they appoint and what the mandate of the committee will be. Earl Grey will be watching with great interest,” said Chisholm.

Councillor Adams is hopeful of some significant changes and is pleased with the positive feedback he has received from other councillors and general public who aren’t even involved in cat rescue or cat needs, but still support the committee.

When asked how he felt the formation of a Domestic Animal Advisory Council would help Halifax, Adams had this to say.

“Hopefully they’ll see a decrease in not only the feral cat population but perhaps a decrease and better management of those cats that are hurt, sick, injured and all of the above. Maybe Halifax will be a more cat-friendly place where they get the same attention as dogs do when they’re in need, when they’re in distress and when they need some help.”

Councillor Adams has requested an update on the progress of the staff report and will share the news as it comes in. The staff will present options for the committee, contenders for the positions, and when it will be formed.

One thing is for sure—Councillor Steve Adams is a man of his word, and is honouring his pledge of compassion for cats. For more information about The Tuxedo Party and Tuxedo Stan, please visit ‘Tuxedo Party’ on Facebook or tuxedostan.com on the web.



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Seniors’ Beat: Country Music comes to Spryfield

by Beverley Clarkson

Once again, I’ve just missed getting to introduce you to someone special in our community. That flu that escaped the shot this winter has a lot to answer for, and to anyone who treats it lightly: please make sure you look after yourself. Coughs are especially dangerous this year.

Mr. Bill Euloth, seventy-eight, a country music impresario, has set us up with a wonderful concert in April. The Nova Scotia Country Music Hall of Fame is bringing a traditional country show to Saint Michael’s Church Hall, Spryfield, on 12 April 2015 from 2:00 to 4:30PM. Canteen, 50/50 draw and raffle all for \$7. Catch the ad in the Community Events section and save it.

Mr. Euloth has been around a long while; he managed bands in the 1950s. Anyone remember the handsome lads of the Rocking Rockets with their Elvis ducktails? The Midnight Riders? Rhythm Rockers? D.Country? He did a bit of back up singing too if needed. Good looking man. Put others first: it was always about the group and the audience.

His hope was to organize country shows in the different churches and give the seniors and others in our community time to get together and enjoy an afternoon of music and entertainment. There have long been complaints that Spryfield, once the centre of so much social activity, has been suffering a long blight, and he was a man of action. He already brought two big shows here in the fall.

He worked regular jobs and raised a family of five but kept his hand in with the music business and was always a community centered person. Volunteer Firefighter: these guys and girls always make me want to cry for their commitment to helping others in danger and the awful things they have to deal with. Bless you.

He’s well known around the community, a lover of dogs and entertaining kids, coffee chats and dancing. He has always given back tenfold. He had plans to orga-

nize seniors’ parties, and Clara made up cards to hand out.

In 2014 he became the Associate Director of Halifax - Lunenburg County district for Nova Scotia Country Music Hall Of Fame. Their main role is to honour Nova Scotians for their contribution to old time classic country and bluegrass music (including fiddling) in their communities and the Province. He was in his element, acting for his community.

Plowing and salting schedules

Wondering when your road will get plowed? Here is what the DoT has to say on that matter:

The top priority for snow removal is always the 100 series highways and other high traffic roads. Their mandate is to have these plowed within 8 hours after the snow has stopped.

Medium traffic roads and secondary routes are required to be cleared within 12 hours after the end of the snowy weather.

Local paved roads and most subdivision/residential roads are to be cleared within 24 hours, as are gravel roads.

The DoT has the following plan in place for salting and sanding: With regards to the 100 series highways, salt is applied before, during and after a storm, as necessary, to maintain bare pavement.

Secondary routes and medium traffic roads are salted to create a bare center line, and salt is applied as necessary at the beginning of the storm and after the end of the storm.

Local paved roads, most subdivisions and residential streets are salted to achieve a bare center line after the storm has passed.

Gravel roads only receive sanding as needed.

I was supposed to meet him to discuss the concert and make sure you folks knew about it. He was very proud of getting some entertainment going in Spryfield and looking forward to doing more. For example, he was determined to find a venue for seniors to shoot the breeze over coffee. The spot in the South Centre Mall got lost along the way and many people miss it.

And then I got a call from his friend and collaborator, Clara Purcell, that that awful bug unexpectedly took Bill in January. She said they all agreed that he’d insist this concert go on and she’s helping make sure it happens.

I love a lot of different kinds of music but the old Hank Snow and Wilf Carter classics that played on the ‘50s radio have my heart. Of course, I’d be open to some bluegrass tunes from any good picker. I haven’t yet been to St. Michael’s but have it on good authority that the venue is lovely.

In his memory, in support of our community, and for some really good music, let’s go. See you there?

And PS: that need to find a daily meeting place for seniors still goes begging. Anyone want to take on that challenge?



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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Wartime tragedy devastates families of Herring Cove and surrounding area

by Iris V. Shea

On Saturday, March 28, 2015, a special Mass will be held at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in Herring Cove at 10 am. The date marks the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the pilot boat, Hebridean in 1940. A reception will follow at the church hall. (See notice on page 1 of Chebucto News for more details). In October 2010 Hebridean Park was established when the Atlantic Pilotage Authority initiated the installation of a commemorative plaque in Herring Cove to honour the nine harbour pilots, all local men, who went down with their ship. The plaque may be viewed in a park-like setting near the breakwater at the head of Herring Cove.

Guiding ships in and out of Halifax Harbour was a vital national service of the Halifax Pilotage Authority, especially during World War II when troop and convoy ships gathered in Bedford Basin before heading across the Atlantic. Since 1829, licensed pilots, many of them fishermen from the communities along our coast, have been piloting vessels in and out of Halifax Harbour.

On the evening of March 28, 1940, the Halifax pilot boat, Hebridean, left Herring Cove to guide the freighter, S.S. Esmond, into the harbour. The pilots and crew who were aboard Hebridean were familiar with the deep waters near the mouth of the harbour. The water was calm and the sky was clear when Hebridean, with 15 men on board, reached the British freighter from Newfoundland on its approach to the mouth of Halifax Harbour. The job of the men on the pilot boat was to place Pilot Tupper Hayes on board the freighter and guide it into the harbour. Edward Renner



Pilot boat Hebridean off Herring Cove, about 1939. W.R. MacAskill, photographer, courtesy NS Archives

and Captain N. Lamont Power were scheduled to be on board but were called a few hours earlier to guide other vessels.

It was almost midnight when Pilot Hayes, with two boatmen, Edward MacLauchlin and Walter Power, launched a tender and headed toward S.S. Esmond. As the pilot was about to board the vessel, Hebridean crossed in front of the freighter. A crash occurred and the pilot boat was cut in two. Almost immediately, the severed pilot boat sank. The crew aboard the freighter rescued Hayes, MacLauchlin and Power while Roy Sullivan and Claude Martin of Halifax, and Carl Himmelman of LaHave, managed to jump over the side of the sinking vessel. Sullivan and Himmelman were rescued from the icy waters, but Martin, wearing a heavy cast

on his arm, went down before the crew of S.S. Esmond could reach him. Eight of Martin's co-workers were still on board the sinking pilot boat. The Duncan's Cove life boat crew, under the direction of Captain John Holland, a 42 year veteran of the life boat station, searched with the aid of lights hoping to spot the missing men. Assisting Captain Holland were his son, Harold, cousin Horatio Holland, Joseph Martin, Frank Welsh and Gaspard Johnson.

The pilot boat, Hebridean, and the bodies of the nine missing men were never found. The inquiry into the collision was not made public at that time for fear of revealing the wartime movement of other ships in Halifax Harbour. The catastrophe, considered the worst ever to hit Herring

Cove, was the greatest tragedy in the history of the Halifax Pilotage Authority. For residents of Halifax, Herring Cove and surrounding communities, the effect was devastating. A total of thirty-five children were left fatherless.

The missing men, the majority with family members in Herring Cove, were: Claude Martin, Halifax, married six months, the son of retired Halifax pilot, Charles Martin, and brother to Reverend Basil Martin; Roy Purcell, age about 35 years, of Portuguese Cove, who learned that same evening that his wife gave birth the previous day to their first child, a daughter he never got to see; Mathew Power, son of Frederick Power, unmarried, a well-known runner in his younger days and a regular participant in the Halifax Herald Marathon; Lawrence Thomas, age 55, a resident of Herring Cove until the previous winter, survived by a widow and three children, Lionel Pelham, survived by his mother, Mrs. Ross Pelham, and his widow and four young children; Lorne Dempsey, a pilot for almost twenty years, survived by his father, James, his widow and eight children, the youngest two years old; James Dempsey, a pilot for twenty-five years, left a widow and nine children, the youngest three years old; Carleton Dempsey, aged about 40 years, a pilot for twelve years, a brother to the above James, survived by a widow and seven children; and James Renner, one of the best known and longest serving pilots, left a widow and three children.

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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

Tracey Galusha is the founder, organizer, leader and head trapper of Mischief’s Memory Cat Rescue. This is one of many privately run cat rescue organizations in Nova Scotia. What do I mean by privately run? I mean, they receive zero dollars from our government, Municipal, Provincial or Federal, to assist with their rescue efforts.

I have had the chance to work with Tracey and see her in action. You will be hard pressed to find a more dedicated, conscientious and determined rescuer in the Maritimes. This person has suffered Emergency Room injuries, frostbite, economic difficulties and heart break.... all for the love of cats. I had the chance to catch up with her in between her busy schedule of rescue work, and here is what she had to say.

Why do you volunteer your time to run and operate a Cat rescue?

I volunteer my time to run a cat rescue because they need someone to help them. The cats are out in all kinds of weather just trying to survive. Some of them used to be

someone’s pet; either escaped and not found by their owners, or tossed to the curb like trash. Many of the cats are sick, diseased, starving, injured and dying. I have always had a passion for animals since I was a little girl and now I am at a point in my life where I am able to make a difference in the lives of a few of these cats. Some of the kitties I rescue are too sick to save, but at least I can end their suffering in a humane way. The lucky ones are rescued, treated for their health issues and adopted into forever homes.

What is the greatest issue causing Halifax’s stray and feral cat problem, in your opinion?

There isn’t just one thing contributing to the feral cat problem in Halifax, it is a combination of several things. Feral cats didn’t get there by themselves; they didn’t ask to live a harsh life on the streets. True ferals are the product of a cat that was most likely tossed outside by an uncaring human and gave birth on the streets. Their offspring are true ferals and have had no human contact. There are too many irresponsible pet owners letting their unaltered cats roam free to impregnate other cats living

on the street. They City of Halifax currently has NO programs (TNR or otherwise) designed to help combat the stray and feral cat explosion. Even with mounting pressure from Cat Rescue Groups, Council has yet to honor their promise in the last election. TNR means (Trap, neuter, return), a cat is trapped, spayed/neutered and returned to its colony. Since these cats are now altered, they cannot reproduce, thus lowering the number of feral kittens born. Pet owners NEED to have their cats spayed and neutered. If you cannot afford to have your cat altered, then you shouldn’t get a cat. Even if a cat’s owner keeps it inside, if their cat is reproducing and they are giving the kittens away, their actions are potentially taking away a home that could be used to save an adoptable cat from a rescue by giving that cat a new home. Cat Rescues are doing their best, at our own cost, to help combat the stray and feral cat problem here in Halifax and there are many success stories of colonies that have been TNR’d and have had no new kittens born, but with the magnitude of the problem, help is needed.

If you could say one thing to people about stray and feral cats what would it be?

Not everyone can tell the difference between a feral cat and a stray cat. In fact, some strays become feral after they have been outside for a while because while desperately searching for food, they will dig in peoples’ garbage and most times are yelled at, hit, kicked or have things thrown at them to get them to go away. I ask one thing of all people, “HAVE A HEART” If you see a cat on the street, don’t walk by them when you see them. Don’t pretend they aren’t there. Don’t treat them like they are invisible. They have feelings and they feel pain...DO SOMETHING! Whether it be calling a local Cat Rescue, Animal Control, the SPCA or Bide Awhile, just do SOMETHING. If you can get the kitty to come to you, please take him/her inside and search for the owner. By doing this one small thing, you could save the life of that one cat.

What can I do to help?
Not everyone can run a cat rescue, buy everybody can do something. If you can’t rescue, adopt; if you can’t adopt, foster; if you can’t foster donate; if you can’t donate, volunteer.

What if I lose my cat?
If you have a missing cat, there is a group on Facebook called “Lost and Found Cats in HRM and Nova Scotia”. We are almost 6000 members strong and have helped hundreds of cats get back home to their families. When people lose their cat, we provide them with tips that have been proven to be successful in getting the kitties home. (Please check out Lost and Found Cats in HRM and Nova Scotia for more information)

How long have you done this?
Even though Mischief’s Memory Cat Rescue only came about in 2010, I had been rescuing cats for many years prior but on a much smaller scale. I was just one person trying to make a difference. Now that my rescue is public, I have many loyal supporters that donate to my rescue and enable me to continue to help the cats. Be it donating food, litter, carriers, kennels, cleaning supplies or money for vet bills, every little bit helps. Running a rescue is no easy task. I do this on my own. It is very challenging and is a 24/7 job that entails paperwork, vet visits, trapping, socializing, grooming the kitties and spending time with them, cleaning litters, food and water bowls, kennels, loads of cat laundry, socializing semi feral cats, caring for the sick cats with special needs, making crafts to sell for vet bills, putting online auctions on Facebook to fundraise, and the list is endless. I would ask that people please be aware of how hard cat rescuers work and that we are non profit and do not take a paycheck, so, if they can, donate. Whether it is food, supplies or money

for vet bills, please donate if you can.
How many cats have you saved?
Over the years, there have been many cats that have come through my rescue. Over 200 cats have come through the doors of my home, some have succumbed to their injuries, but most survived and are happily living the good life where they belong... indoors.
Please Note: Mischief’s Memory is currently closed to intake, but if you would like to get in contact with them or make a donation, please visit Mischief’s Memory Cat Rescue on Facebook.
***Authors note:** At the time of the interview with Tracey, the Domestic Animal Advisory Committee had not been formed. Hopefully, this committee will prove to be a step in the right direction for cat rescue.

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Change presents challenges at St. Paul’s United Church

by Carolyn Mont
When the minister at St. Paul’s United Church in Spryfield retired, we could not advertise the position as open. There are very specific steps that must be followed by churches of the United Church of Canada when a pastoral charge becomes vacant.
At first glance, this seems tedious but is actually an opportunity for the church to examine its wants and needs. A committee is struck to examine the church’s strengths and weaknesses before proceeding with a search for a new minister. When that committee completes its work, the report goes to the congregation for approval. A new committee then takes up the challenges of advertising, interviewing and hiring a new full time minister. We are in the midst of that procedure now at St. Paul’s United Church.

That does not mean, however, that things stop during this period. Instead, a Supply Minister is hired to preach and offer pastoral guidance until a new minister is found. We are happy to announce that Reverend Catherine MacDonald has accepted that position and will be with us for the duration.
This is a busy church and all the programs continue as before. These include the United Church Women, Bible Study, Sunday School, Worship Band, Bell Choir, Senior Choir, Prayer Circle, monthly suppers on the last Saturday of the month, Pastoral Care and the monthly refundable bottle recycling program on the third Saturday of the month.
The programs of the Family Resources Institute (FRI) change as needs in the community change. Our Food Bank,

of course, continues with phone in on Tuesdays and food pick up on Wednesday mornings. We have a new program at FRI this winter, Soup’s On. On Tuesdays, at 12:00, members of the community are invited to join us for a free lunch of soup, sandwich, dessert and coffee. This is an opportunity to get out, meet your neighbours and have a pleasant meal.
This is a lot for a new minister to learn about in the middle of the year. Rev. Catherine has been busy learning names, meeting all the different groups and becoming familiar with their work.
For the past few years, we have had a Lenten Study Group and that will continue as well. Rev. Catherine is leading a study session called Practices of Release-



Supply Minister Catherine MacDonald
ing and is open to all who are interested. People are invited to come to the six evenings, beginning on Wed. February 25 at 6:30. There is no obligation to attend all sessions and those interested are encouraged to come to any or all of the sessions.

Rev. Catherine has also been planning the services for the Easter Season. The first of these is the Maundy Thursday Service, held on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00pm and the Good Friday Service is on Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm.
For a number of years, we have had a Sunrise Service at the bandstand at the Dingle and this will continue. Easter this year is Sunday, April 5. The Sunrise Service is at 6:30 am at the bandstand at the Dingle and will be followed by a light breakfast at St. Paul’s United Church on Old Sambro Rd., Spryfield. The Communion Service will be at 11:00am. Please do not feel that you have to regularly attend St. Paul’s in order to come to any or all of our Easter Services.

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Harold Henneberry
(September 28, 1914 - January 31, 2015)
Harold Edgar Henneberry, 100, of Sambro, Nova Scotia, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on January 31, 2015. Born in Sambro, he was the eldest of 12 children born to Augustus and Helene (nee Twohig) Henneberry.

A self-educated man, Harold was a fisherman and started fishing at an early age with his father and siblings by his side. He was well-known for his skill of harpooning swordfish and as a navigator. Captain of the Angela B. Mills, he and six crewmen were lost at sea off of the Grandbanks of NL in 1956 and survived seven days in the North Atlantic after rowing 300 miles in dories before being rescued. Harold's story was the inspiration for the movie 'The Disappeared', which premiered at the Atlantic Film Festival in 2012.

Harold loved music and taught himself to play the fiddle (many of which he made himself), the mandolin, banjo, piano and harmonica. Not one to be defined by age, Harold took up artistic painting and wood carving in his 80's. Drafted for WWII, he went through basic training but the war ended before we he was sent overseas. Harold was a beloved member of his large family and was a respected and admired patriarch for his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. A great storyteller always ready to entertain, he was also a pillar of his community in Sambro and loved by many.

Predeceased by Geraldine (nee MacFarland) the love of his life and wife of 56 years, Harold was also predeceased by children Sandy, Judy and Wade and siblings Charles, Cyril, Gus, Louis, Alan, Norman, Nora, Netty and Vera.

He is survived by children Patsy (Danny) Darrell (Judy), Carter (Eleanor), Angela and siblings Danny, Thelma (Bunny), grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the home care workers from Northwood for their kindness, caring, and generous support they showed Harold over last several years. Memorial donations may be made to the ALS Society and the MS Society in lieu of flowers.

Nigel Patrick Service
(d. 27 January 2015 age 70 years). Passed away unexpectedly, with his family present, at his home in Williamswood, NS. Born to Dr. Gwendolyn F. Service (Barber) and Sgt. Patrick Service in Reigate, Surrey, UK on 18 April 1944, came to Canada in 1946 aboard RMS Queen Mary with his mother, a war bride. They proceeded to Amherst, NS, for a time and resided with his father's

family. They soon returned to Halifax where he grew up on Young St., attending Westmount School, Cornwallis Junior High and Queen Elizabeth High school (1962). Nigel attended Dalhousie University ('62-'64) then NSIT for Electrical Technology (1968). Worked at Nova Scotia Power from 1964-66. Joined CBC 1968 where we continued with his career as a Television Technician until his retirement in 1997. On July 6th, 1968, he married his lifelong best friend Barbara Catherine Trivett at St. Paul's Church, Halifax. They had two sons, Peter and Paul. Nigel and Barb were very active and engaged parents. Nigel was active in Scouting as a Beaver, Cub and Scout Leader, ADC Harbour West and Rover Advisor. He designed the district crest for Harbour West. When the boys moved to Scouts he was always there to drive to events and support the program. Nigel had a keen interest in helping the boys with their successes in Scouting which had a profound impact on their development into successful and professional adults. Upon retirement, Nigel was a key figure in supporting Paul's business ventures. This allowed him to enjoy his love of travel as he and Barb would often be delivering vehicles as far west as Ontario and up to Northern Quebec. It was these trips and Nigel and Barb often reminisced about; the people they met, the sights they saw and the experiences they had. In 2001 their first grandchild, Anwen, was born. In 2004 their second grandchild, Callum, was born. There after he was known as Grampy and cherished by both. Nigel's affection for his pets over his life was keen as well, most notably was his German shepherd – Tank. He shared his life with Eikoe as of late. Nigel's love of travel was fulfilled with their travel trailers, most notably his involvement with the Airstream Club (WBCCI). Nigel and Barbara were instrumental in many events for the Club's members. Nigel's love of people was also evident in his "retirement" jobs driving buses around the region. He enjoyed driving for the school groups, spending long days on the road to ensure his precious cargo always made it home safely. Before that he drove the bus for his mother's retirement home, taking great pride in helping the residents with their groceries, errands, etc. Nigel had an intense interest in genealogy, quickly adding branches when the boys married and the grandchildren arrived. Other interests also included all things aviation. He was always interested in Peter's career at Air Canada. He also enjoyed his hobby of Amateur Radio (VE1NPS) which Peter and he enjoyed together. Nigel is survived by his wife of nearly 46 years, Barbara (Trivett), sons Peter (Cara Maloney), Paul (Karen Lowrey), grandchildren Anwen and

Callum, brother-in-law Dr. Gordon Trivett (Anne Bagnell), sister-in-law Marjorie Belovich (Trivett). Predeceased by his parents, mother and father-in-law Lionel and Geraldine (Corey) Trivett, brother-in-law Reverend Canon Donald Trivett. Donations may be made to Salvation Army, Scouts Canada or your choice.

Teri Lynn Adams
Age 55, of Portuguese Cove, Nova Scotia. She was my light. She was my wife. She was my life. My loving partner and best friend, Teri Lynn Adams, was taken from us too early by an aggressive cancer. She died at home surrounded by family in the place she loved and was always at peace. Teri is survived by husband, Tony Blom, Portuguese Cove; her loving mother, Dolores Doiron, Dartmouth; and adoring younger brother, Darren Adams, Dartmouth. She was predeceased by her brother, John; stepfather, Reginald Doiron and her father, Warren Adams. Her family and friends will miss her generous and caring take charge spirit. She was a founder and owner of Compass Communications in Halifax. She will be missed by the dedicated team of colleagues and clients across the country and Atlantic Canada. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club where Teri was a program leader helping young people.

Judith Patricia Benson (Olie)
66, Cole Harbour, formerly of Spryfield, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the Dartmouth General Hospital, surrounded by family and friends. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late William James and Elizabeth Pearl Olie. Judith worked at the Victoria General Hospital for many years. In her spare time she enjoyed camping, knitting and crocheting; but most of all she loved spending time with her grandkids and watching them grow. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Len; children, Peter (Mary Ellen) and Dawn (Simon); grandchildren, Josh, Carly, Chantel, Marcel; step grand-daughter, Loghan; brother, Douglas Olie; several nieces and nephews. Over the years Judith was a foster mom to 26 children. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association or Mainland Division Navy League/Cole Harbour Branch Navy League, P.O. Box 268 Shearwater, NS. B0J 3A0, receipts will be issued.

William C. Cann
William Cann passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2015, at the age of 89. He was a son of the late William and Kate (MacDougall) Cann of Sydney, NS. William was a businessman, working with his brother, John, in the Purcells Cove General Store for many years and later at a furniture and appliance store in Rockingham. In partial

retirement, he helped manage Burchill Estates in Eastern Passage. He was a long time member of Harbour West District Council for the Boy Scouts of Canada. He was a keen golfer and a member of the Oakfield Country Club for a number of years. We remember a dignified man who was caring and generous and always ready to help someone in need. He loved watching sports and going on car trips. He loved baking and sharing meals with family and friends. He will be greatly missed. William is survived by sons, Dennis (Karen) and Steven (Sheri), Halifax; grandsons, Shaun and Colin, Halifax; granddaughters, Angelique and Courtney, Halifax; great granddaughters, Mallory and Madison, Halifax; brother, Gordon, Sydney; sister, Marion Latham, Sydney. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved wife, Vera (White) of Purcells Cove and daughter in-law, Margaret (Isnor) Cann of Halifax; brothers, John Cann of Halifax and Seward Cann of Sydney. The family would like to thank the staff at the Halifax Infirmary for their excellent care, and to Howard Jack, church elder, for his friendship and many home visits. Donations in William's memory may be made to the Breast Cancer Foundation or a charity of one's choice.

Joseph Samuel LaPierre
Age 93, of Halifax, passed away February 16, 2015 with his loving wife of 68 years, Helen, by his side. He was the son of the late Samuel and Mary Lapierre. Joe is survived by his four children Judy, Keith (Brenda), Peter (Pat) and Nancy (Ian); eight beautiful grandchildren Adam (Ira), Heather (Cory), Judith, Kristian, Jan, Alex, Michael (Emily) and Jennifer (Byron) as well as six and a half precious great grandchildren. Joe loved gardening, especially growing dahlias which can be seen at the Halifax Public Gardens in late August. Most of all Joe loved his family.

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JL brings home boys' banner first time in 40 years!

by Assistant Coach John MacDonald
Capital Region Division 2 High School Basketball Championship was decided on Friday night. JL Ilesley will represent the Capital Region at the Provincial Championship to be held at Breton Education Centre in New Waterford, Cape Breton, March 5-7. JL Ilesley defeated Millwood 59-38 (taking the best 2/3 series 2-0) to capture the Capital Region Division 2 Title. This is the first boys basketball banner for the school in 40 years. Scorers for the game were the following JL Ilesley - 59 - Liam Thompson 14, Kendrick Talbot 12, Will Campbell 10, Ben

LeBlanc 6, Jay Stok 4, Kirkland Conrad 4, Jake Cooke 4, Dawntez Simmons 3, David Fraser 2
Millwood - 38 - Djuan White 9, Gabe Nasarallah 8, Matt Hardie 5, Isiah States 5, Donovan White 4, Matt Goodick 3, Matt Smith 2, Riley Ford 1, Keegan Woodworth 1.
Coach Rob Douglas was delighted with the win. "This group of young men showed the commitment and spirit needed to win the title. Every player contributed and played their role very well. We look forward to representing JL and our region at the Provincials in early March," says Douglas.



Paquin does it again!

Spryfield's Bianca Paquin brings home gold once again. Seventeen year old Bianca Paquin travelled to Quebec City in January to participate in the Canadian National Boxing Championships. There were 3 girls in 51kg female youth weight class. Bianca was to fight on Friday, January 23rd for the gold medal. She fought, and won a unanimous decision against Chelsea Charles of Ontario. She also won Best Female Boxer. She is now a 3 time national champion, as well as 3 time best female boxer in Canada. In February, Bianca got the call from Boxing Canada to tell her that she had been chosen to represent Canada on the world stage this year. She will travel with Team Canada to various international competitions around the world. This is a great opportunity for Bianca, as this is her last year as a youth boxer, and the more international experience she gains now, the easier the transition into becoming a senior boxer next year. Good luck to Bianca in the coming year!

Hey Coach

by Benny DeVine
Chad Robertson is an Assistant Coach for the Chebucto Atlantics Pee wee A and the Novice Advancing Hockey Teams.
I caught up with Chad before a practice for a question and answer interview.
How many years have you been coaching hockey?
I have coached for 6 years.
Did you play hockey as a kid?
Yes. I played minor hockey in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. The last place I played was the University of Western Ontario.



Who is your favorite NHL Team?
The Chicago Blackhawks.
What are your goals as a coach this year?
First and foremost I would like to see the kids on both teams that I coach enjoy playing hockey. I also hope they learn the value of hard work, teamwork, sportsmanship, and an active lifestyle. These are the traits that can help them in life beyond hockey.
What is the most important thing your players can do to improve as the season goes on?

Alex Rodenhiser kicks his way to the World Championships in Italy

by Benny DeVine
Alex Rodenhiser is 15 years old and he goes to J.L. Ilesley High School. Alex enjoys team sports such as Volley Ball, Basketball, Badminton, Golf and Track and Field. He also enjoys the outdoors and goes hunting and fishing with his father and younger brother Lucas.

He has been a Taekwondo-do student for 7 years and he is a second degree black belt. Alex has already earned a Gold Medal at the 2014 National Championships for 17 and under and last October he just missed a medal finishing as he tied for 5th at the World Championships in Benidorm, Spain.
In May Alex will travel to Jesolo, Italy to compete in the 2015 ITF World Championships. Alex says "Taekwon-do has always been a big part of my life; ever since I started I thought it would be cool to be a black belt. Going to the World Championships in Benidorm, Spain was something I will always remember. Just the environment was spectacular; it's difficult to

The most important thing players can do to improve is to come to every practice and every game prepared to work hard. This requires a passion for the game and a sense of pride in one's accomplishments.
What is a tip for young hockey players?
I tell them to enjoy the game and keep in mind that what you get out of hockey greatly depends on what you put into it.
What is your favorite food, Coach?



explain the atmosphere being at the event. Training for the world championships is a lot like last time; I have to be mentally and physically ready for the competition and whatever happens. To compete at this level is an amazing accomplishment, to win would be unreal".
There is no provincial or federal funding for an athlete like Alex who is looking to become a world champion. Alex is looking for donations that will be used to cover travel and accommodations from May 22 to the June 2 during his stay in Italy.
If you want to find more information on Alex's quest to become World Champion and to make a donation visit www.kick-ingourway.ca.

Burritos.
How are things different today than when you played as a kid?
When I played hockey in junior and university a lot of interference by defenders and back checkers was permitted, this is no longer the case. In addition, puck handling skills have improved over the past 20 years. Quote "The harder you work, the more fun you will have".

Carrolls, Pyke & HP Atlantic continue to excel

In January, the HP Atlantic Team travelled to Florida for the US International Open. Attended by some 40 countries, our local team made us proud.
Hunter Carroll returned to Nova Scotia with a US Open Championship Title in Jr. Male Light-Middle. With a record of 5-0 for the event, Hunter finished the Semi-Finals with a 13-0 tally stopping the match early, and then went on to the Finals with a 7-0 victory. Outscoring his opponents from Norway, French Polynesia, US, and Canada 41-7 on the day, Hunter put in a solid performance that represented Nova Scotia well.
The only other medal for Nova Scotia Athletes was a Bronze earned by Carrington Carroll. Carrington lost her Semi-Final match in the last 10 seconds falling 2-1 to the eventual winner. A solid performance for the first time Cadet in the America's largest Open event.
In February, the HP Team was on the road again heading to Toronto for the Canadian International Open. The Team had 6 fighters competing at this event: Charlie Haynes, Carrington Carroll, Kennedy Huestis, Matt West, Hunter Carroll, and Jackson Carroll.
Hard fought matches by both Charlie and Carrington unfortunately saw them come up shy at the end. Matt West fell short on his second match of the day to a fellow Cana-

dian, and Jackson Carroll after defeating his first opponent from the US, lost his second match to the 3rd ranked fighter in the World from Mexico in an exciting bout.
Next up was Kennedy Huestis who lost in the Semi-Finals earning a Bronze medal for the Nova Scotia fighter. The final fighter in the ring was the returning champion for this event, Hunter Carroll. He backed up his Commonwealth and US Open Titles with Gold in his Jr Division.
Having the option to fight two days later in the Senior Division, the decision was easy for the young fighter. After defeating a Quebec fighter in his first match 12-0, the day started well. His next opponents from Argentina, Ontario, and Chile all fell short to the 16 year old. The last match of the day, the Finals, saw Hunter up against the 5th Ranked fighter in the World from Mexico. It was a close match, tied with 45 seconds to go in the final round, when the Mexican fighter scored two points to end the fight 4-2 in his favor. A Silver medal and an incredible day for the fighter from Nova Scotia.
Coaching all athletes was HP Atlantic and National Coach, Ms. Kathy Pyke. Ms. Pyke continues to perform for her athletes providing both exceptional High Performance Training and the ability to guide her athletes through difficult National and International events.

The state of snow removal

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

Our winter weather started off very well, with no snow or ice storms in November and December, but the recent storms have made up for it! The traditional snow storm seems to have disappeared. These storms have had varying weather: rain, snow, freezing rain and flash freezing, then very cold temperatures for days. In temperatures under -15C salt does not work on our asphalt streets and as concrete sidewalks do not retain the heat like asphalt (much like a white car in summer versus a black car) salt doesn't work on sidewalks when the temperatures dip below -9. Despite crews being out prior, during and after each storm and utilizing all available equipment, they have not been able to keep the streets and sidewalks in appropriate conditions. Some of our storms have started with heavy rains and crews could not apply salt or sand as it would just wash away and cause issues with our storm water systems but have no effect on our roads.

The complaints of the state of snow removal have been not only on sidewalks, but active transportation corridors (such as the Chain of Lakes Trail), bus stops, intersections and streets. At times this winter, the majority of our priority two streets were not up to our standards. During major storms the focus was on priority one streets and by the time operators got to the priority two streets, they faced icing conditions. Personally I have never before seen our streets in these poor conditions. Despite diligent efforts, even residents cannot keep their driveways clear of ice. I feel the weather over the past two winters may not be unusual but a reflection of what to expect in the future as a result of climate change.

In order to address these challenging winter conditions, I have a motion before Council to request a staff report evaluating the best practises for management of our streets and sidewalks during icing conditions when salt does not work and to assess options for on street parking such as longer enforcement of the winter parking ban and/or alternate side of the street parking during the winter.

Although our processes have improved and we apply brine as a precaution, this preventative measure does not work in very cold temperatures. Other cities augment traditional rock salt application with by-products such as calcium chloride, calcium magnesium acetate, and organic compounds such as beet juice, cheese brine, pickle brine, and sugar cane

molasses. These products also serve as a gooey substance to which salt sticks and minimizes the likelihood of runoff to watercourses. In addition, the report would include considerations of combining other abrasives with sand.

There has been some criticism of the municipality's taking over the responsibility of snow removal from all sidewalks. Previously 12 out of 16 districts had full sidewalk snow clearing conducted by the municipality and the other four districts had main, collector roads, bus routes, intersections and bus stops cleared for the municipality. Most residents did a great job clearing their own sidewalk,

Changes to Transit routes

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Snow Removal Services

The past weeks have been extremely challenging for residents, HRM, the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and Contractors with regard to snow and ice control. I have driven throughout our district on countless occasions (a few times accompanied by our MLA Brendan Maguire). I have seen first-hand the challenges we have all faced regarding ice-covered roads, unplowed streets, icy sidewalks, flooding and high snow-banks.

I can assure you that HRM crews and our Contractors are working to push back existing snow and clear our streets and sidewalks. As you can appreciate, the past storms have been a unique combination of snow, freezing rain, ice pellets and flash freezing. Snowbanks are as hard as rock, and difficult to manage. The existing ice on streets (giving a tooth-rattling effect when you drive over it) is slowly dissipating with a combination of salt, scrapping and rare glimpses of sun.

I have had calls from residents outlining specific concerns regarding some of our area streets: a section of Herring Cove Road, Lancaster Drive, Fergusons Cove Road, Spry Avenue, Catamaran Road, Roy Street, Powers Drive, Dempsey Lane, Winston Drive and Essex Drive, among others (as this is far from a complete list of streets) have been noted and sent to our staff for their action. During significant snowfalls, major thoroughfares get the majority of attention while secondary streets will get plowed later during a storm.

but it was a challenge for others to clear and some did not clear them at all. When bylaw received a complaint about an uncleared section they had to wait until it had been 12 hours after the snow stopped, then visit the property and post a notice to clear the snow within 24 hours. They would go back to confirm compliance and if it was not cleared they had the snow cleared and put a lien on the property. This process was cumbersome and took about 48 hours. During this time residents would not be able to safely use the sidewalk. Despite a mild winter, when HRM did not clear the secondary sidewalks, the last year we had 1,558 orders to property owners to remove the snow. Pedestrians need to be a priority as well as cars. Many residents rely on walking and transit as their primary way to get around our city.

Without a clear path through snow and ice, it is especially difficult for people with disabilities, seniors, children and persons pushing strollers to get around. Having all sidewalks cleared by HRM rather than a portion of sidewalks provides a predictable and uniform service for everyone. This also supports active transportation by allowing residents to walk to and from work, school or go about their daily activities. When this matter came to Council previously The Committee for Inclusive Transportation submitted a letter and they stated "When the snow comes, we become prisoners in our own homes for days or weeks on end. Our independence is stripped away when we continually face the barrier of uncleared snow on many sections of our sidewalks and at intersections..."

groups, to express interest in obtaining this hall. I have identified some funding to upgrade the hall. I will keep you updated as we progress.

Curbside Collection - By-Law S-608 - Respecting Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal

Also on February 3, 2015, Council agreed to make some changes to our solid waste collection. These changes will not be implemented until August. Starting August 1, 2015 new program requirements will be enforced at the curb. I encourage you to visit the municipal website at: <http://www.halifax.ca/recycle/contact.php> for additional information.

Halifax Transit

Halifax Transit has launched an initiative to make changes to existing routes throughout Halifax and our area. The proposed changes include the discontinuation of Route 402 – Sambro Loop bus and changes to Route 15 – Purcells Cove. These proposed changes are based on ridership, or lack thereof, and logistics with other routes.

Transit wants your input regarding these and other changes that are being proposed. Please visit our website at <http://maketransitbetter.ca/> to offer your input and suggestions. Remember, Council will ultimately decide what, if any, changes will occur.

Contact

As I mentioned earlier in this column, 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

February was an important month for celebrating heritage. February 16th was Nova Scotia’s first Heritage Day, which recognized and celebrated Viola Desmond, the African Nova Scotian business-woman who was wrongfully jailed and fined in 1946 for refusing to give up her seat in the segregated section of a New Glasgow movie theatre. Viola is an icon for social justice; her heritage is the building of a more cohesive and fair society. I like to think of heritage as a form of education, and education is power. Recognizing the richness of our cultural heritage helps us as a society to celebrate life-long learning and connect with diversity. This helps to inspire new ideas and ways of doing things. Heritage is about remembering the past and moving with our best foot forward. Looking ahead to future Heritage Days, always the third Monday in February, the province will celebrate the cultural significance of journalist and politician Joseph Howe, of the soldier Edward Francis Arab, of Mi’Kmaq activist Nora Bernard, of folk artist Maud Lewis, to name only a few.

February 15th marked the 50th anniversary of the National Flag of Canada. It is important to reflect upon our shared citizenship and societal values as embodied by our national flag. The Maple Leaf truly is symbolic of how dedicated and hardworking Canadians are; it stands for fairness and opportunity. These values bring Canadians together and help build better communities for us all.

I hosted an MLA Town Hall on safer communities and cyberbullying with a presentation by the CyberSCAN Unit Director, Roger Merrick. This Town Hall was held in partnership with École John W. MacLeod – Fleming Tower School. Principal Gourley presented me with an art project led by art teacher Monique Ouellette with the visual arts students of that school as well as students from École Chebucto Heights. The large corrugated poster has a collage of individual coloured faces, graphics, affirmative words, such as “respect,” “walk together,” and “listen to each other” and little attached plaques with paintings and poems. Next to four painted cats reads: “Be gentle to others like cats are.” Wise words!

I had the pleasure of celebrating culture and the arts at the Viennese Opera Ball in Halifax to see the wonderful showcasing of Austrian culture in partnership with Symphony Nova Scotia and the National Ballet. Supporting culture

and the arts is part of our community and economic development.

In terms of immigration, the conversation about retaining international graduates continues. Recently I held a live Twitter chat where students, universities and community members could ask immigration related questions and to talk about graduate retention. It was great bringing government, businesses, settlement organizations and students into conversation.

I had the pleasure of speaking at the first annual Start Up 100: 50 Communities, 100 Businesses, 100 Days held in Halifax. This event brought 125 students (a number of whom were international students) together from 20 universities and four high schools from across Canada to help

develop their entrepreneurial skills and to launch their own innovative businesses.

I am pleased that the government launched the Graduate to Opportunity Program to assist Nova Scotia based small and medium-sized businesses who provide post-secondary graduates with their first full time job in Nova Scotia. This is one of the many ways government is taking action to attract and retain smart, young people. For more information refer to www.novascotia.ca/econ/gto.

Funding was provided by the Departments of Seniors and Justice for seniors’ safety program groups as part of the government’s Senior Safety Grant Program. 14 groups from across the province who met the October, 2014 application deadline each received \$20,000. Among the recipients was the Canadian Red Cross Society Halifax Regional Seniors’ Safety Program. Government is seeking feedback from

Nova Scotia on a draft report that summarizes what it heard during the Electricity System Review public consultations in the fall. The Energy Department will use the feedback in a final report, which will be tabled in the legislature this spring. More than 1,300 Nova Scotians participated in the Electricity System Review through telephone surveys, face-to-face meetings, webcasts, and written submissions. People can comment on the report before March 8th by emailing electricityreview@novascotia.ca or by going to www.novascotia.ca/electricityfuture.

March will see MLAs resume their legislative work at Province House for the spring session. Keep connected by “liking” my page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/lenaDiabMLA) and follow me on Twitter (@LenaDiabMLA). Our phone number is 902-455-1610. Thank you for your continued support.

Free community events make us stronger

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Well, the month of February is here and gone, and what a month it was. It was a month filled with freezing rain, ice, snow and, of course, worn-out patience!

First of all, I want to thank everyone for the tremendous amount of feedback via social media, email and phone calls. I try to respond in a timely manner and with helpful information. I also want to thank all the workers at the Department of Transportation for all their hard work and long hours; Councillor Stephen Adams for having such open lines of communication before, during and after each storm; and you, the public, for keeping me up-to-date on trouble spots. I know there have been a lot of questions around how the province determines priority of roads, so the following is a breakdown of priorities:

- 100-series and trunk highways are to be cleared within 8 hours after the snow stops
- Secondary routes and medium traffic roads within 12 hours after snow stops
- Local paved roads, most subdivisions, residential streets and gravel roads cleared within 24 hours after snow stops.

This is the standard the province strives to meet; this is not always possible, especially with the quick changes and frequent poor weather we saw in February.

I can tell you that the MLA for Timberlea/Prospect, Iain Rankin, and I have requested a meeting with Transportation about standards and best practise, and we both agree the province can do better.

On a happier note, I want to thank the 300 plus people who braved the weather on February 16th, Viola Desmond Day, and joined me at the Spryfield Bowlarama for my first annual free community bowling and pizza event. I was overwhelmed by the tremendous response. Thank you Alice Morris and the folks at Spryfield Bowlarama for hosting and doing such a fantastic job; we could not have done this without you.

You can join me March 18th from 1pm – 3pm for a free community swim at the Captain William Spry Centre, followed by refreshments and community conversations in the Community Room. I believe these kind of events bring us together as a community and help us stay active and engaged during a long winter.

I also want to take a minute to send a shout-out to all our young athletes who participated in the Canada Games; our area was very well represented. One athlete in particular is truly inspirational: 17 year-old Bobbi Strople. Bobbi is a phenomenal young athlete who was on her way to making Team Nova Scotia and playing NCAA hockey next year at Elmira (N.Y.) College, then she had a road block thrown at her: she needed heart surgery. Bobbi did not let this stand in the way of her dreams. She overcame the surgery in time to play for Team Nova Scotia. Bobbi Strople is an inspiration to all. We are all so proud of you!

I also want to send a special congratulations out to the JL Ilsley boys basketball team, the 2014-2015 Division 2 champions. GO JUDGES!

I am pleased announce a non profit partnership with local barber and small business owner Shalene Smith owner of Shays Shore Lines Barber Shop. Shaylene will be offering free haircuts the second Monday of every month for families and individuals who find it difficult to afford a haircut. To make an appointment call my office at 902-444-0147 or stop by at 349 Herring Cove Road Suite C.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to remember Joesph Lapierre and Harold Henneberry who both passed away recently, and who were both cornerstones of our community. Harold was a legend in his own right and will always be remembered for his hard work, dedication to family and his big heart. Joe and his family mean a lot to me. I spent countless holidays with the LaPierres, they supported me in the good times and bad and their door

has always been open to me. They will always be family. RIP Joe and Harold. We lost two of the good ones.

Remember, I can be reached at my office Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm at 349 Herring Cove Road Suite C, or call me at my office at 902-444-0147, cell at 902-456-0103 or add me to Facebook.

See you in the spring!



Spryfield’s weekly 50/50 draw

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- Bowlarama Spryfield Mall
- Boys & Girls Club 11 Aldergrove
- Captain Spry Centre 16 Sussex
- Danielsons General Store 5 Dentith
- Dial A Tire 308 Herring Cove
- Guardian Pharmacy 205 Herring Cove
- Head Shoppe 318 Herring Cove
- McDonalds 331 Herring Cove
- Melville Heights 24 Ramsgate Lane
- Mishoo’s West Pennant
- No Frills 16 Dentith
- Now We’re Cooking Herring Cove
- Rink Ratz Skate Sharpening Spryfield Arena
- Royal Bank 339 Herring Cove
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- Sobeys Spryfield 279 Herring Cove
- Spryfield Lions Rink 25 Drysdale

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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

MARCH COMMUNITY EVENTS

Captain William Spry Library

Events:

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS:

- Little Ditties Musical Performance Tuesday, March 17 / 11 am All Ages
- March Break Art Camp Ages 6-11 Dynamic, hands-on workshops will awaken hidden talents and uncover your creativity.
- Tuesday, March 17 / 2 pm – To avoid a potential harm – create your own Lucky Charm!
- Wednesday, March 18 / 2 pm – Mirror, Mirror on the wall... You paint on it, it tells you all!
- Thursday, March 19 / 2 pm – Artist, try not to frown – today you're painting upside down!
- March Break Art Show Friday, March 20 / 2 pm – You've been working so hard creating an amazing ART! It's now time to show all your masterpieces on the wall!!! A showcase of work presented by the participants of March Break Art Camp. Meet the artists, ask questions about the art process and appreciate their work.
- PUPPET SHOWS* All Ages on Saturdays / 11 am and Fridays / 10:30 am
- Saturday, March 7 – Can't you sleep, Little Bear?
- Friday, March 13th - St. Patrick's Day special puppet show (10:30am)
- Saturday, March 21 - My Lucky Day
- TECH LOUNGE* (PD Day) Ages 8-12 Friday, March 27 / 2- 3:30 pm
- PRE-TEEN DROP-IN* Ages 8-12 Wednesdays / 6 pm. Make new friends and have fun! There's free food, games, stuff to do and random surprises! There is something different every week.
- Pause for Yoga Ages 8-12 Wednesday, March 18th at 6pm. Take a moment. Breathe. Or learn a better way how at our fun Yoga class with visiting yogi from Halifax Yoga Studio. 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 (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
- March 28th: 6:15pm to 8pm. Surf and Turf Zumba Party! Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Prizes awarded! Doors open at 6pm. email dancechar@gmail.com or go to www.charlene4.zumba.com/events to register or for more information. Proceeds to benefit Canadian Cancer Society

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

- March 7th: 12pm. Steak Shoot
- March 20th: 7pm. Crib Tournament. \$5 per person
- March 21st: 9pm to 1am. St. Patty's Dance. Band: Big Deal. \$5 per person. Doors open 8pm
- March 24th: 7pm. Sparkelettes. Toy/Merchandise Bingo. Doors open 6pm

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.
- March 7th: 1pm to 3pm. Basic Self Defense Seminar for young women ages 12 to 17. \$5 fee includes water. Pre-registration required. 902-293-7427, 902-405-1539, halifaxtaijitsu@gmail.com
- 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

Spryfield Lions Club (25 Drysdale Avenue) Events:

- Every Wednesday at 1pm. BINGO! In the rec center. 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:

- March 9th. 7pm. Meeting of the UFMSS will be held at the Centre. Everyone welcome please check our website www.urbanfarm-spryfield.com

PILOT PROJECT SEEKING PARTICIPANTS IN GRADES 9 -11

Have you ever wanted to learn how to plan, plant and grow a garden for family food, how to choose and care for tools, and how to organize a community garden? If so, come join the Junior Leaders program at the Urban Farm Museum.

This is a test run, and we'll need your advice and feedback, so we are looking for only 4 - 6 participants. We'll meet once a week from late March through mid September, indoors and out. All materials will be supplied, you'll learn a lot, and you and your family will have fresh vegetables all summer and well into the fall. For more information, call 477-7896 or email urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.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 Center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 10am
- March 26th: IWK offers a Women's Health Clinic. This is an opportunity to receive a Pap, breast exam, or to be tested for STIs. Counseling for menopause and PMS is offered, along with family planning. Book an appointment by calling the IWK at 902-470-6755 or by calling Wanda Hill at 902-404-9922

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:

- March 14th: 8pm to 12am. Dance. \$7 per person. Music by Bay City Band
- March 7th: 11:30am to 1:30pm. Pancake Luncheon and Bake Sale. . Adults \$7, under 12 years of age \$3.50
- March 28th: 10am to 1pm. Spring Fair. \$1. per person. All Welcome!

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

- March 15: 11am to 1pm. St. Patrick's Day Lunch and Sale. Home-made soups, corn chowder, tea, coffee, hot dogs and cookies. Adults \$7. Children \$3.

St. Paul's Catholic Church (151 Hebridian Drive) Events:

- March 28th: 10am. Special Mass will be held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the sinking of the pilot boat Hebridean. All Welcome. Reception to follow in church hall.

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.
- March 28th. 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:

- MLA Brendan Maguire invites everyone to join him for a **FREE community swim** at the Captain William Spry Centre on March 18th from 1pm to 3pm. This will be followed by refreshments and community conversation in the Community Room.
- **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.
- **Spryfield's Own Second Chances Band** is hosting the following: second annual Halifax Community Band Festival held at St. Mary's University Campus. This festival is for band musicians of all levels and includes a fantastic lineup of great lectures, amazing guest performers, interesting repertoire and talented conductors with lots of teaching experience! 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.secondchancesband-ns.com. You can also find us on facebook at: www.facebook.com/secondchancesbandns and on Twitter at: @secondchancesNS
- **Safety on the Northwest Arm: Then and Now.** Illustrated talk and annual general meeting of the Northwest Arm Heritage Association. March 26th 7pm at the Armdale Yacht Club. Join us for the Annual General Meeting of the only group dedicated to preserving the

past and conserving a healthy future for the Northwest Arm and all who enjoy it. Sarah Jane Raine, of Power Squadron and daughter of George "the Police Boat" Perry, will talk about Arm Patrol as it was, with practical advice for safety on and around the Northwest Arm today.

- **Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents** who question the safety of their drinking water can fill up empty water jugs inside St. Paul's United Church Tuesdays through Fridays from 9am to 3pm.
- **Mainland South Heritage Society's** display of photographs is now at Captain William Spry Library and may be viewed during regular library hours in March.
- **Spryfield Minor Softball League** will be holding registration on March 28th from 11am to 2pm. \$100 per child (discounts offered for families with multiple children registering). Little League is ages 6 to 11 years of age. Big League is ages 11 to 15 for boys and 11 to 16 for girls. Please contact Scott at 902-221-7276 or spryfieldminorsoftball@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Check www.spryfieldminorsoftball.com for more information


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19 Arbutus Avenue \$224,900.

This 3/4 bedroom home sits on a large corner lot in a very family friendly area with access to great schools. The main floor features a galley style kitchen, dining room, large living room with working fireplace, a den, a 2 pc bath and a bedroom. Upstairs is a renovated bathroom with a large walkin shower, a second bedroom and a large master bedroom. There is hardwood under the flooring on the main floor except for the bedroom and under all the flooring on the upper level. The unfinished walkout basement is full height and has a 2pc bath. \$40,000 of upgrades in the last 12 months include all new chimney, siding on house and garage, all new windows and new exterior and storm doors. The roof was re-shingled 2011, new furnace and fiberglass oil tank 2012. Come have a look today!



45 Auburn Avenue \$209,900

This carpet free 4 bedroom one and a half bath home is in a safe family friendly neighbourhood in an area of good schools close to shopping and recreation. This home was extensively renovated in 2006 boasting a new kitchen, windows, electrical etc. The lot is zoned R2 and the dry walkout basement offers the potential of adding extra living space for the family or the possibility to add a rental unit to supplement to mortgage payments. Come have a look today!



20 Clovis Avenue \$214,900

Well maintained 3 bedroom one and a half bathroom home in a great family friendly area just off of Williams Lake Road close to shopping and all amities. This carpet free home has one bedroom and a full freshly renovated bath on the main floor and two more bedrooms and a half bath upstairs plus lots of storage space. The kitchen boasts new bamboo flooring and new quartz counter tops as well as new appliances. Recent Clean Foundation energy upgrades include basement wall & header spray foam insulation, ceiling insulation, upgraded and insulated attic hatches and draft proofing. There is a great fenced in yard for children or pets and the basement has a walkout to the 2 car carport. Call now to view this great home.



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HARDWARE & MORE SINCE 1984



Prices in effect until March 31st, or while quantities last.

LOOK AT US NOW!

NEW LOOK - BIGGER SAVINGS!



EARN 1
AIR MILES[®] reward mile
For Every \$15 Spent!*

Did You Hear?



We are now a *TimberMart* branded store! You will see many product sales & changes in the coming months but with our same great staff & prices!

ROOFING Wet Wrappers Both Stores

3-Tab \$18 bundle	Architectural \$22 bundle
\$47 roll Ice Shield "A"	\$15 roll Tar Paper "B"

SIDING Wet Cartons Both Stores

WHITE \$47 square	KHAKI \$53 square
TRIM-15% OFF In Stock Trim and Siding Only - Limited Quantities	

WE INSTALL...

WHY LUMBERMART?

Get the latest styles and colours you're looking for, plus we have up to date insurance and Worker's Comp coverage. Our experienced trades people, great prices, after sales service and Air Miles Reward Miles begs the question.....
WHY NOT LUMBERMART?



GARAGES

24' x 24' craftsman garage c/w storage loft, slab and install. See store for details and more choices.

\$17,995



SIDING

Siding for 38' x 28' Split Entry. Kaycan Prova Vinyl, soffit and fascia. Clad, labour, materials and cleanup. See store for details.

\$8,995



WINDOWS & DOORS

8 PVC Single Hung Windows, 2 exterior doors, labour, materials and clean-up. See store for details.

\$7,995

FLOORING

LAMINATE 12mil CLEARANCE NEW COLOURS COMING! 8mil LAMINATE \$125 sq.ft. 85¢ sq.ft.	13' x 13" Ceramic Tile 1 Colour only 85¢ sq.ft.	dmx 1-step Membrane 99¢ sq.ft.
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DRYWALL

1/2" x 4' x 8' \$6.88 per sheet 1 TIME ONLY Cash & Carry - No Delivery Factory 2nds FINAL SALE!	Lite Drywall Compound \$25 171 carton	Sheetrock 90 \$23 11kg. bag
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INSULATION

R1215 Reg. 35¢ sf 29¢ sf	R2015 Reg. 59¢ sf 49¢ sf
ALL IN STOCK FIBREGLASS ON SALE!	
R1223 and R2023 also available	

ACE HAND TOOLS 1/20OFF

VARIOUS HAND TOOLS
\$165 from each

ACE LED BULBS 1/20OFF

8.2w LED 7781214 reg 26.99 now \$13.49 each	4w LED 2pk 7781230 reg 26.99 now \$13.49 each
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ACE PAINT ACC. 1/20OFF

PAINT BRUSHES \$3.39 from each	CANVAS DROP CLOTHES \$17.99 from each
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ACE CAULKING 1/20OFF

CAULKING 7706179 reg 3.29 now \$1.59 each	SILICONE 7706153/46 reg 6.99 now \$3.49 each
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KITCHENS White or Cognac



YOUR CHOICE... \$129 PER FT.
(CABINETS ONLY)

COME SEE OUR BOOTH

idea! HOME SHOW THE BIG ONE	Mar 27 - 29 Exhibition PARK	
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