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Rick Fry with his GED (General Equivalency Diploma). Halifax Community Learning Network will be receiving the Marjorie Willison Literacy Award for their work helping people like Rick get their GED.

## **New 50/50 Draw** guidelines

by Tangelene Ramsay

Service Nova Scotia has announced new guidelines with regards to fundraising through the use of 50/50 draws. These guidelines were well received by the bowling community, who, just recently, were threatened with the loss of this extremely important source of

According to the new guidelines, community groups must apply for a permit to sell tickets and those ticket sales must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Tickets will be sold to organization members
- Tickets will be sold at the venue where the draws take place
- 3. Prize value is less than \$500 per draw and the ticket price is not more than \$2

- 4. Funds will be used for operational expenses
- 5. Other than the prize, proceeds are not used for personal gain.

According to Service Nova Scotia minister Mark Furey, "We are making the criteria for getting a permit as clear and user-friendly as possible, while ensuring the appropriate level of accountability. We will work with organizations to make sure their fundraising activities are open, transparent and support community benefits".

Art MacMillan, managing partner of Bowlarama, was impressed with how quickly the department reviewed the guidelines. "We raised the issue the leagues were facing with the department and the response was immediate.

(See New 50/50 on page XXX)

## **Salvation Army Thrift Store** opens for business

by Carrie Forbes

The new Salvation Army Thrift Store finally opened in December at its new location on the corner of Herring Cove Road and Auburn Avenue. This brand new building complements the renaissance of improvements we have been seeing across Spryfield's main street. The new location is bright with large picture windows facing the street to show would be buyers all of the deals inside. Donations to the thrift store are now more accessible with additional space for drop offs. The new building replaces the old location on Hartlen Avenue, and is in a more visible and convenient space for many of its clientele.

The deals here are plentiful. Aside from gently used clothing, you can find accessories, household goods and even furniture at the Thrift store. Prices generally reflect the condition and popularity of the items, but bargains are available at every price point. This is a great resource for those watching budgets, looking for ways to reduce

their environmental footprint, or even seeking that 'one of kind' treasure. You may even find some things that are brand new!

The proceeds from the sales of the Thrift Store go towards the Salvation Army's charity. According to their website at www.thriftstore.ca, only 4% of the funds are directed to fundraising, with 9% earmarked for administrative costs. The remaining 86% is put back into the organization's charitable activities – right back into the community. Because the Salvation Army is the largest non-governmental provider of social services in Canada, the sales from its Thrift Stores can have a significant impact to our communities. As well, the Salvation Army notes that they take an ethical approach to the recycling and selling of donated items.

If you are looking to donate goods to the Thrift Store, you can do so during the store's regular hours. For after hours, donors can use the drop-off

(See Salvation Army on page XXX)

## **Children at Sambro Elementary spread RAYS** of HOPE

by Colleen Caines

Children at Sambro Elementary School are learning about the power of giving back. Each year efforts are made at this small school of 120 students to collect non-perishables for the food bank as well as mitts and hats to keep children warm in our community of schools. In

addition, this year they have taken on a global cause to assist the people of the Philippines affected by the recent typhoon disaster. Efforts began on November 14th when they began selling "Rays of Hope" for \$1.00 each. A symbol was created by the students of

(See RAYS of HOPE on page XXX)

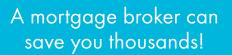




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## New 50/50

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This was a huge issue in the community and for many, many groups who rely on 50/50 draws, not just the bowling community."

Anyone who has been to a legion dance, hockey game, or community event knows how popular these 50/50 draws are. And for the groups doing the draws, being able to hold them can mean the difference between the continued existence of the group or its demise.

Any group interested in applying for a permit to sell 50/50 tickets can use the following web address to access the online application. https://www.novascotia.ca/snsmr/access/alcoholgaming/gaming/online-application-ticket-lottery-permit.asp . According to the website, there is no licensing fee involved in this type of permit.



Art MacMillain, Brendan Maquire, Sue Huelin and Mark Furey are all smiles after the new guidelines were revealed!

## Salvation Army

(continued from page 1) centre. Items like clothing, shoes, electronics, and even household ornaments can be donated. Furniture in reasonable condition is also accepted, and can be picked up with their free service by calling 902-455-3196. The Thrift Store also recycles clothing and items that cannot be sold in their stores. By selling the material goods to recyclers, they are able to turn these unwanted items into charitable funds, while diverting a sizeable amount of waste from landfills.

Overall, the business of the Thrift Store has benefits for our entire community, including the environment. It's also great to see more investment in our local economy, including a bright new space in the heart of the Village Loop.



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## **RAYS of HOPE**



(continued from page 1) the 5/6 class to represent the sun on the Philippines' flag. This campaign had students and staff spreading rays of hope to the thousands of boys, girls and families in the Philippines dealing with the aftereffects of the typhoon. They set a fundraising goal of \$500.00. Children within the school were inspired and began planning further individual and group activities to raise more money for this great cause. Even their siblings at home jumped on board. They worked hard to bake and to create crafts at home and then sold their goods at school. Bake sales of gingerbread

men, cake pops, cookies and rice krispie squares were held as well as two ornament sales. A local fisherman donated lobster which the children sold tickets on at a local store. In addition many children donated their own money, including one child who contributed the proceeds from his dog walking business. By December 17th the total funds raised was an amazing \$1504.28. These children demonstrated that they (and children everywhere) are a positive force to change our world and they truly can make a difference with their shining example that began with one ray of hope.

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#### DISCOVERING OUR PAST



#### Emmanuel Church in Spryfield celebrates 160 years in the community

by Iris V. Shea

The parishioners of Emmanuel Anglican Church in Spryfield marked their 160th anniversary in November, 2013. Thanks to parishioner Vivian Collier for drawing my attention to this anniversary.

The Anglican Church, formerly the Church of England, played an important role in Spryfield's history. When William and Elizabeth Sutherland brought their family to Spryfield in 1816, the only other Church of England families living in the area were George Mc-Intosh, Esquire, and Philip Brunt. To worship in their faith, or to have their children baptized, they travelled to St. Paul's Church in Halifax.

During the early 1850s, with the recent arrival of William and Mary Dart and William and Mary Nicholson, it was time to provide a schoolhouse that would double as a place of worship for the growing number of Church of England families. Two other early families, the Kidstons and Yeadons, were Presbyterian when they first settled in Spryfield, but their children married into local Church of England families. The descendants of all of these early families worked hard to establish and maintain their place of worship.

George Sutherland, son of William and Elizabeth, inherited his father's Alva Farm and in 1853 he and his wife, Mary Ann Carmichael, donated a small piece of their land to the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, Rt. Rev. Hibbert Binney, "for the purpose of erecting a public schoolhouse thereon in which the children of the settlement might receive sacred religious and secular instruction and in which Divine Service might be performed according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England and also for the purpose of a burial ground."

The site of this early church school, now Emmanuel cemetery, was across the road from the Sutherland farmhouse. The present cemetery, an expanded version of that early burial ground where many of the Sutherland family are buried, is still being used. It is obvious that a great deal of work is being done to keep the grounds in good repair. For many years it was "Donnie" Strople who took such great care of the cemetery. Mr. Strople died December 9, 2013.



Photo 1904. Spryfield's first church and schoolhouse

Courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society

Seventeen year-old Elizabeth Sutherland, daughter of George and Mary Ann, began her teaching career in this building in 1859. Visiting missionaries from St. Paul's and St. George's in Halifax travelled to Spryfield on a regular basis, but when no missionary was available, young Elizabeth (Bessie) Sutherland conducted the religious service. She was the Sunday School teacher as late as 1915. When she died in 1925, she was not a wealthy woman as some have reported. Prior to her death Miss Sutherland occupied one room at the back of the family farmhouse. Her brother's family in Ontario had rented out the remainder of the house. There was no gravestone to mark her burial place but she is most likely buried beside her parents and siblings. In 1987 a cairn was erected on the site of the old church school by students

Rev. Klement Richardson, who conducted services in Spryfield, Harrietsfield and Terence Bay, took the minutes of annual vestry meetings from 1888 to 1891. The Parsonage was located in Harrietsfield during the early years. These early minutes contained the names of George Sutherland, Jr. and his adopted son Sidney Drysdale, Robert Bishop, George Nicholson, Frederick Oakley and William Kidston. When Rev. A.F. Dentith became minister of the three parishes in 1912, minutes

from Elizabeth Sutherland School.

of monthly meetings were taken by his daughter, Constance, showing the names of women who played an important role in the church.

In 1903 Spryfield built a new public school on the Herring Cove Road and the building at the top of the hill was used exclusively as a church. The Evening Mail, 31 Oct. 1905 reported, "Spryfield Church was beautifully decorated for the annual harvest thanksgiving. The services were bright and hearty; the harvest hymns and chants being nicely sung, Miss Dart presiding with her usual kindness and ability at the organ. Thanks are due to Mrs.

Brunt and Mrs. Yeadon, also the Misses Sutherland, Dart, Bishop, Drysdale, Oakley, Marriott, Ferguson and others for their kind efforts to make the House of the Lord beautiful."

In 1913, one hundred cards were printed to serve as a fundraiser in order to pay for the enlargement of the church. The name Emmanuel "Prince of Peace" was chosen at that time. Throughout the 1920s the congregation struggled to meet its financial obligations. Support had dwindled. Parishioners, however, made an extra effort to raise the required money. In 1929 Rev. Dentith reported "The financial statement for the past year was the best on record." By 1941 the congregation had outgrown the original building and land was secured from Daniel and Maud McNeil on the Herring Cove Road for a new church. Construction began in 1945, carried out in evenings and on weekends by parish members. In charge was Edward (Ned) Gardner, the warden. The Ladies Guild, under the direction of Mrs. Edward Gardner, and the Junior Women's Auxiliary, under Mrs. Walter Dockrill, raised \$2000 for the building fund. Rev. B.C. Strople was the rector when services were held in the new church, first in the basement, and finally, in 1947, when it was dedicated.

With the opening of the new church, old Emmanuel Church on the hill was torn down. Today, parishioners of Emmanuel Church in Spryfield continue to play an important and very busy role in the community and in the Anglican Diocese, celebrating 160 years of regular worship.



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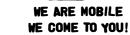
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## Senior's Beat: From the Holy Land to bitterest January

by Beverley Clarkson

OK, here's the scenario. It's January, the icy wet winds are whipping you along after a cold day and nasty drive in the season's dark as, starving yourself to work off that holiday excess, you head home. Hungry drawn faces wait by the door for you to brighten their winter wretchedness with something hot and delicious. In my case that's a cat and a dog but same if you have children, teenagers, or even a lonely spouse whose day your very presence brightens. They all look to you to bring sustenance. Will you let them down?

And in your mittened hands you carry a big fat pizza from Baba's in Harrietsfield, dripping browned cheese and the aroma of goodness and the radiant promise of nourishment. Cue huge round of applause, raves and whistles.

In my case, a happy dog dance and a hopeful stare from the old usually blind cat. "We got pizza, kids!" you or I exclaim. And bask in the glow as the paper towels unfurl.

Baba, aka Riad Zakhour, came to Nova Scotia in 1976 from an ancient country that we, educated long ago under British influence, used to call The Lebanon. Beset by civil war, many Lebanese made their way to Canada to our immense benefit, although they have been coming for generations longer than that. Riad already had family here. Canada and Australia were the only countries in the early twentieth century smart enough to make it easier for Lebanese to immigrate, and Baba's brothers chose Australia. We got lucky.

Baba earned his chef's hat working in some of the best restaurants downtown in the day: Pappy's and Zapata's among others, and he opened his own place years ago. There have been six, including five years in Lunenburg. A fan for years before he opened Baba's, I can attest that his servings are top quality and generous. You might want to take the family and go watch him toss pizza dough- vou won't find a better show in a New York pizzeria window.

So how does he like living in Nova Scotia? He'll never live anywhere else. Family and children are here, and his Australian brothers come for extended visits. Not that he ever takes a day off. "Not one single day in all these years. Retire? I m gonna work til I drop" he insists. "People love me, when I move my restaurant they complain and then they follow me, I got people coming out here from all over: Prospect, Lawrencetown, Tantallon, downtown, Sambro, vou name it."

And what about the complaints we've been reading about where immigrants don't feel welcome? "You bring who you are" he says. "I've never had a problem. I love the people and they love me. What's so hard about that?"

His wife works side by side with him and she's the one I go to begging for more Middle Eastern food on the menu. "Someday," she says. They talk of testing a sample of different delicacies in the display case. See if people like it.

They make everything from scratch, no mixes for them. "I grind all the ingredients myself, fresh". We're talking nutrition here, not chemical stuff from boxes that use too much sugar and salt. You can tell by the taste.

You think you like hummus? Wait until you've had it made by a professional Middle Eastern chef. Baked eggplant, falafel, fresh tabbouli with good tomatoes, shish kabob, cucumber raita, my mouth is watering now in anticipation. But it's not there yet. Oh, those pizzas are truly good ones; and he serves other things too, like my favourite Greek salad, but if you love food as much as I do, when you visit, join me in applying a little pressure for more. He can do it.

He plans to be around a long time, thank goodness. As long as I can get behind the wheel I'll be out there for more and when I can't, I'll throw myself on the kindness of strangers to bring some home with theirs. He's promised to be around, so we should too. You can find Baba at Baba's Pizzeria, 860 Old Sambro Rd, Harrietsfield, NS B3V 1A4 902-407-8080.



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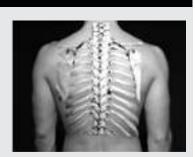
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## "Rotary Wishes" Campaign collects over 550 gifts for disadvantaged youths and adults



Members and guests of the Rotary Club of Halifax North West enjoy Christmas dinner together at Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel by Bruce Holland, Rotary Club Member and Executive Director, Spryfield and

District Business Commission On November 17th, The Rotary Club of Halifax North West launched their first annual "Rotary Wishes" campaign. With the help of their partners, the Mumford Road Wal-Mart, East Coast Dynamics and Snapd Halifax Events Newspaper, the Club was able to collect over 550 gifts for disadvantaged youth and adults in the Halifax Regional Municipality. The Rotary Club of Halifax North West would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone in the community that helped to support the campaign by purchasing the "Rotary Wishes" that adorned the Christmas Tree in the Mumford Road Wal-Mart store until December 16th. The overwhelming generosity of HRM "Santas" supported clients of 12 community not for profit organizations, 2 General Practitioners and 1 Geriatric Social Worker. Special thanks go to Rotary Club members, Aimee Landry and Giacomo Bruno, who organized and administered all aspects of the program. "Together we made Christmas a little brighter for those in need."

Something to say? We welcome your letters! **Email the editor:** tangelene@live.com

## **New hair studio brings experience and** service with a smile

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## **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION**

**Earl Francis** Spryfield Memorial Branch 152



**WE CARE** 



by Lorrie Boylen (Lorrie is a Freelance Writer and Author's Administrative Professional who lives and works in Sambro) In Fall 2013 Herring Cove saw the opening of the bright and beautiful Blush Hair Studio at 995 Herring Cove Road, above Pavia Gallery - Espresso Bar & Café. Following a serendipitous meeting with Pavia's owner, Stylist/ Owner Darlene Scanlon set about outfitting her full service salon with upscale and elegant fixtures and fittings. Com-

ing from almost 20 years at the Head

Shoppe, Darlene loves that she is now able to give her clients the individual, undivided attention she has always felt they deserved, and many of her clients have followed her. Former coworker Anna Cook has joined her at the salon, performing many specialty services including extensions, updos, weddings and proms. Gift certificates are available to make gift giving a breeze.

Anna and Darlene are excited to be a part of the community and enthusiastically participated in the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade together this year, handing out candy canes and special coupons. Located on a bus route and with ample free parking, Blush is open Tuesday to Saturday, including some evenings. Darlene and Anna look forward to meeting more people in the community and will make every effort to be flexible and accommodate appointment requests for their clients.

For more information check out Blush Hair Studio on Facebook, go to www.BlushHS.com, email darlene@ blushHS.com or call 479-1544 for an appointment.

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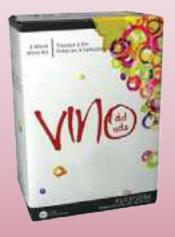




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## Technology: keeping us in touch!

by Tangelene Ramsay

We live in a technological society where we are constantly "in the know". Information is at our hands, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Some say that is a good thing, others believe it to be our downfall as a society. Many believe it is capable of being both. One thing is certain; it is hard to run a successful business or nonprofit in this society without being on the internet. Websites, Facebook and text messages are very popular ways in which information is shared, gossip is spread, events are organized, money is raised, and people around the world are able to connect.

Websites have become almost more important than store fronts these days. More and more people are relying on what they see on a website to help them decide if they want to visit a business, hotel, restaurant, vacation spot and more. People only have so much disposable income, and when trying to choose between two restaurants for supper, or two hotels for a trip, more often than not, people will go with the one that has the better website. That often means a website with pricing, pictures, contact information, directions, parking details, etc. Companies that don't offer these tidbits of information on their sites lose out on what could amount to hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in business every year.

Many of our local businesses and nonprofit groups are using the internet to connect with existing clients as well as welcoming new clients. The Spryfield and District Business Commission, whose website is spryfieldvillage.ca, is a great resource when searching for local businesses. On their page, you will find contact information for all the members of the commission. These members range from Melville Retirement Lodge to Shoppers Drug Mart; from N & D Nails to Cuts of Class; from a variety of medical companies to Realty companies to insurance companies. Every business listed on their website is a local business in good standing in the community.

Facebook is a great place for gossip, news, and more. Businesses, people, and events use Facebook to connect, promote, sell, and raise funds. Wonder

whatever happened to the kid at school who was voted most likely to succeed? Odds are, that kid is now on Facebook letting everyone know just how successful he/she became. Interested in supporting a local cause? You can probably join their Facebook page and keep up with all their latest fundraising efforts. There are Facebook pages devoted to keeping you informed of accidents, road closures, changes to event schedules, and storm closings. On the business front, many locally owned businesses have Facebook pages where their customers are welcome to ask questions, find out about changes in store hours, and even get Facebook only specials.

The Chebucto News has a Facebook page where we welcome all of our readers to browse through photos of events that have taken place within our community. We have posted pictures from the Santa Claus parade, the Sambro Sou'wester Days and more! The Chebucto News Facebook page is also a great place to find out about changes to event times and places, last minute events that were sent to the editor after deadline, deadline notices, and more.

The Spryfield Silver and Black Attack Hockey Team have also has a Facebook page where you can keep up with the latest roster changes, upcoming game times, and anything special the team may have going on.

District 11 Herring Cove- Spryfield-Sambro-Prospect Road, Sambro Sou'wester Days, SACA, Save the Sambro Lighthouse, and the Urban Farm of Spryfield are all great Facebook pages to add to your list of groups. Through these pages you can connect with your neighbours; share local stories; find out about accidents, and road closures; learn about events and fundraisers happening in your area; get the latest on volunteer opportunities and more.

Local businesses are taking advantage of Facebook as well. Water and Wine Spryfield has a Facebook page where you can find out about the latest specials and even watch the occasional brewing video. Mishoo's Kwikway invites their customers to join their Facebook page to find out about their hours, specials and more. If you are wondering whether or not your favourite business

is on Facebook, a quick search is all it takes to find out.

Texting has been around for quite a while, and is a great way to quickly relay a bit of information. Mass text messages have become an easy way for community groups to contact their members with last minute schedule changes. Email, although easier perhaps for mass communication, may not always be received as quickly as a text. Businesses have gotten into the habit of asking for your cell phone number so that they may text you with special

deals, or coupon deadline notices. Even radio stations have gotten into the texting business with many contests now being "text to win", instead of the old "be the Nth caller".

There are many other ways in which the technological world has changed the way we do business, raise funds, connect with friends and family, and organize events and benefits. Twitter is just the latest way in which gossip and news is spread. Soon, the techies will invent something else to get everyone talking. In the meantime, keep texting, emailing, instagramming, tweeting and messaging your friends, family, and business contacts.

## It pays to recycle at **Beaver Enviro-Depot**

Long time Spryfield businessman Wyatt Redmond gave away 2 Flat Screen T.V.s during December to loyal customers as a way of saying "Thank You" for their continuing support, during a free draw for all customers who patronise his business. For the past three years he has been doing a draw every eight weeks as an incentive to encourage cli-

ents to visit the depot more frequently. Beaver Enviro-Depot gives employment to five people from our community and



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## Reg Horner Memorial Chebucto News Sports Page



## Carroll brothers heading to Taipei for Youth Olympic Games World Qualifier and Jr. Worlds

Jackson and Hunter Carroll made Canadian Teams again for 2014. The pair along with their coach, Kathy Pyke, attended The Canadian Youth Olympic Games (YoG) Qualifying Event and Canadian Jr World Team Selections on November 30th and December 1st in Montreal.

Ranked as the Top Canadian Jr Male athlete in 2013, Jackson headed into Montreal with one thing on his mind – to make the Canadian Youth Olympic Team. As fate would have it, he went undefeated and earned the top male berth on the Canadian Male Team heading to Taipei City, Taiwan in March of 2014 for the World Qualifying event. As the Top Ranked Male, Jackson's division was chosen as one of the three Canadian male divisions (out of 5) to represent Canada. In Taipei, Jackson will be gunning for a Top 8 finish in the World in order to attend the Youth Olympic Games later in the year in Nanjing, China.

Certainly not to be outdone by his brother, Hunter Carroll fought the next day with a record of 7-1 earning him

his third straight berth on the Canadian Jr National Team that will compete at the Jr World Championships in Taipei also in march 2014. Coming back from an early loss in an overtime match, Hunter worked his way back to the top of the division and dominated the Finals defeating his opponent 15-3 stopping the match by a point gap, and then 13-3. Hunter has been a dominant force in the junior ranks for the past three years, earning his first Canadian Team berth in 2012, moving up 3 weight divisions for his second title in the spring of 2013, and now again for the 2014 Team having again moved up another 2 weight divisions.

Coaching the Carroll Brothers was their long-time coach, Kathy Pyke. Ms. Pyke is hoping to join her athletes as part of the Canadian Coaching Staff for the fourth straight year once the decision is made by Taekwondo Canada. The threesome can be found at what is turning out to be Nova Scotia's premier High Performance training center along with numerous other HP athletes and National Team members.

# Halifax Sparklette Majorettes beginning classes in January



The Halifax Sparklette Majorettes, established since 1969, will be holding winter/spring baton twirling registration for new recreational athletes on Wednesday January 8th, 2014.

Classes are held at Chebucto Heights Elementary school every Wednesday night from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

For more details please visit our website at

www.halifaxsparklettes.ca

#### Spryfield Jr. C 2013-14 Schedule for January

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Friday Jan. 3	Spryfield	VS.	Truro	Truro	7:30pm
Saturday Jan. 4	Barrington	vs.	Spryfield	Home	8pm
Saturday Jan. 11	Clare	vs.	Spryfield	Home	8pm
Saturday Jan. 18	<b>South Shore</b>	vs.	Spryfield	Home	8pm
Sunday Jan. 19	Spryfield	vs.	Amherst	Amherst	4pm
Saturday Jan. 25	Barrington	vs.	Spryfield	Home	8pm

Playoffs Start Friday January31st 2014

Schedule dates are subject to change. Check website spryfieldattack.com for up to date information.

Sports writer wanted

The Chebucto News needs a new reporter to cover sports events in Spryfield! If you have an interest in writing, the time to cover and report on at least one event a month, and are interested in this volunteer position, please email the editor at tangelene@live.com

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## HRM sidewalk snow removal has a rocky start

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

This year, HRM is responsible for plowing, salting and/or sanding all sidewalks in Halifax. Previously, HRM was responsible for sidewalk snow clearing only on main arterial routes, intersections, bus stops and bus routes in most areas. This change means that all sidewalks on residential streets will be the responsibility — and liability — of HRM. For the new areas, the tender came in \$1.5 million less than anticipated. In previous years when a project came in under budget, the tax rate was reduced accordingly.

We recently had a couple of very bad weather events and unfortunately both the streets and sidewalks were a mess and unsafe. Our snow removal operations got off to a bad start with a very terrible storm where the weather kept changing rapidly. We experienced a rapid freeze, and then it went from -15 to +4 and 10mm rain. This left a window of time to clear the entire municipality within 10-12 hours and there is not enough equipment to physically do this in that timeframe. It rained the next day and got cold again in the evening. Again the rain turned to ice. To quote the supervisor, we had insufficient time and a rapid freeze to deal with this. Crews continued to salt and scrape but it is difficult with the ice. We also have new plow operators and a new contractor for the sidewalks. In my opinion they were not prepared to handle this type of snow clearing efficiently.

HRM has set standards to ensure streets and sidewalks are cleared in a reasonable time period. Main roads and bus routes must be cleared within 12 hours of a snow fall; residential and rural streets, within 24 hours. For sidewalks, the standard is 12 hours on main routes, 18 hours on school and bus routes, and 36 hours for residential and rural streets. Typically these standards are the maximum time: only in extreme circumstances, such as a White Juan or multiple snow events, did it take this long. It is not the norm for residents to have to wait 24 hours to see a plow on their street. In fact, HRM regularly exceeds these standards and often the sidewalks are cleared before the roads. However, for the last couple of storms the response time has deteriorated and

we are working with HRM Supervisors and contractors to improve the quality of the removal and the response time. If the standard time frame for snow clearing has elapsed, please register your concern with 311.

Some residents have indicated they prefer to clear their own sidewalk. Although most property owners in the Armdale, Spryfield and Peninsula areas clear their sidewalks appropriately, unfortunately many do not. The Manager of Bylaw Enforcement has indicated that last winter, in areas where we did not clear sidewalks, there were hundreds of calls to 311. This resulted in 1,558 orders to property owners to remove the snow. This is a significant number and has led to residents requesting a consistent, fair and safe approach. Even one homeowner that does not clear the snow can force residents to be prisoners in their homes. We are promoting walkable, accessible and safe neighbourhoods. Admittedly the first part of the winter has been disappointing from a safety perspective and I, along with my fellow Councillors, am working to greatly improve this situation.

Having HRM responsible for all sidewalks frees up Bylaw Officers' time. Previously, when a snow-related complaint was logged, Bylaw Officers had to wait 12 hours after the snow has stopped. Only then could they visit the property and post an order to remedy (clear the snow) within 24 hours. Then they had to return after 24 hours to confirm compliance, and if it was not cleared, they had to obtain the services of a snow removal company. This process was cumbersome, taking about 48 hours. During that time, residents were not able to safely use the sidewalk.

As there are new routes, our Supervisors will be monitoring the clearing closely. Residents have raised concerns about the plows causing damage to

lawns and properties. One way to assist crews is to install a reflective marker to delineate your property. Sometimes the lawns that are on HRM property (right-of-way) get damaged. HRM ensures that the contractor repairs the damage in the spring. If there is damage that is more substantive, please call 311 and this will be a priority for urgent repair.

Many people walk and use transit instead of cars. 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 our city. Having all — rather than some — sidewalks cleared by HRM will provide a predictable and uniform service standard for everyone. This also supports active transportation by allowing residents to safely walk to and from work, school or go about their daily activities.

# HRM adopts proactive approach to street snow clearing by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Happy New Year!

As we enter 2014, helping each other will ensure a wonderful new year for all so if you know of a neighbour who may need a little assistance running errands or clearing snow from walkways/driveways, please offer a hand. What a lovely "gift" you will be giving your neighbour and yourself. Let's make 2014 a happy and prosperous New Year.

#### Left-Turn Arrow at North West Arm Drive and Old Sambro Road

Things are already looking up for our area in 2014 as we now have a left-turn arrow activated during the peak morning hours as well as afternoons at the Old Sambro Road and North West Arm Drive intersection. Vehicles turning left onto North West Arm Drive from the Old Sambro Road will now be able to do so with the added confidence of having the right-of-way while the flashing arrow is activated. Traffic had been backing up at this intersection during the morning commute which resulted in numerous phone calls and emails requesting a flashing arrow for

the peak morning hours. Now that this congestion issue has been addressed, your morning commute should be a little easier.

#### **District 11 Newsletter**

You should be receiving the first District 11 newsletter shortly. Now that the municipal district has been expanded and includes communities along the Prospect Road to West Dover, a District 11 newsletter will be produced on an annual to semi-annual basis to update all residents of issues relevant to our area. Please keep an eye-out for the District 11 newsletter coming soon!

#### **Snow Removal - Streets and Sidewalks**

In the December article I explained the service standards for sidewalk snow removal. Our crews have met some challenging weather conditions already this season such as the snow, freezing rain and rain experienced on Sunday, December 15th. During and after a snow storm, our snow and ice crews are out in full force and are working to clear the streets and sidewalks. Crews

will reach your streets as they are able. The following is more information on HRM's snow clearing goals.

#### **Sidewalk Snow Removal Service Standards:**

As part of the 2013 budget deliberations, Regional Council directed staff to begin providing sidewalk snow and ice clearing, including salting and sanding for all sidewalks in HRM. The goal is for sidewalk clearing to occur within 12 to 36 hours after the end of a snowfall. Crews continue working until all sidewalks are done. The goal is to maintain bare conditions on sidewalks but there are many factors to achieving success. In snowfalls greater than 30 cm, or in blizzard conditions, service levels may not be achieved. Wet snow packed to ice, freezing rain and sudden freezes after rain can produce a heavy ice build-up on sidewalks. Sand will be applied to provide a degree of traction. Plowing from either street or sidewalk operations will result in snow at the end of residents' driveways. This is an un-

(See HRM adopts on page 13)



## Stephen Adams

HRM Councillor, District 11 Spryfield - Sambro Prospect Road

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## Drive carefully this winter

**Season** by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Winter is now upon us and the roads are getting bad. Driver safety is twofold: firstly, it is every person's responsibility to drive carefully. Secondly, it is up to the Department of Transportation to make sure our provincial roads in Halifax Atlantic are clear and safe. These roads start at Ketch Harbour Road and the top of Village Road in Herring Cove, and continue to the back side of the loop where they end at the Irving in Harrietsfield. The rest fall under municipal responsibility. If you have issues with municipal roads, please call 311. I received a lot of feedback from the public after the first couple of snow storms and I wanted to let you know what I have been doing. After a storm I drive the roads in our riding so that I can see firsthand the state of our roads. I have also been taking your calls and Facebook requests and passing them on to the Beechville Depot, which maintains our roads. I also had a meeting on December 20th with the Department of Transportation. What came out of this meeting was that we have now set up a better communication strategy. I will now be receiving road updates several times a day and having daily communications with area supervisors. We now have a temporary stand by crew for Halifax Atlantic. We will be looking over the entire road clearing strategy in the new year to assess what works for our unique riding. Meanwhile, continue to contact me if you have any questions.

I also want to say a big thank you to everyone involved in the first annual Brendan Maguire, Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield and Chebucto Connections Holiday Dinner, which was held December 22nd at the Boys and Girls Club. There were so many individuals who donated food and their time to make sure 50 people in Halifax Atlantic got a hot meal. Thanks also to Stan and Jan Kutcher for 50 warm pairs of mittens. Once again the people of Halifax Atlantic stepped up to help their neighbours. I am so proud to represent all of you and call Halifax Atlantic, the best place in Nova Scotia, home!!

Contact me any time and remember I work for you!

Brendan Maguire, 349 Herring Cove

Road Suite C, (902) 444-0147, email Brendan@brendanmaguire.ca

# 100 days and counting

by Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and holiday season.

It has been almost 3 months since the people of Halifax Armdale elected me to be their MLA. My colleagues and I have been working steadily both at the House of Assembly and in the riding.

On December 7th, we officially opened my constituency office. Located on the Armdale Rotary, our address is 2625 Joseph Howe Drive, Suite 26. Thank you to everyone who attended our open house and brought a donation of food or money to give to Feed Nova Scotia. We filled over 4 large boxes which we delivered to Feed Nova Scotia. I was told that our donations went to help families across Halifax during the holiday season.

In the coming year, I plan to host several events including open houses at the constituency office and town halls. If you have a topic of interest, please let me know. When the weather gets warmer I plan to host a community BBQ. Also, I will be sending out a quarterly newsletter. I appreciate and welcome all your feedback.

On October 8th, you placed your confidence in me. I am extremely honoured and humbled to have been granted the opportunity to serve my community. I want to thank my campaign team who worked tirelessly during the election. Most importantly, I want to thank each and every resident of Halifax Armdale for the warmth and kindness you showed me when I knocked on your doors and for giving me the opportunity to represent you.

Best wishes to you and your family in 2014!

Lena M. Diab, MLA Halifax Armdale, 902-455-1610, info@lenadiab.ca.

#### **OBITUARIES**

(continued from page 14) He loved his family dearly, always playing an active role and supporting his children and grandchildren. Friends were many to Don, and he will be missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family and is survived by his loving wife, June, his daughters, Pam Penny (Wayne), and Darlene Divirgilio (Nick), and his son. Paul (Lizeth). Known as "Papa" or "Opa", he will forever be remembered by treasured grandchildren, Richard Penny, Andrea Glazebrook, Ryan and Brittny Randall, Adriaan and Hugo Werson, and Bobbi Strople, as well as 8 cherished great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers, William Strople, Rev. Beverly Strople, and Gerald Strople, and sister, Muriel Davis. Cremation has taken place under the care of JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax (477.5601). A memorial service was held in memory of Don on Saturday, December 14, 2013 in Emmanuel Anglican Church, Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS. A private family burial will take place at Emmanuel-ChurchCemetery. The family will join at a reception following the burial at the Emmanuel Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Emmanuel Church Cemetery Fund or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

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For more details, contact dan@dandoherty.com.

## **HRM** adopts

(continued from page 12) avoidable factor associated with snow removal

#### **Salt and Brine Operations:**

HRM has adopted a more proactive approach to snow clearing by preparing the streets in advance with rock salt, brine or a mixture of the two, to help prevent the buildup of snow and ice during a weather event. Direct liquid application (DLA) is a technique that involves spraying the streets with saltwater, also known as brine. This minimizes the bond that forms between the surface of the road and snow or ice. These preventative measures only work in certain conditions. For example, rock salt will not melt ice if it is extremely cold. Streets would not be sprayed with brine if the forecast calls for heavy rain. Winter operations crew evaluate the weather forecast and choose the best method in those circumstances to

prepare the streets for snow and ice and later to maintain clear, safe roadways throughout a weather event.

#### Winter Parking Ban

HRM's Traffic Authority will continue to enforce the overnight winter parking ban from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. during declared snow and ice events between December 15th and March 31st. Please do not assume that since the snow has stopped that the ban has been lifted. You can receive timely messages about the status of the overnight winter parking bans by subscribing to HRM's CityWatch program to receive phone, email and/or text messages by filling out an online registration form at www. halifax.ca/snow/parkingban or by calling 3-1-1.

Please call the HRM Citizen Contact Centre at 3-1-1 with any questions you may have in regard to streets, road and sidewalk snow removal.





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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 tangelene@live.com

#### **JANUARY EVENTS**

#### **Legion Events:**

— Bingo every Sunday at 1pm. Mini Bingo at 6pm. Superstat Bingo at 7pm

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

- Fundraising efforts:
- You could win airfare for two, anywhere WestJet flies! Tickets are \$2each. Contact Darlene or Samantha at 477-9840.

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

- Preteen dance is scheduled for January 23 at 6:30 8:30 p.m. adult supervision; canteen; great music; \$3.00 cover!
   Now accepting applications for part time work with afterschool programs.
- Friday Night Mixed Dart League. Phone 403-1666 or 477-8749 for more information

#### 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

#### **Captain William Spry Library Events:**

- Free Puppet Shows Every Saturday at 11am. All ages welcome
- Volunteer tutors needed for the Halifax Community Learning Center's Adult Learning Program. Training and support provided. Please contact Pat at 490-5715 for more information

#### Captain William Spry Community Centre Events:

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

#### Chebucto Community Health Team (16 Dentith Rd) Events:

- Weight Management 4-Week Program Thursdays January 30th 6:00-7:30pm This series will help you better understand your body and weight. Learn some practical tips around food and activity to help you lose or maintain a healthy weight.
- Building better Sleep Wednesday January 29th 6:30-8:30pm (Keshen Goodman Library-330 Lacewood Drive) Do you ever wonder how you could get a better night's sleep? How well you sleep can make a difference in how you live your life. Join us for a discussion on how to promote better sleep in your life.
- PLEASE NOTE: People eligible for the programs are anyone who lives, works or has a family doctor in the communities of Clayton Park, Fairview, Rockingham Larry Uteck, Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield and around the Sambro Loop. Please call 487-0690 or drop-in to register.

#### **Chebucto Connections Events:**

— Volunteer needed to receive, organize

and redistribute emails concerning community events, notices, etc. Contact bonnie@chebuctoconnections.ca for more information.

— 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

#### Quarter Note Singers (Captain Spry Centre) Events:

— Looking for New Members, especially men, to help balance our mixed membership choir! Have fun singing in a coffee house setting! Contact Steve Trussoni at 477-2664 for details

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (Captain Spry Center) Events:

— The next meeting will be held January 13th at 5:30pm. Pizza will be provided! Please come and share your ideas for our Urban Farm! For further information, please contact Pat at 477-6087 or email jamac@ns.sympatico.ca

#### **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

#### Other Events and Notices:

— Active Kids by the Sea meet Friday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm at Ketch Harbour Park. For more information con-

tact activekidsbythesea@gmail.com

— The Halifax Sparklette Majorettes,
established since 1969, will be holding
winter/spring baton twirling registration
for new recreational athletes on Wednesday January 8th, 2014. Classes are held
at Chebucto Heights Elementary school
every Wednesday night from 6:00 pm to

— Red Cross First Aid/CPR courses: Register for a public course in Spryfield or book a course for your workplace. Phone Kim Mundle, Red Cross Training Partner since 1985, at 233-1709

7:00 pm. For more details please visit our

website at www.halifaxsparklettes.ca.

— Conditioning and Agility Fitness Boot Camp January 11 - February 22nd. Saturdays, 9am at Elizabeth Sutherland School grounds. \$70.00 contact CoraLee Goodwin at clhovey@eastlink.ca

Be sure to check our Facebook page for late arriving events and changes or updates to listed events

#### LOCAL OBITUARIES

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#### Malcolm Leroy "Mac" Brown

Age 68, Harrietsfield, passed away tragically, with his wife, on November 29, 2013. Born in Bridgewater, he was the son of the late Charles and Minna (Wambolt) Brown. He is survived by wife Annie "Jackie" (Dunham); son, David Brown, Bridgewater; step son Richard Dunham (Tiffany), Halifax; step daughters, Brenda Stuthard-Brown, Bridgewater; Donna Stuthard, Quebec; Cynthia MacDonald (Darren), Dartmouth; Heather Dunham (Stephen), Hatchett Lake; 14 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Mac was predeceased by brothers, Trevor and Richard; sisters, Janet Arnett and Margaret Foley; and three grandsons. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Memorial service was held Friday December 13, from St. Paul's United Church Old Sambro Rd., Rev. Jeanne Manning Stright officiating. Interment to take place in the Portapique Beach Cemetery Portapique Beach Rd., Colchester Co. Donations in memory may be made to the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation.

#### Annie Jacqueline "Jackie" Brown (Dunham)

Age 72, Harrietsfield, passed away tragically, with her husband, on November 29, 2013. Born in Bass River, she was a daughter of the late John and Muriel (Copp) Dunham. She is survived by son, Richard Dunham (Tiffany), Halifax; step son David Brown, Bridgewater; daughters, Brenda Stuthard-Brown, Bridgewater; Donna Stuthard, Quebec; Cynthia MacDonald (Darren), Dartmouth; Heather Dunham (Stephen), Hatchett Lake; sister, Barbara George, Ontario; 14 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Jackie was predeceased by

her husband Malcolm "Mac"; sisters, Adaline Simpson, Joyce Dunham, Carolyn Dunham and three grandsons. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Memorial service was held Friday December 13, from St. Paul's United Church Old Sambro Rd., Rev. Jeanne Manning Stright officiating. Interment to take place in the Portapique Beach Cemetery Portapique Beach Rd., Colchester Co. Donations in memory may be made to the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation.

#### **Donald Eric Strople**

86, Herring Cove, NS, husband of June (Robinson), passed away peacefully at home on December 9, 2013. Born in Bayfield, Antigonish County, NS, Don was a son of the late Ralph and Evelyn (Bullock) Strople. Affectionately known to many as "Donnie", he was an active and lifelong member of Emmanuel Church, where he served on many committees throughout his life, including the cemetery committee. In 1966, he was initiated, passed and raised with the Acadia Lodge #14 of the Masonic Order, where he was the Worshipful Master, Grand Tyler, Director of Ceremony, and District Deputy Grand Master. He was then affiliated with the Duke of Kent Lodge #131, where he served as Warden. Donnie was a Noble with the Philae Shriners, Halifax, NS. He was also an active member of the Spryfield Lions Club, where he had held office of Past President. Don had been employed with Farmers Dairy for 26 years, and then with Canada Post, from where he retired following 14 years of loyal employment. He was a devoted Toronto Maple Leafs fan. Donnie was dedicated to his church, organizations, community, but most of all to his family.

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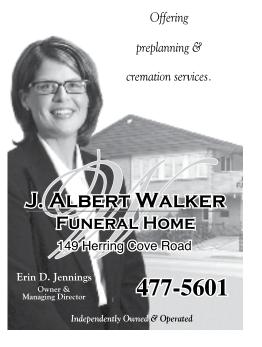
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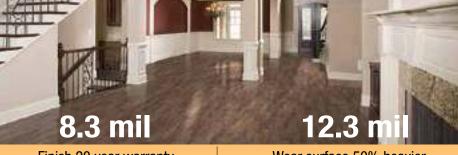
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