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### Big Happenings at the Lions Rink



The Spryfield Lions Rink, located on Drysdale Road

### 4th Annual Charity Bowl **Scores Again**

By Sarah Boyle

Physics is an established science with definite, established laws. Students learn how the laws work in class, but apparently, in the gymnasium, they are taught to defy them. On Thursday, December 15th, J.L. Ilsley High School hosted its fourth annual Charity Bowl against Eastern Shore District High School to raise money for Spryfield's Boys' and Girls' Club.

The team members made extraordinary moves; one player leapt into the air and kicked the ball, and another scored a point from nearly halfway across the court. The spectators found the game more than worth the cost of the two-dollar ticket. "Those moves were amazing!"one attendee shouted from the very large crowd.

The bleachers were filled with students from J.L. Ilsley, and several of the school's feeder junior highs. Every student in the crowd cheered for the teams, and when halftime came, the points being J.L. Ilsley with 28 points and Eastern Shore with 23 points, they cheered for the halftime show. There was a performance from Po Po and the Po Po Band starring Officer Saunders, various J.L. Ilsley staff members, and even several of J.L. Ilsley's band students. There was then an obstacle course for students to run through. The participants hoola-hooped, put pinnies on, and shot a basketball into a hoop.

When the game resumed, nobody had lost any interest. The players didn't even appear tired after their hard work

(See 4th Annual Charity Bowl on p. 2)

By Jason Doherty

You may have noticed some changes at the Spryfield Lions Rink in the last year. Renovations have quietly been taking place there for a while with little explanation or media coverage. I would like to change that now.

A few years ago the local Lions Club turned the Lions Rink facility over to HRM in an effort to keep the facility going. Although they remained to run the rink, the Lions were no longer responsible for raising the money needed to update the aging facility. During the summer of 2009 Halifax Regional Municipality, as owners of the facility, recruited a volunteer board to oversee the operation of the facility.

Since the Board began its work, one of the most pressing tasks was to address the need for upgrades to the facility. In that vein, the Board has worked with HRM to make sure these important upgrades take place. Over the past few years, HRM has stepped up and put almost \$1 million into the facility. You may have noticed some of these upgrades: new boards, a new Olympia ice surfacing machine, new washrooms,

wheelchair access seating for spectators, a new ice plant for the rink, a new energy efficient ceiling and lighting are just a few of the improvements made to the facility so far. At the moment work is being done to the dressing rooms for the arena, as well as upgrades to the recreation centre.

It is important that the community know what has taken place at the facility over the past two years. The board consists of 12 volunteer members who reside from Sambro to Armdale. Ryan Brennan has been the chair of the board since its inception in 2009, while the local councillors, Stephan Adams and Linda Mosher have been members of the Board since its inception. The remainder of board members are dedicated local volunteers, some of whom may be your neighbours. The role of the board is to operate the facility for the benefit of the public and community users.

In speaking with Ryan Brennan about the most recent renovations, he notes that there may be some interruptions in service, with limited use of the rec centre during renovations.

Ryan Brennan pointed out that the work completed at the rink could not have been completed without the sup-

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### A Sense of Place in a Third Space

By Carrie Forbes

In the Chebucto loop, we are blessed with an abundance of outdoor space considering the size of our community. Despite this, we struggle with access to places where we can connect with others beyond our homes or workplaces.

For many of us, there isn't a place to go within walking distance where we can meet others for conversation, or connect with members of our community on a regular basis. These kinds of places are known as 'third spaces'. As any Coronation Street fan would tell you, third spaces, like pubs, are hubs of activity where we get local news and insight from people we'd consider to be neighbours. Coffee shops can serve this purpose, as can bowling alleys, social clubs or community centres.

Third spaces can also be as informal as a park with benches, or a hiking trail that has a gathering spot. One of the best examples of an informal third

(See A Sense of Place on page 2)



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### 4th Annual Charity Bowl

(Continued from page 1) during the first half; they played well moving swiftly and skillfully.

When the game was finally coming to a close, the two teams were still fighting to get one last goal. The buzzer rang before the last goal could be made, but J.L. Ilsley won with 53 points to Eastern Shore's 37 points.

The Boys' and Girls' Club in Spryfield is an organization that was first opened in 1997. Since that time, it has been offering various social, recreational and educational programs for youth and children in the community of Spryfield. Their cause received all proceeds from the game.

Fun was had, money was raised, and good will was exchanged. As the students prepared for their Christmas break, they felt good about what they had accomplished. "It's always nice to have

charity events right before Christmas." One student said. "People usually forget about charities as they try to save money after buying presents, food, and stuff. It feels good to be helping people."

J.L. Ilsley won the game, but both schools won the real prize: the sense of accomplishment at having helped others.

### **Sense of Place**

(Continued from page 1) space in Spryfield came last summer, when the residents of the apartments in the 500 block area put picnic tables on the front lawns. Almost every day, there were groups gathered together, enjoying the weather and each others' company.

So, why are third spaces important? As a community asset, a third space is also critical to civic engagement. It's where all members of a community can interact with each other, and thereby gain a sense of belonging. Without third spaces, we begin to feel disconnected, or even isolated from the rest of the

people in their community. This can lead to negative outcomes like feeling unsafe or fearful. As a worst case outcome, it may even prompt a resident to leave the area.

There are third spaces in Mainland South, but for many neighbourhoods, they are not accessible. Some may not be in walking distance, or near transit. For others, the cost of going to a commercial third space is prohibitive. A lack of neighbourhood planning in some areas has contributed to unusable, unsafe outdoor spaces. Under these conditions, it's easier to stay home.

Perhaps the most challenged group with the fewest options for third spaces are youth. A group of teenagers hanging out in a park often warrants a call to police, regardless of their intentions. As paying customers in a coffee shop, they are advised that they must leave after twenty minutes - despite older groups of patrons staying for hours. Most organized sports cost money, and are structured for only a few participants - not the many in need of a 'sense of place'. It's no wonder so many are left with little to do than watch TV or surf the internet.

It's not uncommon to hear bemoaning of the 'old days' when the community fabric seemed to be more intact. If we want strong communities, and want to feel safe and secure in our neighbourhoods, we need to find ways to connect meaningfully. We need to help our youth be able to do this as well.



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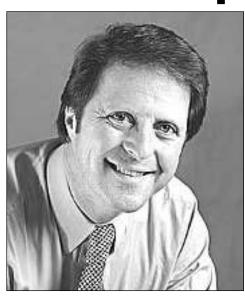






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### Chebucto Update with Mayor Peter Kelly, Halifax Regional Municipality



With a shiny new year ahead of us, I'd like to share some of the positive things I anticipate happening in our community during the next 12 months. Let's begin:

- I anticipate that the Emera Oval will prove to be very successful with residents, thanks to all the added new features as well as the likelihood it will become a year-round recreational facility;
- I'm confident we'll be seeing as much, if not more, construction activity happening in HRM as last year when development permits topped \$770,000,000. Let's get the sky cranes on those empty lots as soon as possible!
- With the new reality of a reduced Council, I anticipate we'll see the role of Community Councils become even more important in the decision-making

process. I welcome this as a positive step forward because it takes local government even closer to the grass-roots;

- · I look forward to an announcement of a start-date for the planned \$500,000,000 Nova Centre/Convention Centre and the 1,700 construction jobs involved. This project and the new, already started Central Library, will be major drivers of the downtown revitalization;
- I'm also looking forward to this summer because we'll see numerous world-class events taking place here. Among them will be commemorations marking the 100th anniversary of the loss of the Titanic and the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812; we'll also see the return of the Tall Ships and also of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Swatch Junior World Championships. This is also the year we'll all be welcoming Mickey, Pluto and the gang because the Disney Cruise Line plans to start calling here;
- I continue to receive lots of positive feedback from residents who support my efforts to make in-camera Council sessions the exception, rather than the rule. As we step into 2012, I am confident that openness, transparency and accountability will continue;
- In 2012, I believe that HRM's crime rate will continue to decline. My optimism stems from the good progress being made in implementing recommendations from the Mayor's Round Table on Public Safety and Violence

and because 11 new officers were recently recruited by HR Police. Most encouraging of all, however, is the fact that increasing numbers of citizens are coming forward and offering assistance to police in the fight against crime;

• Also this year, our municipality will see the first major wave of thousands of new jobs, thanks to the \$25-billion federal contract won by the Halifax Shipyard. Just as important is what we won't see, namely our sons and daughters having to go elsewhere to look for work. In addition, this major contract will reinforce our community's reputation as a centre of excellence in fields like marine engineering and systems technology. This in turn will help create even more long-term jobs.

And on that upbeat note, I would like to wish you and your loved ones all the very best for 2012. May this be your best year ever!

I welcome your feedback on this or any other topic relating to our community. You can contact me at kellyp@ halifax.ca or www.peterkelly.ca or by phoning 490-4010.

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### **Big Happenings at the Lions Rink**

(Continued from page 1) port and hard work of several people. The local Councillors Stephen Adams and Linda Mosher, both of whom have been great supporters of the facility, the Board members, and dedicated rink staff, all of whom deserve thanks for their time and dedication to the facility.



The board is also grateful for the efforts of the Spryfield Lions Club in our community over the years. In the

facility and greater community, the Spryfield Lions Club are responsible for many of the good things we have in our community. The facility would not exist if wasn't for the work of the Lions Club members.

The board would also like to thank the entire Chebucto community for their continuing support of the facility. We all realise the service that the rink and rec centre provide this community is invaluable. We need this rink for our families, our children. In a world of technology and inactivity we need the opportunities the facility provides to interact with our children, and each other, in a positive way.

If you are looking for more information on the Spryfield Lions Rink or the board of volunteers please visit their new website at www.spryfieldlionsrink.



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### DISCOVERING OUR PAST



#### The Mic Mac Game and Fish Club in Harrietsfield incorporated in 1900

By Iris V. Shea

In 1899 Edward J. Longard, Jr. of Halifax purchased 400 acres of land in Harrietsfield from three daughters of the late James and Mary Bennet. Their names were Mary, wife of John Merlin; Isabel, wife of Benjamin Brunt; and Jane, wife of Osborne Warner. That same year William B. Ross, a barrister of Halifax, paid \$150 for land from Edward Brunt and his sister, Jane (wife of Albert Marriott). The two Brunts were the surviving heirs of the Bennets' fourth daughter, Ellen. Their father, William Brunt, and their two brothers, William, aged 9, and Benjamin, aged 11, fell through the ice and drowned in Dryhill Lake on 23 April 1874. Their mother died three and onehalf years later. All were buried in the cemetery at the end of Whitehead Road, Harrietsfield.

Longard and Ross leased their newly purchased land to the Mic Mac Game and Fish Club and, with other prominent Halifax businessmen, built a clubhouse near the top of the hill on the road leading south-west from Old Sambro Road to the club. Early maps show the road as Bennet Road. It was renamed Club Road.

An act to incorporate the Mic Mac Game and Fish Club was passed 30 March 1900. Among the founding members and shareholders were Edward J. Longard, Jr., Hugh McDonald Henry, William B. Ross, E.G. Kenny and Henry Gibson Bauld.

William B. Ross practiced law in Halifax and was appointed to the Senate in 1912. He was associated with B.F. Pearson in many of Pearson's enterprises, in particular with the light and transportation companies in Halifax, one of which was the Halifax Electric Tramway Company.

Edward George Kenny joined his father, Thomas Kenny, in the mercantile business. He was a founding member of the Wanderers football team. The Kenny family owned Birchdale, an estate on the Northwest Arm. Bauld succeeded his father as manager of Bauld, Gibson and Company, one of the oldest wholesale grocery firms in the province. He was a director of the Merchants Bank, and became the first president of the N.S. Home for Coloured Children which he helped found in 1915. Hugh McDonald Henry was the son of William Alexander Henry, one of the famous "Fathers



Sam Jollimore, ca. 1930

of Confederation." Young Hugh was educated at the Halifax Grammar School, at Dalhousie University, and at Harvard University, receiving his Law Degree in 1873. He practiced law at Halifax with B.A. Weston, Thomas Ritchie, Robert E. Harris and W.A. Henry, a very prestigious group of Halifax lawyers. He was appointed to the Queen's Council in 1881 and as Supreme Court Judge in 1893.

The purpose of the Mic Mac Club was to preserve and conserve "the native game on their lands, and the fish in the lakes and streams owned or leased by the club". Another objective was the breeding of native and exotic game and fish by stocking the club's lands with game and its waters with fish. Bennet's and Dryhill Lakes were on this land which extended to the western shore of French Lake. In an attempt to establish a population of Ring-Necked Pheasants in the province, club members released several of these birds into the wild but it proved unsuccessful. A herd of caribou was kept in an enclosure behind the clubhouse.

Not long after the club opened, William Dart carved a road sign from local ironstone and placed it at the junction of Old St. Margaret's Bay Road and Old Sambro Road (Dart's Forks). The sign at Dart's Forks was to direct the increasing numbers of visitors in horse drawn carriages, travelling form Halifax to their intended destinations (mainly the Mic Mac Club). Arrows carved into stone sign pointed in the directions of Sambro, Harrietsfield, Mic Mac Club, Spryfield, Halifax and Prospect Road. Prior to the erection of the sign, strangers to the area would often find themselves on the Prospect Road at Goodwood instead of at the Mic Mac Club. This stone marker may still be seen, complete with a written history, near the main entrance to the Captain William Spry Community Centre in Spryfield, placed there by Mainland South Heritage Society.

The first caretaker of the Mic Mac Club buildings and grounds was a 28 year old gentleman from England by the name of William H. Jones. He and his wife and two children lived on the premises. By 1911 Daniel Boutilier from Jollimore was caretaker. He and his wife Annie lived there with daughter Freda (later Mrs. Art Gilfoy) and son George (Kimmer) Boutilier. The last caretakers of the club were Alexander and Jane (Umlah) Marriott when fire destroyed the clubhouse in 1921.

Remnants of the stone foundation of the clubhouse may still be seen, and stonewalls, dating back to a time long before the Mic Mac Club, may be found in the woods surrounding the fields. Following the 1921 fire, Henry Gibson Bauld transformed the barn on this property into a summer residence. An old apple tree is located close to the site of his former cottage.

In 1926 the path from Henry Bauld's cottage to Harry's Lake was widened and made into a road to accommodate another group of sports enthusiasts from Halifax. They built the Rod and Gun Club overlooking Harry's Lake. This private club remained in use until the 1940s. Sam Boutilier of Jollimore was its resident caretaker. A camp, built by

Sam Jollimore in the 1920s, was not far from the Rod and Gun Club. Following his death in 1934 at the age of 80 years, Sam Jollimore's heirs, 12 in total, continued to use the camp for fishing and hunting purposes. The camp was known locally as Number 12 or Big Trout Camp and was well used until the 1950s by Sam Jollimore's descendants and their friends, mostly from the village of Jollimore.

No photograph has been found of the old Mic Mac Club. Included is a photograph of Sam Jollimore and his dog, in about 1930, at his camp near Harry's Lake in Harrietsfield.



#### **Correction:**

Please note: the photo accompanying Iris Shea's December 2011 Remembering Our Past article was incorrectly captioned. The photo, with the caption that should have accompanied it is below. I would like to apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this mistake may have caused our readers.

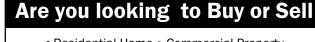
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#### Letters To The Editor

It was perplexing to read MLA Raymond's comments in The Chebucto News, re: HRM's request for community volunteers to serve on a Purcell's Cove Community Steering Committee looking at the feasibility of service extension. She refers to some chart and calls the process a farce, as well as referring to Occupy NS. Obviously this was written before her government. Province of N.S., refused Occupy NS to even enter their premises!

HRM is committed to supporting an engaged community by ensuring there is a range of opportunities for residents to be knowledgeable about local government and actively involved in the cultural and civic life of their community. HRM recognizes the importance of involving residents in the development of policy, programs, and services. Community engagement is the basis for building healthy, strong and inclusive communities. To view HRM's community engagement strategy please visit: http://www.halifax.ca/CRCA/CommunityEngagement/CEStrategy.html

In August 2011, Council approved a Public Appointments Policy – we are only one of two municipalities in the country that have a public policy document related to appointments to boards and committees. Our process involves extensive public advertising for members, staff reviews of applicants to provide a matrix of qualifications including diversity and other factors to ensure a balanced approach. Our process is thorough, unlike the province's appointments whereby applications are received by the Executive Council and then forwarded to the staff department where advisory committees screen applicants and the Minister

chooses the successful candidate! Perhaps the MLA should look at her own government's policies before chastising (misunderstanding) others.

The Community Steering Committee for the Purcell's Cove Servicing feasibility study offers area volunteers the opportunity to be a part of the decisionmaking process on a project that has the potential to affect not only their quality of life, but that of their community. There will be ample input from all members of the community. It will be an engaged, consultative process. Linda Mosher

My name is Sari Primeau and I am the chair of the Central Spryfield Elementary School Advisory Council (SAC) as well as the chair of the committee established to respond to the Halifax Regional School Board's proposal to close Central Spryfield School as of Sept. 2012. After reviewing the report prepared by the elected school board and hearing the views of Central's community at a public meeting held Nov. 24th, our committee is in the process of preparing a report to table our strong opinion that our community school should remain open. This report is due to the elected board by the end of January. The closure of our school would be a detriment to many of our most vunerable families in Spryfield. By closing our community school, and making children as young as 4 walk over 2km across very busy streets, (some with no sidewalks) to Elizabeth Sutherland is absurd. Our enrollment has declined, but with the large number of homes being built in the Spryfield area

over the next number of years, it is sure to turn around. Also, our school has a very strong early literacy program the has been a model for other schools. The attention our students receive in our small school enviornment, where every staff member knows every student, is invaluable and will pay dividends in the future for our students as well as the Spryfield community. My reason for writing, is to ask for letters of support that can be emailed to csesreview@gmail.com. For more information you can can review the Board's Impact Assessment Report by going to their website www.hrsb.ns.ca and look under school reviews in the quick links. Also, the elected school board must have a community meeting this winter to hear the opinion of our community, we need our community members to attend this meeting to send a strong message that Central Spryfield Elementary stay open. Thank you and we hope we can count on your support! Sari Primeau

Currently, nearly 80,000 Nova Scotians are impacted by diabetes. Equally alarming is the fact that 6,100 new cases are diagnosed each year.

Statistically Nova Scotia is at a crossroads. It is necessary for government to attempt to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and announce strategies and initiatives to manage the disease.

This is why the Dexter government's recent outright refusal to fund insulin pumps is irresponsible.

Insulin pumps, especially for young children, are a lifeline and not a tool of convenience as this government likes to boast.

Young children do not have Type 1 Diabetes, which requires constant injections and multiple doses of insulin every day, because of lifestyle choices. Factors such as hormonal changes, stress, periods of physical growth and levels of physical activity make it even more difficult for young people with Type 1 Diabetes to manage their disease.

Government's failure to acknowledge

these challenges and invest in an insulin pump program for young children and their families who cannot afford one or do not have private health care coverage places unnecessary stress and increased burden on the backs of many Nova Scotians.

Seven other provinces have seen the value of an insulin pump program for children, including our neighbouring province New Brunswick. Some provinces recently expanded children's programs into younger adults because they realize the immediate value of the insulin pump and the savings for their health care system down the road.

Nova Scotia spends \$27.3 million per year on dialysis and this treatment is required as a result of improper management of diabetes. The costs associated with implementing an insulin pump program, starting with children, are estimated to be about \$1 million per year plus the cost of supplies.

The Liberal caucus has introduced legislation on no less than five different occasions since 2008 - each time, the legislation and the idea of supplying insulin pumps to those Nova Scotians who could benefit has been rejected by Tory and NDP governments.

It is no longer acceptable for the Minister of Health and Premier to stand by and say we don't have the money to fund an insulin pump program.

This NDP government found \$90 million for Bowater, spent \$3 million on televisions and beds for the Signature Resorts and in this year's budget alone, the Minister of Health has seen fit to increase her own departmental Executive Administration budget by over \$20 million. A \$20 million increase is enough to fund an insulin pump program for 20 years.

All of these expenditures beg the question: when will children with Type 1 diabetes become a priority for this NDP government?

Stephen McNeil, MLA Leader, Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus Leader of the Official Opposition

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### Treat the Humans to Treat the Dogs at J.L. lisley

By Sarah Boyle
Sugar and spice, and everything nice
went into creating J.L. Ilsley's bake
sale to raise money for the SPCA, also
known as the Society for the Prevention



of Cruelty to Animals. During lunch on November 21st, tables were set up in the school's lobby and covered in goodies for the staff and students to buy. There were packs of people coming to support the great cause.

The main organizer of the bake sale, Sarah Boyle, was really impressed to see the support that all of the students showed to make the event a success. "There was so much food to begin with and it all disappeared so quickly", she said. "I was happy that so many people put so much effort into baking. Everything looked beautiful".

The bake sale was arranged when, in early November, it came to the attention of J.L.'s students that the Nova Scotia SPCA was making arrangements to take in as many as 40 dogs from New Brunswick. Two puppy mills had been discovered there, and all of the dogs had been rescued. Although the details of the investigation surrounding these animals are confidential, it was clear to the students at J.L Ilsley that the animals needed help. The dogs would need medical care, food, etc., all of which would be pricey. Students at J.L. Ilsley

saw it fitting to help the charity organization that helps so many animals. As of November 3rd, the Nova Scotia SPCA had helped 8427 animals.

The entire fundraiser, though lasting only one hour, raised \$151.27. The money was submitted to the non-profit organization in the hopes of bettering the lives of the animals spending the Christmas season there.

Not only was money raised, but fun was had. "I like bake sales. They make the school stop smelling like students and start smelling like cookies", one

supporter joked. Another student said that the bake sale was at the best possible time. "It's okay to pig out just before Christmas, and it's for a good cause."

There are many ways for anybody who can help, to help. The SPCA is always looking for volunteers or donations. Not all donations must be monetary. Items such as bleach, HE liquid laundry detergent, large black or clear garbage bags, medium sized latex gloves, or Canadian Tire money are also appreciated. To learn more visit http://www.spcans.ca.

# Healthy Moments Retreats Gaining free, unique gift ideas that won't break the budget. Participants even got to exploring other venus retreat in the future.

By Lorrie Boylen
Bobbi Jo Hill, massage therapist and
Heather Hill, nutritionist, the dynamic
duo who joined forces to create Healthy
Moments Workshops & Retreats,
presented their pre-holiday retreat on a
beautiful sunny fall Sunday at Isner Stables in Harrietsfield. The breakfast, two
nutrition breaks and lunch were both
delicious and nutritious. 10 participants
enjoyed games, guided meditation,
prizes, and a wagon ride. Everyone
dug deep and shared lots of great ideas

during discussions on healthy holiday

holiday stress and goal setting. They

received lots of suggestions on stress

eating, recipe modification, easing

free, unique gift ideas that won't break the budget. Participants even got to make a homemade treat to take home. Everyone left feeling relaxed and better equipped to take on the holiday season and everything that entails.

The team's first retreat earlier this year was well attended and interest continues to grow. They are currently

exploring other venues for an overnight retreat in the future. They will custom design programs according to their clients' needs, and at the end of every retreat collect assessments and feedback.

For information about future events, check them out on the web at www. healthymomentsretreats.com or on their Facebook page.



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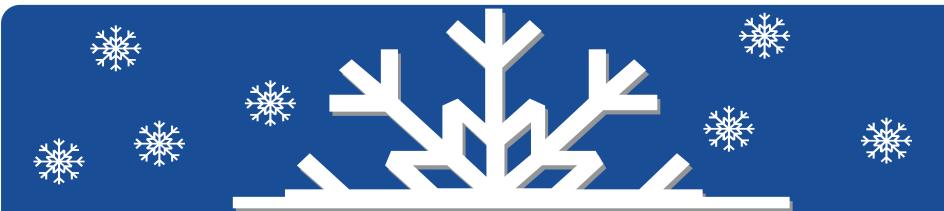
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#### **Spryfield and District Business Commission**

# NEWSLETTER

**Winter 2012** 



### Spryfield Santa Claus Parade A Huge Success

The organizers of the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade could not have asked for a nicer day. It was a bright sunny afternoon with plus temperatures and light winds for the 37th Annual Spryfield Santa Claus Parade. Participation was up this year with over 50 entries.

The Spryfield and District Business Commission along with the parade volunteer cochairs would like to thank the thousands of people who came to watch and enjoy the parade, all the companies, organizations, schools and individuals who had entries in the parade and the many volunteers who make the parade a reality.

Thanks also go out to the parade sponsors, Royal Bank Spryfield, Shoppers Drug Mart, Herring Cove Dentistry, Uncle Buck's Pizza, The Earl Francis Spryfield Legion, Sobeys and No Frills.

Special thanks go to parade Co-chairs Gina Gray and Mike Thomsen for the countless hours of volunteer time they give to our community.

### Upgrades to the Spryfield Lions Rink

The SDBC board of directors would like to congratulate the board of the Spryfield Lion's Rink on recently announced renovations to the rink that will see the installation of new washroom and showers in the dressing rooms and other improvements to the Recreation Centre in the rear of the building.

These upgrades will have an impact on usage during the construction and users have been contacted and advised of the impact on rentals.

Ryan Brennan, chair of the rink's board said "these improvements are an important part of renovations to the facility that have taken place in recent years that will help modernize the facility and result in increased rentals."

This is another example of how Spryfield is growing and improving its infrastructure.

### Central Spryfield School Under Review

The executive and board of directors of the Spryfield and District Business Commission strongly reject any suggestion that Central Spryfield School should be closed

Board chair, Dan Doherty said, "The number of new families moving into the new subdivisions at Governors Brook and Silver Estates will greatly increase the need for the school."

The Halifax Regional School Board recently released a report that proposes to close the school. Bonnie Hickey, a teacher at the school and member of the School Advisory Committee is circulating a petition and seeking letters of support to keep the school, which is very much a community school, open. (Bonnie can be contacted at Central Spryfield School or by e-mail at bhickey@nstu.ca)

The SDBC feels that a strong education

system in our community serves to benefit the local economy and asks that the community come out to support this iconic landmark in our community.

### Spryfield and District Business Commission Beautification Program

The Spryfield and District Business Commission continues to run our beautification program. Installing Christmas wreaths in the winter, flower baskets in the spring and summer and year round banners through the main business district. Banners that have been damaged by recent storms will be replaced in the spring.

We are always interested in your comments and feedback. If you wish to contact us you can do so by e-mail at SDBC@east-link.ca or by calling our executive director, Bruce Holland at 452-7472.



Festive Lobster dinner at the Golden Age Club catered by The Blooming Café. See more pictures on the Chebucto News Facebook page.

#### Spryfield and District Business Commission Festive Dinner

On December 8, 2011, members and friends celebrated the festive season and another successful year with a festive lobster dinner at the Spryfield Golden Age Centre. Christmas trees in the parking lot set the atmosphere as the guests arrived. It was a very relaxing evening with no speeches.

The hall was beautifully decorated for the 60 plus guests who attended and the dinner was wonderfully presented by the staff of the Bloomin Café. Thank you to all who attended.









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### Following her dream



Lynn Saulnier Massage Therapist

By Lorrie Boylen

Lynn Saulnier has finally found her dream job and has opened her own massage therapy practice in West Pennant. Massage therapy is something she was interested in right after high school but was discouraged from pursuing it. Her career path has taken many twists and turns including carpentry, sales associate, cook, delivery person, labourer and fish plant worker, but she has at last found her soul mate career, at the encouragement of both a career counselor and her massage therapist.

In June 2011 Lynn graduated as a

Registered Massage Therapist from an intense program at the Canadian College of Massage and Hydrotherapy, completing over 2200 classroom and clinic hours and over 50 hours of service in a Geriatric/Special Needs Outreach Clinic. She studied trigger point therapy, neurological dysfunction, postural imbalances, post injury rehabilitation from events like motor vehicle accidents, sports injuries and surgeries, general Swedish massage, myofascial release, geriatric and special needs massage, manual lymphatic drainage and pregnancy massage. She continues

to further her education by studying other healing practices such as Reiki, Indian head massage and aromatherapy, all of which she will incorporate into her practice. She dreams of some day opening a wellness center.

Lynn believes that everyone can benefit from massage. Whether you are healing old or new injuries, treating neurological conditions, or relieving the stress of everyday life, massage can be therapeutic, stress reducing, or relaxing. To assist in clients' recovery, Lynn also feels that education and home-care are important aspects of the healing process.

In addition to her clinic in Pennant, she also works at the Massage Addict in Clayton Park, where she enjoys sharing knowledge and techniques with her coworkers.

Lynn finds it very rewarding to see the positive difference she makes in her clients lives. In helping them lead healthier more fulfilling lives she has found a renewed energy and sense of well being in herself.

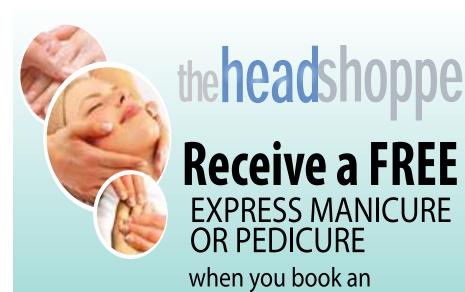
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### **Thank You from Japan**



Betty Maxner with box of cookies

Betty Maxner, with her daughter Shelley Oickle, has recently returned from Japan where she was visiting her son, Wayne Maxner, Jr. and his wife Kayo. At a family gathering talk of the earthquake and tsunami which had devastated northern Japan led to talk of Japanese gratitude for international aid they received. Betty mentioned that St. Paul's United Church and the United Church of Canada had collected and sent financial aid to Japan.

Her daughter-in-law's father, Mr. Serino, is a government official. He was pleased to hear of Betty's involvement and church's commitment to the Relief Fund. Betty is shown here with a box of cookies reading "I love Tokyo". These are part of a fundraiser

in Japan for their own relief effort and were a gift from Mr. Serino on behalf of the Japanese government to say thank you to St. Paul's United Church. Just as we Haligonians were grateful for international aid sent to us at the time of the Halifax Explosion the Japanese

are grateful for international aid which came to them at the time of the recent disaster.

These cookies were enjoyed by the congregation at the Anniversary Lunch on November 20 when St. Paul's United Church celebrated their 71st anniversary.

# The Friends of McNabs Island Society want your help! For many years, the Friends of McNabs

By Carolyn Mont

Have you ever been to McNabs Island? I am always surprised at the number of people who live around the Loop, see that lovely island in the harbour, just opposite York Redoubt but who have never been there. At the same time, I'm surprised by the number of people I meet who have lived on McNabs Island.

There was a time when there was an active community on McNabs. There was a Pleasure Ground (ie fairground) where the Bill Lynch Fair was started, a pig farm, a bottling plant, a military presence at several forts, a school, a large summer community.... Today it is a great spot for hiking, swimming, picnicking and exploring.

It is now a provincial park but one that the province doesn't promote and which they call a non-operational park. For many years, the Friends of McNabs Island Society has worked on the island and it was in large part through their efforts that the McNabs and Lawlors Island Provincial Park was created. In recent years, the Friends have focused on promoting events on the island, on education and on trail work. Check their website at www.mcnabsisland.ca for detailed information.

The Friends are now looking for your help. They produce a newsletter called The Rucksack and have regularly included stories about people who have lived on the island. They would like to contact as many people as possible who have lived there, either with the military, as a summer resident or as a full time resident...If you or anyone you know has lived on McNabs Island would you please contact Carolyn Mont at 477-0187.

### Heritage Calendars

Danielsons Water N Wine KwikWay on Dentith Road has teamed up with The Mainland South Heritage Society to help the Society raise a few dollars by selling off left over historical calendars from previous years. Because of financial constraints The Society has not produced a heritage calendar the last few years but still have a number of unsold Heritage Calendars left over from several different years. For the past few years Danielsons has sold a selection of black and white photos, from Back in Time Photography in Pennant, depicting historic Halifax and surrounding areas. The pictures have been very popular as gifts for all occasions. Recently Allan Marryatt approached Danielsons with the idea that the store might be able to help the Heritage Society by displaying and selling off the old calendars. Danielsons agreed to the idea which sees all proceeds from their sale going directly to The Mainland South Historical Society. Because of the wonderful selection of historical pictures from Spryfield and surrounding communities there is a great deal of interest in the calendars and at only \$5 each they are a great buy.

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### **Lions Rink showers finally under construction**

By Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 18

I have had a few emails with regard to the Sambro Loop Bus, expressing concern with the new schedule. Although there will be no changes made immediately, there is an opportunity to offer feedback for possible changes in February 2012. If you would like to participate in an on-line survey, please visit www.halifax.ca/surveys/index.html Transit staff will utilize this information, public feedback, and passenger counts to recommend changes, if warranted.

You may have read in previous columns about changes to the Lions' Rink, including installation of showers. The showers were to have been functional for October, which would have allowed more ice rentals during the day time hours. However, due to numerous issues (which I will not go into), construction was delayed and delayed even further. After a few emails and phone calls, this project is now underway. I have been onsite and am pleased with the progress.

The design allows for a shared shower for rooms 3 and 4, with a locking door and a shower for room 2. This is phase 1. Phase 2 allows for completion of the project with showers for the female dressing room and room 1. It is possible that both phases could be completed together. This is dependent on budget availability. The new completion date is now mid-January.

During the construction period, we will do whatever necessary to help manage disruptions. However, due to the nature of the work, some inconvenience is inevitable. The patience of everyone is greatly appreciated.

In November, we were hit with quite a snowstorm, which saw numerous accidents and residents who had to wait upwards of 36 hours before they saw a plow. Although the first storm of the year tends to have its challenges, this plowing effort was not acceptable. I have contacted both HRM and DoT staff to discuss outages throughout our communities and looked at solutions to prevent this from recurring.

One of the complications we have with regard to snow removal is that we rely on both HRM and DoT crews to do the work. When an issue arises, there may be some confusion as to who should be called when an issue arises. The rule of thumb is that areas from the Harrietsfield Irving around the Loop to Village Road in Herring Cove are serviced by DoT, all other roads are addressed by HRM.

As always, either my assistant Lynn, or myself will be available to offer help.

On November 29th, Charles Lloyd from Halifax Water and I hosted a meeting for residents of Leiblin Park to address flooding issues, recent correspondence from Halifax Water and possible remedies. Numerous questions were asked from the floor and various requests were made. Charles and I committed to having these addressed and brought back to the residents in a timely

manner. The issues included, but were not limited to, the effect of the ball field infilling on the water table, the effect of infilling next to the Harrietsfield Irving on the water table, overgrown ditches and collapsed drain systems.

### **Welcoming place for youth in the new year**

By Michèle Raymond, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

The longest night of the year, coming just as the Old Year ends, is also the time of growing daylight, and around the world, as the beginning of a new season of hope. Writing at the end of 2011, I'm glad to know that the year just ending has brought some important good news for young people growing up in Halifax Atlantic, in 2012 and years to come.

Not only did the Community Health Team formally open its doors this year, but just this week it was announced that the IWK will be operating a pediatric clinic from the Spryfield Centre. For anyone who's followed the results of the federally funded Understanding the Early Years studies, this will be an especially significant announcement: the first studies showed that in some parts of Halifax Atlantic, children entering school had undiagnosed developmental problems (such as hearing and sight difficulties), that would have been picked up with early screening. Sometimes these simple problems, if undetected and untreated, can lead children to frustration that is played out at home and school, and measurably increase the chances of academic and social problems later in life. Better access to specialized, developmentally appropriate care to children from birth to age 16, will make a huge difference to the children themselves, as well as their families and the community as a whole.

The UEY reports also identified a lack of formal childcare opportunities as a problem for many families in the less densely populated part of the Chebucto Peninsula, (particularly given the shortage of public transit, a deficit which HRM has been working to address in instituting the long-awaited Community Transit buses on the Sambro Loop), but there's also been major progress on this front.

Many people will remember that the 2004 closure of the Riverview Childcare centre took away the chances of licensed daycare for some 80 children

in Halifax Atlantic, and left young working families with a real challenge on their hands in finding safe, affordable places for their preschoolers to grow and learn.

Last year, however, the Department of Community Services announced an expansion grant for the Edward Jost Centre, and earlier this fall, the Jost opened its new, additional building for infants and toddlers. The building itself is a tribute to the dedication of the Jost staff, and they have also designed an imaginative and imagination-stimulating "natural" playground, complete with boats and water wall, which was built by staff, community and Katimavik volunteers in some of the most torrential rains of the 2011 summer.

The UEY studies also identified some outstanding strengths in parts of Halifax Atlantic though, and preserving traditional strengths is as important as creating new ones. Many factors contribute to healthy child development, and as the UEY reports point out, "the small, close-knit communities that make up [the rural areas of Halifax Atlantic] offer safe, non-threatening neighbourhoods that promote active, outdoor play – an asset that contributes to the physical health and well-being of children and families. I continue to advocate within government for planning rules allowing communities to direct their own destinies. If "it takes a village to raise a child", it's important that the 'village' has a shared will and vision, and is able to exercise that will. If small, close-knit communities are to rapidly double or quadruple in size it must be with their consent and participation, or we run the risk of adult resentment and disempowerment affecting children.

In this vein. I am pleased to see that the province's Schools Plus initiative is being expanded. This project allows additional services to be housed in school buildings, and has promise as a way to

keep small schools open as community facilities, particularly in outlying areas. It's up to the individual school boards to decide which schools to use in this way, but I hope the Halifax Regional School Board will see fit to use this approach in Halifax Atlantic. Schools have traditionally been "the heart of the community", and walking distances from school (at least in the younger years), have long represented the community boundaries. That walk should be a little bit safer, with new legislation passed this fall to restrict driving speed in school zones across the province.

Safe communities foster youth in other ways. Katimavik is a federal program for young people (ages 17-21) who want to learn more about other parts of the country, and themselves, as volunteers. The Katimavik youth who helped in various projects around Halifax are young people who have come here to learn, and lived and worked in Spryfield again this year. It's a tribute to this area that the program returned, and that so many volunteer organizations exist, and are able to support and work with these enthusiastic, energetic visitors, who definitely go home as emissaries from a welcoming community.

Other young people arrived here this year, through the efforts of Spryfield volunteers. Yesterday I had the privilege of attending the dedication of two Habitat for Humanity houses, bringing two committed young families to Spryfield, after months of hard work by Habitat, its volunteers and the families themselves. It was a moving experience for all, as the chilly day brought home yet again the importance of a warm, roof-tight home in building a family's future. The fact that Habitat chose again this year to build here (and is continuing the project in 2012), is a testament to the community, the welcome it offers to young families, and the promise for their future.

(See Welcoming on page 13)



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### Time to get skating! By Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 17

Last winter the temporary skating oval that was established for The Canada Games was an overwhelming success and loved by the public. It is estimated that over 100,000 people visited it last year, with daily attendance between 3,500 and 5,000. This success has ensured that the Oval will now be a permanent fixture on the Halifax Common. It will be open to the general public seven days a week. This year will start off with a grand opening and there will be a Family New Year's Eve skating party. Other events will be held throughout the season including DJ events, live musical performances, and movie nights to list a few. There will also be temporary public art, heritage displays, ice sculptures and other arts activities at the oval.

There is a schedule for varied activities at the oval, including skating lessons, speed skating, and open public skating. There will again be free learn to skate programs at the oval. Although the lessons are free you must pre-register. Registration is open now by either calling 490-6666 or with RecConnect on the HRM website: www.halifax.ca The lessons will be held Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Helmets are mandatory for anyone taking a lesson. They must be CSA approved and bike helmets are not allowed. We ask that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your pre-registered lesson to check-in with staff. There are helmets and skates available to those that do not own their own equipment. Please note that parents and guardians need to stay on-site when children are participating in the lessons. If you sign up for a toddler session, the parent or guardian must be on the ice wearing skates and a helmet at all times with the child. \*Please note that a photo id is required to borrow any equipment at the oval.

The Halifax Region Speed Skating Club is offering a Learn to Speed Skate program on The Oval. The program is designed for people with basic skating skills (comfortable on skates/good balance/directional control) and will provide them with the fundamentals of speed skating. Speed Skating lessons are free of charge and pre-registered participants are asked to come 45 minutes prior to your lesson time. If you are borrowing speed skates, please allow one hour prior to your lesson to get fitted. Sizes are limited so it is first come, first served. We will be offering Levels 1 - 8 of the Speed Skating Canada Cutting Edge Pin Program. Visit www.speedskating.ca/

CuttingEdge.cfm for more information.

Previously I had written about the proposed boundary changes as a result of the Utility & Review Board (UARB) reducing Council by seven members. The original maps provided appeared to show that most of Purcell's Cove would remain in the current District 17 and the Peninsula was a much smaller component. Subsequent to the public meetings and independent of HRM Council, HRM staff and consultants decided to increase the number of peninsular residents and entirely remove Purcell's Cove from the current district. The recommendation before the UARB is quite different from the original

Scenario One. The district would be combined with the Western Peninsula and part of the South End; in addition, it would encompass a portion of Spryfield on Herring Cove Road up to Williams Lake Road and the streets off of them. Although this is a departure from the original proposal, and it is very disappointing for our district to lose Purcell's Cove, at the same time it is much better than Scenario Two. The other scenario would have only one representative in Chebucto Peninsula – at least this proposal would continue to have two representatives serving the area.

Council approved a tender for \$612,000 for Phase One of the seawall

restoration. The first phase will be at Sir Sandford Fleming Park/Dingle, where the wall is in the worst shape. Work on the seawall is expected to commence in January 2012, and will continue throughout the winter and spring. During this time, part of the seawall will be closed but other sections of the seawall will remain open. Construction materials will be stored in the upper parking lot at Sir Sandford Fleming Park. The seawall is to be constructed with granite blocks. Although the majority of the blocks will be cut off site, the fitting of rocks on site will result in some construction noise during the day. Signage will be placed on site to alert park visitors to the temporary closure of sections of the seawall and the upper parking lot during the period of construction.

### **Gov not serving Atlantic Canada well**

By Megan Leslie, MP for Halifax

The examples of why the Conservative government is unfit to govern continue to pile up. And yet again it's the people of Atlantic Canada who are receiving the short end of the stick: the Conservatives have made extensive new cuts to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

These newest cuts come on the heels of the closures of Coast Guard Search and Rescue centres in Newfoundland and eastern Quebec, and will eliminate staff from the Coast Guard's marine communications and traffic services. The reality of these types of cuts is that they put the lives of fishers and mariners at risk.

Many of the people who will lose their jobs are scientists who provide critical ocean management, fish habitat management and conservation services. The department's scientific and research capacity will be restricted because of these cuts. This doesn't make good sense for our fishing industry, and the loss of these good-quality jobs in the Atlantic region will have negative effects on the regional and local economies.

This is a continuation of the Conservative's neglect for Canada's coastal communities, and it proves how out of touch they are with the realities of the fishing industry. New Democrats will continue to oppose these shortsighted cuts in 2012.

Government missteps on important economic issues are systemic throughout the country. Instead of making real investments in infrastructure, to correct the \$123 billion dollar infrastructure deficit in this country, the Conservatives give unnecessary tax cuts to Canada's big banks.

Instead of investing in children's early education, by supporting an increase in regulated child care spaces, or addressing the fact that 750,000 children live in substandard and/or overcrowded housing, the Conservatives are wasting billions of dollars building prisons.

Instead of taking steps to make prescription drugs more affordable and safer through improved assessment and bulk-purchases, or to ensure that costeffective and accessible home care and long-term care is standard across the country, the Conservatives are backing out of their one commitment on health care: a promise to maintain the six per cent escalator on funding.

Instead of investing in green technologies, business and household energy conservation, public transit, the development of renewable energy and workers' transition to the green economy, the Conservatives continue to provide billions in tax breaks to the already profitable oil and gas sector and have a plan to reduce climate change causing greenhouse gases that is failing spectacularly to get results.

Instead of strengthening the public pension system, which is a proven, stable option to look after our retirees, the Conservatives want Canadians to roll the dice with even more of their retirement savings on failing stock markets.

The government's record is clear: the Conservatives continually put their well-connected friends and insiders first, at the expense of Canadians workers, their families, and to the detriment of our communities.

New Democrats offer a clear choice to

this single-minded, ideological Conservative agenda. We are dedicated to eliminating poverty and establishing a national housing strategy that will invigorate our economy and improve the financial and emotional stability, as well as health outcomes, for millions of Canadians.

New Democrats are committed to establishing the green economy of the future here in Canada that will showcase Canadian technology and know-how through international trade and foster entrepreneurship here at home.

My NDP colleagues and I put the principles of community development, and social, economic and environmental justice first and foremost in our work in Ottawa. It is a commitment we will not waiver from.

If you want more information about the NDP's policies, or if you want to share with me your ideas or concerns, please write to me at megan.leslie@ parl.gc.ca, or 1-2207 Gottingen St., Halifax, NS B3K 3B5.

### Welcoming

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If they grow up healthy, in communities as generous as they have ever been, and are secure in the knowledge that they in turn can afford to be generous and welcoming, then I believe the children of Halifax Atlantic, and Nova Scotia, have many Happy New Years ahead. My best wishes to all for 2012, and my thanks for all the care and generosity of this place and people.

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### Chebucto News Community Events

#### To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 477-NEWS or send e-mail to tangelene@live.com

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JANUARY**

**Dance at Emmanuel Church Hall** 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield on

January 14, 2012 from 8 PM to 12 AM \$7.00 per person, Light lunch at intermission

Chebucto Community Health Team Programs for January: these programs are available for anyone who lives, works or has a family doctor in the communities of Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield and around the Sambro Loop. Please call 487-0690 or drop in to the Spryfield Shopping Center to register.

**Circuit Training 8-Week Exercise Program** Mondays beginning January 16th 6-7:15 pm. Learn how to incorporate endurance and strengthening exercise at home. Individuals should be able to exercise at a moderate pace and have stable medical conditions.

#### **Assertiveness Training Weekly Program**

Tuesdays beginning January 10th 1:30-3:30 pm. Would you like to communicate more effectively with others in your life? Assertiveness training will help you develop those skills to achieve this, improve your self esteem and your overall personal happiness". This program is offered in a supportive and fun environment and is open to everyone who wishes to enhance their personal wellness

#### Weight Management 4-Week Program

Tuesdays January 17th, 24th, 31st& February 7th 1:15-2:45 pm (Note: program held at the Captain William Spry Library) This series will help you better understand your body and weight. Learn practical tips around food and activity to help you lose or maintain a healthy weight.

URBAN FARM MEETING: The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 9th, 2012, 7pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. Volunteers and new members welcome. For further information, please call Pat @ 477-6087 or email jamac@ns.sympatico.ca

#### **Volunteer Tutors Needed!**

Right now, about 12 million Canadian adults have trouble reading and writing. By becoming a volunteer tutor in an Adult Learning Program, you can help someone in your community improve his or her basic literacy skills. Training is provided. Please call 490-5715 for more information.

#### **ONGOING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Elderobics**, sponsored by the YMCA, is an exercise program for older adults. Participants are encouraged to exercise at their own pace. Classes are held many HRM locations, including Emmanual Church Hall, St. Phillip's Anglican Church Hall, St.

Matthias Church Hall, and Bethany United Church Gym. Fee is \$3 per class plus an annual fee of \$5; free to Y members. Sessions are led by qualified YMCA fitness instructors and set to lively music. Each class includes a warm-up, low-impact aerobics and muscular strength exercises, followed by stretching and relaxation. Come join the fun...and get fit! For more information call Susan Theriault at 423-9622 Ext.253.

**LEGION: Bingo** every Sunday at 1P.M. Mini Bingo at 6 P.M. and Superstat Bingo at 7 P.M

**St. Paul's Recycling** On the third Saturday of every month, St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield will collect your clean refund-

ables. You can drop them at the church at 173 Old Sambro Rd. between 10:00am and 1:00 pm. If you would prefer, you my call Carolyn t 477-0187 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have your refundables picked up.

### Theatre Arts Guild Announces 2011-2012 Season

#### Corker

A family drama by Governor General-nominated local playwright Wendy Lill, which explores how society treats those on the fringes. Directed by Lorraine Cantwell. Runs: Feb. 16- March 3, 2012

### The Reluctant Resurrection of Sherlock Holmes

The ghost of Sherlock Holmes helps solve a mysterious death, whether or not author

Arthur Conan Doyle wants his help! This well reviewed comedy/mystery is written by Canadian playwright David Belke and co-directed by Renée Hartleib and Bill VanGorder. Runs: Apr. 19 - May 5, 2012

#### The Drowsy Chaperone

The internationally acclaimed and award-winning Canadian musical comes to Halifax. Hold onto your hats and get your seats now! Written by Bob Martin and Don McKellar and directed by Jacqui Good. Runs: June 21 - July 7, 2012

For more information contact Rene Hartleib, Theatre Arts Guild volunteer Artistic Director, Rene Hartleib at <rhartleib@ ns.aliantzinc.ca>

### LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd.

#### **Herbert Painting**

Herbert Painting, 68, Halifax, passed away after a hard fought battle with cancer on Thursday, December 1, 2011, in the VG Site, QEII, with his family by his side. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Mary Painting Howard (Green) and the late Herbert Edward Painting. Dad loved kids, having had seven of his own, and getting to spend as much time as possible with his grandchildren prior to his passing meant a lot to him. His grandchildren really stepped up, preparing him meals and visiting often, made his final days as pleasant as they could be. So from all of them, "Rest in Peace, Granka." Dad also shared a special bond with his brother in-law/best friend, George Dunford, even though he was known to steal booze and women away from dad, after both their wives had passed away, of course. Thanks for being there Uncle George. Herbert will lovingly be remembered and never forgotten by his seven children, Brad (Dr. Michael Duffey), Tantallon; Marilyn (Darren Lane), Tatamagouche; Mary Goodall, Dartmouth; John, Harrietsfield; Tabatha (Joey MacDonald), Williamswood; Mark (Lisa Cox), Eastern Passage and Adam (Elizabeth Cox), Spryfield; grandchildren, Christopher and Stephen, Chrystal and Justine, Ashley and Steven, Laura and Jorja, Tyler, Kyle and Brady, Breanna, Cameron, Dylan and Brayden; greatgrandchildren, Jayden, McKenna, Taylor, Bryce, Landon, Carter, Paris and Leighton; brothers, Alex (Marilyn), William (Barb), James (Carol); sisters, Carol Feener (Dave) and Marie Jollimore (Vincent); half siblings, Tim, Tina and Terrie. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 38 years, Thelma (Jollimore); step father, James Howard; brothers, Reginald Howard and John Painting in infancy; sister, Brenda (Filis). Special thanks to the nurses and

doctors who cared for dad during this

battle, especially the Palliative care givers of VG 7A. A special heartfelt thank you goes out to our youngest brother, Adam and his wife Liz "dad's BFF" and their four children for taking dad into their home. Arrangements were under the direction of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd, Halifax, (477-5601). Funeral service was held on Monday, December 5 from the funeral home chapel. Interment followed in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Donations in memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

#### Leona Kelly

89, formerly of Spryfield, passed into the arms of our Saviour, November 25, 2011 in the Halifax Infirmary QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late George and Philomene (McPhee) Oakley. She is survived by; sons, Wayne (Edna), Claude, George (Beth), John (Pushpa "Rosy"), Edward (Linda), Patrick; daughters, Carole Lanthier (Denis), Leona Oakley (Jim), Mary Fitzgerald (John), Claudia Peterson (Buddy), Marsha Lacroix (Gerry), Cathy Fish (Bobby), Karen Connor (David), Tina Boyd (Vern); brother, Kenny (Leona); sisters Genora Mac-Gregor, Ida Kline; 29 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren. Leona was predeceased by her husband Claude: brothers, Pius, David, Edwin, Richard, Granville and Stanley; sisters, Cecilia, Jean; a grandson and a granddaughter, both in infancy. Arrangements are under the care of J.A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Rd. (477-5601). Funeral mass was held from St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Mumford Rd. on Wednesday, November 30, Father John Williams as celebrant, reception followed. Interment took place in the Gate Of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Family flowers only, donations in memory may be made to

a charity of choice. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com. A special thank you to all the doctors, nurses and staff of 8.1 Halifax Infirmary, QEII.

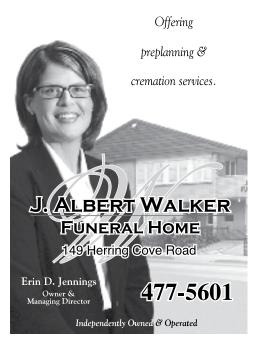
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