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Kathy Hamidovic is pictured here with Bob Raoul, Armdale West Peninsula Town Crier, at the opening of the bi-annual Spring Fling at William King Elementary School in Herring Cove on Saturday May 25, 2013

## Nearly 5000 Signatures on J.L. Ilsley Petition

by Nicole Masters

J.L. Ilsley High School is in a state of disrepair but the state of the school doesn't reflect that of the students. During May, both students and members of the community came together to say that they want to fix the deteriorating state that the school is in. Over seven days, students of J.L. visited local businesses and received a shocking total of four thousand nine hundred and forty two signatures on a petition asking for the school to be renovated. The cost of repairs is estimated at 8 million dollars.

On May 22, 2013 the students' council co-presidents for the current school year and the recently elected co-presidents for the following school year had the privilege of presenting Premier Darrell Dexter with the petition in front of members of the community and students of the school.

Darrell Dexter was impressed by the enthusiasm that the students showed, commenting that they were "kids that are trying to take their own destiny into their own hands."

Josh Cooke, son of Bruce Cooke, the chair of the school's renovation committee, and recently elected co-president, reflecting the feelings of many members of the student body commented, "I feel that the structure of our leaking, crumbling school does not represent the wonderful staff and students we have at J.L. We have collected nearly 5000 signatures of community members who really want to see this renovation made reality."

As a school that has been running for forty years, J.L. has provided an education for many members of the community and will hopefully continue to provide an education to students for

years to come.

People of the community don't want to send their children to a school where the roof is leaking and students don't want to attend a school where potholes litter the driveway. They want the appearance of the school to reflect the dedicated staff and the strong bonds J.L. holds with the members of the community.

## Climb aboard the Harvest Festival!

Folks are falling over themselves to get involved in the Spryfield Village Harvest Festival. Chris Ward stepped forward last week to offer Spryfield's very own Second Chances Community Band to kick off the event on September 21. There is a hint of sports car enthusiasts wishing to get involved, and putting their racers on display. Spryfield Idol will be showcasing local young talent, so children and youths have started practicing.

Homeowners, apartment dwellers, businesses, and organizations are making plans to enter the Decorating Contest to show off Spryfield with her best foot forward. The rules are simple: use natural materials, include a scarecrow, add to the beauty of your neighbourhood, and reflect the themes of community pride, local food, and harvest. As spring bursts forth and you look around

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## Pavia Gallery — Espresso Bar & Cafe: take yourself on a little trip

by Beverley Clarkson

Do you ever wish you could just escape, just for a little while, the everyday drudgery of making a living, feeding the kids, political scandal, traffic jams? Have you ever been to Italy or dreamed of going?

I've been there a few times and it's always better than I could imagine. The light there is golden; everything is beautiful. People laugh a lot and the food, just everyday food: well, divine seems an inadequate word. But the cuisine was put together around the times of the Roman gods and they clearly had high standards.

Christopher Webb is an artist who lived there for several years. His partner, Victoria Foulger, is an RN and Registered Massage Therapist. They got together a few years back and gathered together a group of people to tour their favourite spots in Italy which was so successful that they were inspired to create a business around wonderful things Italian. Both had successful careers, yet they craved more; beauty and excellence, health and nourishment, happiness and community, more tours, and keeping some excellent coffee in their lives. And then this building came

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# Pavia Gallery

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on the market and they knew the day had come to realize that vision.

So Pavia was born. It's logo, designed by Christopher, is the red giglio di Firenze (symbol of Florence) that incidentally predates the fleur de lis it resembles. They didn't want just a coffee house; it is first and foremost a gallery. And not just any gallery: this one is aimed right at being a world class gallery worthy of Toronto or New York or even Florence. And it just happens to be right in our own community.

They experimented with product lines. Victoria loves the world of wellness and so the Oceanbreeze Health and Wellness Centre was established on the top floor that integrates both 21st century medicine and alternative options where conventional therapies cannot help. There are also full aesthetics services with the most appealing line of products and cosmetics that I have ever seen.

OK: we've got great art and good things for your body. Next comes that coffee. Roasted in Florence, it comes directly to their door, and it is the only place in North America you can get it. I can vouch for it; this is the last espresso I'll ever want to taste. Nothing else comes close. Don't forget to look before you sip your latte. There's a painting in each cup.

And if you have coffee from Europe, you must have exquisite pastries. So a baker presents a counter full of sweet things that awaits your selection. The pecan bars go down all too well, if you need a recommendation.

There are also imports for sale; the best olive oil and coffee beans. Light meals, including home-made soups and paninis provide nourishing snacks for the customers who come for the goodies and stay for the company. They use the best, freshest local ingredients; free range eggs, artisanal ham, Tangled Garden jellies, cheeses, and Victoria herself makes the soups which are vegetarian or vegan and as often as possible organic.

Says Victoria, "We wanted to do something really exceptional, to the highest standards. To offer something we ourselves would seek out. And we've exceeded in that already. We're growing the business as we go, but are very disciplined about what we offer. Each decision is made carefully and together. We treat people by the Golden Rule. The result is that people come here from all over and it has become a

kind of community centre. And we've created 8 full time local jobs."

Christopher notes that "We're still finding our feet but clearly we are meeting a need. People come here from all over Halifax. We have introduced a special line of Vino Nobile wines from Italy that Bishop's Cellar imports for us. Such a hard job, visiting the vineyards on our tours and making selections." And the ice cream shop is now open for the season; featuring DeeDee's hand-crafted ices for the discerning as well as Scotsburn's for the kiddies.

What's in store for the future? "We've just hired a gallery coordinator

to grow our vision of an international reputation. We look really carefully at the established, senior artists we show, and we'd like to create a residency program to help a promising individual develop."

So my advice? Treat yourself to a little trip to the heart of Herring Cove; get a massage, lunch with friends on the flowered patio, and watch out for the next art opening and 2014 guided tour. It will be a night to remember. You can find them on Facebook; on the web at paviagallery.com; by calling 407-4008 (or Oceanbreeze at 406-4488); or stop in to 995 Herring Cove Rd.

# Climb aboard

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your place, think of how you can decorate it, and maybe win a prize.

Now for you amateur chefs out there and everyone else who just likes to eat. Remember food is always a big theme at the Harvest Festival. We're planning a Giant Bake Sale for local groups and organizations, a Beautiful Cakes Auction, and all kinds of food vendors from near and far will be bringing delicious fare for us to enjoy. Not only that, but many local churches will be hosting their own church suppers through the two weeks of the Harvest Festival. During our celebrations, let's not forget there are people who struggle to put food on the table and must seek help from our local food banks, as well as many cats and dogs who need food and accessories at our local SPCAs. With this in mind, there will be collection boxes at various Harvest Festival events for donations of food and pet supplies.

Do you have extra items to pass on? Start digging through your treasures to get ready for the Loop de Loop Yard Sale and Flea Market. Maybe you or your group would like to have a table at a centralized flea market, or prefer to set up at home in your own neck of the woods. If you let us know ahead of time, we can put your sale location

on a map showing the location of flea markets and yard sales.

There will be lots of things for families to do – why not decorate your bikes for the Bike Rodeo, participate in the golden gourd hunt, show off your skateboarding skills, go for a hike along McIntosh Run, go to the Family Fun Day, enter Spryfield Idol...

Perhaps you have ideas of activities you would like to offer, or maybe you would just like to help out during the Spryfield Village Harvest Festival. For more information, please contact Bruce Holland, Festival Chair, at 452-7472 or by email at sdbc@eastlink.ca.

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# The Seniors' Beat: "Sometimes life is hard, but don't give up."

by *Beverley Clarkson*

You may have noticed, I'm going around to different communities to meet interesting seniors and learn about their lives. Today, it's Sambro Head. Captain Lennie Cavan is a navy man. He commanded the famous destroyers HMCS Assiniboine, HMCS Huron, and HMCS Preserver(II). Many of us will remember with pride watching those famous Canadian ships of the 70's and 80's prowl the world's seas.

Captain Cavan started out as an able seaman, but just kept getting promoted until he became Base Commander CFB Halifax. He wasn't even born near the sea, coming from a little Quebec town near Ottawa, but in 1949 joined up with both his brothers.

He meant to serve a hitch and go into banking, but at a dance at Stadacona, fell under the spell of a Sambro Header, Shirley Grey, and that was that. "He was a blind date," she said. "I only went along because my girlfriend asked me to". They're celebrating 61 years of marriage.

Shirley, whose family has been in Sambro Head for generations and whose mother owned some 85 acres of waterfront, still lives in a family home that has the best view of the water. The land was part of a 1749 grant under Cornwallis. And she didn't want to leave the sea.

So he stayed in the navy. But one day a supervisor advised him to go for a promotion, which meant more education. He was one of a small group that was sent to Britain with the Royal Navy Upper Yardman's College. By that time he and Shirley had two small children, and she stayed behind at first while he trained. Eventually he brought her over and installed her and the children in a flat in Scotland, although he wasn't allowed to live outside barracks and had to be back by midnight. Said Shirley, "There was no fridge or washer, we used a box in the window to store milk and butter, and coal for the fireplace, the only heater, was rationed."

Later they were able to live together again, but Lennie was posted to sea for months on end. Shirley's made of tough stuff. But after three years, they got to come home. Their children had English accents.

Lennie was actually born in Detroit, in 1929, when people commonly crossed the border for work. His father

worked for Ford Motors, but returned after a few years with a couple of sons who never knew they were not born Canadians. That became a bit of a problem when he was promoted to captain of the destroyer going overseas to do NATO work and someone noticed that he didn't have a Canadian passport. It took until 1977 and \$12 to the Citizen's Court to remedy that but it didn't seem to slow him down.

He retired in 1985, but was brought back to take the Navy Tattoo across Canada for the 75th anniversary of the Canadian Navy.

How has he found retirement? Well, you should know that it's easy to see why Lennie made captain; he is a tall handsome man in the best military image but he's also softspoken and gentle. And very, very smart but doesn't spend time telling you how wonderful he is. "Oh, I volunteered for years and was very involved with St. Peter's Church in Ketch Harbour." He still helps people figure things out, do taxes, and deal with bureaucracy. He is wise and much loved in these parts.

He is not interested in computers, preferring to read. I offer to lend him books. Nope, the best value he gets from his taxes is the library. He orders books and gets them delivered and, best of all news to forgetful me: you don't have to pay fines after age 65!

Shirley, after raising three children and still looking after her family with the help of Skype, is not one to sit idly by either. She has mastered a number of skills which include painting and paper sculpture with stunning results. She also has two computers and an ipad and generously explained to me how the new fangled thing works. She has a powerful mind and as Lennie says, when she wants to learn something new, she never gives up until she gets it.

Both of them had a spell of bad health a couple of years ago and it has slowed them down a bit. But all their years of helping others was repaid big-time from many neighbours who brought food and took them to appointments and saw they wanted for nothing. And, I'm happy to say, they've both had a year of clean scans. Which is great news: our poor world needs such good people in it. Thank you, Lennie and Shirley, for your lives of service.

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST

### Spryfield girl saved from drowning in McIntosh Run

by Iris V. Shea

This month marks the 76th anniversary of Irene Slauenwhite's bravery when she jumped into McIntosh Run to save her friend, Mim McNeil, from drowning. Irene's daughter, Starr Bogue, has been instrumental in having her mother's name remembered. Thanks to Councillor Steve Adams and Halifax Regional Municipality, a commemorative plaque will be unveiled and the pedestrian bridge in front of the Captain William Spry Community Centre will become the Irene Slauenwhite Memorial Bridge. A public ceremony will take place in front of the Captain William Spry Community Centre on Saturday, June 15th at 10 AM. Please come out and support this event.

The headlines in the "Halifax Mail", July 11, 1937, reported "Spryfield Girl Saved from Drowning by 10-Year Old Playmate." On June 12, 1937 ten-year old Irene Slauenwhite and her friend, nine-year old Miriam (Mimi/Mim) McNeil, and Mim's brother, Burton, were among a group of children playing near McIntosh Run. Irene (Renie) was the daughter of Benjamin and Dorothy (Pratt) Slauenwhite; Mim was the daughter of Dan and Maude McNeil, all of Spryfield.

The Run was located behind the Slauenwhite house on the Herring Cove Road, the same body of water seen today along the driveway of the Captain William Spry Community Centre. This section of McIntosh Run contains very little water at present, but in 1937 the Run was like a wide river, one of the reasons Mrs. Slauenwhite made certain all of her children learned to swim at an early age.

On that particular Saturday afternoon in June, the fast current of the rain-swollen river came close to claiming the life of Mim McNeil. When Mim fell from a rock into the McIntosh Run, only her brother saw her. He yelled out that his sister was drowning, but by this time Mim was caught up in the current and Irene could not see her. When she finally saw Mim's head bobbing above the water about 20 yards downstream, and knowing Mim could not swim, Irene knew she had to act immediately. She plunged into the Run, which at that point was about 30 feet wide, kicking off her shoes as she struck the water. Mim was going down for the third time



Left to right, Mim McNeil, Irene Slauenwhite and Lieutenant Governor of NS, Robert Irwin, 1937. Photograph courtesy Slauenwhite family.

when her rescuer grabbed the straps of her sun suit and pulled her to the opposite shore where it was not as deep.

Irene's uncle, Sgt. Jim Pratt, arrived at the scene as Irene was dragging her unconscious playmate up the opposite

bank through the bushes. He jumped into the flowing river, crossing to the other side to help. When the unconscious child began rolling down the bank toward the Run, Sgt. Pratt caught her and put her over his shoulder to expel water from her lungs. A doctor was called to assist and the child regained consciousness.

For her heroic action and presence of mind in the rescue of Mim McNeil, Irene Slauenwhite received a Certificate of Honorary Testimonial from the Royal Canadian Humane Association, presented to her by the Honourable Robert Irwin, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. Both Mim and Irene and their families attended the ceremony. The heroic rescue created great excitement and admiration as people learned of it. The story was also carried in some United States' newspapers.

Irene and Mim remained friends throughout their school years. Many local residents will remember Irene Slauenwhite as an adult when, in the late 1940s and early 1950s, she owned and operated Renie's Tea Room on the corner of what is now Dentith Road and Herring Cove Road. She coached a girl's softball team from Spryfield in the 1940s and 1950s, called Renie's Tea Room. She moved to Toronto in the 1950s where she married and where her three children, Starr, Joanne and Joey, were born. As Irene Bogue, she later returned to live in Spryfield, always a safe haven for her. One of her favourite times of the year was August when she would pick blueberries on the barrens and make pies to raise money for charities. Irene died in January 2001, in her 73rd year.

Mim McNeil worked at Sears in her adult life. Her father was Spryfield's first fire chief and her mother operated the post office from their house on the Herring Cove Road. Mim married Clyde McAvoy and lived most of her married life in Herring Cove. She never learned to swim and had a lifelong fear of the water. She did, however, make certain her four children, Gary, Ross, Daniel and Colleen, learned to swim at a young age. Mim died in February of 2002, one year after the death of her childhood friend, Irene Slauenwhite. Mim's eight grandchildren were her pride and joy. Mim's nephew, Stephen McNeil, is leader of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party and MLA for Annapolis.

# B-I-N-G-O Spells Safe Grad for J.L. Ilsley

by Sarah Boyle

May 2nd brought another bingo to J.L. Ilsley High School to raise money for this year's safe grad. This was J.L. Prom Committee's 2nd bingo of the year. The event, which has up until now been annual, will from this year forward, occur twice each year. The prom committee is happy to receive this extra fundraiser, but the public is happy to receive another night of fun. "I never win anything," one of the attendees said. "But it's worth going for the fun of it. I've been to both this year, and it's for a good cause."

The school is proud to say J.L. Ilsley is one of the few schools in the HRM to still have a safe grad prom. The safe grad allows students to celebrate not only with a dance, but with events taking place all night. The goal is to keep the students safe. The school provides fun activities that take the entire night with the hopes of avoiding the possibility of students driving under the influence of alcohol while heading to or from after prom parties. As well as the dance, students are treated to fun carnival games from Glow, and a hypnotist show. To give the students the energy to power through the night, a buffet style dinner is served, and in the morning, a breakfast. The date of this celebratory night is set to be June 23rd.

"The prom isn't too far away," one prom committee member said. "It was hard work putting this bingo together; I

mean we have to get prizes donated and advertise, then we need to make up the baskets, and then we need to set up the gym. But it's worth it. We made what we needed for prom."

The bingo provided the last needed funds for this event. Members of the public bought bingo tickets and played for the chance to win some of the prize

## Brennan to open Campaign Headquarters Canada Day weekend

Ryan Brennan, Halifax Atlantic PC Candidate in the upcoming provincial election has announced he will open his campaign headquarters on Saturday, June 29, 2013 from 12:00 noon to 2:00p.m at the former Rogers video location in the Spryfield Shopping Centre.

"Not only is it Canada's birthday on this weekend it is also an opportunity for the people of Halifax Atlantic to say yes it's time for a rebirth in Halifax Atlantic by electing a responsible government that will stop wasteful spending, handouts to big business and start listening to the people of this riding and addressing their needs and concerns", said Mr. Brennan.

It will be an afternoon of free fun and entertainment for all who drop by. With

baskets valuing between \$100 and \$250. Baked goods made by the prom committee members were also sold. "My favorite part of any of these things is the bake sale," One man admitted.

Different from all of the previous bingos was the silent auction. Those attending could write down bids for items such as jewelry, gift cards, and food

coupons. The highest bid written when the period for bidding ended received the item. This addition may be made a permanent addition to future bingos as positive feedback was received for it. "I got a fifty dollar gift card for forty dollars, of course I'm happy," One of the lucky bidders said.

The bingo was a success, and J.L. Ilsley Prom Committee looks forward to their safe grad being a success.

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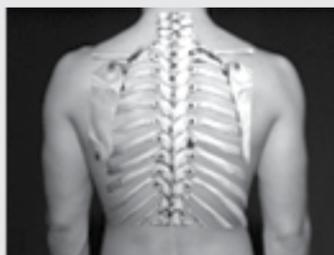
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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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**Evelyn Bernice Steers (Gallagher)** 87, Halifax, passed away April 22, 2013 in the Halifax Infirmiry, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Harold and Maude (Ella) Gallagher. Bernice is survived by loving husband LaVerne; sons, Richard, Halifax; Larry, Head Of St. Margaret's Bay; daughter, Linda Lunn, Hammonds Plains; brother Matthew Gallagher, Dartmouth and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Muriel and twin Ruby. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd (477-5601) 149 Herring Cove Rd. Funeral service was held on Saturday April 27 from the funeral home chapel, Rev. Gordon Relf officiating. Interment followed in St. James Anglican Cemetery, Port Dufferin. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice. Special thank you to Dr. Ripley, Jane Cowie and the nurses and staff of 8.4 Halifax Infirmiry for their care and compassion during Bernice's stay.

**Estel Theodore "Ted" Clattenburg** 90, Halifax, passed away April 25, 2013 in the Halifax Infirmiry, QEII. Born in LaHave, he was a son of the late Freeman and Violet (Lohnes) Clattenburg. Ted had worked in automotive sales up until his retirement. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 65 years. He is survived by sons, Paul (Monica)

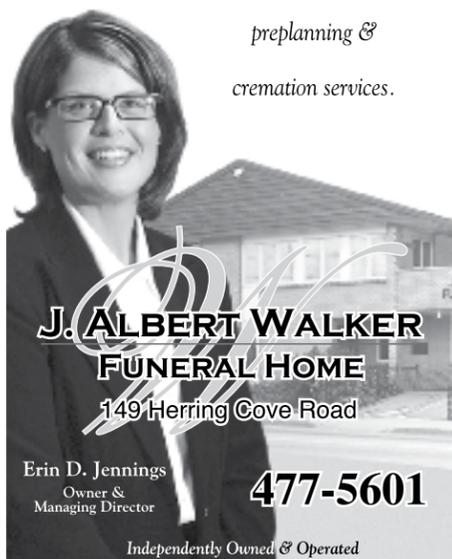
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### Joseph Victor Jr. Pilon

86, Halifax, passed away May 2, 2013 in the Palliative Care Unit, QEII. Born June 1, 1926 in Montreal, Que., he was the eldest son of the late Joseph Victor Sr. and Veronica Grace (O'Neill) Pilon. Victor was a bricklayer by occupation and a member of The International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers since 1947. He enjoyed the beauty of nature, photography, reading, hunting, fishing and sports. He was a Montreal Canadians fan and was fortunate to play hockey with his many friends to the age of 78. Victor will be sadly missed by his brothers Walter (Audrey); Raymond (Rose); Paul; Philip (Marilyn); sister, Joyce Kelly and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents he was predeceased by brother, Robert, sister-in-law Marie and infant sister Mary. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. (477-5601) 149 Herring Cove Rd., where a Christian service was held in the funeral home chapel, Father Duncan McMaster as celebrant. Interment in St. Anne's Roman Catholic Cemetery Portuguese Cove. Donations in Victor's memory may be made to the VONs, Red Cross or charity of one's choice. Special thanks to LLM Homecare (Linda MacLeod), Heather and Lorraine for their many years of loving care. The Victorian Order of Nurses, the Palliative Care Unit, V.G Site, QEII for making his last days as comfortable as possible.

### Hugh Matthew Devereaux

75, Halifax, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at home, surrounded by family. Born in Spanish Room Newfoundland, he was a son of the late Patrick and Elizabeth (Molloy) Devereaux. Hugh left Newfoundland at the age of 16 and came to Halifax; he always enjoyed his return trips home to Newfoundland. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Armdale Branch, for many years. He worked for Sears for 37 years retiring in 1992. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved spending

time at fishing and hunting camps. He also enjoyed doing any kind of labour work, especially carpentry, for family and friends; he was always there to lend a hand. Hugh was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and a friend to many, who will be dearly missed. He will lovingly be remembered by his wife of 55 years, Virginia (Marriott); daughter, Fay (Vernon) Comeau; grandchildren, Travis and Alissa Comeau, all of Halifax; brothers, Eugene, Newfoundland; George and Clarence, both of Ontario; sisters, Isabel, Mary Ann, Hilda, Ida and Cathy, all of Newfoundland; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by daughter, Colleen; brothers, Vincent, Patrick Jr. and Eddie; sister, Leona as well as 8 siblings in infancy. Special thanks are extended to the Palliative Care Home Team especially, Glenna Thornhill; the VON and Northwood Homecare; also, many thanks to family and friends who gave so much support to the family during the last 5 months. Arrangements were under the care of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax (477-5601). A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 9 in St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Fr. Pitcher as celebrant. Interment to take place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Donations in Hugh's memory may be made to the Palliative Care Unit, 7A VG site, QEII or to a charity of one's choice.

### Deleta Ruth Thompson (Bell)

90, Beechville, passed away Saturday May 4, 2013 in the V.G. Site, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Roland and Blanche (Murray) Bell. Up until the time of her hospitalization in March, she lived in the house that she and her husband built together in 1947. Ruth enjoyed music and singing, and had regular sing songs with her sisters. She was a deeply religious person of great faith, was a member of St. Luke's Church in Lakeside, singing in the choir and serving on many boards and committees of the church and the Anglican Diocese. She was also an avid rock collector and had the most varied collection of rocks one could imagine. She was an excellent cook and always made sure that she had lots of homemade fudge to give to people she knew. She was a blueberry picker extraordinaire and picked in the same areas she did all her life in Lakeside. She loved to go picking mayflowers and always had bouquets all over the house. She loved to read and spent much time reading non-fiction books about such things as archaeological digs and ancient civilizations. She was a much loved mother, sister and friend and will be greatly missed by her family and all who had the privilege of knowing her. She is survived by daughter, Sherry Robinson (Michael Swann), Hatchet Lake; sons, William "Bill" Thompson (Carolan), Walton; Larry Thompson, Beechville; grandchildren, Sarah Robinson (David Pyke), Head Of Chezsetcook; Daniel (Danielle) Thompson; Kathryn (David) Bedford, Dartmouth; Rebecca Thomp-

son, St. Peters; Desiree and Jacob Hayter-Thompson, Port Hawkesbury; great grandchildren, Jay Dugay, Timothy and Nathaniel Bedford; sisters Mary Marriott; Betty (Wylie) Minick and Muriel Fillmore-Shatford, all of Head of St. Margaret's Bay; Jean Salsman, Lakeside; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by husband Jarvis Thompson; brother, Murdock Bell and sister Dolly Morash. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. (477-5601). A memorial service was held on Thursday May 9 from St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Timberlea, Rev. Mike Connors and Rev. Judi Lafford officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Timberlea, Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia or you can help a family in need, which is in keeping with Mom's generous spirit.

### Evelyn Mary McCready

92, passed away peacefully on May 10, 2013 at Melville Lodge. Evelyn was born in Halifax to the late Charles and Bessie McCready. She was the youngest of nine children; brothers Roy, Louis, Charles, and Gerard, and sisters Rosie, Helen, Margaret and Mary, all deceased. She was adopted at an early age by Richard and Eunice Flemming of Ketch Harbour, where she was lovingly raised. She had a strong faith and was an active member of Saint Peter's parish, helping Eunice in the canteen at the community dances in her youth. She eventually took over the Canada Post Office following Richard's death and opened a general store, which she continued to run for over 35 years. Evelyn was a kind hearted and generous woman, giving freely to all who knew her. She was talented at needlepoint, cards and loved baseball, especially the Blue Jays. She will be fondly remembered by the family of Ken and the late Joan Spears, who called her "Aunt Evelyn", shared many happy occasions with her and became her caretakers in her later years. She passed her retirement in Herring Cove, with frequent trips back to Ketch Harbour with Ken and Joan. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Edna McCready, and many nieces and nephews. Evelyn's funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday May 15th in Saint Peter's Catholic Church, Ketch Harbour, Fr. Zach Romansky as celebrant. Interment to take place in church cemetery. Words of comfort can be sent to the family by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

### Freeman Edgar Levy

85, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2013 in the V.G. Site, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Demus and Beatrice (Hurshman) Levy. He is survived by his son, Paul (Bernice) Levy, daughter, Darlene, granddaughter, Michelle Levy; sister, Shirley, brother, Kenny. He was predeceased by sisters, Beatrice, Eileen, Beulah, brothers, Perlis, Aubrey, Orland, Freddie, Lester, Everett and Earl. Freeman enjoyed

*(See Obituaries on page 13)*

# 1st Shoreview Girl Guides celebrate first anniversary

by Lorrie Boylen

(Lorrie is a Freelance Writer and Administrative Support Consultant who lives and works in Sambro)

I had the opportunity to meet with the 1st Shoreview Girl Guides as they celebrated their one year anniversary with their four leaders: Nancy Keating, Christina Heagle, Shelly Johnston and Cheryl Anderson, who recognized the necessity for a Girl Guide unit in the area and got the ball rolling. The quartet's talents are well rounded and complementary and they enjoy teaching and discovering new things with the girls and building skills together through meetings, outings and camp. The girls are encouraged to earn as many badges as possible to foster self confidence and accomplishment.

During this first year the girls have bonded with each other and with the leaders, who were always open to fresh new ideas, interests, and projects to try. Next year they plan to tackle a community project as a unit.

One of the biggest events in the Guiding year is camp, where many new skills are learned. This year the girls enjoyed both winter and summer camp and surprisingly, among their favourite activities were chores such as cooking, baking, doing dishes, and sweeping up, along with the traditional campfires, ghost stories, hikes, studying nature, crafts, badge work, survival skills and bonding with their bunk mates. One of the Guides told me, "Even when there are bumps along the road, they take the good with the bad and figure it out together."



The Shoreview Guides were very eager to share their enthusiasm about their unit, stating that they appreciate having input into their programs and enjoy the opportunity to express who they are. They love making new friends and deepening their bond with old friends, sharing adventures, camp, special outings, and the opportunity to try new things. If your daughter isn't sure she would enjoy Guiding, she can try out a meeting to see what it's all about before committing.

Once a year Guides around the world celebrate Rally Day with games, baked treats, songs and dance as they learn about Girl Guides from other lands. Presentations are done by Pathfinders and Rangers.

Guide units always looking for volunteer leaders and many hands make light work. Parents are encouraged to first try helping out within the unit to try it out. Everyone has something to contribute and the leaders learn as much from the girls as the girls learn from them.

Registration for the Fall 2013 season is open. Girl Guides of Canada offers programs for Sparks (age 5-6), Brownies (age 7-8), Guides (age 9-11), Pathfinders (age 12-14) and Rangers (age 15-17+). Their mission "enables girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world." For more information on becoming a leader or to check out the units available in your daughter's age group, go to [www.GirlGuides.ca](http://www.GirlGuides.ca) or phone 1-800-565-8111.

## Local resident Ambassador for Walk to Cure Diabetes



by Lorrie Boylen

(Lorrie is a Freelance Writer and Administrative Support Consultant who lives and works in Sambro)

On June 9th the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) will host its Walk to Cure Diabetes. More than 80% of the funds raised go to support research, education and advocacy. It is the largest charitable supporter of T1D (Type 1 Diabetes) research. Their goal is to improve the quality of life of every

person affected by T1D, which includes better treatment and prevention.

T1D is an autoimmune disease that occurs when the body's immune system attacks and destroys the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, and your body stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables your body to get energy from food. Its causes are not yet entirely understood, but scientists believe there are both genetic and environmental triggers, and it has nothing to do with diet or lifestyle. At present there is no prevention or cure for T1D, but advances are being made all the time due to research.

Williamstown resident Erika Keating has been living with T1D since 2006 when she was diagnosed at age 4. She was an Ambassador for the Walk last year and again this year, and her picture has appeared on promotional materials. She and her mother Nancy have been volunteering with the Foundation for 5 years, and along with 20-25 family and friends on TEAM ERIKA, will participate in the Walk. Their goal is to raise \$3,000 as a team. Donations can be made at [www.jdrf.ca/donordrive.com](http://www.jdrf.ca/donordrive.com). In addition to collecting pledges, they have sold draw tickets, raised money through a hat day at school, and the proceeds of a recent preteen dance at the Harrietsfield Community Centre

went to JDRF.

Erika is very aware of what she consumes, counting carbohydrates in everything she puts into her body. She dreams of the day she will be able to eat whatever she wants, not have to stop what she is doing to check her blood 8-10 times a day, or remove her insulin pump before going swimming. But attitude is everything and diabetes doesn't limit her; in fact, in some ways it has probably made her stronger. She particularly enjoys curling, swimming,

skating, fishing, hanging out with her friends and riding her ATV.

Although Erika's parents' medical plans cover the cost her medical needs, some families would find the \$500 a month for supplies a struggle. Some warning signs of T1D include loss of appetite, increased thirst, and rapid weight loss.

For more information on JDRF contact them at 1658 Bedford Highway, Suite 2055, Bedford, telephone 453-1586 or email [labramson@jdrf.ca](mailto:labramson@jdrf.ca).



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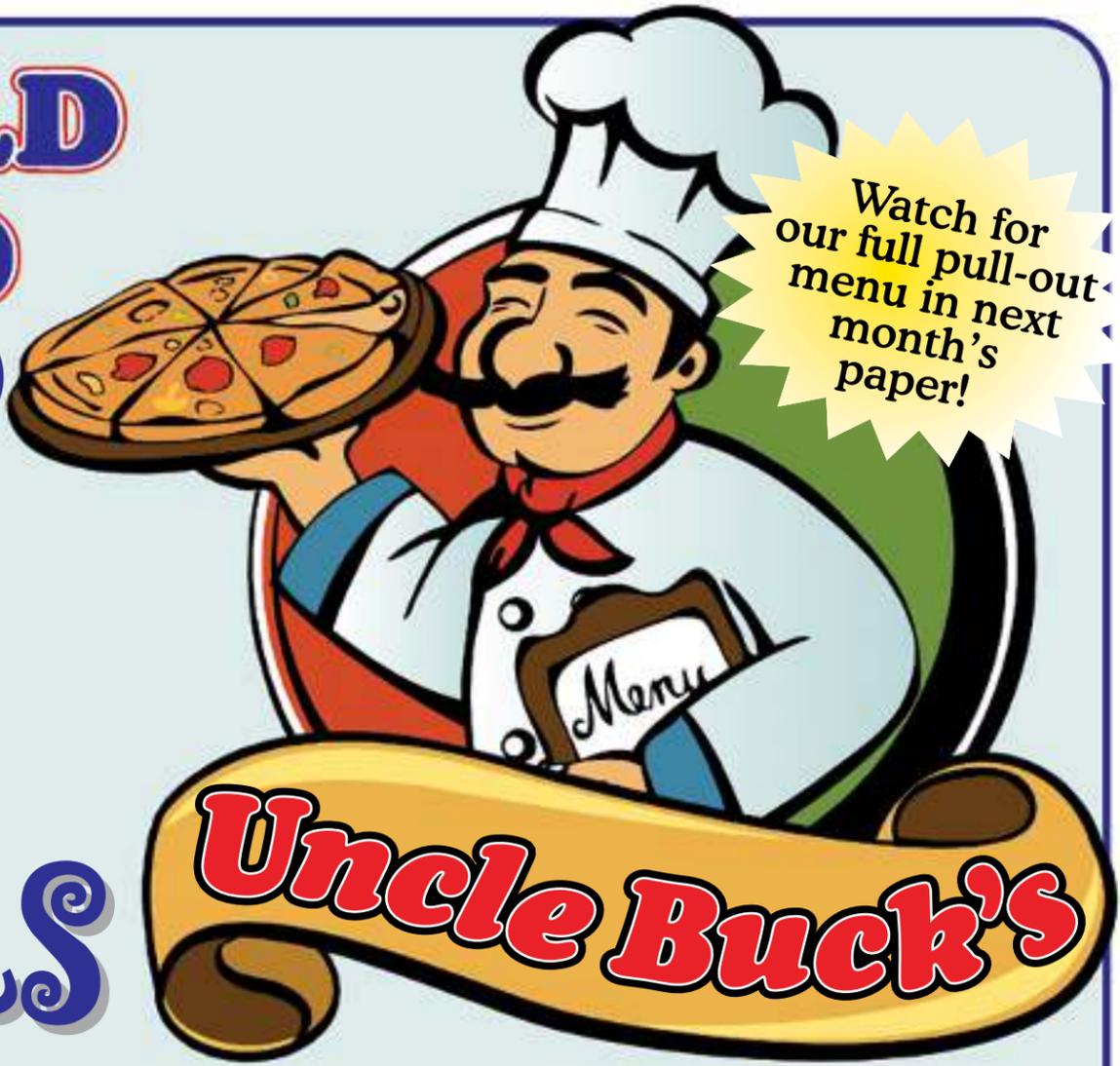


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# Starting those summer veggies

by Jane Zentner ~ *I Grow Vegetables*  
 Editor's Note: This is a reprint of an article that ran in the June 2011 issue. With much of May being cool and wet, work in the veggie garden may have fallen behind. Because peas and many greens (spinach, lettuce, etc.) do not do well in hot weather, plant them before June 10th or wait until mid July, then plant for fall harvest.

Following June 21st, the number of sunlight hours per day begins to drop. Crops that require the entire summer and plenty of sun to mature include: Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, corn, cucumber, eggplant, onion, parsnip, pepper, pole beans, potato, pumpkin, squash, tomato, winter turnip, watermelon, and zucchini. These full season crops should be planted before mid June. Veggies that mature more quickly (bush beans, beets, carrots) can be planted any time up until mid July. Radish and greens can be planted even later, but not beans as the first frost will kill them.

Remove weeds before planting. There are two different types of weeds, those that die easily when cut from their roots and those that keep coming back unless their roots are removed. The quickest way to get rid of the first type is to hoe them out. Hoeing is best done in dry weather, because the turned up roots dry out and the weed dies. For the latter type, the roots must be dug out and removed from the garden. The



A good start now will help ensure a strong harvest later. Photo: Canstock

roots are more likely to come out if the weeds are hand-pulled when the soil is wet. In a weedy garden, turn over the soil a week prior to planting and remove the roots and runners of perennial weeds, or they may quickly grow back. Weed seeds turned up will start to grow.

On planting day, cultivate shallowly to kill recently germinated weeds. Do not work too deeply as this will turn up more weed seeds allowing them to grow.

Spacing is very important when growing veggies. When veggies are over-crowded the part we eat may fail to develop. Each plant competes for sunlight, water, and nutrients. If the plants do not have enough space to reach maturity, thinning is required. Thin when the plants are still small (at the 2 to 4 leaf stage). Hand-pull (or cut out) unwanted plants and weeds growing next to the veggies you wish to keep. Take care not to disturb the veggie's roots. However if you do, water after weeding or thinning. Root crops, such as carrots, become hairy or woody when their roots are disturbed. Hoe, or till, the weeds from between rows. Weeding is most important when the veggies are small. Fast growing weeds can shade the vegetables, leaving them with insufficient light to develop properly. Weeding is not as critical when the veggies are large, but don't let the weeds go to seed.

Mulch can be used to keep weeds

down, however slugs can make their home in mulch. In damp weather slugs can devour entire rows of lettuce, cucumbers, carrots, sunflowers and turnips as they come up. One day the seedlings are peeking through the soil, the next day they are gone. Larger plants can be riddled with holes. Slugs come out at night and in damp cloudy weather. Hand-pick slugs using a flashlight after sunset and in the early morning or ring your plants with copper mesh.

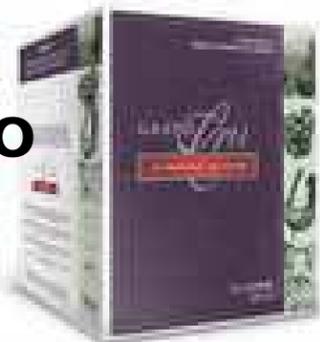
Potted plants and seedlings need to be watered more often than large plants. In hot dry spells, seedlings may need watering every second day. As the plants mature their roots grow, requiring watering less often. To check if the garden needs water, simply poke your finger down into the soil. If the soil feels warm and dry it is time to water. Try to keep the soil evenly watered throughout the season. Radish and tomatoes tend to crack following a rainfall if they have been dry for a while. If the soil is often soggy wet, better drainage is required.

June is also the month to start enjoying the produce. Rhubarb, radish and greens can be harvested.

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# The road that almost was

by Carrie Forbes

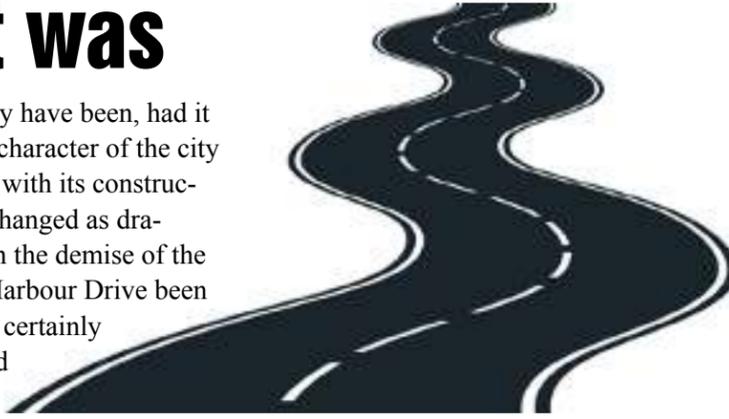
Have you ever wondered why Northwest Arm Drive is named at a location that is nowhere near the Northwest Arm? Or how it is connected to the Cogswell Interchange? The road, which abruptly ends at the intersection of Old Sambro Road, was supposed to cut through Spryfield and Purcell's Cove, to a proposed third bridge – the Northwest Arm Bridge. This bridge would have connected the South End of Halifax via a six lane expressway called Harbour Drive. Harbour Drive would form a ring surrounding the Halifax waterfront, much like the Gardiner Expressway in Toronto. This ring would circle back to the Fairview Overpass to form Highway 102 into a circumferential highway via the Cogswell Interchange, allowing fast access to the downtown from Halifax's suburbs, at least as its engineers envisioned it. In the end, the south of Harbour Drive was never built, as public pressure forced its cancellation in the early 1970's.

However, two orphan relics of this 'urban modernization' plan remain; the Cogswell Interchange and Northwest Arm Drive. A lot has been said lately in the local media about what to do with the Cogswell Interchange, as its aging infrastructure must either be torn down or repaired. Haligonians are weighing in on this opportunity, and reflecting

on what the city may have been, had it not been built. The character of the city changed drastically with its construction, and could be changed as dramatically again with the demise of the interchange. Had Harbour Drive been fully constructed, it certainly would have changed the face of the Chebucto Loop as we know it.

It's interesting to consider the opportunities this road may have brought. The communities along mainland south would have had faster access to the downtown, as well as Dartmouth. A bridge across the Northwest Arm might have provided the kind of accessibility to downtown that the MacDonald Bridge provided the city of Dartmouth. Likewise, residents coming from downtown could have faster access to the Chebucto Loop. What kind of public transportation and business opportunities might this have brought?

The proposed continuation of Northwest Arm Drive would have the road running approximately through Catamaran Pond, William's Lake and the community of Purcell's Cove, to the new bridge. It's interesting to imagine how a divided, high speed expressway may have influenced the types of development that would have emerged. In the 1960's, much of this land would have been wilderness, and this route



may have cut Spryfield, William's Lake, Jollimore and Purcell's Cove in half. What kind of community impact would this have had today? Looking at the Cogswell Interchange as an example, we can see how it divided the north and south ends of the downtown, making them less cohesive. In a world where cars were king in city design, pedestrian and community connections were not considered.

Despite all this speculation, we have learned something valuable as a result of this road that was not to be; that citizens must be part of the planning process. Cities that were built with cars as the priority were envisioned as making life easier; however, in many respects, these grand expressways created more problems than they solved. Pollution, traffic, loss of green space, lack of pedestrian walking spaces, and loss of land for residential or business development are just some of the issues that need to be balanced with our need to progress and renew infrastructure. Northwest Arm Drive continues to evolve with new neighbourhoods springing up, along with new roads and intersections. These developments are also changing the nature of this four lane expressway, slowing it down to accept the influx of residents. It will be up to them to determine the future legacy of the road that almost was.

## Crime prevention through environmental design

by Nicole Masters

Everyone likes their neighbourhood to have an attractive appearance, but did you know that keeping your yard in shape can actually prevent crime? Research has shown that crime rates can be lowered through environmental design. Crime Prevention through

Environmental Design (CPTED) makes communities, homes, parks, and other public areas safer and more attractive at the same time.

At J.L. Ilsley High School, the grade 12 Law class has taken steps towards crime prevention at their school by cleaning the school yard and taking care of the gardens. Each group of students was given a garden patch at the school and became responsible for weeding, growing new plants, and general upkeep during the month of May.

"We're gardening to experience what restorative justice is like," said Mikey Wells-Donovan, a student in the Law class. "We're learning about the law and making our school look nicer at the same time."

In the restorative justice program offenders are asked to repair the harm they have done. In certain cases, this can include CPTED where the offenders do community service. An example of this could be an offender asked to clear graffiti, thereby helping to prevent others from placing graffiti. Occasionally CPTED can also come in the form of painting murals, which greatly reduces the presence of graffiti.

And CPTED isn't a new thing. Since ancient times there has been concern over the interactions between people and their surroundings. The Chinese promoted harmony in the design of space, and the Japanese use Zen gardens to calm the mind. Humans are greatly influenced by their environment and, in keeping the surroundings looking nice, crimes can be prevented.

CPTED isn't only done by the justice system and the government. Everybody can help prevent crime by making their community a better place in which to live. Don't litter, tend to your garden, and do general upkeep around your yard. Any maintenance that gives the community a good image can help prevent crime.

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## Sisters from Herring Cove competing in Eastern Canadian Rugby Championships



Caitlain (left) and Alison (right) with their father (Brian Blanchard) who has been a coach and mentor for both girls

Caitlain and Alison Blanchard, both members of the community of Herring Cove, have already begun their training for the Nova Scotia Provincial Women's

Rugby Team. Caitlain will represent the NS Senior women's team, while her younger sister Alison will represent the NS U18 team. This year, both teams

will represent NS at the Eastern Canadian Championships held in Newfoundland, with the hope of representing the province at the National Rugby Championship held in British Columbia. For the past three years, the sisters have had the opportunity of training and playing on the same rugby team for the Riverlake Rugby Club.

Individually, Caitlain has played for seven years at the levels of High School, Club, Varsity (University of Ottawa), and Provincial. She will also be competing with the best female players from the Atlantic Provinces in the hopes of making the Atlantic Women's Rugby team this summer. Caitlain has extended her love for the game into her community by assisting with the J. L. Ilsley High School rugby program and recently has embarked on a community develop-

ment program at Cunard Junior High to encourage the development of the sport.

Alison started on the sidelines, watching her big sister grow and develop as a young woman. The leadership and teamwork skills she saw from her sister encouraged her to become a rugby ambassador as well. She fell in love with the game and stepped onto the field as soon as she could. Alison has played at the senior club level for the past three years; at the provincial level; and, in grade 11, is now the captain of her J.L. Ilsley High School team. Together, the sisters work hard to be positive female role models for their teammates and community, harboring many life and leadership skills from the game, which translate directly back into their daily lives. Caitlain and Alison are competing at the provincial level with the goal of promoting the sport of rugby as well as providing positive female role models and being ambassadors, not only representing their province, but also the community of Herring Cove.

If you would like to have your local sporting event covered by the *Chebucto News* please email [jonny.horner@yahoo.ca](mailto:jonny.horner@yahoo.ca) or editor [tangelene@live.com](mailto:tangelene@live.com)

## Safety on the water—make summer fun, not tragic

by Tangelene Ramsay

June has arrived, which means cottages are being opened for the summer, boats are being prepped for the lakes and water enthusiasts everywhere are dreaming of a perfect weekend on the water. For some, that perfect weekend involves a canoe or kayak; for others it is water skiing or jet skiing; and for still others, it means swimming and building sandcastles with the children. Many people will enjoy a frosty beer or a pitcher of daiquiris' while on the water. And everyone will have a great time. Until...

No one goes out in a boat with the idea that they are going to drown. It is never anyone's intention to end up unconscious in the water. But, every year, it happens too many times to count. Someone loses their balance while standing in a small boat and goes overboard; or their kayak flips when hit by a rogue wave; or a quick summer squall comes up and they end up disoriented. That is all it takes to turn a perfect summer weekend into a tragic weekend.

There are some very simple ways of preventing these tragedies. The most important of which is to always wear a life jacket when boating. Whether or not you can swim won't matter if you are unconscious. But wearing a life jacket will ensure you stay afloat long enough to be brought back to consciousness. What many people don't realize is that when you are suddenly ejected from a boat, canoe or kayak, and find yourself in cold water, your first instinct is to breathe. Unfortu-

nately, when you are under water and take a breath, you are depositing water directly into your lungs. By wearing a life jacket, you will be less likely to end up under water, and will definitely not be under long enough to drown.

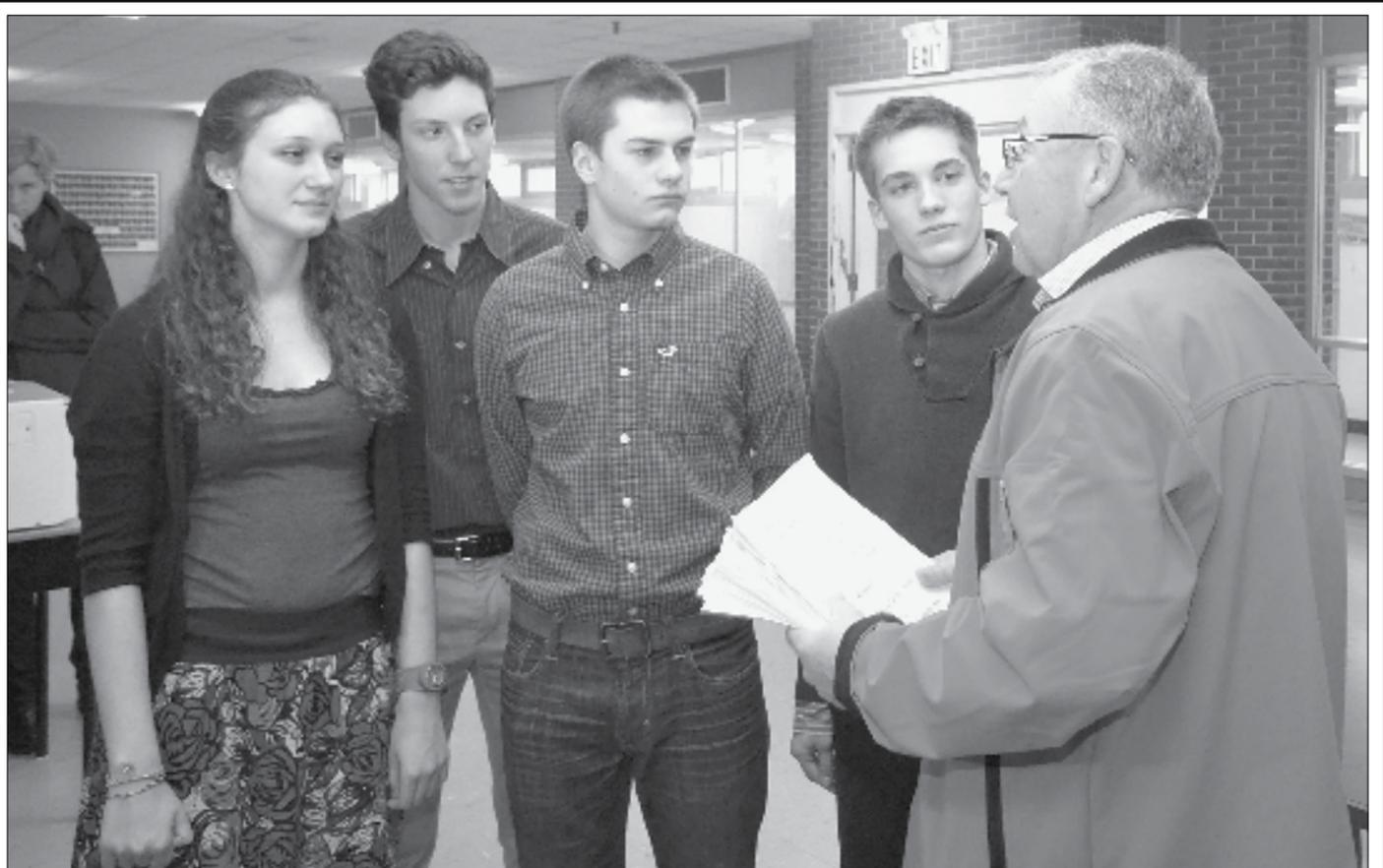
Another way to prevent tragedies on our waterways this summer is to remember that boats are vehicles. And just like a car, you should never drink and boat. Alcohol impairs judgment,

slows reflexes and makes a person unbalanced. Three states in which you should never be on the water.

Whenever you are on the water you should have an emergency kit with you. This kit should contain a safety whistle, a compass, a bottle of water, sunscreen, a first aid kit and a protein bar. The case used to contain your kit should be water proof, capable of floating and should be able to be used as a bailing device.

Should you get into trouble, especially in an area where there are few other boaters, having these few items may help keep you alive until help arrives. If your boat has a motor, a spare container of gasoline and a set of oars should also be considered necessities.

Let's make this summer our safest one yet. Remember, you wouldn't drive without a seatbelt, and you shouldn't boat without a life jacket.



Students at J.L. Ilsley High School present Premier Darrell Dexter with their petition to repair the aging and deteriorating structure. Nearly 5000 signatures were collected from the community.

# NDP requests that RCMP investigate Senate scandals

by Megan Leslie, MP for Halifax

Dear Friends,

A primary goal of all Parliamentarians should be to find ways to make Parliament work better for Canadians, whether it is improving accountability, efficiency and demographic representativeness, or creating better links to community and enhanced ways for Canadians to have their voices heard.

Achieving these goals requires some small adjustments, as well as some big changes. But in the end our democracy can be significantly enriched if we have hope and we work together.

The recent scandals involving the Senate have Canadians across the country, including supporters from all parties, shaking their heads in dismay. The Conservatives are trying mightily to minimize this issue, the Prime Minister even went so far as to describe these scandals as “a distraction”, but the facts are clear – this isn’t something that can be swept under the rug.

The NDP position is also clear: the Senate should be abolished. This has been our consistent position for the last 50 years, and over the decades it has been proven time and time again that this unelected, unaccountable and expensive institution is not working.

The Prime Minister at one time called the Senate a relic that was in need of reform, but has done little to nothing to back this statement up. He was elected on the promise that he wouldn’t appoint Senators, but has subsequently appointed 58 Senators, including failed Conservative candidates and party fundraisers. The hypocrisy and arrogance of this is astounding.

The NDP has led the call for greater investigation into the latest scandals involving Senator expenses, including requesting an RCMP investigation in light of the news of the troubling payment of \$90,000 by the Prime Minister’s former Chief of Staff, Nigel Wright, to Senator Duffy. We are holding the government to account.

The NDP has a number of other proposals to help make Parliament work better for Canadians.

In January of this year we launched the NDP Civility Project. Harassment and personal attacks are not tolerated in workplaces, so this should not happen

in the House of Commons. But it does, and something needs to be done.

The NDP has been walking the walk since Jack Layton made it clear that we would do things differently, and that collectively, as a party, we would stop heckling. And if you were to visit the House of Commons, you would notice the greater respect our caucus shows for those speaking in the House compared to the continuous hollering and heckling from the Liberal and Conservative benches.

Nathan Cullen, NDP House Leader, has tabled a motion to improve civility in the House. This motion proposes that MPs lose certain privileges if they do not uphold higher standards of civility. It’s about time.

The NDP is also proposing changes to improve the oversight of government spending and the federal budget. These changes will help ensure that taxpayer money is being spent properly, and that when the government says a policy or program will cost a certain amount, that they are held accountable.

Currently the Parliamentary Budget Officer, the individual and office in charge of budget oversight, is not an independent officer of Parliament. NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair tabled a bill this spring to give the Parliamentary Budget Officer the independence needed to make decisions, do research and hold the government to account.

This is the type of fiscal management leadership that we haven’t seen from a government beset by spending scandals on prisons, F-35s and gazeboes.

Gender balance in the House of Commons is another priority for the NDP, because decision-making bodies that actually reflect the gender balance in this country are better informed, more responsive and will create a better Canada.

We are pleased to have the highest proportion of women ever within the Official Opposition: 40%. And our intent is to keep on working to improve the overall balance of the entire House from its current level of 25%, one of the

lowest on the planet.

I am delighted to be a Parliament Hill Champion for the Equal Voice campaign “be HER, support HER, celebrate HER”, which aims to increase the number of women in government. Working together, we can bring more women into politics, as elected officials, but also as organizers creating change.

Finally, after 7 years of a Conservative government alienating community groups across the country working on poverty, environment, international development and women’s issues (just to name a few!), the NDP is committed to creating a new relationship between federal representatives and civil society. These organizations play a vital role by informing policies and mobilizing Canadians, and they should be better respected and heard.

I am always eager to hear your ideas to make parliament work better for Canadians. Please write to me at [megan.leslie@parl.gc.ca](mailto:megan.leslie@parl.gc.ca), or 1-2207 Gottingen St., Halifax, NS B3K 3B5.

## Dismissive attitude at HRM towards landfill agreement

by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

There has been ongoing debate and extensive discussion regarding the operation of the Otter Lake Landfill facility. Although this is not in our district, it has great significance for a number of reasons.

Earlier this year, Council asked for a review of the operation of the facility. This review was to identify efficiencies, which simply means cost savings. The recommendations brought forward were to eliminate the Front End Processor (FEP) and Waste Stabilization Facility (WSF). These two operations are designed to allow only inert materials into the landfill. The FEP also removes recyclable material and other waste not suited for Otter Lake. Other recommendations included, but were not limited to, extending the life of the landfill by 17 - 23 years and increasing the height by 15 meters, or about 49 feet.

From an economic perspective, increasing the height and life of the

landfill would save money. The infrastructure is in place, and this would also negate the need to site a new landfill for years to come.

However, there is one extremely significant component of this entire process that has been ignored; that being, an agreement is in place with the community that ensures environmental protection. The FEP and WSF are integral components of environmental protection. Regardless of any potential cost savings, an agreement is to be honoured.

During Council meetings, I have done my best to get a better understanding of the process we have followed. One particularly puzzling aspect of this is that a Consultant’s report was prepared, with recommendations. I would have expected that public consultation would have been part of the Consultant’s work. It would appear that the conclusions have been drawn, and any

public consultation would be moot!

In subsequent meetings, Deputy Mayor Rankin and I introduced additional information. The reaction to this material was odd, to say the least. We presented letters from the Provincial Minister of the Environment, the leader of the opposition and the leader of the PC. All three stated clearly that no changes would be permitted to the landfill. These letters were dismissed as being “politically motivated”. We also presented a motion from Halifax County Council banning organics from our landfill. We were told it would be taken under advisement.

Perhaps the most intriguing answer of all was a non-answer. I simply asked the following, “If the FEP is eliminated, and someone puts potato peelings in a green garbage bag, what happens to the potato peelings?” I am still waiting for an answer.

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# Residents no longer required to clear snow from sidewalks

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

The issue of sidewalk snow removal has been to Council at least fifteen times since 1998. Prior to amalgamation, Dartmouth covered the cost for clearing snow from sidewalks under the general tax rate. After amalgamation, HRM imposed area rates on Dartmouth, Bedford and County areas that did have this service. Over the years, two Halifax districts were added to the area rates. As of April 2013, twelve out of sixteen districts and one partial district (District 9) had sidewalk snow clearing funded through area rates. The rate charged for 2012/2013 was \$15 per \$100,000 of assessment. The average home paid about \$35 a year for the service.

Although most property owners in the Halifax area clear their sidewalks appropriately, unfortunately many do not. The Manager of Bylaw Enforcement has indicated that in areas where we do not clear the sidewalks there were hundreds of calls to 311 since November. This resulted in 1,558 orders to property owners to remove the snow (residents indicate a street and there can be multiple properties not clearing them on that street). This is a significant number and has led to residents requesting a consistent, fair and safe approach.

As our district had only a portion of the sidewalks cleared by HRM, on February 4th, I asked Finance to start the process for public consultation to consider having the snow removed from sidewalks in the entire district. HRM staff responded back: "Given the large area you represent which is not currently charged the area rate, it may be prudent to have a wider discussion on the future of sidewalk snowplowing in HRM before proceeding with a public consultation and vote in district 9". I agreed that it was prudent and since we now pay for the sidewalk construction under the general rate we should also consider clearing the HRM sidewalks, and paying for them in the same manner. I requested that a report be brought forward to Council for discussion. This report did not come to council until the day the budget was presented to Council. During our deliberations I made an amendment to the budget to include sidewalk snow clearing under

the general urban and suburban tax rate. The budget was unanimously approved by Council. It included service changes for both new sidewalk construction and sidewalk snow clearing. Both of these were previously area rated, but now they will be funded from the general urban and suburban tax rate. Thus, any resident that has a sidewalk in front of their property is no longer is responsible for salting or clearing the sidewalk. The service will be uniform and consistently applied across HRM.

There are those that oppose this consistent approach for a variety of reasons. Some state that we have a program for seniors and persons with disabilities. While we do have a program, there is an income threshold of \$30,000 a year per household or less, and often we do not have enough resources to meet the demand. In addition, the issue is not about clearing the sidewalks in front of the homes of seniors or persons with disabilities. It is about residents attempting to get down a street during the winter – even one homeowner that does not clear the snow can force residents to be prisoners in their homes. We are promoting walkable neighbourhoods but at the same time we did not ensure that they are accessible and safe.

Some opponents suggest that we have a bylaw to enforce this and we could enhance this enforcement. There has also been an implication that issuing tickets would pay for the increased bylaw resources. When bylaw receives a complaint they do not issue fines. They have to wait until it has been 12 hours after the snow has stopped. Next they visit the property and post an order to remedy (clear the snow) within 24 hours. They must go back sometime after 24 hours to confirm compliance, and if it is not cleared then they must obtain the services of a company to go and remove the snow and it becomes a lien on the property. As you can see this process is cumbersome, takes about 48 hours, and residents would not be able to safely use the sidewalk until it is completed.

Residents have also complained that the plows are too big and damage the lawns. I have raised this issue with the

supervisor in charge of sidewalk snow clearing for Halifax, and asked him to consider alternatives when we go out to tender next season. In addition, the damaged portions of lawns are on HRM property (right-of-way) and we ensure that whoever made the damage – contractor or HRM – repairs the damage.

The issue of snow removal standards—the time to remove the snow—has been raised. It has been stated that it will take HRM 36 hours to clear the snow off a residential sidewalk. This standard is the maximum time. In almost all snow storms we clearly exceed this standard and often the sidewalks are cleared before the roads. Only in extreme circumstances such as a white Juan or multiple snow events would it take this long. An analogy would be the 24 hour standard of clearing a residential street. Although it can happen for a variety of reasons, it is not the norm for residents to have to wait 24 hours to see

a plow on their street.

Many people rely on walking and transit as their primary way to get around our city. Without a clear path through snow and ice, it is especially difficult for people with disabilities, seniors, children and persons pushing strollers to get around. Having all sidewalks cleared by HRM rather than a portion of sidewalks will provide a predictable and uniform service standard for everyone. This also supports active transportation by allowing residents to walk to and from work, school or go about their daily activities. This will benefit both residents and businesses. Who wants to shop or attend social activities if they have to trudge through drifts of snow or thick ice? For a relatively minor cost, HRM will now clear all sidewalks which will alleviate much of the aggravation that is felt during the winter and it ensures equitable service for all residents of HRM.

## OBITUARIES

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hunting and fishing, he was the founding member of Giffins Bottle Exchange, and he retired from Dave's Bottle Exchange, he was formally of Ketch Harbour. Arrangements were under the care of JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS (477.5601). Funeral service was held on Thursday, May 16 at the funeral home chapel. Interment to take place in St. John's Cemetery. The family would like to thank all the staff on 8.4 of the QEII Hospital for their care of Freeman. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Words of comfort can be sent to the family by visiting [www.walkerfh.com](http://www.walkerfh.com)

### Regina Mabel Ossinger

87, Harrietsfield, passed away peacefully on Sunday May 12 at home surrounded by her loving family at her side. Born in Cape Negro Island, she was the daughter of the late John and Alda (Bly) Smith. Regina loved strawberries, playing cards, darts, bingo, bowling and dancing. She was a member of the Spryfield Legion, and loved to attend dances at the Legion and the Golden Age Society. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be sadly missed by her loving husband of 63 years, Ernest; daughters, Janice (Kevin) Warner; Sharon (Steve) Vossen; her sons, Ernest Jr. (Irene), Calvin (Susan), Michael (Debbie), Alan (Judy); grandchildren, Victoria, April, Melissa, Sherman, Wayne, Jason, Joseph, Scott, Craig; great-grandchildren, Isabella, Tyler, Mitchell, Dakota, Taiton and Isabella; sister, Joyce Anderson; sister-in-laws, Marjorie Smith, Vivian Smith and Patricia Ossinger; brother-in-law, Murray Ossinger. She was predeceased by sisters, Marguerite Perry and Stella Goulden; brothers, Danny, Chester, Lawrence, Alpheus and infant boy. Arrangements were under the care of JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd,

149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, NS (477.5601). Funeral service was held on Friday May 17 from the funeral home chapel. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Regina may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Words of comfort can be sent to the family by visiting [www.walker.com](http://www.walker.com)

## Dismissive

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The crux of this matter is one of integrity. Time will tell as to how this pans out.

I am certain that most, if not all who have read my columns are familiar with the discussions and debate at Council regarding cats. Earlier this month, I introduced a motion to give the SPCA a grant of \$40,000 to help with a Spay and Neuter programme. This will help with the issue of feral cats. This program will not adversely affect existing veterinary clinics, which was a concern that was raised. This would not have been possible if not for the work of Dr. Hugh Chisholm who worked tirelessly to bring this forward. As well, Linda Felix and Tracey Galura continue to do their good work and showed how this decision could benefit many. My thanks go out to them and to all who made this possible.

As summer quickly approaches, there will be many school and community events to attend. These fairs and festivals are great for fundraisers and bring communities together. As always, I will do my best to attend as many as possible. I hope to see you at a few of them.

Summer also brings graduations and grading and summer vacation. Whether you are moving up from one grade to another or graduating High School, you should be very proud of your accomplishments.

In closing, I offer a final thought to those of you graduating from High School. Whether you are planning on attending University, Community College or joining the work force, simply do your very best. Everything else will fall into place.

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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](mailto:tangelene@live.com)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS JUNE

### Urban Farm Meeting:

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold their AGM meeting on Monday, June 10th, 7pm at the Captain Spry Community Center. Our guest speaker's topic will be "Dealing With Nuisance Wildlife in your Backyard". New members and volunteers are welcome! For further information please call Pat @ 477-6087 or e mail [jamac@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:jamac@ns.sympatico.ca).

### From Peter to Paul Pilgrimage

On Saturday, June 22 at 9am, there will be a 10km Fun Walk/Run starting at St. Peter's Church in Ketch Harbor to St. Paul's Church in Herring Cove. The two churches are coming together and making this journey as a sign of unity and fellowship. We encourage other members of the community to join us. There is no cost to participate and there will be a BBQ at the finish line. Event t-shirts available for pre order at a cost of \$15.

For more information, to register or to order a t-shirt, email [petertopaulparish@gmail.com](mailto:petertopaulparish@gmail.com)

All welcome!

### Attention: Volunteers Needed!

The Halifax Community Learning Network is seeking volunteer tutors for the Captain William Spry Library Adult Learning Program. Adult learners are varied in their skills and goals. Many want to improve their communications, math and computer skills or work toward passing the GED test. Volunteers who can tutor basic and / or high school math are especially needed. Training and support are provided.

If you are willing to dedicate two hours per week for at least 6 months as an adult literacy tutor, please call Noreen at 490-5715.

Helping someone to succeed in achieving their goals is the most rewarding job of all!

**LEGION: Bingo** every Sunday at 1PM. 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 refundables. You can drop them at the church at 173 Old Sambro Rd. between 10:00am and 1:00 pm. If you would prefer, you may call Carolyn at 477-0187 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have your refundables picked up.

There is plenty room for more at **Elders-Obics-Forever Fit** (sponsored by the YMCA) at both Emmanuel Church Hall and Captain William Spry Community Centre. This is a fitness program for adults which includes low impact aerobics, working with weights, stretching and relaxation exercises. The classes @ Emmanuel are Mon, Wed & Fri at 10:00 - 11:00 am; and the classes at Captain William Spry are Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:00 - 10:00 am.

No pre - registration is necessary, just

come along, have fun and get fit! Pay as you go, \$4.00 per class, plus annual fee of \$10.00.

### Irene Slauenwhite Memorial Bridge

The public is invited to attend a ceremony for the naming of the pedestrian bridge across McIntosh Run, Saturday, June 15 at 10 AM in front of Captain William Spry Community Centre. The bridge will be named "Irene Slauenwhite Memorial Bridge". Councillor Stephen Adams will unveil the HRM commemorative plaque to honour Irene's heroic act in June 1937 when she saved her childhood friend, Mim McNeil, from drowning in McIntosh Run.

### Songwriters In The Round

Who: Songwriters with their Original Songs  
When: Saturday June 8, 2013 - 6:30pm to 9:30 pm

Where: St James United Church, 3811 Old Sambro Road

Benefiting: Botswana AIDS Hospice

**Chebucto Connections** are looking for volunteer board members who want to be part of a team that is actively engaged in making our community a healthy and vibrant place to live and work. We are inviting people to express their interest in being part of our Board of Directors team so that we can set up a time to talk to you about what being a Board Member would entail. This will give you a chance to see if it is a good fit for you. We are looking for engaged community members to join us in this work of nurturing the rich capacity of the community.

If this sounds interesting to you please contact: [ccda.stecroix@gmail.com](mailto:ccda.stecroix@gmail.com) or 477-0964 for more information.

**Captain William Spry Library Free Puppet Shows** Every Saturday at 11am! All Ages Welcome!

Harrietsfield/Williamswood Community Centre/1138 Old Sambro Road, Harrietsfield - Saturday, June 8th will be this year's "**Fishing Derby and Family Fun Day**" at Spruce Hill Lake, starting with registration for fishing @ 9:00 a.m. going till 1:00 p.m., then the "Free" Family B.B.Q. back at the centre, commencing at 2:00 p.m. through until 4:00 p.m., complete with "Petting Zoo", compliments of "Isenor's Stables", and finally, the Adult Dance from 9:00 till 1:00 a.m.. There will be \$5.00 admission to the dance and full service, with "great" music. Come Help Us Celebrate Our Community!

St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove (1 Harrigans Road) are having their **Annual Lobster Supper** on Saturday, June 15 from 3:00pm-6:00pm. The menu includes your choice of Lobster, Scallops, 1/2 & 1/2 or Ham. To order tickets or to get more information, please call 477-0398 or 477-1051.

**McNabs Island Beach Cleanup** Sunday June 2 (rain date- June 9) Time: 10 am - 5:00 pm Two Departure Locations:

Halifax: Meet at Murphy's on the Water, Cable Wharf, on the Halifax Waterfront by 9:30 am. Space is limited to 190 people so everyone must pre-register to guarantee your spot. Eastern Passage: Meet at A&M Sea Charters 87 Government Wharf Rd, Fisherman's Cove by 9:30 am. Space is limited to 29 people so everyone must pre-register. Bring work gloves, drinking water, a lunch and ENTHUSIASM. We will supply the garbage bags and FREE transportation to the island for volunteers willing to clean up the beaches. Sorry NO bicycles allowed on this trip.

Note: the cleanup is not suitable for very young children (under 5). For information and to register, contact Faye (443-1749) or Cathy (434-2254 evenings) or [mcnabs@chebucto.ns.ca](mailto:mcnabs@chebucto.ns.ca). Stay up to date on <http://www.mcnabsisland.ca/> or Facebook / Twitter for more details.

Spryfield Legion will be hosting **2 Seniors Dances** this month, one on the 10th and one on the 24th. As always, dances run from 12:30pm to 4pm with door prizes and 50/50 draw. \$3.00 per person. Light lunch served. Music by Albert Martell.

**Spring Into Summer Fair** At Emmanuel Church Hall 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield Saturday, June 15, 2013, 10:00am To 1:00 pm

Please come and enjoy fun and fellowship!

Harrietsfield/Williamswood Community Centre **preteen dances** for the month of June are as follows, on June 6th at 6:30 and also on June 27th at 6:30 till 8:30 with the usual great music, canteen, adult supervision and still only \$3.00 admission

**Dance At Emmanuel Church Hall** 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield June 8, 2013, 8PM - 12AM Music by Bay City Band \$7.00 per person

### Chebucto Community Health Team Programs

NEW! Low Intensity 10-Week Exercise Program Mondays and Wednesdays 2-3:15pm Canada Games Centre A low intensity exercise program for people who are physically limited by a chronic condition (unable to exercise or walk more than 15 minutes without stopping). Classes are held twice a week and are supervised by a physiotherapist. Please call for more information and to schedule an assessment.

How Healthy is Your Plate? Eating for Health Wednesday June 12th 1:30-3pm Are you interested in knowing the difference between portion size and serving size? Interested to know what and how much you should eat? Come and learn to use Canada's Food Guide in a way you never have before! Feel Better About Yourself Tuesday June 18th 10-12noon

The way we feel about ourselves can have an impact on our relationships with others, the things we do in our lives and our overall well-being. Join us for a discussion about focusing on our strengths and becoming the best version of ourselves.

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. Unless specified programs are offered at the: Chebucto Community Health Team Spryfield Shopping Centre 16 Dentith Rd. Halifax

### Spring Fair

Sambro Elementary School Spring Fair (3725 Old Sambro Road) on Saturday, June 8 from 11 am to 2pm. Come out for some fun! BBQ, raffles, bouncy castle, lots of games, face painting, tattoos, with special guests from fire department and coast guard.

Everyone Welcome!

### Halibut Supper

St. James United Church, Sambro (3811 Old Sambro Road) will be having a Halibut Supper (ham alternative) on Saturday, June 15 from 3 to 6pm.

Everyone Welcome!

### The Quarter Note Singers June Coffee

**House Date:** Thursday, June 13th from 7-9 p.m., Location: Captain William Spry Recreation Centre, Special Guests: The Hydrostoners Ukelele Ensemble. Refreshments Served - Donations Gratefully Accepted - New Members Welcome

**Leiblin Park is hosting a Community Wide Yard Sale** on June 8th from 9am to 12pm. If you live in this community, please consider participating. If you don't live in this community, consider adding this community wide sale to your Yard Sale Must See List!

### Boys and Girls Club Summer Camps

will run Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm. \$100 per week. Price includes everything except lunches/snacks. A variety of programs and field trips will be offered. If you are interested in finding out more about our Summer Program and/or our After School Program please do not hesitate to contact us at 477-9840 or email us at [generalinfo@bgcspryfield.org](mailto:generalinfo@bgcspryfield.org).

### The New Players Choral Society

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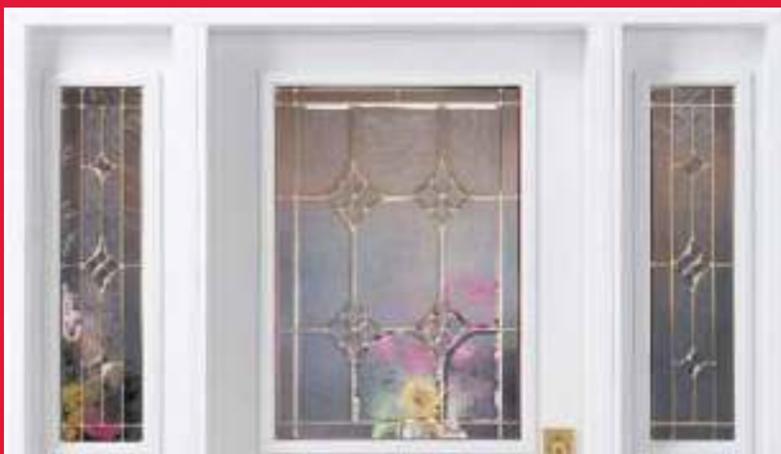
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