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Student composers are winners



From left: Finn Egilsson, Fisayomi Oduwole, Demilade Oduwole, Ameerah Alao with teacher Ms. Skippy Mardon

Several local young composers were winners in this year’s annual Student Composer Competition. Ameerah Alao placed First at the National Level with her song, “Home Sweet Home”, which included lyrics that she composed herself. Finn Egilsson placed Second at the National Level

with an instrumental piece entitled, “Song in a minor”. Both students placed First at the Provincial Level, before moving on to the National level. Fisayomi Oduwole took Second Place at the Provincial Level with an instrumental piece entitled, “Writing Bright”. All the above children en-

tered Classes for Ages 5-8. Demilade Oduwole placed First at the Provincial Level and Third at the National Level with his composition, “The Haunted House”, which has also been selected to be included in an upcoming Piano Book entitled, SongBytes for Piano, Book 2.

The students composed their pieces by making a draft using a Music Shorthand method created by their teacher. They made several drafts of their pieces, as well as recordings with their cell phones. Their teacher then made the final copy using computer software.

These four young composers will have the opportunity to perform their winning compositions at the Canada Week Student Recital in November 2021.

The Student Composer Competition is an annual event sponsored each spring by the Nova Scotia Registered Music Teachers Association, with “Classes” (contests) for various levels from ages 5 to 20+. Winners at the provincial level then move on to the National Level sponsored by the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers Association.

The students study piano, theory, and composition with Ms. Skippy Mardon, who has been teaching in the area for over thirty years and has had many winners in the Composer Competition. New students are being accepted for the fall term.

Fire destroys. Nature restores.

by Cathy Vaughan

There were two major fires in Spryfield in 2009 and 2012. Camp fires, near Roaches Pond, in the MacIntosh Run area started the massive fire in the spring of 2009. The ferocious blaze threatened lives, destroyed homes, razed property and incinerated acres of pristine, forested barrens in the Purcells Cove Conservation Lands. More than 100 firefighters and five water bombers were used to fight the inferno.

Three years later, in 2012, those valuable lessons learned from that

destructive blaze aided firefighters in effectively controlling another fire in the popular, well used forested area between Colpitt Lake and Williams Lake in Spryfield. The frightening flames burned through the dry forest of the rocky Williams Lake watershed to the shoreline of the lake.

About 60 homes on Williams Lake and the threatened area were evacuated or on ‘evacuation stand-by.’ Fortunately, firefighters snuffed out the blaze and over night rains doused the flames which claimed 15 hectares (about 37 acres) of the popular for-

est. The steep, rocky watershed area was scorched, singed or completely destroyed. The fire left a blackened, barren landscape for several years.

Today we see a very different landscape on Williams Lake. The burnt barrens of the Williams Lake watershed have slowly regenerated as is the nature of nature. Now it is covered with the thick undergrowth of a new forest of birch, maple, aspen, and pine, and is full of huckleberry and blueberry bushes. These plants are usually the first signs of life to mirac-

ulously appear among the seared remains of trees that still stand on the rocky shores of Williams Lake.

The gnarly Jack Pine, which grows tenaciously in the cracks and crevices in the granite barrens of the Williams Lake watershed, is unique to Nova Scotia and considered globally rare. Its cones only open in high heat or a forest fire to then propagate in the burned ash and begin the re-growth of a new forest. But the scorched skeletons of the former forest are salient reminders of the destructive nature

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Fire burned from Colpitt Lake to the shores of Williams Lake – 2012
Photo: Elizabeth Dooley

Fire destroys

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of fire.

After the massive fire of 2009 in the Purcell’s Cove Conservation Lands, Richard Beazley and David Patriquin chronicled and photographed the regeneration of the burned forest for Halifax Field Naturalists. Their journal is educational, the photographs shocking, and their observations noteworthy and hopeful. Read their work at <http://halifaxfield-naturalists.ca>.

The nature of a forest fire is to destroy. The nature of nature is to restore.



Burnt trees still stand in Williams Lake watershed as reminders of the 2012 fire Photo: Cathy Vaughan

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Market fresh!

by Diana Dibblee, dietitian, teacher, market volunteer @dibbsondining

Summer is the best time to enjoy local, fresh veggies and fruits. Salads, dips, appetizers, stir fries, sandwiches or just on their own; there are so many ways to eat these yummy treats! Have you ever wondered where these nutritious and delicious goodies come from?

To answer this question, visit any local Farmers Market. Farmers from across Nova Scotia can be found selling their produce here in Spryfield. Come by to have a chat, and talk to the farmers about their season planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing, cultivating and harvesting. Find out how they grow the food you love.

Every Sunday from 12-3 you will find farmers and other wonderful ven-

dors at the Market (until late October). The Pickform (Anna & George) Family from the Annapolis Valley sell fresh corn, carrots, potatoes, beets, greens, etc from their farm near Wolfville. This amazing team sells fresh berries too (get them while they last). Vegetorium brings their delectable foods in from their farm in the Valley too. They own a 45 acre farm that grows pesticide free and organic veggies & fruits as well as free range eggs and meats. Middlefield Farm also sells an incredibly diverse selection of meats every Sunday. Farmer Paul and family own a small farm that raises animals the “old fashioned way”. Finally check out the greens and other veggies from Rob at Edible Earth, a small farm located just outside the city centre. Rob and his brother have a huge selection of foods, all grown lovingly by hand.

So are you tempted to pick up



something for dinner this weekend? I hope to see you at our community market on Herring Cove Road any Sunday through to October. Thank you in advance for supporting our local farmers who work tirelessly

to bring Nova Scotia fresh produce to you every week. Hope to see you there as you greet each farmer by name! And thank you for supporting our farmers. When you buy from local producers, everyone wins!



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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



The Legacy of Peter Martin

by Iris V. Shea

The Martins of Ketch Harbour and Portuguese Cove descend from Peter Martin who appeared in Halifax in 1749 when he was allotted property on the corner of Argyle and Blowers Streets. In 2001 this location was the home of a restaurant called “OPA,” and a club called “Top Corner.” Some may remember it when it was a pub called “The Graduate.” Peter Martin’s origins are still unconfirmed, but the amount of land granted to him by the British government suggests a military background. He was involved in the fisheries out of Ketch Harbour but lived in his house on the corner of Argyle and Blowers Streets in Halifax until his death in 1788.

St. Paul’s Anglican Church records in Halifax provided information on two of Peter Martin’s wives and most of his children. Following his death, a series of deeds provided more information on his widow and her subsequent marriages, as well as a complete list of all of his children. Roman Catholic church records contain information on later generations of his family

In addition to his half-lot in Halifax, Peter Martin was granted 500 acres of land on the west side of Ketch Harbour in 1766, and another 129 acres in 1785 that extended his land all the way to the point, referred to as “Morris Point” on the Crown Lands Map (probably named for Charles Morris, Chief Surveyor of Lands in Nova Scotia).

In 1771, Peter Martin was awarded a shared license with Joseph White to occupy a cove, known to fishermen as “Parliament House Cove,” about one mile south of Portuguese Cove near Sambro “for the purpose of the fishery.” In 1772, Martin was granted a license for a water lot in Halifax “15 feet on the beach where formerly stood the old Fish Market” between Campbell’s and Quinn’s wharves, extending 40 feet into the harbour. Its exact location today would be on Lower Water Street, just below Sackville Street. This license came with very specific conditions: “to build a wharf and erect thereon two fish Stalls or Sheds, six feet square each, in the front of said grounds next to the street which shall be and is expressly reserved for the use of any fisherman who may be inclined to occupy the same in the Selling of their Fresh Fish to the inhabitants and others in the Township of Halifax.”

Prior to 1764, Peter Martin’s family consisted of three children: Mary, John and Peter. A fourth child, James, was baptized in 1764, on the same day as a marriage was recorded for Peter Martin to the widow Margaret Sullivan. Two more sons, Stephen and Thomas, were born before their mother died in 1772. Their son Thomas died within a few days of his birth in 1768. In 1779, at St. Paul’s Church, Halifax, a marriage was re-



Photograph, Ketch Harbour Lighthouse, courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society

The Ketch Harbour Lighthouse, established in 1905, was built on Peter Martin’s original land grant. The first two lighthouse keepers were Charles Martin, from 1905 to 1931, and Thomas Martin, who served briefly in 1931. Wilfred Flemming took over the duties until it became an unwatched lighthouse in 1952. The light was discontinued in 1962.

corded for Peter Martin to the widow Susanna Jewel. In subsequent records, Susanna’s maiden name was given as Nesbit, from England, but noted historian and genealogist Terry Punch uncovered a different maiden name for Susanna, wife of Peter Martin, in an earlier marriage at St. Paul’s, Halifax, for Susana Sandal to John Juhil on 4 March 1773. Checking further for the surname Sandal, he found a baptism record at St. Paul’s, 8 Mar. 1752, for Susanna Sandell, daughter of John and Sarah Sandell. This is very compelling evidence although two of her sons gave their mother’s name as Nesbitt. John Sandell died in 1754 when Susanna was two years old so it is possible her mother married a Nesbitt as her 2nd husband.

Peter and Susanna had four sons, Joseph, John Battis (sometimes written as Baptiste and referred to as Batt), Francis and George, and one daughter Sarah, for whom there is no further record. Not long after his death in 1788, Peter Martin’s widow, Susanna, married John Ryan who was mentioned as Susanna’s husband in a Halifax deed when Peter Martin’s estate was being settled. By 1794, however, Susanna Sandal Nesbit Jewel Martin Ryan was married to the Irishman, John Flemming, and living in Ketch Harbour. John and Susanna Fleming had two sons, John Flemming, Jr. and Richard Flemming from whom the Flemings/Flemmings of Ketch Harbour descend. John Flemming, Jr. married Bridget Henneberry, and Richard Flemming married Margaret Martin, the daughter of John and Mary (MacLean) Martin, and grand-

daughter of Peter Martin.

Of Peter Martin’s nine surviving children, Mary married Mathew Mahoney and, in a deed of 1808, was “living out of province;” John married Mary MacLean and remained in Ketch Harbour; Peter, Jr. married, first, Sarah MacLean, second, Mary Shanahan, and lived in his father’s house in Halifax until he sold it in 1820; James married Jane Pennel of Sambro Island, and settled in Gloucester, Massachusetts; Stephen was listed as “out of province” in 1808 and also settled in Gloucester; Joseph married Sarah McGuire of Portuguese Cove and settled in that community; John Baptiste (Batt) married Ann Sadler of Portuguese Cove and settled in Ketch Harbour; Francis married Elizabeth Pennel of Sambro Island and settled in Ketch Harbour; George married Mary McDonald of Ketch Harbour and remained in Ketch Harbour.

Discovering the origin of Peter Martin has been something one of his descendants, Alannah Ryane, has been pursuing. Living in Ontario, Alannah has travelled to Nova Scotia several times and has made videos for YouTube of the land in Ketch Harbour and in Halifax which was owned by Peter Martin and his descendants. One of those videos may be viewed at this link <https://youtu.be/JfyE6Oje36A> Was Peter Martin from France, from Scotland or maybe from England? The fact that he received so much land from the British government, plus the ½ lot in Halifax, would most likely eliminate an Irish origin. At the time of the founding of Halifax in 1749 the Irish were not well received by the British and were relegated to the South Suburbs of Halifax, not within the walls of Halifax. The quest of Peter Martin’s origins continues.

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by the Honourable Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

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Being an MLA is not easy; there are lots of views, opinions, and needs. I have tried to balance it all and be as fair as possible.
I am very proud of the work we have all done together.
There is more to do and even though I am no longer in government, I will continue to fight for our com-

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Reginald Ervine Harnish

Age 84, Herring Cove, passed away July 19, 2021. He was a son of the late Irvin and Gladys Harnish. He is survived by his wife, Rose (Hickey) of 64 years; daughters, Linda and Catherine; sons, Reginald Jr., Irvin and Stephen; 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by daughter Janet; brother, Ronald; sister, Joyce and great grandson, Harlow. Reginald was in the Halifax Rifles 1953, was a Master Warrant Officer in the Reserve Army for 34 years and a member of RCME Association LAD 201. He worked at the HMC Dockyard as an engine fitter for 35 years. He was an avid hunter, horse-shoe player and bowler. He built two houses in his lifetime. He was on the Ketch Harbour Rd. Combines Hockey Team in the 60's, loved yard sales and looking for army collectables. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia. Interment to take place in the St. James Anglican Cemetery Herring Cove. Word of condolence may be left for the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

Michael George Coombs

Michael "Mike" George Coombs It is with immense sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Michael George Coombs of Spryfield,

at the age 71, on Sunday, July 25, 2021 after a very long journey, during which he bore many illnesses. He was a very hard working man, starting at National Sea Products (40 Fathoms) and subsequently working for Joe Zatzman and then Alderney Gate, in Dartmouth. Mike loved animals. He saved a kitten in Dartmouth (Katy) while he was working one day. He will miss his little buddy Mika whom he loved dearly. Mike is survived by his wife, Janet Sampson Coombs, Spryfield, sisters Alice Coombs Spryfield, Kathleen (Kevin) Bryden, Middle Cornwall, and Theresa Coombs (Glenn), Williamswood, as well as grandson Blake Harvey, Halifax. He is also survived by nieces Tammy (Donnie), Ashley (Robert), nephews Cory, Chris (Lisa) and great-nephews Caleb and Carter. He was predeceased his parents Michael Stanley & Mary Lillian (Rideout) Coombs as well as his son Michael "Coomsie" Coombs. Cremation has taken place. Donations in Mike's memory may be made to the Canadian Diabetic Association. Messages and memorials may be directed to the Coombs family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

Shirley Ann Harnish

Shirley Ann (Brunt) Harnish It is with great sadness that we the family announce the passing of Shirley Ann Harnish at her residence on July 25, 2021. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Eleanor Brunt. Shirley loved bingo and summers at the cottage. She volunteered at Herring Cove Elementary during the 70's and 80's. Surviving are her son, Raymond W. Harnish (Pam Caldwell); grandchildren, Lexi Moulton and RJ Moulton and great-grand- children, Kaila Moulton and Maximus Moulton. She was very fond of all her brother and sisters-in-law. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and she loved the Ryder family. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Raymond H. Harnish. Donations in memory of Shirley may be made to Canadian Cancer Society. Messages and memorials can be directed to the Harnish family by visiting: www.walkerfh.com

Eunice Mildred Henneberry

Eunice Mildred Henneberry of Sambro passed away peacefully at home at the age of 104. She was the first born to the late Charles and Emma Gilkie. She is survived by her children, Norma Lacoursiere, Ron (Jean), Russ (Glen-da), Barb Poole and Betty Henneberry; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Norman, sisters, Elsie and Laura, brothers, Fred and Charlie, sons-in-law, Don Poole and Roger Lacoursiere. Mom was born December 10,1916 in Sambro. It was important to her to live her final days in her home, and thanks to her youngest daughter Betty, she did. Mom was strong and hard-working lady who lived through war, depression and a pandemic! She was a wealth of knowledge for com-

munity history, and was happy to share it. Mom was very independent; she took pride in her work in the home. She was known for her home-made buns, which the family looked forward to on any occasion. She loved working in her flower garden, and continued mowing well into her nineties! Mom was an avid knitter and incredibly generous with her talents. She loved playing cards with family. We learned many lessons from Mom, most notably, never put off to tomorrow what you can do today. Work to do the right thing, even though it is hard, and take pride in what you contribute to the world.

Thomas Clarence MacKinnon

Thomas Clarence MacKinnon of Halifax passed away peacefully at the QEII Hospital. Born in Cape North, Cape Breton he was the son of John and Keziah (nee Strickland) MacKinnon. He is survived by his wife of 51

years Diane (nee Harnish) MacKinnon. Daughter Lisa (Robert) Garand and son Brian (Debbie) Bond. Grand-daughters Ally and Courtney Garand. Grandsons Brad and Steven Bond. As well as two great granddaughters. He was the last surviving one of the MacKinnon boys. He was predeceased by brothers Neil, Gordon, Herman and Robert. Dad was a true Cape Bretoner a heart and loved the music and step dancing He was a strong and hardworking man who lived through the war, the depression and a global pandemic. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed many years boat building and trolling Lake Frederick at the Harnish family camp. There will be no service at the request of family. Arrangements are under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax. Donations in memory of Thomas my be directed to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Saturday night fever – loony dancing

by Cathy Vaughan

Williams Lake hosts a pair of loons every year. Binoculars at the ready in the early spring, we expectantly await the arrival of the royal couple to the lake. Courting, nesting, defending, dancing - we are endlessly entertained by their loony behaviour.

Loons can 'dance like no one is watching.' Penguin pirouetting, wing rowing, circle dancing and foot waggle are some of their more inventive gyrations. Thrashing roll-overs, backward flips with flailing wings are all carefully choreographed communication. Loons use their body language to defend their territory, protect their nests, size up potential intruders or express their inner John Travolta.

'Penguin pirouetting' is a male move to aggressively defend its territory from an unwanted gate-crasher. Loons will propel themselves along the top of the water, splashing and squawking at the threat. The defeated interloper then wings-it out of the altercation by using a 'wing-rowing' move, to frantically propel themselves to safety.

'Circle dancing' for loons looks a bit like our line dancing. Several rival loons will slowly swim in choreographed circles around each other, evaluating their opponents' moves, assessing their vitality and avoiding physical contact until one of them blinks and the circling begins again. The 'foot waggle' or 'shake-a-leg' seems to be performed for the sheer pleasure of a good yoga stretch. The loon will extend one foot above the water, like a synchronized swimmer and shake its leg vigorously.

For many years we have not seen a fuzzy-brown baby loon, nestled into its mother's back, on Williams Lake. Maybe the couple were going through "The Change" and not producing an egg. But the change isn't their fluctuating hormonal levels, it is the fluctuating lake water levels. With the daily loss of 2 centimetres of lake water, leaking under the Williams Lake dam, the loons' nest becomes high and dry. This is problematic as the loons



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haven't mastered the waddle-walk and have difficulty trying to climb out of the water to the nest. The eggs or chicks are then vulnerable to predators and sometimes the chicks don't make it out of the nest.

Besides the fluctuating water levels, other threats to loons include tangled fishing lines which loons will get caught in. Take your discarded lines home and dispose of them properly. Loons are poisoned when they ingest lead fishing sinkers, so please use a non-lead sinker. Loons are threatened by paddlers and will leave the nest and stop incubating their eggs. Paddlers need to be aware of, and steer clear of, nesting sites on the shore line and islands.

Loons will typically return to the same lake every year and pair with the same partner. Loons will incubate their eggs for about 30 days and share the incubation duties. After two or three days, the baby loons can walk upright and swim. The downy chicks are often seen on their mother's back where they stay warm and safe from under-water predators. In 10 to 12 weeks they can fly, dive, feed themselves and can leave the nest to fend for themselves. The "empty-nesters" do their happy dance, wing-it south for the winter and repeat their dance moves again the next spring season.

Want to monitor loons on your lake this summer? Check out the Canadian Lakes Loon Survey at www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/calls for more information about Bird Studies Canada's national loon survey program.


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Sambro and Ketch Harbour Elementary School starts a new year with a new playground

Photos submitted by Catherine Bouliane

by Rebecca MacEachern

For the teachers, school staff, students, parents, local community members and businesses in the catchment areas of Sambro and Ketch Harbour Elementary School, a field of dreams has finally become a reality featuring climbing ropes, slides, a makerspace, a sand kitchen, a stage with musical instruments and oh, so much more. “Basically, we decided to use what was an empty field to build a new playground,” says Catherine Bouliane, Principal of Sambro and Ketch Harbour Elementary School. “When I looked around at the old playground, the kids really had nothing.”

But before the project could even get off the ground, organizers encountered lots of red tape and many complex conversations with two levels of government. Turned out that the empty field which had been chosen as the location of the new playground had two property owners: Halifax Regional Center for Education and Halifax Regional Municipality.

“The first thing was trying to get HRCE and HRM to agree to let us develop the land. We had to clarify whose property it was, who was going to be responsible and liable and who was going to maintain it, says Bouliane. “It took a while and some leg work but both parties in the end signed off and supported us.”

The school will be responsible for maintaining the playground, says Bouliane, so the PTA will be making sure that the budgeting is there for that in the coming years.

“We wanted to make sure that all of kids’ voices were heard; almost every list included a slide, and a stage for the kids to perform,” says Bouliane, who has been at Sambro Elementary School for six years.

While slides were high on the kids’ list, Bouliane and everyone else concerned, including parents, knew that the playground also had to be inclusive and safe. There are ramps that can accommodate students in wheelchairs as well as students who may need that extra support.

The parents also had lots of input and Bouliane credits Cobequid Consulting, one of the only companies that carries volunteer insurance, with helping to create a playground that encompasses a myriad of visions, ideas, and notions.

“We had this idea that the kids, parents and everyone in the community would come out and actually do a lot of the labour and really feel a part of it but then Covid made that impossible,” says Bouliane, during a recent interview. “We decided that the Company should just go ahead and get it done.”

In addition to quashing the plans for a Community Build, Covid also impacted other areas of the project.

“We had just finished applying for grants and started fundraising when Covid hit. Grants dried up and we



Makerspace and Sand Kitchen

weren’t allowed to fundraise”, says Bouliane. “Plus, it was hard to do any way with everyone at home and no one knowing how long Covid protocols would last and who in our community would be impacted financially”.

Andrea Rose, who has two children at the Sambro School and is also the secretary of the PTA, knew that, despite the red tape, jumping through hoops, and Covid lockdowns, that members of the community would make the playground a reality.

“The school is the heart and soul of the community, just like the church, and the community really rallied around this project,” says Rose, whose husband, Pete, is Chair of the School Advisory Council. “I think it going to be such a great resource, not just for the school, but the whole community.”

She also points out that there are so many parents and families and others who have had a hand in bring the entire project to fruition. Parents like Jessica MacIsaac who organized a crew of volunteers to “Save our Sod” and ensure that it doesn’t dry out.

“The crew did some intensive watering for about three weeks with Catherine (Bouliane) and Jeff (Mercer), the school’s caretaker, both of them facilitating getting into the school and accessing the hoses.”

Since the Pandemic started, schools have been encouraged to have the students outdoors as much of possible and Rose notes that Sambro and Ketch Harbour Elementary school has always been pro-outdoors. The new playground with an outdoor setting for classes is a natural fit for the school.

Rose says social media also played a role in helping to spread the word about the project and she often posted information on the various fb groups connected to the project, including the SAC, the PTA and the Playground

Committee. It was also a great forum for getting out some of those last minute “asks.”

“Within an hour-and-a-half of putting out the list of some last-minute materials, I had all the boulders, soil and dirt that we needed,” says Rose.

“The individual support was important but all the individual efforts, whether it was ideas, money, materi-

als, labour came together collectively to create a beautiful thing.”

There are plans for an official celebration in mid-September to extend appreciation and thanks to everyone in community for all their help. Bouliane plans on hanging a banner on the fence to with the names of businesses, sponsors, donors and others to thank everyone.



Music shelter and seating

“We are going to include past and present students, their families, and all those who helped us along the way to a grand opening,” says Bouliane.

“We will have a BBQ and maybe some music...that’s the way we rock here....and of course, this is all pending covid protocols.”



Rope ladder



Slides area



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UPDATE–Theft at new playground

by Rebecca MacEachern
One would think that after four years of jumping through hoops, dealing with red tape, and securing funds, oh and coping with a Pandemic, that the people behind the new playground at Sambro and Ketch Harbour Elementary School could relax a little and breathe a big sigh of relief.

But unfortunately, there was one more incident to add to the story.

In July, the brand-new playground was a target of thieves who broke into a shed and emptied it of its contents.

“It was disappointing. Our parents and community are aware and are talking about it and trying to watch out when they can and the police are going down when they can,” says Catherine Bouliane, the school’s principal.

While there were only some leftover wooden planks in the shed, these planks had been earmarked for a special art project by the students.

“They were cedar planks, and we were going to get the kids to do some artwork on them and then hang them,” says Bouliane, during a recent interview.

Bouliane added that since the

playground had already been completed that the theft didn’t result in any delays or loss of money because the planks were left over from the project. Still, it has prompted Bouliane to take some measures to ensure that something like this is not repeated.

“We are definitely looking into getting (security) cameras and more lighting for that area,” says Bouliane. “As well, the parents who are watering the sod plus the neighbours nearby are keeping watch for us.”

Bouliane is of the mind that the theft was most likely carried out by an adult as it would have been harder for a younger person to do it and do it without being seen.

“We discovered the theft when it was noticed that lock had been broken then relocked incorrectly,” says Bouliane.

Not many of the students know about the theft because it is summer, but Bouliane remembers having a conversation with them before the end of school in June.

“I did talk to them about being protectors of the playground and that if they see or hear anything to let their parents know.”



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A peek inside Fleming Cottage

by Linda Levin
For The Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park
Have you ever walked by Fleming Cottage and wondered what it looked like inside? Or imagined living there in the 1890s when it was built for the property’s caretaker? Though it was never his home, it’s believed Fleming died in the cottage while visiting his daughter, Minnie Critchley and her family when they lived there in 1915. (Side note: Minnie and family later moved to New Zealand and her descendants still live there! <https://www.winterhome.co.nz/>)

Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park, working to save and restore Fleming cottage, were recently guided through the cottage to see it first-hand. Thank you HRM Parks staff for facilitating this exciting opportunity! It’s reassuring to see the generally good condition of the inside of the cottage and appreciate how HRM has maintained it by keeping heat and power on and providing security. The roof is tight, original hardwood floors solid, walls intact.

For a ‘virtual tour’ of the cottage, we start at the front door... It opens into a small entryway with a recessed closet ahead of us. Hardwood floor and original plaster walls can be found throughout the house.

We turn left through the panelled wood door into the main space of the original cottage; a long narrow room running from front to back of the house. There are three windows in this room, facing the street, back gardens and a bay window on the west side.

This room served as kitchen, dining and living area. Along the back left, tucked between the back and side windows sits a sink and small counter with cupboards above and below. In the center of the room, is a free standing island with a lino top, cupboards, and open shelves below which is believed to have been added in the 1950s.

On the inner wall, the original brick fireplace, painted white, features a beautifully crafted mantel. An unusual design, a horizontal row of bricks angled on their side, ends protruding, create a lovely linear 3-D triangular pattern. The cast iron radiators under the front and back windows were the modern heating system of the day.

Another wood paneled door at the back right leads into a hallway, opening at the far end into the east addition. Stepping into the hallway onto bright green and beige vinyl tiles, we see to our left a small enclosed porch leading outside and to the basement stairs.

In the hallway on our right is a small landing and staircase to the second floor. The original carved, dark wood balusters, newel post, handrail and treads still in good condition. Under the stairs is a storage cupboard.

On our left along the hallway, another wood paneled door hides a small bathroom, featuring an old cast iron enameled bathtub, toilet, small sink,



Fireplace and island with linoleum top

and window high on the wall above. The large bright room at the end of the hallway, added in Minnie’s time, features four windows and a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace. Whether from the heavy weight or inadequate support, the addition is unsound, the floor is badly sloped and unsafe, and needs extensive restoration.

At the top of the stairs is a small landing with a step up on either side leading to bedrooms. In front of us, just to the right is a window. Originally on the outer wall, it is now covered and part of the inner wall of the addition. Behind us on the ceiling above the staircase is an attic hatch, not easily accessed.

Two bedrooms run the width of the house, front and back. Each has two windows, larger ones facing west, smaller ones deep-set, high in the sloped roof - notice the triangular

shapes from outside. Each small room has built-in wardrobes, and cast iron radiators.

Back at the front door, we see a small room on the other side of the entrance. Today there’s a doorway into the addition in the far wall of this little room, but it used to be a solid outer wall. We are not sure what this tiny room was for.

Outside, behind the cottage, down a small slope past the backdoor, is a door into the basement. Stepping inside the unfinished stone cellar, on our right, are the stairs up to the back entry. Ahead it’s dark, dingy, and covered in cobwebs. Left is a doorway going under the unsafe addition.

How wonderful if this unique cottage was open to the public! As an Interpretive Center, small museum, or Artist-in-Residence program? But bringing such a project to frui-

tion requires teamwork; that’s where YOU come in! Friends of Fleming is working to set up a volunteer group to manage the cottage, hoping HRM will agree to restoration knowing it will be looked after.

We have offers of help, but still need more people to step forward. You can be part of the effort to bring this cottage back to life! We need to fill all positions – Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Members, Membership, Communications, Fundraising. Direct your inquiries to John MacManus at cottagevolunteers@gmail.com.

For more info, see these video and website links:
<https://vimeo.com/535598223/53ad1ffd3a>,
<https://vimeo.com/556393090/b431dc8114>,
<https://sites.google.com/site/dingle-tower100/home>



Stairs leading to the second floor.

Crystal Crescent Beach, a jewel in our community

by Tangelene Ramsay
The local library recently offered an historical walking tour of Crystal Crescent Beach. Led by local historian Allan Marryatt, the tour started in the parking lot at the first beach and ended at the crest of a hill just past the second beach. Although it was a short

hike, easily managed by all in our group of 18 or so people, there was no shortage of fascinating historical information, not only about the park, but about Sambro Island as well, to be shared.

Standing on any of the three beaches, when the day is clear, you can see

the Sambro Island Lighthouse. This is the oldest working lighthouse in the Americas. Often called “Canada’s Statue of Liberty” it has guided sailors safely to shore since 1759. Over the years, the lighthouse has seen many upgrades ranging from height
(See Crystal Crescent on page 12)



Allan Marryatt, second from left, is a local historian who shared his wealth of information with the 18 or so people who joined him for the walk. Also seen in this photo, from left is Dave Andrews, Gail Keating, Linda Barrett, and Lorraine Barrett

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield celebrates 25th birthday

by Patricia MacLean, President
25 Years - how quickly they have passed. So much has been accomplished, so many milestones have been reached, so many memories have been made, but so much is left to do!

On April 18, 1996 at a community meeting organized by the Mainland South Heritage Society (MSHS), residents were asked to consider the possibility of a farm museum in Spryfield. While the idea sparked the interest of many, the majority of those present were overwhelmed with the work which would be involved. Michele Raymond, Marjorie Willison and myself volunteered to be the founding members of a proposed urban farm museum in Spryfield and we have never looked back or doubted our decision.

Unfortunately space does not allow me to detail all the wonderful people who were willing to help make this dream come true and all the meetings in those early years. In 1997 we started to identify several old farm properties of interest and in 1998 board meetings were used to develop bylaws, a memorandum of association and incorporation as a non-profit Society under N.S. law, and a membership brochure. Guest speakers and community meetings encouraged more people to become involved. Our UFMSS quilt was designed and quilted with help from members and the ladies at the Seniors' Drop In Centre. Four season notecards using the quilt as a background provided some much needed revenue as well as revenue which came from handmade quilts for raffle and trays of delicious food for catering events made by our ladies. We rescued an old wagon,



July abundance, reprinted from previous issue. Photo by Ann Hart

and held our first Seedy Saturday during a blizzard. In 2000 we found the perfect place for our urban farm and negotiated a license agreement with the Kidston family to use 3 acres of their land. Clearing the land with help from members, family and friends, local schools, and volunteer organizations became our focus. In 2001, we signed a historic 3 year Memorandum of Agreement with HRM to jointly develop the Kidston Farm site as a working community based farm museum. Project funding helped us develop brochures, a website (soon to be re-

placed and updated) and a rack card to be placed in tourist bureaus. How exciting it was to see our "Come Explore Kidston Farm Museum" rack card at the N.S. / N.B. border that summer. We also received professional help in marketing and fundraising. Becoming a yearly member of the Federation of N. S. Heritage (now the Association of N. S. Museums - ANSM) linked us to other museums and workshops in Nova Scotia and paved the way for our eventual evaluation in 2018 to become an accredited museum.

Great progress had been made in clearing the land and a team of oxen ploughed the land for the first time in decades on Oct. 6, 2001. Everyone walked behind a team of oxen from the Spry Centre to the farm for a Dedication of the Land and ribbon-cutting ceremony. School children happily scattered winter rye seeds to the delight of the large crowd which had gathered for the event. Also in October, we were contacted by the Blades family in Middle Musquodoboit whose father's company in the 1940s had built the old wagon we had rescued. Armed with tools and lumber from their land, 13 members of his family rebuilt the top of the wagon complete with benches so that children could safely ride on it during the Santa Claus Parade. Towed by Rob Risser, the family enjoyed their first ride in over 60 years in Wagon #129 built by their Dad. In case someone has them, we are in need of 4 wagon tires to make it safe

for this year's parade. In 2002, successful grants enabled us to hire a summer student to research local food history and our cookbook, "Foods of Spry's Field" was published and is now in its 4th printing. "Saving Seeds", "Vegetable Planting Times" and "Growing Soft Fruits" brochures were produced and successful events such as Seedy Saturday, Plant Sales, Heritage Teas and Heritage Walks planned with MSHS, School Picnics and Harvest Fairs became yearly events. In recent years we have added a Strawberry Shortcake Social in July and Evenings in the Garden during the summer months. We also participate in community events such as Spryfield Days and the Santa Claus Parade. On November 6, 2003, our proposed Land Development agreement was approved at a public meeting and accepted by the Heritage Advisory Committee in March 2004. Final approval came at Chebucto Community Council on June 7, 2004 which gave us permission to build a small barn, two outhouses, and have visiting farm animals. We had reached another milestone, not without some humour - I received a call from Mayor Kelly's office saying a resident had some real concerns about "18 cows being herded down Rockingstone Road!" We had actually not asked for any cows - only a baby calf! Recognizing the importance of (See 25th birthday on page 12)



You are Invited

To celebrate the 25th Birthday of the
Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

Sunday, September 19, 2021 ~ 2 - 4 pm
at the Urban Farm on Rockingstone Rd.
Rain date, Saturday, September 25

Please join us at the Harvest Fair for memories and cake to mark
25 years of success for our Society and Urban Farm!

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield promotes rural traditions in urban spaces. We do this through education and actual food production by bringing young and old together. We are reviving the farming heritage of Spryfield by creating a working farm museum in the heart of our community.

**UFMSS sincerely thanks our many volunteers and funders
over the past 25 years for their generous contributions.**

Masks and social distancing are recommended

Follow us on our Facebook Group Page or call Pat MacLean 902-497-3683 for information

25th birthday

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teaching gardening and healthy eating to children and youth, a “Come Grow With Us” Program was started in 2004. This quickly turned into a family program as young parents expressed interest in participating and starting their own gardens. A new driveway and the dream of a barn to store our wagon and tools and “out-houses” became a reality in 2005. We were so grateful to the carpenter who did most of the work as a volunteer and still made time to pass on his knowledge to a group of young Phoenix youth on their first work project. We also began to provide mentoring on an individual basis to young people in the Restorative Justice program - often an emotional but a very rewarding experience for both the young person and the board volunteer. Our involvement with Katimavik youth groups and the J. L. Ilsley High School welding group who designed an iron safety gate for our barn were highlights of our early days. Looking towards the future, our board decided to approach a local developer in 2005 to gauge the possibility of adding his 2.14 acres of old-growth forest to our urban farm which bordered his land.

In October of 2005, our UFMSS received the Recreation Nova Scotia Bluenose Achievement Award presented “In recognition of outstanding contribution to Recreation and Parks in Nova Scotia” for including exercise and recreation in our CGWU program and for teaching the children in this program to take care of McIntosh Park which adjoins our Urban Farm. The children in this program and those visiting for the annual School Picnic regularly picked up garbage walking to and from visits to the farm. Farm volunteers have individually received Queen Elizabeth Medals, HRM and Provincial Awards and Appreciation Certificates over the years, but our most treasured award as a group came with the Lt. Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Group Award for “Dedication to community service through activities that encourage and inspire interaction between younger and older generations”. It was presented by the Honourable Mayann E. Francis in 2007. Several months later she graciously agreed to be our Honorary Patron and attended a School Picnic and 2 Harvest Fairs in 2008 and 2009. We became good friends and were invited to her garden parties and Christmas celebrations at Government House.

In 2009, our Urban Farm was recognized by HRM as a Heritage Site and the blue “Key” signs were placed at farm entrances on Rockingstone and Kidston Roads. We also received another 3 year grant from United Way and grants from Chebucto West Community

Health Board and 4 C’s Foundation to build a garden and arts building at Greystone. A yearly grant from HRM in 2012 to cover School Farm Day, as well as a HRM grant to build new family gardens combined with donations of time and material from Home Harvest Kitchen Gardens resulted in new fencing and 12 new family garden plots in our CGWU garden. Present to help cut the ribbon and our 16th Birthday cake was Councillor Stephen Adams, whose support through all our growing years has been so appreciated! In 2014, ten years of teaching lessons were sorted and published in “Come Grow With Us - A Family Guide to Growing Vegetables”. This year our summer student and youth programmer have updated our curriculum with new games, crafts and suggestions for the future. We so appreciated the support of the Rotary Club’s “Toonies” which allowed us to hire an experienced Youth Programmer -she will continue her work in the schools until the end of the year, hopefully longer if funding permits.

2016 was definitely an exciting year as negotiations came to a close and we were gifted 2.14 acres of land by Ralph and Shirlee Medjuck - we were landowners at last! Members and volunteer groups trimmed trees, started to construct nature paths and in September of 2017, we welcomed the first children to our Forest School program. In 2018, we were invited

by the Association of Nova Scotia Museums (ANSM) to take part in their Evaluation program to become an Accredited Museum. Months of work updating all our documents and creating new policies by board members and an huge amount of work at our urban farm by farm volunteers resulted in a mark of 71.4 - causing one evaluator to remark in the final report that “they felt as though they were witnessing the birth of a museum rather than visiting a full-grown museum!” The second evaluation is scheduled for 2022-23. I know we can achieve an 80% mark which will enable us to apply for capital grants to turn the old Kidston farmhouse into a museum - what an exciting future for our UFMSS and Spryfield - we just need more community participation and active members to make this happen! We have already received a \$5,000. grant from HRM to construct 2 interpretive panels which will be designed and installed next year. As with everyone, we suffered through the Covid19 pandemic during 2020-21. Although we were allowed limited gardeners, meetings and events were cancelled. We are so thankful for members who made generous donations to keep our urban farm afloat. In May 2021 we were successful in winning and being reimbursed for encroachment court costs.

We are so very thankful for all those who have helped us over the past 25 years - MSHS, ANSM, HRM, the Kidston Family, Chebucto News and the Capt. Wm. Spry

Centre which have supported us from our first meetings in 1996, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Medjuck and a special THANK YOU to our members, families, friends and volunteers (past and present) - without you we could not have reached this 25th milestone!

On Sunday, September 19th, 2-4pm, we will celebrate our 25th Birthday as part of our Harvest Fair - please join us as we look forward to the future. We need “YOU” to continue the dream of a farm museum in Spryfield! Health issues make it necessary for me to retire from the board at the end of 2021. Present board members have served more than their commitment of 2 years and although we are hoping they will continue to serve, we need a minimum of 6 - 8 new board members (only 1 volunteer so far), a president, vice-president and secretary. Please consider one of these positions, we must have a Board of Directors to continue the great work our UFMSS started in 1996. For more information, you may contact me at 902-497-3683 or patriciaab-maclean@gmail.com or our mailing address at 211-339 Herring Cove Rd. Halifax B3R1V5.

Our UFMSS offers a charitable receipt for donations and membership fees of \$10.00 and over. Membership forms will be available at our entrance on Sept. 19th, please fill one out and join our UFMSS. Together we can make Spryfield a destination place to visit, explore and enjoy a heritage Urban Farm Museum!

Chebucto Connections names new Executive Director

Halifax, N.S. -- The Board of Directors of Chebucto Connections is pleased to announce the appointment of Carmen Boyko as the organization’s new Executive Director.

Chebucto Connections is a non-profit community development agency that works within a hub model to address a range of social needs our community members are facing, delivering programs such as Eastern Chebucto Hub Opportunities (ECHO), the Community Food Market, Diagnosing Poverty and Pathways to Education.

“We are very pleased Carmen has taken on this leadership role as our organization grows to serve the changing needs of the community,” said Michelle Lucas, chair of the board. “She is an established non-profit leader, having worked with youth and those who face a range of barriers, as well as having experience in strategic planning, fundraising, marketing and inspiring innovation and positive change. Her personal ties to the community and commitment to our mission are well suited to support the already talented Chebucto Connections team

and work with our many partners in serving the community.”

Carmen has over 20 years of progressive non-profit and charitable experience. She has worked with the Alberta SPCA, Alberta Lung Association, HIV Edmonton, Alberta Easter Seals and the Canadian Liver Foundation. Carmen became executive director of the Alberta Emerald Foundation in 2015, and in 2019 chose to return home to Halifax, where she joined Brunswick Street Mission as director of fundraising and communications. She continues to act as a standards program reviewer with Imagine Canada, which accredits charities and non-profit organizations that demonstrate excellence.

Carmen joins the Chebucto Connections team August 30. “I am excited to be joining Chebucto Connections. Helping an amazing team of staff and community members on a journey to evaluate and grow our programs, opportunities and partners. This is going to be both challenging and rewarding and I can’t wait!” say Boyko.

Lucas added, “The board extends our gratitude and best wishes to our



previous Executive Director, Adrianna MacKenzie, who has relocated her young family to Pictou County. She provided solid leadership in this role, most notably as we introduced new programming and adapted how the team could continue to deliver programs, while complying with COVID-19 public health restrictions.”

About Chebucto Connections Chebucto Connections is helping to build a stronger more resilient community by developing and delivering smart, innovative programs for residents and building strong and meaningful partnerships with stakeholders to ensure a people first approach to community development. As a community service hub, our mandate is to build connections and create spaces and programs that help people access what they need to move forward.

Religious Services Directory for September

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PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19, MANY OF THESE SERVICES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED. CALL AHEAD TO CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH.

St. Augustine’s Anglican Church (2010 Purcell’s Cove Rd)
Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 am

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road)
Sunday Family Services: 9:30am and 11am
Nursery and Children’s ministry: 11am
Wed. morning prayer: 10:30am

Spryfield Christian Community

Church (91 Thornhill Dr)
Church services Sunday 11-12 am

Oromo Gospel Church
Sunday worship service: 3 pm and Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd.)
We are open for in person worship and we also livestream our 10 am service on our website and Facebook page.
- 8 am traditional, quiet, contemplative communion service.
- 10 am contemporary, lively communion service with music.

We are following covid protocols and ask you to join us online if you are sick. We are an affirming church. Everyone is welcome.

St. Paul’s United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)
Rev. Anne Hoganson does the church service alone and posts it on our Facebook page. She is available if you wish to speak with her, at 902-237-3318.

We now have a paid Zoom account and members of the congregation will be able to be a bit more involved in the worship service. As had previously happened, the service will be posted on our Facebook page for those who couldn’t join the 11:00 am service. If you would like to be part of that service but are not a member of the congregation, or if you are a member but we don’t have your email address, please call the church at 902-477-3937 to be added to our list.

Stella Maris Church at St Michael’s Catholic Church
All welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey! Saturdays 4:00 pm and Sundays at 9:00 and 11:00 am. Registration required at www.stellamarishalifax.com and all COVID protocols must be followed.

Stella Maris Church at the Ketch Harbour Community Centre
Services start on September 19th at 4

pm and run weekly until December 12th

Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge:
We have returned to in-person worship services! On September 5 we will have one service at 10 am at St. James, the last of our summer worship series. On September 12 we will return to our regular Sunday service times: 9:30 am at Parkhill; 11:15 am at St. James. The St. James service is live streamed on the St James Facebook Page and later posted on YouTube. 902-868-2791; www.sambrojollimorepc.com

Open Door Community Church (11 Aldergrove)
Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am for a time of contemporary worship, bible based teaching, relevant to today and fellowship. Our weekly message is recorded and uploaded to our Youtube channel afterward. Please see <http://opendoorhalifax/> for more information and links.

Phishing for information

by Tangelene Ramsay
I recently received an email informing me that a service had been automatically renewed. This is not a service I use, so I was a little confused. At first. I quickly realized this was a phishing scam. At the bottom of the email was a number I could call to cancel my renewal and get a refund. I’m sure if I had called the number I would have been asked to verify my credit card information, at which point the scammers would have everything they need to use my credit card, or worse, steal my identity.
So, what exactly is a phishing scam? This is where someone tries to get your personal information by pretending to be a legitimate business/website/etc. These scams can take the form of “smishing”, which is a phishing attempt through SMS (text messaging); “spearphishing”, which is a phishing attempt in which the message is designed to sound like it is coming from someone you know personally; or “spoofing” which involves creating a fake website to get someone to share their personal information.
It isn’t just money that these criminals are after. Often, your identity is worth more than your credit card is. If they get ahold of your personal information, they can destroy your life. Cybercriminals will often use scare tactics to try to coerce you into handing over your personal information. They may pretend to be government officials and threaten to fine or arrest you, or they may use the threat of spreading personal, embarrassing, information to your

contact list if you don’t cooperate.
How do you protect yourself from these cybercriminals? Start by doing your research before responding to emails and messages. If it looks suspicious, it probably is. Reach out, through independent means, to the company the email or message is supposed to be coming from. Do not use any link or phone number listed in the email or message. Look for inconsistencies in the emails such as strange email addresses, weird phone numbers, misspelled words, or incorrect grammar. Check your spam folder for similar messages to see if there is a pattern.
If you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be from your bank, or credit card company and they start asking for personal information, inform them that you will call them back. Do not give them any information. If it is a legitimate issue, calling your local bank, or the number on the back of your credit card will get you in touch with someone who can help.
Should you receive an automated call from a governmental department, take note of which department and hang up. A quick Google search should be able to tell you if this is a scam. If you are concerned, call the governmental agency independently. Never “connect with an operator” from an automated voice call.
As technology advances, these types of scams become more sophisticated, making it more difficult to avoid falling victim to one. All we can do is be vigilant and do our research.

End of summer at St. Paul’s United Church

by Carolyn Mont
Signs that summer is coming to an end are all around us. At St. Paul’s United Church in Spryfield, these signs often revolve around activities at our community ministry, St. Paul’s Family Resources Institute (FRI). Come August, our gardeners are seen taking home fresh vegetables and by the end of the month, they are definitely thinking of harvest time.
The garden, however, is not all vegetables. Most gardeners have chosen to add flowers, both annuals and perennials, to their plots. This certainly makes the garden more attractive, not just to the gardeners but the milkweed attracts the monarch butterflies and the bergamot (bee balm) attracts the hummingbirds. Flowers, also, have their season and some of them are finished for the year.
There is something magical about our garden and if you haven’t seen it, feel free to have a look. If you might be interested in having a plot next year, it is never too early to talk to Kristen Hollery, 902-479-1015, our Community Ministry Director, about securing a plot. Our gardeners are not all members of St. Paul’s and are not all residents of Spry-

field. Some of them are experienced gardeners and some are novices who quickly learn that those who have been gardening with us for years are willing to assist the newcomers.
As summer comes to an end, so does this year’s Camp Paul. Another program of our Family Resources Institute, Camp Paul is an affordable summer day camp that has been running for many years. Throughout the summer, each camp runs for one week and is for children ages 5 to 12. Some children come for just one week but many come throughout the summer, missing only those weeks when parents are on vacation.
Some of you may recall that we at St. Paul’s United Church had, several times, planned and advertised a Boutique Flea Market. Covid has interrupted these plans but we are now rescheduled for Saturday, September 18, at 10:30-1:30. We’ve called this a Boutique Flea Market because it will be set up in departments that are determined by what donations we have. Some of these will be kitchen ware, books, decor, seasonal, activities such as sports and games and a giftware department. This is the church’s first fundraiser and we look forward to seeing lots of shoppers.

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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 chebucto-editor@gmail.com.

Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals



COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Food Banks:

- St. Paul’s Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled with pickup on Wed. between 9:30 and 10:30 am
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.

Free meals for those in need:

- Salvation Army offers Breakfast To-Go Bags Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-10:00am
- St. Paul’s Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd) Our Tuesday lunch program, Soup’s On, is still operational but as takeout only
- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield
- Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 6 and 7 PM, out of the St Michael’s Church Hall site. (while supplies last).

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Currently looking for new board members. Takes about 1 – 2 hours a month
- If interested please contact Natasha at 902 293 7427
- Open for rentals. Contact Cara at 902-446-4847 for information

Spryfield Lions Club events:

Regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd and fourth Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at the Lions Rink Den. We are encouraging anyone who might be interested in attending to call ahead so we can ensure COVID health code regulations are met - 902-479-2917. We will also be starting up our bingos in the future but need more time to work out details. We want to thank the community for their support and wish everyone the best of health.

Urban Farm Museum Society of

Spryfield events:

- HARVEST FAIR - Sunday, September 19th. 2-4pm at the Urban Farm. Please join us, we will be part of our community’s “Spryfield Days” celebration!
- Annual General Meeting scheduled for September 13th has been postponed until November 15th. 7-9pm, Capt. Wm. Spry Centre. For further information on becoming a new board member, please contact patriciabmaclean@gmail.com
- 25th UFMSS Birthday Celebration and Harvest Fair - Sunday, September 19th. 2-4pm at Urban Farm as part of “Spryfield Days”.
- To fund much needed repairs to our gardens and Urban Farm site, our UFMSS is now part of Rafflebox 50/50 draws each month. More information at <https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ufms> - your support is greatly appreciated.

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

- City Church Telephone #: 902-479-248 c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca www.citychurch-halifax.ca
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd.) events:

- Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:30 am. Orders may be called in up to 10:00 am Tuesday each week. Call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. We are grateful to our volunteer staff for their faithful work for the food bank and its clients. Our website: emmanuelanglicanchurch.net

Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) Events:

- Family Services by phone call or walk in 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226

Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish Events:

- Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 6 and 7 PM, out of the St Michael’s Church

Hall site. (while supplies last). For further information contact Stella Maris Parish office at 902 477-3530 or stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com

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

- Now that spring has arrived, our outdoor tap has been turned on for those in need of clean drinking water.

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Road) Events:

- Drive-Through TakeOut only Hali-but Supper with Roll and Dessert Saturday September 18th, 4-6PM, \$15 (cash only)
- Local Delivery Available: Call 902-868-2791 after 3PM on September 18th.

Developmental Pickup Hockey

Looking for players 40+ years old. Spryfield Lions Rink Fridays 12-1pm. Starts Friday, Oct 16. Skills sessions first week, next 3 weeks pickup. We call it Developmental Pickup Hockey. Skills to increase puck time on your stick and improve your game. Pickup at a bit slower pace.

Let me know if you’re interested. 902-497-2068 or ronaldbulmer@gmail.com

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Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave.) Events:

- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield

Chase the Ace Returns: The Spryfield Legion and Forever Young Seniors Club are resuming their Chase the Ace. Tickets available at the Legion bar during bar hours and at the Chase the Ace Legion booth on Mondays 5 pm to 6:45 pm.

Spryfield Farmers’ Market - In-person outdoor market every Sunday afternoon, 12-3pm.


New location at 205 Herring Cove Rd. (in the parking lot next to the Guardian Pharmacy). Find fresh local produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, prepared food, soaps and more!

Chebucto News looks forward to returning to a robust community events page when the current crisis ends. In the meantime, we will endeavour to keep you informed.

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The Nova Scotia Association of Realtors has updated their statistics for real estate sales in Spryfield for single family homes and condos in July 2021!

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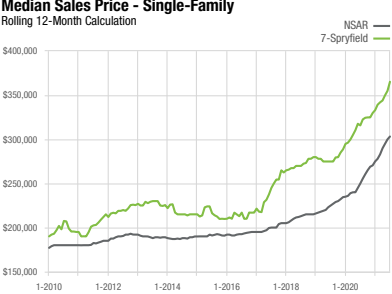
UPDATED JULY FIGURES

Single Family	July			Year to Date		
	2020	2021	% Change	Thru 7-2020	Thru 7-2021	% Change
New Listings	39	23	- 41.0%	268	199	- 25.7%
Pending Sales	48	17	- 64.6%	273	205	- 24.9%
Closed Sales	64	18	- 71.9%	266	205	- 22.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	71	9	- 87.3%	101	27	- 73.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$310,247	\$344,750	+ 11.1%	\$325,000	\$388,125	+ 19.4%
Average Sales Price*	\$320,683	\$384,347	+ 19.9%	\$333,298	\$407,876	+ 22.4%
Percent of List Price Received*	101.1%	112.0%	+ 10.8%	100.7%	110.9%	+ 10.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	66	15	- 77.3%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	2.1	0.5	- 76.2%	—	—	—


Condo	July			Year to Date		
Key Metrics	2020	2021	% Change	Thru 7-2020	Thru 7-2021	% Change
New Listings	6	2	- 66.7%	16	21	+ 31.3%
Pending Sales	3	2	- 33.3%	12	19	+ 58.3%
Closed Sales	7	1	- 85.7%	12	18	+ 50.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	8	21	+ 162.5%	17	8	- 52.9%
Median Sales Price*	\$175,500	\$262,900	+ 49.8%	\$175,250	\$274,000	+ 56.3%
Average Sales Price*	\$179,571	\$262,900	+ 46.4%	\$177,125	\$263,011	+ 48.5%
Percent of List Price Received*	104.9%	116.8%	+ 11.3%	101.7%	112.6%	+ 10.7%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	4	2	- 50.0%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	1.4	0.8	- 42.9%	—	—	—

* Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

Median Sales Price - Single-Family
 Rolling 12-Month Calculation



Median Sales Price - Condo
 Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

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