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## Songwriter's Circle showcases local talent

by Lorrie Boylan

The evening of November 16th saw the best Songwriters in The Round Songwriter's Circle yet. The talent all brought their "A" game to St. James Church in Sambro. Six performers shared four songs each, while kitchen staff provided coffee, tea and baked goods for the audience. The event raised \$116 for the AIDS Hospice in Botswana. Since 1994, the Hospice has provided quality home based care and spiritual support to people living with HIV/AIDS and other terminal illnesses throughout Gaborone.

The Songwriter's Circle is a Nashville tradition of songwriters sharing

their songs with musical friends. Musicians like Johnny and June Cash would invite others to their home for supper and later, everyone would play a new song they were working on and talk about their process and what inspired it.

The host of the evening, Stephen Bordl, is a songwriter, guitar player and performer. He is currently recording songs for demo purposes and has recently placed songs in two movies. A founding member of Music Nova Scotia, and former President of the Songwriters Association of Nova Scotia (SANS), he was also active with East Coast Music Association (ECMA) in the early years. To find out more about

Stephen and his music, check out www. reverbnation.com/MrGuitarPlayer or find him on Twitter @MrGuitarPlayer.

Joan Helson's vocals have been described as "an eclectic mix of the breathy renderings of bluegrass' Alison Kraus, the energy of pop's Annie Lennox and the earthy elements of folk's Joni Mitchell." In addition to coffee house venues, Joan has performed at the Roots Room stage at the East Coast Music Awards and Canada's Wonderland Kingswood Concert Theatre in Toronto. Next spring Joan plans to hit the studio for a new songwriter demo set.

Sherry Dean has been performing (See Songwriter's Circle on page 2)

## **Craft** Winemaking coming to **Spryfield**

The late spring of 2015 will see a big change for a long-time Spryfield business. Dan Doherty first opened Spryfield Water 'N' Wine in the Spryfield Mall in February of 1993, then moved the store to 5 Dentith Road when the mall was being renovated in 2009. In November of 2013 Dan moved the store to its current temporary location at 217 Herring Cove in preparation for a move into a new building of his own to be constructed at 2 Mont Street in the New Year. The existing building at 2 Mont St. is expected to be demolished before Christmas and it is hoped that construction of the new building will begin sometime in January 2015.

Besides allowing the store to greatly increase the variety of inventory it carries, the new 1700 sq ft. state of the art facility will allow Water 'N' Wine to provide a Ferment on Premise service to its customers. A store offering Ferment on Premise service allows the customer to have the store make the wine kit that they have purchased from the store for them instead of the customer having to make it at home themselves. Making wine at home is a popular hobby that requires the maker to have all the needed equipment and a temperature controlled area in their home in which to ferment their wine. The ferment on premise, or U-Vint service as it is sometimes called, is growing in popularity in Nova Scotia; especially as a large portion of the population reaches retirement age and

(See Craft Winemaking on page 2)





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## **Songwriter's Circle**

(continued from page 1) and writing for the better part of four decades, spans a multitude of music genres and she has been involved in many folk festival circuits and songwriter circles in the past. Her art has been greatly influenced by strong female songwriters like Melissa Ethridge, Jan Arden and Pink.

Alan MacLeod has been writing, producing and recording for over twenty years and several of his songs have been featured in films, including "Here And Now" in "The Disappeared". In addition to being a member of SOCAN, Music Nova Scotia and the Songwriters' Association of Canada (SAC), Alan is a coordinator for SAC's Halifax Regional Writers Group. Alan works in the film and television industry and has a Gemini Nomination and three Atlantic Film Festival Craft Awards For

Art Direction.

Ed Oakley has played with Nick Raine and The Elements, opened for groups like Frozen Ghost and Refugee, has received an ECMA nomination, runner up placement in Q104's Home Grown competition, a finalist in CBC's national song writing contest and a 2010 New Demo Grant recipient from FACTOR. You can find out more about Ed at www.facebook.com/edoakleyfan

James Jackson is a music teacher who also performs with The Classics, The Bakersfield Boys and The Ketch Harbour Singers. James has enjoyed performing at many ceilidhs, in the pit orchestra for musicals, accompanying choirs and school concerts.

The final show of the 2014 music series will be the Down Home Christmas on Sunday December 14 at 6:30 p.m. at St. James United Church, 3811 Old

Sambro Road in Sambro where many talented local musicians, storytellers and performers will gather to share the spirit of the holiday. This is a long-time favourite event and all are welcome. (Lorrie Boylen is a Writer and Author's and Speaker's Administrative Professional who lives and works in Sambro)

## Craft Winemaking

(continued from page 1) either develops physical problems making it difficult to handle the heavy carboys of wine or they move into condos and apartments with less space available to carry on their hobby. After a kit is purchased the customer need only add the yeast then go home and the store staff do all of the racking, stabilizing and filtering required to complete the kit. At the end of the fermentation process, after the wine has been finished, the customer is required by law to return to the store to bottle the finished product themselves. To keep up to date with the progress of the new facility check out their Facebook page at: facebook.com/winekitshalifax. The Spryfield Water 'N' Wine website is: waternwine.com.

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



## Stately houses of Armdale have stories to tell

by Iris V. Shea

Prior to the turn of the 20th century, several houses in Armdale were given names by their owners, namely Brookdale, The Birches, Edgemere, Lakewood, Melvillewood and Fairmount. Their owners were equally well-known as merchants and business owners.

On the left side of the St. Margaret's Bay Road, an apartment building sits on the corner of Crescent Avenue. This was the location of Brookdale, the home of Edward Lawson Fenerty who, in 1873, married Eleanor Bennett, a sister to Charles Bennett of The Birches. E. Lawson Fenerty was a skate manufacturer and held a patent for the Peerless Skate. On the shores of Chocolate Lake (now the foot of Crescent Avenue), Fenerty built his water-powered shovel factory, using the water from the fast flowing brook out of Chain Lake for the power to operate his equipment. The brook crossed the St. Margaret's Bay Road, passing Brookdale, on its way to Chocolate Lake. In 1894 the two-storey shovel factory burned down, with an extensive loss of inventory and equipment. Within the year a smaller building was erected on the same site. In his lifetime, Fenerty had a continuous court battle with the City Engineer of Halifax who controlled the supply of water from Chain Lake, lowering the flow of water through the dam. This made it almost impossible for Fenerty to operate the shovel factory. The courts ruled in Fenerty's favour but still the water power did not improve. He built his own dam in an attempt to procure the much needed water power but was forced by the courts to demolish that dam after they ruled it illegal. In 1927 he was forced to shut down the industry. Following Fenerty's death in 1931, Brookdale was bought by Walter and Stanley Havill who converted it into two flats where the brothers lived for several years before it was replaced by the apartment building.

The Birches, another house on the left of St. Margaret's Bay Road, was located where an apartment building, called "The Birches", is today. It was the home of the Bennett family from the late 1880s until 1956. Charles H. Bennett, a bookkeeper, was born in Halifax, the son of Joseph, a merchant who owned Bennett's Wharf on Upper Water Street. Charles Bennett came to



Side view of Brookdale, about 1934, home of E. Lawson Fenerty, courtesy Havill Family

the Northwest Arm with his widowed mother, Lydia, and his brother John William Bennett. He married Barbara Muir in 1884, and by 1887 he was a widower with two infant daughters, Mary and Eugenie (Jean). Another child, Edith Knapen, the daughter of Charles' sister, Mary, also came to live with the family at The Birches.

Entering the Herring Cove Road from the head of the Northwest Arm, Bethany Church was the first building visible on the high ridge. Built in 1867, the building is now a private residence. Its long and interesting history deserves a separate article.

Fairmount, with its commanding view of the Northwest Arm, could be seen high on the ridge overlooking the Herring Cove Road. Built in the late 1870s for James Lear, a jeweler and commercial traveler, Lear and his wife Harriot had two sons and three daughters. The four eldest children were born in England, the youngest was born in Quebec. Many will remember the three Lear sisters, Isobel, Kate and Gwendolyn, all artists, who taught Sunday School in Jollimore and at Bethany Church in Armdale. Gwendolyn wrote religious books. Their brother Percy, an actor, was known locally as King Lear. Paintings by the Lear sisters hang in many homes today. This elegant house was destroyed by fire during the 1960s.

Next to Fairmount, on Chocolate Lake, was a cottage known as Lakewood which still stands today It was owned and occupied by Charles Hosterman in the 1860s. The house became

part of Dr. Cogswell's estate in the 1870s and in the early 1900s was sold to Dr. Frank Colwell who renamed it "Armview".

Edgemere, with its wrought iron gates visible today, is the last historic house on the high ridge above the Herring Cove Road. Today it is located on Edgemere Road. Charles W. Outhit gave this house its name at the turn of the 20th century, using it first as his summer residence and finally as a permanent residence. Outhit was a wellknown merchant and Fruit Dealer in Halifax. He and his brother John came from Aylesford, N.S. and set up individual businesses in Halifax. Charles Outhit married Lillian Wetmore of Halifax. Their two sons died as infants, and their two daughters relocated outside of the province after they married. Some of their descendants live in British Columbia.

Melvillewood, located just past Chocolate Lake on the right side of the Herring Cove Road, was the home of the Billman family. James Billman, of the firm of Billman and Chisholm, was a bookkeeper. He and his wife Grace purchased the property in the 1880s. Their three sons and three daughters were born at Melvillewood. The two eldest sons, Ralph Sanderson and William Melville, went overseas in World War I. Walter Melville Billman was the 1913 Dalhousie University Rhodes Scholar and in 1914 joined the Officer Training Corps at Oxford University. He died of wounds at the Battle of Somme in 1916 at the age of 24 years and was buried in Grove Town Cemetery, Meaulte, France.

During the summer of 1913 the first feature length film shot in Canada, called "Evangeline", had scenes filmed at Melvillewood. The house was torn down in the 1970s when the Province of Nova Scotia bought the property for \$300,000 in 1973. It was transferred to the city to be used as a much needed park for Armdale residents. On the site of Melvillewood today is a public tennis court. The 300 feet of Billman's shoreline property on Chocolate Lake is a supervised public swimming area.





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# The Scratching Post



by Sarah Fraser

If you have any questions or comments, please write me at thescratchingposthalifax@gmail.com

Cynthia Young is a retired military veteran who devotes her days and evenings to cat rescue and everything that accompanies it. She works with a variety of rescues in the Halifax area, but specializes in building shelters and homes for stray, feral and abandoned cats.

There are things anyone can do to help, and they may not be as difficult as you think.

"Provide some type of shelter for cats; just because you don't see them doesn't mean they aren't there," says Young. "Making the shelters like the one I describe on my website is a great, easy, little project for anyone and makes a great project for those with kids. :) Put out some fresh water (and watch it for freezing) as it (the water) along with food is a very important thing to help kitties survive the winter. Adding kitten food to the diet helps give kitties some extra calories they need to keep weight on during the winter months."

There are a variety of shelters designs available at the Alley Cat Allies web site, www.alleycat.org. Young uses one of these designs to build her most common shelter using two totes, insulation, and straw. Why straw? It's simple.

"Straw, stays dry, resists mold and

mildew, and is a natural insulator." says Young. "People think that it is comfy to put bedding in for them but that gets dirty and wet, then freezes and pulls heat away from them. Cats will sleep on a hard floor so they care about warmth more than comfort."

A few other important things to remember about cats as the mercury

- Cats get cold, too! Fur insulates cats about as much as a sweater insulates you. Would you enjoy winter outdoors in nothing but a sweater? I
- This may be obvious, but cats enjoy heat. Sadly, this will mean cats left outdoors, or stray and feral cats, will climb under vehicle hoods for warmth and suffer injuries or even death when the vehicle is started. A quick bang on your hood before you head out could save a life!
- Take care of anti-freeze spills. It has a sweet taste that cats unfortunately enjoy, and can cause sickness or even death.

Above all.... and this applies for ANY season, PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR CATS! The SPCA in Dartmouth takes applications for low cost spays and neuters, so if finances are an issue, please consider getting in touch with them via telephone at (902) 468-7877 (Option 4), e-mail at info@ pas.spcans.ca or by visiting their web

site at http://www.spcans.ca/clinic-pas. NOTE: Congratulations to Spay Day on their 1000th Spay/Neuter!!!!!!

## **Ask a Pet Vet**

Dr. Kim McCallum is a doctor of veterinary medicine at the Metro Animal Emergency Clinic and resides in Sambro with her two and four legged family.

**Q** What are common issues/illnesses you see with cats over the Holiday season?

Dr. McCallum A common feline emergency we see at MAEC over the Christmas Holidays may surprise you: straining to urinate or blood in the urine. Feline Urinary Tract Disease (FLUTD) encompasses a number of different urinary tract diseases that can be caused by crystals, stones, infection, litterbox management and stress. Christmas is a stressful time for families and their cats – people are coming and going, life is hectic, and cats being sensitive creatures pick up on your stress. You can help prevent urinary disease by:

- increasing the amount of water your cat consumes (canned diet, water fountains, tuna juice)
- increasing the number and size of litterboxes – each cat should have at least two large litterboxes (under the bed storage containers are great) that are uncovered, placed in open locations and cleaned regularly
- reducing stress: cat nip, toys, scratching posts and Feliway, a product that releases a cat pheromone that helps relax cats, and your attention (TLC)

Any cat straining to urinate or passing blood in its urine should be evaluated by a veterinarian immediately. Male cats have a greater potential to "block" meaning they cannot urinate at all. This

is a medical life-threatening emergency because it can cause bladder rupture, acute kidney failure and/or cardiac arrest. If you wait, it's more difficult to help your kitty.

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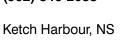
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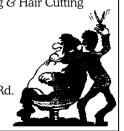
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## **Seniors' Beat:** Olden Christmases and New

by Beverley Clarkson

Ah, Christmas. The lights, the stores full of toys, the electronic gadgets and ready made dinners and imported sweets. The excitement and laughter, and glamorous trees full of presents.

Once upon a time, back when most seniors were young, there wasn't a lot of money for buying. Christmas was first about family, about great food, about those who were away coming home to the loving embrace of their family. It was a time of great warmth and sentiment for a generation or two who were taught stiff upper lips and make do. There were actually pianos in many homes and always someone who could play them. There were live turkeys, if not in the front yard, then down at the farmer's, and they were ordered early.

It usually took place at Grandmother's house and heaven help you if you thought of staying home with your own kids.

My Gram, a gifted cook, fired up the stove in September, around the first frost when things could be put in the shed to freeze. She had a special box of classic recipes, some from her own family hand written on old envelopes or shredded wheat separators; one from her husband's mother on actual linen stationery, some from the church hand typed and printed cookbook and additional new-fangled things the kids liked. There had to be at least three fruit cakes: white and dark and the new kind made with canned pineapple.

The ornaments weren't bought new every year but cherished and worn and loved old things; packed away in the attic: glass balls from Czechoslovakia, little birds on clips, long crinkly lead icicles that the artistically inclined could stream along each branch of the hand cut tree. Oh but those icicle loaded trees shimmered and shivered as folks danced by and the children threw wrappings off their presents. Often popcorn and cranberry chains were hand stitched every year, sometimes a worn tinsel streamer appeared from the mouse droppings; coloured lights or even candle clips which were only briefly lit with great excitement. The old stockings were put out close to the tree, ready for Santa to fill with an orange in the toe, ribbon candy, little toys and dinkys, and something special and personal.

The religious part was strong too; some services were on the eve others in the morning or later. Church bells would peal joyously and the message was of joy at the birth of the saviour.

We were closer to a Charles Dickens Christmas back then; the Victorian times were only a couple of generations before ours, kind of like the 70s today or closer. But the warmth continues unabated.

How does your Christmas look this year? Pretty frantic just now, huh? Try-

ing to do it all? Money a little tighter than a couple of years ago? Soldiers off shore? But you go all out just the same; children love it just as much and their parents take joy in creating a wonderful feast and celebration. Our world is full of modern miracles: you can skype your loved one from afar, not quite as good as a hug but pretty good anyway.

And you remember those less fortunate and make a donation or even give some time to helping out. And so Christmas 2014 will be memorable and rich and a time of love and family and friends and joy, and we are blessed again.

These days there also are many among us who have a different background and experience, for whom Christmas is not familiar, and we try to embrace all faiths at this time. For those growing numbers of Canadians for whom our Christmas experience is new, may we invite you to share the spirit of the season, wishing peace and love and good will to all? And cookies work for everyone I believe.

Happy Christmas, everyone.

## **Changes at St. Paul's United Church**

by Carolyn Mont

On October 26, we had a party at St. Paul's United Church. Even though none of us was looking forward to this particular party, it was a wonderful event. It was a retirement party for our minister, the Reverend Jeanne Manning Stright.

How do we party in a church, you might wonder. We had, as we usually do, a dinner, with members of the congregation providing the food. Since it was a retirement party, there were speeches by people representing various groups in the church. There were also glowing comments from members of the clergy of different churches in Spryfield, representing the Spryfield Ecumenical Committee. There was music provided by both St. Paul's Choir and the Worship Band. The hall was full and the guests extended into the adjoining Sunday School rooms.

Jeanne had been our minister for seven years and the whole congregation was sorry to see her leave. She had told us several months prior to her leaving that she was taking a part time, unpaid position. Our collective hearts fell but we all understood when she explained that, indeed, she plans to spend time looking after her grandson!

She had preached her last sermon with us on the morning of the party. In her usual upbeat way, she reminded us of the many things we, as a congregation, had done in the past seven years. With her guidance, we have Easter Sunrise Services at the Dingle, the annual Blessing of the Animals, worship services at Glades Lodge,

Melville Lodge, Melville Gardens and Arborstone Enhanced Care. We have a regular weekly Bible Study but we have also had Lenten Study groups. We had a service on McNabs Island at their annual beach clean-up, and have shared Longest Night, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services with the Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge. We have also formed a Prayer Circle, Worship Band and Pastoral Care Team. We are a vital, active congregation.

Certainly, that day was one of looking back at the accomplishments of the past seven years but Jeanne also looked to the future and encouraged the congregation to do the same. She correctly pointed out that, as a church, we are now looking forward to an exciting time

of searching for a new minister.

In the meantime, we will have Reverend Margaret Sagar with us through the Christmas season. Our regular Christmas services will continue as

Dec.7 – Second Sunday of Advent 11:00 am: Hanging of the Greens, with the Worship Band leading the ministry of music

Dec. 14 – Third Sunday of Advent 11:00 am:White Gift Sunday; 7 pm: Carol Sing

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## Sammy says

I'm super excited! Sambro Area Community Association (SACA) has received a special message from the North Pole – Santa has set aside 2 hours from his very busy schedule to visit the children in Sambro on Saturday, December 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. James United Church in Sambro. Children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa and have a photo taken, decorate Christmas cupcakes, colour a Christmas page to enter in a contest, get a balloon animal, have their face painted and enjoy a hot dog lunch. All



food items will be peanut free and the Santa photos will be available to parents/guardians via email after the event. I can't wait!

Elementary school aged children are welcome to stay on their own, while preschool aged children need to be accompanied by their parent or guardian. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5 per child. Donations of nonperishable food items will be gratefully accepted for the Food Bank at St. Paul's Family Resource Institute.

Sambro Christmas cards will be available for sale for \$2 each. These high quality cards feature a very chilly scene from the Sambro area on the front, but a warm wish on the inside of the card. Also available are Christmas gift tags for 25 cents each.

SACA will be holding a Christmas raffle this year – 1st prize is a lovingly handcrafted miniature fishing boat donated by Leslie Findley. 2nd second prize is \$100 worth of fresh lobster donated by local fishermen. See it on display at Mishoo's in Sambro with yours truly standing guard! Come visit me and pick up your tickets – just \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Draw date will be December 20, 2014.

Check out my blog at http://100nslights.blogspot.ca. If you're on social media, follow me on Facebook or Twitter to keep up with my crazy antics.

# City Church Holiday happenings

A series of joyous Christmas celebrations will be held at City Church this month.

Each Sunday service will feature the festive music of the season, and there will be inspiring messages that center on the wonderful meaning of the biblical Bethlehem story. Sunday services are at 10:30am and 6:00pm.

City Church will also present another in its popular Christmas concert series. For 14 years the City Church arts drama players have produced a special presentation that pleases all ages. This year's Christmas musical is called "The Flight Before Christmas" and tells the story of what happens when

people encounter airport flight delays on Christmas Eve.

"The Flight Before Christmas" can be enjoyed for four evening presentations – Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday – December 11th to 14th. Each presentation is at 7pm.

There will be free candy for young children.

Another City Church feature of this season is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. It will be held on December 24 at 7 pm and will be a one-hour joyous time of carol singing and family involvement as everyone participates in the story of the birth of Jesus.

City Church also owns and operates a Christian inspirational radio station known as LIFE 94.7 FM. All through the month of December the station is playing Christian musical favourites. Life 94.7 FM radio can also be heard on the internet at www.life947fm.com.

City Church is located at 276 Herring Cove Road. For further information call 479-2489 or check out our website at www.citychurchhalifax.ca.

#### **Spryfield Junior Hockey Club 2014-15 Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Time
Sat. Dec. 20	Barrington	8:00 pm
Sat. Dec. 27	Fundy	8:00 pm
Sat. Jan. 10	Clare	8:00 pm
Sun. Jan. 11*	Clare	3:00 pm
Sat. Jan. 17	Barrington	8:00 pm
Sun. Jan. 18*	Barrington	Time/Location TBA

We are looking forward to another exciting year of Junior hockey in Spry-field. We have a strong core of returning players and some impressive new recruits. I am confident you will enjoy our games this season. All games are subject to change, so please check our website or Facebook page to confirm our home games. \*Please note these games are not on our usual home night. spryfieldattack.com

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## A special gift

On September 30th, 2014, the Robinson Family, formerly from Fleming Heights donated a beautiful park bench to the Sir Sanford Fleming Park (Dingle) in honour of their Mother's birthday (Sem Robinson, nee Hunter) and in memorium for their Father (Jack Robinson, passed Nov/13). We realized how this magnificent park has impacted our family history on both sides since the late 1800's!

Roy and Mary Hunter (Sem's parents) built a summer home in Jollimore over a hundred years ago – this cemented their commitment to the area. Soon the family constructed their full-time home on the same property; many cousins, aunts and uncles stayed in the old summer home or built their own small summer places there as well. As Roy and Mary's children grew (Marge, Sem, Erva, Ruth, Elaine, and brother Rawley) most of them also chose to live on the same grounds at one time or another.

William and Madge Robinson (Jack's parents) owned and operated Robinson's Ferry and Boat Service at the foot of South Street at about the same time as the Hunters were moving to Jollimore. Jack and his brothers Ron, Hal, Bill, Jim and sister, Alice helped their father rent out boats as well as ferry people across the Northwest Arm to a dock at the Dingle until the 1930's.

It was destiny that Jack Robinson met Sem (Thelma) Hunter at the Dingle Park. Jack and his friends would row across the Arm to play baseball in Jollimore. Jack and Sem fell in love and married in 1943. They moved to the Fleming Heights area in 1959, and raised their 5 children there.



Sem would often push a baby carriage loaded with one or two children and a picnic lunch while she herded the other kids alongside to the Dingle. She frequently met her siblings with their offspring at a small picnic area (known to them as Critchley's) along the shore of the Northwest Arm on the edge of the Dingle Park. The children were always happy playing in the chilly Arm water – making for great family memories. Jack would take the older children to climb the Dingle Tower stairs and play for hours on the Lions that guarded the entrance to the Tower.

As time moved on, the Robinson children became adults and enjoyed bringing their own families to this beloved park. One grandson was married on a small sandy beach at the park; another grand-daughter chose to have her stunning wedding pictures taken at the foot of the Dingle Tower.

When Jack passed away, Sem moved to nearby Melville Heights, and daily she marvels at her outstanding view of the Northwest Arm, where so many of her treasured memories were made.

As she neared the first birthday after her husband was gone, the family decided to donate a family bench to always have a special spot to visit and reminisce.

They accessed the Halifax Parks Civic Support Program/Gift for Parks, which allows for a donation of trees or benches to any city park. The staff very efficiently made all the arrangements to move the dedicated bench to a significant spot in

the Dingle Park. The bench rests on a quiet knoll directly across from where William Robinson had his boat service; it is also close to the picnic area the family so enjoyed.

On September 30th, Sem's five children (Kent, Linda, Nancy, Jackie and Marcy) and two of her 15 grandchildren (also has 16 great grandchildren) gathered at the site of the new bench. Sem was brought to the site, knowing nothing of the surprise gift...she was truly awed and overwhelmed at the concept of such a sturdy bench with a plaque dedicated to not only her and her late husband, but to their families, past, present, and future. This beautiful, tranquil knoll with the special bench will be a wonderful location for future family visits to the Dingle Park!



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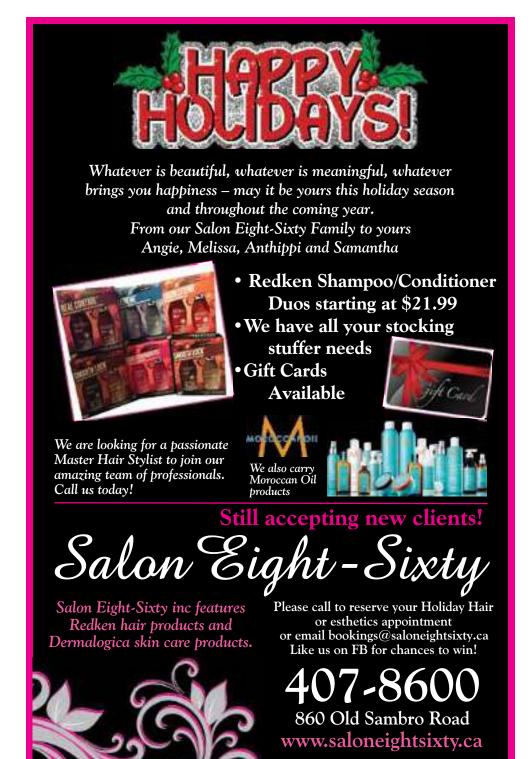
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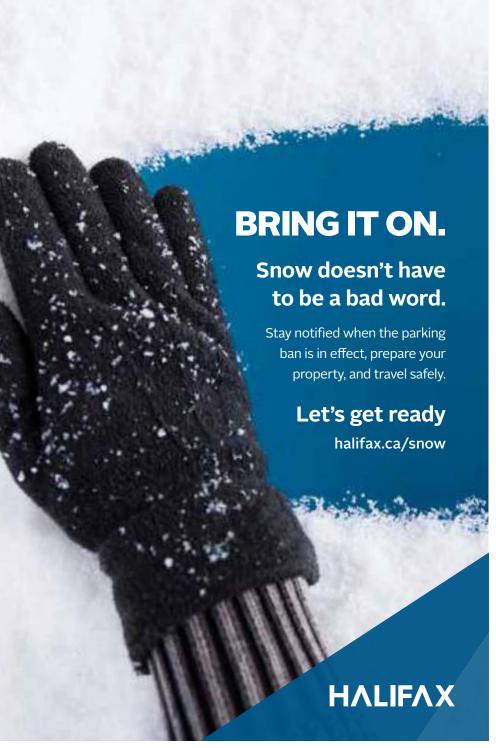
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by Carrie Forbes

With the holiday season upon us, our attention turns to spending quality time with family and friends. Although we know the season's beauty lies in the spirit of giving, we often can become overwhelmed in trying to find the 'perfect gift' to show our appreciation to our loved ones. This year, you can not only find that elusive gift for those on your list, but also give back to your own community by doing your holiday shopping within the Chebucto Loop! Buying locally is a great way to support the people you see in our community every day – our small business owners, employees and community members. It helps keep our local economy building and growing, making it a better place to live, shop, do business and work. With all this in mind, were happy to highlight a few great gift ideas that will keep on giving:

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We'll start where the path to most peoples' hearts really lie – in the stomach! Food gifts are always a sure winner – who doesn't love a free meal? Heppy's Pie Lady at 30 Herring Cove Road has a number of traditional meat pies in the Acadian tradition, such as tourtiere, along with baked goods and gluten free treats. You can also pick up a gift certificate for \$25 or \$50. Further down the street at 336 Herring Cove Rd., you'll find lots of wonderful treats at Mrs. P's Home-Style Bakery. Known especially for their oatcakes, Mrs. P's supplies a number of cafes and restaurants with their specialty baked goods. You may want to grab a gift certificate – the goods may not last giving! Meals also provide great opportunities to spend time with loved ones, so you may want to consider a hearty home cooked meal at the Bloomin' Café, just over at 355 Herring Cove Rd. Book early for traditional Christmas Dinner – who doesn't love the gift of having someone else do the cooking? For the foodie in your life, don't forget about the important tools of the trade – **Pampered Chef** offers a full range of kitchen tools. Their Pizza Night Gift Set, ideal for students or families, includes the Large Round Stone, Pizza Cutter, Large Serving Spatula & Italian Seasoning Mix, an \$86 value for \$79. Contact your Independent Consultant Linda Levin at 902-479-1625 or kitchenangel@eastlink.ca for more ideas or information.

## Fitness

The holidays are also a time when those resolutions start to surface, and giving a membership for a new activity can be just the thing to help jump start the New Year. Fitness is especially popular, and a number of options are available in the Loop. The Captain William Spry Community Centre on 16 Sussex Street



is a great place to start, with plen well as the gym. Contact the cen – you can buy memberships for ing from a month to a year. More halifax.ca/rec/centrescaptainspry ing of taking up a martial art? W **United Martial Arts** at 531 Her classes for children and adults, v ships available. NUMA's popula a great gift; an \$80 punch card w work really hard! Have a NUMA You can buy a number of great t with NUMA branding at the clul Kool T's and More. You can als Ready to Rumba Dance and F or Halifax Yoga at 7 Purcell's C ship packages and classes are av

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son – purchase a \$25.00 gift card, and you will receive \$5.00 in Bowlarama Bucks – a 20% bonus! A great gift for both kids and adults, and an activity the whole family can enjoy. Services

Sometimes the best gifts aren't things, but are things we don't often do for ourselves. Slade Skin Therapy, http://sarahslade. wix.com/sladeskintherapy, is a home based spa in Sambro offering services such as facials, manicures, pedicures and waxing. For gift certificates to pamper that special person, call 902-456-0334. Likewise, the **Head Shoppe** at 318 Herring Cove Rd. also has plenty of gift certificates and service specials for hair and spa treatments. Be sure to check out First Choice Haircutters, Cuts of Class, and Purcell's Barber Shop for more ways to get your giftee groomed for the holidays.

hill Drive (Calvary Baptist Church) may right for the person on

your list interested in learning how to play a musical instrument,

Road, is also offering a special on gift cards over the holiday sea-

or in joining their local community band while giving back to their community through music. Registration fees for 15 weeks

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## Unique Products

There's always that one item that you know would be perfect, and there are plenty of places to find it within the Chebucto Loop. For those who like something small and sparkly, you may want to check out the line of Lia Sophia jewellery available that also have a lifetime warranty. Independent Consultant Maria Caines also has an additional pay it forward promotion for the holidays to provide a needy family dinner and a pre-paid visa for \$1000.00. Contact Maria at (902)477-7614 or email maria. caines@eastlink.ca for further details. A visit to Night Magic **Fashions** at 334 Herring Cove Rd might fit the bill with a selection of intimate gifts for the lovers on your list. For the wine and beer connoisseurs, stop by Water n' Wine at 2 Mont Street, and pick up a starter kit for just \$99.99. A little low on cash? Don't let that prevent you from finding some amazing treasures at Hand in Hand at 440 Herring Cove Rd, where you'll find gently used Christmas lights, decorations and plenty of gift ideas. Likewise, the **Salvation Army Thrift Store** at 485 Herring Cove is another great spot to not only find inexpensive items, but to donate gently used items that others can benefit from.

These are just but a few suggestions to help you round out your holiday shopping while supporting your community! Happy





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## Reg Horner Memorial Character News Sports Page

## Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals Fundraising Auction for for Chimo Taekwondo



Master Large surveys his students at the Chimo Taekwondo Dojang with pride. It is medal recognition night, and Doug Large, the Head Instructor and Owner of Chimo Taekwondo is very pleased with the results of the most recent tournament.

Wagners Taekwondo Challenge 2014, hosted by Wagners Taekwondo Club, is one of the longest running TKD tournaments in the Maritimes. Master Joe Wagner, a 7th Dan Black Belt who has been practising TKD for 35 years said, "Chimo did very well Saturday."

"The biggest thing they've learned from a technical standpoint is the board breaking techniques and being able to use striking and kicking techniques that they already know and putting them in to combinations they can use to break boards. We are enhancing their sparring skills, too," said Large.

After months of practice, the youth of Chimo Taekwondo finally got to show off their skills and they did not disappoint. Medals for Gold, Silver and Bronze were won for both board breaking and sparring.

There is more to a tournament than medals, though. The club stresses a number of aspects of competition that are beneficial.

"The biggest and most difficult thing for the parents and kids is getting used to the nature of competition. I'm a big believer that 'healthy competition is healthy'. That is one of those things that is very difficult to teach in the classroom...it's something that needs to be experienced."

There were over 150 competitors at the tournament from different clubs and different belt levels, but everyone had a great time.

"It was awesome," said Large. "We had 12 kids competing which is fantastic. It was a great turnout. Do your best and have fun. It has to be fun for the kids. It can be scary and a bit intimidating but they need to have a sense of accomplishment and a sense of pride in at least having participated."

Gracie Weir (10 year old Red Belt) and Ethan Weir (7 year old Green stripe) were a dynamite brother and sister duo representing Chimo at the tournament. The kids challenged themselves and made an impressive showing. Gracie completed a difficult double hammerstrike board break earning her a Gold Medal, while Ethan won a Gold medal for sparring. Both are aspiring to one day be Black Belts, a dream that Gracie might make come true within the next year, as she currently is only one belt below a black belt. Ethan enthusiastically added that someday he hopes to "Kick Sir's (Master Large's) butt!"

Since the club opened its doors in 2003, members have participated in hundreds of tournaments. They have had students compete at the National level, and even boast a Commonwealth Champion.

"Youth have been the biggest part of our program by far, though," said Large. The club, however, is open to any age and is designed to fit anyone's fitness, self protection, recreation and sports goals level.

Master Large is a 5th degree Black belt who has been practicing for 14 years.

Recently, Chimo Taekwondo Club, located in the lower part of the Calvary Baptist Church at 91 Thornhill Dr., has undergone some significant renovations which have expanded the size of the club and improved its facilities. They are currently accepting new membership, and offer 3 free trial classes to prospective members who may be interested in joining.

**See more Sports on** pages 7 & 15

# **Hockey team**

The Spryfield Silver and Black Attack Junior C Hockey Club is part of an organization whereby young men between the ages of 16 and 21 are given the opportunity to play the game they love. An opportunity they might not otherwise have. This team has already had three successful seasons and are looking forward to many more seasons of great skating, and great scoring.

The coaching staff and management of this team are all volunteers. They love the game and want to help these young men reach their potential. However, there are still costs associated with playing hockey; ice rental, travel for away games, insurance and more. In an effort to keep ticket prices reasonable so that whole families can afford to go to a game, the team needs to do fundraising.

Which is why the Spryfield Silver and Black Attack Hockey team will be holding an enjoyable fundraising

auction on Saturday, December 6th at 6pm. The event, to be held at Bubba's Too (formerly the Red Fox) will be an opportunity for you to support your local team while having fun bidding on some amazing items. With the holidays almost here, what better opportunity to pick up a gift and help a local team out in the process! For a sneak peak at the items up for auction, you can check out the website spryfieldattack.com. A few of the things you will find there are golfing gifts, signed jerseys, hotel stays,

So, why not grab the gang, order some drinks and great food, and hopefully take home some really cool items! You can keep up with all the latest team news by checking out their website www.spryfieldattack.com or find them on Facebook!

and framed photos!

## **Hey Coach**

by Benny DeVine

Chris Driscoll is the Head Coach of the Chebucto Atlantics Novice Female Team. I caught up with Chris before a practice on November 19th for a question and answer interview.

How many Years have you been coaching Hockey?

I have been coaching for 13 years. Did you play Hockey as a kid? Yes I started skating at 4 and started hockey at 5.

Where did you play as a kid? I grew up playing minor hockey in Chebucto. I played Midget hockey in Dartmouth and junior back in Halifax. What are your goals as a coach this year?

Being involved with female hockey for the first time is something new, but I think the goals are similar as to a boy's team. We want to focus primarily on the development aspect with the 7 and 8 year olds as well as making new friends and enjoying the experience of the game on and off the ice.

What is the most important thing your players can do to improve as the season

I think players should always focus on improving their skating. Hockey today has become a skating game. We dedicate one full practice a week to power skating. I think skating is the root of most other skills, if you can skate...everything else becomes easier to develop. What is a tip for young Hockey players? For not only young, but all hockey players, one important thing to remember is be confident!! Believe it or not hockey is 90% MENTAL skill. Be confident with your skills, try not to get down on yourself or frustrated. If you can't do something ...try harder, you will be



surprised what you can achieve if your mind is working with you. What is your favorite food Coach? Spaghetti

How are things different today than when you played as a kid? All the benefits of the game are similar to when I was a kid. How the rules have changed in today's game is they make hockey faster, limiting the clutching and grabbing. The game focuses more so on skating. When I grew up teams focused more so on size rather than skill. The notion was the "the small guy had to prove he could play whereas the big guy had to prove he couldn't."

Quote "One thing I can say as a coach is enjoy your time at the rink. Players can make some of the greatest memories of being a kid while being involved with not only hockey but all sports. You can make lifelong friendships with your peers or teammates. Parents can also experience the benefits of the atmosphere from the game, by meeting new people and sharing good times!"

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## Working to improve sidewalk snow removal

by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

Sidewalk snow removal service will continue throughout the entire municipality this year. Last year our snow removal operations got off to a rough start with a very terrible storm where the weather kept changing rapidly. We experienced a rapid freeze; it went from -15 to +4 and 10mm rain. This left a short window of time of 10-12 hours to clear the entire municipality and there is not enough equipment to physically do this in this timeframe. It rained the next day and got cold again in the evening. Again the rain turned to ice. To quote the supervisor, "we had insufficient time and a rapid freeze to deal with this. Crews continued to salt and scrape but it is difficult with the ice." We also had new contractors and new plow operators for sidewalk snow clearing. In my opinion many of them were ill prepared to handle this type of snow clearing efficiently. Our contracts are performance contracts and therefore are awarded to the lowest bidder meeting our specifications.

In addition to many of the sidewalk routes having sub-par clearance, there was also considerable damage to turf in the municipal right of way and some property damage. Last year Council awarded 4 year snow removal contracts with a 5th year renewable option. Part way through the season one Dartmouth contractor was released of their contracts. In our area one contractor failed to meet the performance standards, but not enough to 'fire' them in the middle of the season. Halifax public works managers and supervisors tried to work with this contractor to improve their standards and meet the requirements in our performance contracts. On several occasions this did not occur and the contractor was issued liquidated damages. At the end of the year there were multiple failures to meet our performance contracts. Also sidewalk snow removal related damages were to be remediated by June 1st and in my cases this did not occur. The issue came before Council and we released one contractor of five routes and a new tender was issued. A new component of the tender was a proviso that the companies must list their array of sizes/ types of equipment, possess knowledge

of the routes, and have a plan to address difficult areas such as where hand shovelling would be necessary.

It is impossible to evaluate the new sidewalk snow removal program last year as we had the worst winter in at least a decade and some contractors did not meet our performance standards. Throughout the municipality we had almost 7,000 snow related complaints that included streets, sidewalks, bus stops and bike lanes. Our public works and transportation department are working hard to evaluate the challenges faced last year and determine ways to mitigate them for the upcoming season. Should you wish to view the end of sea-

son report please see the attached link: http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/documents/140909ca1151.pdf

Sidewalk clearing should occur within 12 to 36 hours after the end of a snowfall depending on the street classification. Typically these removal timeframes are far exceeded. Crews won't stop until all sidewalks are done. Planters, lawn decorations, and any other portable objects near the sidewalk, on either side, should be removed before the winter. Residents and businesses are advised that they can be ticketed for clearing snow from their own driveway or property onto the street or sidewalk.

To find out when the winter street

parking ban is on please sign up for notifications by filling out an online registration form at www.halifax.ca/snow/parkingban, or email a request to contact@halifax.ca or call 311. If you signed up last season, then you do not need to register again. The municipality also shares regular updates on the parking ban and other snow-related information on its online snow page, www.halifax.ca/snow and via Twitter, at @hfxgov Residents can also call 311 with questions or concerns, they are open seven days per week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

# Winter driving conditions mean changes in our driving habits by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

Herring Cove Road – Update on Heritage Gas Project

I know many of you are interested in hearing about the progress of the Heritage Gas Herring Cove Road project.

Heritage Gas notified residents about the pipeline project prior to the commencement of the road work. The installation of the pipe is now complete and the line has been activated. Paving and concrete is also complete; however, due to the onset of colder weather while the Heritage Gas Contractor was paving, additional finishing work, if required, will be carried out following the planned inspection in the spring.

As of November 14th there were three sections of curb that were poured and currently under insulated tarps in the process of curing. Once the concrete is satisfactory, Heritage Gas's Contractor will remove the tarps and the project will be complete.

For more information, you may contact Heritage Gas directly at (902) 466-2003 or by email at: info@heritagegas.com.

#### 41st Spryfield Santa Claus Parade and Annual Tree Lighting Celebration

The words "thank you" just do not seem enough to truly convey the appreciation felt for all volunteers and participants who assisted with the well-attended 41st Spryfield Santa Claus Parade. Our own Spryfield and District Business Commission was instrumental in organizing the event this year and their input helped to ensure another fun-filled family event.

After the parade, we continued the merriment with the annual Captain William Spry Community Centre Tree Lighting Celebration held the same afternoon. These events truly helped to kick-off the holiday season for our community.

Happy Holidays everyone! **Snow Removal** 

Winter has arrived. The first official day of winter is December 21st – snow and ice season is here! With the arrival of cooler temperatures, we all need to be mindful that winter street safety is a shared responsibility. Our municipal staff work hard to keep the streets and sidewalks clear of snow and ice, but motorists also have a responsibility to adjust their driving according to the conditions.

Last year was the worst winter season the Halifax region has seen possibly since White Juan. With more than 20 storms, some of them full-out blizzards, crews were kept busy keeping our streets and sidewalks clear of snow and ice so we were safe to travel. The municipality spent \$24,205,700 on

winter operations. That means there was a total net deficit of \$4,210,500. However, the Snow and Ice reserve fund was not used, as the deficit was funded by the General Rate surplus. The municipality's snow and ice clearing budget for 2014/15 is about \$20 million, which is in line with other years.

Our Snow and Ice Operations group have provided some helpful tips for winter driving conditions:

- \* In Nova Scotia, weather conditions can change quickly; adjust your speed to the conditions. Follow at a safe distance. It can take up to 12 times further to stop on snow and ice than on dry pavement.
- \* If at all possible, do not drive during a storm. It is much safer to stay at home and wait until conditions improve.
- \* Watch out for ice, especially on bridges, overpasses and in shaded areas.
- \* Never assume that because the temperature is above zero that the roads are safe. Road salt doesn't work miracles, and is not effective below -10 degrees Celsius. Wet roads can freeze even if the air temperature is above
- \* Never pass a plow clearing snow from the road. Whiteout conditions can reduce visibility and increase the chance (See Winter driving conditions on page 15)





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## The Halifax Armdale Report

by the Honourable Lena Diab, MLA for Halifax Armdale

November saw an outpouring of support for veterans and our military personnel. On November 10th, I was honoured to attend the Fairview Legion with my youngest daughter to witness their Remembrance Day awards ceremony. On the 11th, I began Remembrance Day with the march to the Spryfield Legion. The Legion's ceremony had an astonishing turnout; I was inspired to see the solidarity among all ages at this important observance. After participating in the cenotaph wreath laying, I had the pleasure of attending both the White Lakes Legion and Fairview Legion with councillors Steve Adams and Linda Mosher. We all must continue to support our legions and veterans; we all must teach our children the value of honouring the sacrifice of others for our freedom today – and this year was a positive and powerful reminder that

We have a practice in our Nova Scotia legislature as Members to write resolutions, to present and table them in the House of Assembly. These resolutions are important because they bring awareness of the achievements of constituents, community events, and local organizations. To further honour these deserving people in the community, I hosted in November a resolutions ceremony at the Armdale Yacht Club. This provided me with the opportunity to make formal presentations of resolution certificates. The event was marked by a full room, pride, and community camaraderie among attendees. Another point of value of this event is how members of the community learn about others that make up the fabric of the community. This event will take place annually.

On the first Wednesday of every November, parents, relatives, and friends are asked to join Take Our Kids to Work Day. On this day, grade 9 students are invited to workplaces across Canada. The program supports career development for young students by connecting school, the work world, and their futures. By spending a day in the life of a working adult, these young people develop an appreciation of their parents' work and career motivation. I was proud to be part of Take Your Kid to Work and have my daughter explore the political career path. I would also like to recognize the many people that worked in the provincial government that took part in this great initiative. It was great for the students to visit the legislature while the House of Assembly was in session; the added bonus to the day's proceeding was being able to view the work of Members from the gallery's vantage point. Finally, students were delighted to receive the warm welcome from the chamber while they stood for recognition.

Fall has, in what feels like a fast manner, forwarded us into the festive season. The Spryfield Santa Claus Parade is always a great community kick-off. Schools and churches have craft fairs and concerts. Parties are here, there, and everywhere. Remember that newcomers to Canada who may be

living in your neighborhood are likely very curious about local holiday customs: extend invitations far and wide. Working with Select Nova Scotia, the province is encouraging all of us to use local ingredients – try using some recipes over the holidays from Select Nova Scotia's new cookbook. I wish everyone a wonderful and safe time as we celebrate the holidays in diverse ways:

## Second annual Holiday Dinner December 21

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

As we move toward December, the repairs continue at J.L. Ilsley High School. I have received many calls concerning the asbestos found in the roofing material. As soon as I heard this, I personally went to the school to investigate this issue. Our first concern is the health and safety of the students and teachers at J.L. Ilsley. There was 5% asbestos found in one layer of the roofing tar. Samples of debris and dust found in the school were tested and no asbestos was found. I want to reassure you that the students and staff were not in any danger. Air quality tests were performed before and after the cleanup and no asbestos was found. The Air Quality reports are available for viewing at the school.

The fall sitting of the Legislature has wrapped and I want to thank you for your patience during this busy session of the legislature. I will now be spending more time in my Constituency Office at 349 Herring Cove Road. Please call my office at 902-444-0147 or drop by if you have any issues or concerns you would like to discuss with me.

This year's Remembrance Day Ceremonies held special meaning to all Canadians due to the recent tragedies our country endured. On November 11th I was honoured to lay a wreath at the Spryfield Legion Ceremony in memory of all veterans that served this great country. I was overwhelmed with pride to stand with the huge crowd spilling into the streets paying respect to our veterans.

On November 26th I had the chance to tour the Orb Factory on Herring Cove Road. This locally owned company is a true success story. The Orb Factory employs 45 people and ship their toys worldwide. I would like to thank the owners and staff for taking the time to show me around and wish them continued success.

As the Holidays fast approach, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Holiday Season. I encourage everyone to enjoy the many community events taking place during the Holidays. I look forward to participating in the Spryfield Santa Claus parade on November 30th. I am also looking forward to seeing everyone at the Herring Cove Polar Bear Dip on New Year's Day and I promise no gold shorts this year!

I am pleased to work in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield to host our second annual Holiday Dinner on December 21st at 3:00 p.m. We are working together to provide a Dinner for the people of our community who may not otherwise have what most of us take for granted – a good meal

with family and friends. Please call my office at 902-444-0147 if you would like to attend the dinner or volunteer/donate.

Once again, I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun Holiday Season.

# Winter driving conditions

(continued from page 14) of an accident. Sight lines are severely restricted around plows. Always remember, if you can't see the plow's side mirrors, the driver can't see you.

\* Children should not play in the snow along the side of the road or anywhere that a snow plow is likely to operate.

## When will my Street/Sidewalk be Plowed?

Our crews are out in full force during each and every snow event. We prioritize which streets to salt, sand or plow based on service standards approved by Regional Council.

The service standards are as follows: Priority 1 streets include main arteries, bus routes, hilly areas and streets leading to schools and public buildings. These streets are to be completed within 12 hours after the end of a snowfall.

Priority 2 streets are residential streets. These streets are to be completed within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall.

Sidewalks may take up to 36 hours after the end of a snowfall.

Please be patient and know that crews will not stop until all the streets and sidewalks are completed.

#### **Property Damage**

Some amount of damage during snow clearing is unavoidable; especially when there is a lot of snow on the ground, visibility is bad or in neighbourhoods that have narrower sidewalks. As part of their contracts, performance-based contractors who plow most of the sidewalks in the region are responsible for repairing any damage their equipment causes. The municipality would repair and pay for damage caused by its in-house clearing equipment.

Residents who have sustained damage to their property caused by snow-clearing equipment should report the damage by calling 311 or by filling out an online customer service form that can be found on our www.halifax.ca website. Unless there is an immediate safety concern, most damage will be repaired in the spring, when the weather improves.

#### Winter Parking Ban

The overnight winter parking ban will

a Merry Christmas and my best wishes for a happy new year.

Follow my Facebook page to get updates over the holidays, and don't hesitate to contact the constituency office at 902-455-1610 and by email at info@lenadiab.ca.

be in effect from December 15th to March 31st. The Ban will be enforced only during declared snow and ice events, from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. Residents have a responsibility to secure off-street parking during the winter months and seek information about when the parking ban is enforced.

You may sign up for notifications on when the ban is being enforced by filling out an online registration form at www.halifax.ca/snow/parkingban; email a request to contact@halifax.ca; or call 311. If you registered last season, then you do not need to register again. Residents who subscribe will receive timely messages by phone, email, and/or text message, throughout the winter season, about the status of overnight winter parking bans in the Halifax region.

For more information on municipal snow and ice clearing operations, service standards, priority streets, salt management strategies and more, please visit www.halifax.ca/snow.

#### **CONTACT**

If you wish to speak to me in regard to municipal issues, please contact me by phone at 902.477.0627 or email at Stephen.Adams@halifax.ca.

## Peewee B Pack the Rink Night

by Benny DeVine

Come out and and support the local Peewee B Chebucto Atlantics for the Pack The Rink Night on Thursday December 4 at 7 PM when they host the Cole Harbor Wings at the Spryfield Loins Rink.

"We have been planning this event since September and it will be a great experience for the players from both teams and the supporters," said Donna Kennedy, the Chebucto Team Manager. "We are expecting to see people who have never seen a hockey game before at the Lions Rink. Grab your parents, kids and friends and come join us for an exciting night."

We will have our biggest 50/50 draw of the year and we are estimating the prize to be around \$500. We will be doing our Lobster ticket draw, where someone will win 10 Pounds of fresh Sambro Lobster. There will also be a door prize which will be 10 pounds of fresh Halibut. Every person who buys 50/50 tickets at the game will have a chance at the door prize.

Kim from Kimmies canteen will have her famous Hot Dogs on for just \$1.00 for the evening so come hungry. There will be a very special guest for the ceremonial puck drop and there will be a live performance of our National Anthem just before the game starts. Don't miss the Chebucto Peewee B Pack the Rink night.

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# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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

#### **DECEMBER COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

- December 6th: 9am to 11am. First Annual Breakfast with Santa Fundraising event. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children over the age of 3. Children under 3 yrs are free. To purchase or reserve tickets, please contact us at generalinfo@bgcspryfield. org or call us at 902-477-9840
- We offer affordable, engaging child care on school professional development days. We also have spaces available for March Break. Day camps open at 8am and close at 5:45pm and are only \$25 a day. March Break week (March 16-20) is only \$125. Contact us for more information or to register.

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

- Every Tuesday at 10:30am. Ages 0 to 5. Family drop in. Begins September 9th
- Fridays at 10:30am. Ages 3 to 5. Story time. Begins September 12th.
- Saturdays at 11am. All ages. Puppet Shows. Please Note: Show begins at 10:30 on September 19th
- Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:45. Paws to Read. Registration Required.

Please contact Ella at 902-490-5796 or call 902-478-1454 to register. Check the website http:// www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/for more information on these programs.

## Captain William Spry Community Centre Events:

• Get Your GED! 10 week course offered by the Halifax Community Learning Network. Please call 902-490-5715 for more information

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

• December 11: 1:30 to 3:30 Community Health Team Social. Have a snack, chat with the team and meet others in your community. No registration required. All welcome

PLEASE NOTE: People eligible for the programs are anyone who lives, works or has a family doctor in the communities of Beechville, Lakeside, Timberlea, Hackett's Cove, Hatchet Lake, Hubbards, Peggy's Cove, Prospect, St. Margaret's Bay, Tantallon, Terrance Bay, Clayton Park, Fairview, Rockingham Larry Uteck, Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield and around the Sambro Loop. Please call 902-487-0690 or dropin to register.

## Chebucto Connections Events (531 Herring Cove Road):

- Nova Scotia Legal aid will offer legal services at our offices every second Friday. Dates for July are the 4th and 18th. Please call 420-3450 to set up an appointment and ask for the Spryfield office.
- Volunteer Board Members needed! Interested parties will want to be a part of a team that is actively engaged in making our community a healthy and vibrant

place to live and work! Contact ccda. stecroix@gmail.com or 477-0964 for more information

## Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion (7 Sussex Street) Events:

- Bingo every Sunday at 1pm. Mini Bingo at 6pm. Superstat Bingo at 7pm
- December 31: 9pm to 1am New Year's Eve Dance. DJ Trevor Probert. \$10 per person. Light snacks provided. Doors open 8pm
- January 1st: 1pm to 5pm New Year's Day DJ Trevor Probert. Free event.

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

- Friday Night Mixed Dart League with bar service. 8pm. \$5 to play Phone 902-403-1666 or 902-477-8749 for more information.
- December 2nd: 6:30pm Tree Lighting and Concert with Santa, Cookie decorating, Christmas carols and light lunch. All Welcome!
- Wednesdays and Thursdays: Tai Jitsu Classes. Contact Natasha at 902-293-7427, halifaxtaijitsu@gmail.com

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

- Singers wanted! We are a mixed adult community choir and we are looking for more great voices to join our group. All skill levels welcome. No audition. Contact Mary Jo Mackintosh at 902-423-5636 for details
- December 11th: 7pm to 9pm Coffee House. Refreshments will be served. Donations gratefully accepted. Special guests: Hydrostoners Ukulele Ensemble

## Spryfield Lions Club (25 Drysdale Avenue) Events:

- Every Wednesday at 1pm. BINGO! In the rec centre. Come have fun, make friends and support a great organization.
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Lions Club meet upstairs in the Lions' Den. Please consider becoming a Lion! The Pride always needs new members to keep it strong in service!

#### Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (Captain Spry Centre and Farm at Ardwell and Rockingstone) Events:

• The UFMSS will not have a meeting in December. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our members, volunteers and donors. Our society is a success because of your generous support! Our next meeting will be January 12, 2015 at the Captain Spry Centre-7pm. New members and volunteers welcome. For further information e-mail urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!

#### YMCA Events:

- Elderobics-Forever Fit classes. No registration necessary. \$4/per class plus annual fee of \$10.
- Emmanuel Church Hall on Monday,
   Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 11am.
  - Captain William Spry Centre on

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 10am

## Young at Heart Club (212 Herring Cove Rd):

- Crib every Thursday at 1:30pm
- Darts every Thursday at 7pm.

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

- December 14th: 6:30pm Downhome Christmas Concert. Everyone Welcome St. Michael's Catholic Church Events (14 St. Michael's Ave) Events:
- December 12th: Turkey and Ham Bingo (gift certificates). Doors open at 6pm. Game starts at 7pm. Everyone Welcome St Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road) Events:
- Recycling on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Drop off between 10am and 1pm. Or, call Elaine at 477-2376 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have them picked up
- For Harrietsfield and Williamswood residents who rely on St. Paul's for clean drinking water, please note the following change: Due to the dropping temperatures, the outside tap needs to be turned off. However, from Tuesday through Friday each week, you can still fill your water bottles, free of charge, inside the church, between the hours of 9am to 3pm.
- Christmas services are as follows:
- December 7th: Second Sunday of Advent. 11am Hanging of the Greens with the Worship Band
- December 14th: Third Sunday of Advent. 11am White Gift Sunday. 7pm: Carol sing with refreshments.
- December 18th: 7pm Longest Night Service
- December 21st: Fourth Sunday of Advent: 11am Communion. Chancel Bells offering gift of music
- December 24th: 7pm Family service.
   This is a candlelight service.

#### Other Events and Notices:

- Active Kids by the Sea meet Friday afternoons from 4pm to 5pm at Ketch Harbour Park. For more information contact activekidsbythesea@gmail.com
- Hand in Hand (440 Herring Cove Road) which is operated by the St Vincent de Paul Society, is open every Monday to Wednesday 10:00 am 5:00 pm, Thursday and Friday 10:00 am 8:00 pm, and Saturday 10:00 am 5:00 pm. We have everything you need to get your home and wardrobe ready for winter.
- **Girl Guides of Canada** Registration is now ongoing! Interested girls and aspiring leaders can go to www.girlguides.ca for more information. Or call 423-3735.
- Art in the MLA Office. Brendan
  Maguire is inviting local artists to exhibit
  their work in his office. Currently on
  exhibit are Acrylic paintings and Wool Felt
  Weavings by artist Justine Kerr and Oil
  Paintings by artist Theresa Stearns. Any
  artist interested in exhibiting their work

should call 902-444-0147. All art on exhibit may be viewed Monday to Friday from 9am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm.

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- It is Christmas Concert time! Please join Spryfield's own community band, the **Second Chances Community Band** on December 16, 2014, at the Elizabeth Sullivan Sutherland School, 66 Rockingstone Road, Spryfield. Concert starts at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$10.00, a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the school's music program. The band has expanded and promises a fun and varied selection of music. Everyone is welcome!

Check our Facebook page for late arriving events and changes or updates to listed events

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## **OBITUARIES**

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd. 477-5601

#### Olla Mae Skidmore

90, Amherst, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 20, 2014 in the Halifax Infirmary. Born in Montreal, she was a daughter of the late Hibbert and Nellie (Brown) Smith. She is survived by her son, Gary (Sharon), Herring Cove; siblings, Lester (Marion) Smith, Roger Hill, Pictou Co., Alma (Jim) Kenney, Halifax, Gloria (David) Chapman, James River, Antigonish; Carol Smith, Lakeville, and grandchildren, John, Jim, Tammy and Shawn. She was predeceased by her husband, John; sons, Jackie and Teddy; brother, Reginald Smith. Olla's family wishes to thank those nurses and doctors at the Infirmary who cared for her in such a dedicated, kind and professional manner. In keeping with Olla's wishes, there will be no visitation or service; interment to take place at a later

#### Gladys Winifred (Marryatt) Smith

Age 100, passed away at Maplestone Nursing Home on October 23rd, 2014. Born in West Pennant, she was a daughter of the late Edward Stanley and Ella May (Findley) Marryatt. Gladys worked for the Dept. of Public Works, Prov. of N. S. for 28 years, retiring in 1993. She was a long time member of Brunswick St. United Church. She is survived by her son, Vincent (Janet), Halifax; three grandchildren; Heather Ann (Tim) Devoe, Halifax, Drs. Darryl (Kelly), Lansdowne, Ont. & Neal (Josée), Tantallon; nine great-grandchildren; sister: Kathleen (Carl Caspersen), Mass., USA; brothers: Clifford (Eileen), Halifax and Harold, Lower Sackville; Gladys was predeceased by her husband, Lemuel, Step-daughter Audrey Gray; brothers: Robie, George, Roy, Reginald,

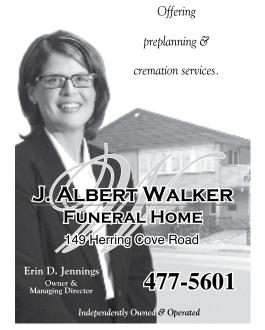
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Frederick, Kenneth and Everett; sisters: Hilda Velcoff, Helen Coffey, Bertha Lyons, Ida Batton, and Guida Tough. Special thanks to the Sheppard Family, where she resided for over 40 yrs. and to the staff of Maplestone Nursing Home (Hale), where she resided for the past six years. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Rd, Halifax. A graveside service was held on October 28 at St. James United Church Cemetery, Sambro. Words of comfort can be left at www. walkerfh.com.

#### **Marcel Pierre LaChance**

Age 80, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2014 at Halifax Infirmary surrounded by family. Born July 31, 1934 in Sturgeon Falls, Ontario, he was the son of the late Emile and Marie (Violette) LaChance. He spent his early years growing up in Warren, Ontario working on the family farm and the Pine Poultry farm. Married in 1962 in Cardston, Alberta. He is survived by his wife Jeanne (Goutier), one step-daughter, three daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, five greatgrandchildren, and two sisters. He was predeceased by a younger sister. When he was 27 years old he moved to British Columbia and worked as a logger, painter, and cabinet maker. He was proud of the Pan-Abode log home he built himself in Delta. In 1972 he moved to Quesnel where he worked until retirement in 1994 at the Cariboo Pulp and Paper mill as an Industrial First-Aid Attendant/Security Guard. After retiring, he moved to Herring Cove, then to Spryfield, Nova Scotia. He was honoured to volunteer as a RCMP Auxiliary Constable from 1963 to 1978 in Cloverdale and Quesnel, for which he received the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Century of Service Award. In 2001 he joined the Nova Scotia RCMP Veteran's Association. He enjoyed volunteering his time with the Quesnel Beavers and Cubs as Assistant Leader. In 1983 he joined the Knights of Columbus in Quesnel where he was a Grand Knight for several years. Later he received the Fourth Degree and served over 170 Honour Guards. He was Eucharistic Minister at St. Anne's (Quesnel) and St. Michael's (Halifax) parishes. In 2005 he received an award for 75 blood donations. He enjoyed backyard birdwatching, camping, canoeing, hunting, fishing, and RVing traveling across Canada several times, north to Alaska and south to the Mexican border. He was an avid Montreal Canadians fan and loved to play the game himself. He loved coffee, beer, and laughing at his own jokes. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 3, 2014 at St. Michael's Church, Spryfield, followed by interment at St. Paul's Cemetery, Herring Cove. Donations may be made to the Lung Association or the Canadian Blood Services.

#### **Hugh Fraser Penney**

86, Spryfield. It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our Dad on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at home, surrounded by family. He was the son of George and Jenny Rose Penney and broth-

## Michael H Whynot

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Phone: I-902-719-7797 Email: mikewhynot55@gmail.com er to three sisters, Viola (Max), Mildred (Norm) and Veda (Ronnie); three brothers, Allison (Iris), John (Gin) and George (Myrna). Along life's journey he met the love of his life, Leona Vaughan with whom he shared 42 years of marriage. They had four children, Stephen (Charlotte), Linda, Deborah (Gordie) and Brenda. He was blessed with twelve grandchildren, Julie (Jamie), Mark (Kate), Ricky (Dana), Randy (Sheena), Karen, Katherine (Chris), Rachel, Laurie (Jeremy), Matthew (Sarah), Daniel, Jillian and Cathy. Dad was also lucky to have fifteen great grandchildren, Kayla, Ryan, Hailey, Nolan, Jake, Melanie, Trevor, Avery, Owen, Annabelle, Amelia, Isla, Eirik, Jared and Erin. He retired after 40 years of service as a marine electrician. Dad enjoyed going to the country and made many special memories with family and friends, especially, Marg and Garnet. He loved his cat, Zoe, with whom he had many conversations. We would like to extend special thanks to the VON for the exceptional care they gave our dad; also, many thanks to Palliative Care for their compassionate care and support. Arrangements were under the care of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax. A service of remembrance was held on November 3 in the funeral home chapel, Rev. Russell Saulnier officiating. Interment took place in St. John's Cemetery. Donations in Hugh's memory may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Norma Theresa Thompson (Martin) Ketch Harbour, passed away at the age of 82 on November 2, 2014. Norma was a loving and caring mother survived by sons Wallace "Wally" (Kim), Ketch Harbour NS; Bruce (Yvette), Edmonton, AB: Brien, Edmonton, AB: Lyle, Kelowna BC; Daughters Kathleen Gavacs, Halifax; Joy (Don) Higgins, Edmonton AB; Donna (Michael) Czarka, Edmonton, AB. Norma will be remembered by her 16 grandchildren Amy Amos; Tamara, Joshua and Kendra Thompson; Vanessa and Cory Higgins; James Thompson-Gavacs; Gloria and Steven Gavacs; Nicholas and William Paul; Stephanie Mischa-Thompson; November Enosse-Thompson, Axl Enosse-Thompson; Dakota Rose; Daryle Brown. She was also survived by 4 great grandchildren; brothers Bill Martin and Joey Martin; sister Dot Kiley. She was predeceased by her former husband Bruce Albert Thompson; brothers Jimmy Martin, and George Martin; and parents Jim and Gertrude (Saunders) Martin. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Rd., where a service of remembrance took place on November 7. Interment to take place in Gate Of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Donations in memory may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or The Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia.

Marion Edith (Chute) Cartwright

Halifax and Bear River. February 15, 1921 to November 3, 2014. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mother and best friend. Born in Montreal, Marion was the daughter of the late William Henry Chute and Margaret Nesbitt (Baker) Chute. After completing her school years in Montreal, Marion became a teacher and then went into nursing. While posted as a RCN nurse at Stadacona in 1945, she met Brian, a patient, who was to become her husband for 60 years. She spent many happy years in Bedford and then Bear River, always enjoying her gardens, feathered friends and nature. She was an avid reader and contributed as a volunteer to many organizations. Marion is survived by her daughter Patricia (Wayne) Shattuck, Portuguese Cove and son John (partner Heather Cameron) Cartwright, Bridgewater. She was predeceased by her

husband Brian and brother Donald Chute. Deepest thanks to the caring staff at Melville Lodge, Halifax and to her devoted caregivers Seretha Balcom and Joe Gesner, Bear River. A service will take place at a later date. In memory of Marion, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Society or to a charity of choice.

#### Hugh A. Marryatt

Age 79, of Sambro. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather on November 5, 2014. He passed away peacefully with his family by his side in Palliative Care, the VG site, QEII after a short courageous battle with cancer. Born in West Pennant, he was a son of the late Samuel and Melvina (Finck) Marryatt. He began his career as a fisherman at an early age. He was then employed by the Bedford Institute of Oceanography for 25 years where he worked as a cook on "CCGS Navicula" until his retirement in 1998. He was an avid hunter and also enjoyed fishing and playing cards with his many friends. He was a diehard Toronto Blue Jays fan and he never missed a rerun of "Murder She Wrote" until his final days. He loved listening to his Newfoundland music as well as spending time with his grandchildren whether it be attending a hockey game, piano recital or Christmas concert. Hugh is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Nancy (Gray) and their children, Crystal (Sam), Sambro; Tessie (Mike), Halifax; Myles, Alberta; Lee (Jason), Halifax. He was a loving Poppy to his four grandchildren, Austin, Dale, Connor and Jillian. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He will be forever missed by his sisters, Una, Dartmouth; Eva, Halifax; Verna, Halifax; Jessie, Ontario; and Zella (Larry), Ontario. He was predeceased by brothers, Gerald, Austin, Samuel, George, Cecil and Harvey; sisters, Jean and Bernice. The entire family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of 5A, Palliative Care, the VG site, QEII, who provided such compassionate care. Also, sincere thanks to the Home Care, Palliative Care team and VON who made it possible for Hugh to be at home for the past few months during his illness. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd, 149 Herring Cove Road. A memorial service was held on November 10, 2014, in St. James United Church, Sambro with Rev. Keltie van Binsbergen officiating. Donations in Hugh's memory may be made to St. James United Church, Sambro, or charity of choice.

Alfred A. "Percy" "Sam" Purcell

89, Bridgewater, formerly of Spryfield, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 9, 2014 in Ryan Hall Nursing Home. Born in the Magdalene Islands, he was the son of the late Arthur and Muriel (Mosher) (Purcell) Robichaud. Percy will lovingly be remembered, missed and never forgotten by his daughters, Linda (Hector) Norwood, Wileville; Carol (Nolan) Sheppard, Saint John, NB; Janet (Kenny) Fredericks, Timberlea; grandchildren, Gary, Michael, Spencer, Tina and Clarrissa; siblings, Cyril, Frank, Pearl and Dot, all of the Halifax area, Sylvia, Ontario; numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy; son, Gary; brothers, Robert and Harold; sisters, Margaret and Marie. Arrangements are under the direction of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax (902-477-5601). A Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 14 in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Fr. Henry Ahorlu as celebrant. Interment to take place in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Donations in Percy's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, IWK or Alzheimer's Society.



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