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"Spryfield Proud Event" about "taking your community back" – Kelly

Suggesting "it's all about community" District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher, in tandem with Councillor Stephen Adams, HRM's Community Response Team and others opened the first of what she hoped would become an Annual Armdale and Spryfield Proud Day at South Centre Mall.

The concept is relatively simple. Involve local youth in a mural art project and ask residents and commercial property owners to

spend a few minutes that day cleaning around their properties. "It's about celebrating the good things about our young people and the positive contributions business and the people they employ to help make our communities great places to live work and play," she said.

But while the concept may be simple, the reality, graffiti, may be not be so easy to deal with. The event, the second of its kind in HRM, was well attended and Community

Response Team leader Peter Myatt's presentation on the graffiti culture provided some interesting, if not frightening, concepts for both business and residents to deal with in their communities.

Myatt told the audience graffiti vandals are just that, vandals, and it is against the law to draw, paint, mark or otherwise deface a building without the official word of approval from the owner. "This is graffiti. It is not art," he said while enforcing the graffiti culture's attitude that what they do is art and their belief that they are improving the landscape. "They do believe they have a right to do this activity," he said, even hinting that graffiti vandals thumb their noses at police, enforcement, rules and regulations.

Myatt even suggested graffiti vandals work in cultures, often identified by name, where entrance is earned depending on the

style of art and its acceptability to other members of the culture, and that individual members get points for performing their work in dangerous places or in areas where they have a higher risk of getting caught.

As an example there is a group out there called "CBU," which means "Chemical Bomb Unit." This is a prestigious group and other graffiti vandals who want to join the group will "tag" their artwork hoping to be permitted entrance. It's one of the reasons why graffiti will encourage more graffiti, he said, encouraging business owners to remove graffiti as quickly as possible so that other artists don't simply "tag along."

Another reason to remove the artwork quickly is because graffiti vandals like to see and display their work. If it's gone in a hurry

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Herring Cove Road accommodated upwards of 14,000 residents who came out to witness the 32 Annual Santa Claus Parade the last weekend of November.

32nd Spryfield Santa Claus Parade Parade just keeps getting better

It was something of a quiet moment in the official ceremony while Chair Kevin Johnson handed out awards from this the 32nd Annual Spryfield Santa Claus Parade.

Mayor Peter Kelly, who for at least the third year in a row strode along the Herring Cove Road parade route with obvious enjoyment on his face handing out candies to chil-

dren, spoke quietly in Johnson's ear, a move which prompted the Parade Chairman to thank the crowd for their attendance again this year and remark that "this parade is the third largest of the year in HRM, led only by the Natal Day Parade and the Parade of Lights."

And Santa Claus himself, after what he called a curious but not confirmed check of his "naughty and nice list," told the Chebucto News "there is no doubt the crowd here was bigger than last year. By my guess and by my list, after checking all those names there I'd say there was something close to 15,000 spectators this year."

Councillors Stephen Adams and Linda Mosher who traveled the entire parade route suggested there were people lined up three and four deep in some places and folks, who started gathering at preferred parking spaces along

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Remembrance Day brought to reality by conflicts

As Sergeant At Arms Al Bergeron led the Royal Canadian Legion Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Branch 152 Colour Party down Herring Cove Road and through the throng of spectators to this year's Remembrance Day Service at the Legion's community Cenotaph, it was evident there was more on the minds of citizens than the conflicts of yesteryear which killed thousands of Canadian citizens.

As the Dartmouth Boys Pipe and Drum Band marched on behind under a glorious morning sun that brought our the warmest temperatures for a Remembrance Day Ceremony in recollection, the trials of war raging in for away places was front and center.

J.L. Ilsley High School Band Member Joe LaLeune offered the gathering a Last Post before Reverend Carl Price, Retired of Calvary

Baptist Church who is also the Legion's Chaplain, called for the customary respect of two minutes of silence.

Together, with Price leading the way, the gathering called out the Act of Remembrance before Graham Reid of the Dartmouth Band offered the Lament from his bagpipes.

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Spryfield Santa Clause Parade just keeps getting better

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the route as early as 12:30, had every available parking space filled by the time the parade started at 2 pm.

Santa and Mrs. Claus followed behind more than 70 entries in this year's parade which saw hundred of participants. The

famous couple was seated aboard the float created specially for them by the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade Committee made up of volunteers from the communities in the area.

For the first time in many years, because of the Sunday shopping capability, Johnson and his team of volunteers were able to set up the awards and prizing station inside South

Centre Mall where citizens brought their hot chocolate and doughnuts provide by Tim Hortons and the Salvation Army.

Leading the parade this year were Marshalls Jackie Barrett, Katie Isenor and Jillian Arthur, all Special Olympic Athletes. Barrett, a power weight lifter, will head to the world championship in 2007 while Jillian Arthur participates in track and field and Isenor in track and field hockey.

Judges Roy Tonner of Harrietsfield Elementary School and Erin Jennings of Walkers Funeral Home had a difficult time determining winners this year but all spectators were entertained by the Best Marching Entry, the 24 RSCC Magnificent Marching Band which played throughout the route. Honourable Mention in this category went to the Royal Canadian Legion which was led by the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Colour

Party.

Other winners included Chebucto Heights Home and School, Best School Entry; Honourable Mention to Rockingstone Heights School: Best Decorated Vehicle Entry the Nova Scotia Firefighter Burn Treatment Society: Best individual Entry was the Halifax Atlantic Liberal Association: Most Original Entry the 1st Spryfield Cubs with Honourable Mention to Jessy's Pizza: the Best Commercial Entry went to the Real Atlantic Superstore with Nerds on Wheels getting Honourable Mention: City Church won the Best Community Entry followed by the 1st Cowie Hill Brownies: the Best Majorette Entry was Fusion with Rockingstone Heights School getting the Best Cheerleading Entry and the Halifax Sparkettes Majorettes winning the Best Overall Entry.

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there is less personal satisfaction for them and they recognize the expense of buying their equipment has gone to waste he said.

The event, organized in association with the Spryfield and District Business Commission and the Spryfield Lions Club, was the second attack on graffiti in the community in two years. In 2005 HRM and the Commission combined to remove as much graffiti as possible from the community with good results.

Councillor Adams accepted three pieces of community art from youth which will be on display at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. "True art comes from a healthy creative process," he said.

"Unfortunately it sometimes gets lumped into graffiti."

Mayor Peter Kelly who attended the event said this is "our opportunity to show how proud we are of you. It's about taking your community back and making your community a better place to live."



Reverend Carl Price, a former pastor at Calvary Baptist Church and the local Legion Padre for the past four years, hinted he might have led his last Remembrance Day Ceremony this year.

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LaLeune followed with the traditional Reveille before Pricegain led the gathering to sing O God Our Help and Abide With Me while people shared their programs and words with each other. The J.L. Band played "For the Fallen," written by Mike Sammes and In Honoured Glory, setting the stage for Price to call local clergy to the podium to offer prayers.

Father Rob Arsenault of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church led the list of prayers suggesting Remembrance Day "is different this year" in referencing the on-going conflicts in many troubled sports in the world.

"It seems people are reading the headlines these days," he said in referring to the news of Afghanistan and the deaths of Nova Scotia and Canadian soldiers. "In my 15 years of attending Remembrance Day Services this is the first time I've been here to honour our soldiers when Canada is actively engaged in war. What was a remembrance, is now current," he said.

Captain Jim Mercer of the Salvation Army also brought today's conflicts to the forefront. "If you had a chance to look at the Halifax Herald this morning," he offered, bringing to light the story of a man in Afghanistan who had lost both of his legs in the war over there.

"I ask myself if I could do that," he questioned while remembering a man who gave up his life for all Christians so many years ago. "We ask for a special wall of protection, a hedgehog of peace, to surround all of those who fight for us today," he said.

And Reverend Price, who may have attended his last Spryfield Remembrance Day Service after 18 years, told the gathering that "it takes me deep within to realize that through the years there have been 150 million people killed in wartime conflict. That's five times the population of Canada," he said, making the number a reality for the audience.

For the listing of wreaths laid during the ceremony, see page seven of this edition.



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United Gulf Developments seeking change to Stoneridge agreement

According to, or at least within the jurisdiction of the Halifax Regional Municipality's planning rules and regulations, it's all about "density," the number of housing units a development project can maintain within its borders. For the people of Stoneridge On The Park Subdivision and residents of Walter Havill Drive, it's about frustration.

At a public information meeting in November, residents were informed Stoneridge developer United Gulf Developments Limited

is about to ask Chebucto Community Council to approve an amendment to the "Residential Development District" agreement governing the project. The agreement now allows the company to build a 12 storey and four storey complex at 60 Walter Havill Drive. The company is asking for permission to replace the proposed four storey building with another 12 storey building, both of which would be condominiums.

The rationale for the request is based on

density. As Stoneridge developed, a number of townhouses and a four storey apartment complex on the north side of the development were replaced with single family homes. This decision reduced the number of housing units in the overall project as originally proposed, so United is applying to move those units to the south side of the development at 60 Walter Havill Drive.

Since the change does not increase the density of the whole development the company is within its rights under planning laws to seek the change. It is also within the law for the company to take advantage of an opportunity to increase the project's density by 25 per cent.

Residents attending the information meeting were concerned about issues like more traffic on Walter Havill Drive, increased vehicle movement at the Northwest Arm Intersection, already considered one of the most dangerous provincial highway intersec-

tions in Nova Scotia and increased traffic heading to the Armdale Rotary.

But Senior Planner Richard Harvey told residents those equations were already considered by staff in the original development application approved many years ago. These issues, he said, are not part of the equation. "The density figures support the concept that the numbers do work."

Councillor Linda Mosher expressed her own frustration with the process, pleading with residents to offer information that would, if it was their wish, help to prevent the application from being approved.

For its part United has suggested the new design puts most of the parking underground and creates another exit from the subdivision via Osbourne Street to help reduce traffic on Walter Havill Drive. The amendment application will be heard at a future Chebucto Community Council meeting.



Springvale Elementary School Annual Christmas Craft Fair was a huge success again this year. Crafters had fun and shoppers got some great bargains on interesting and unique gifts.



The Spryfield Lions Club, boosted by a grant from the United Way's Action for Neighbourhood Change and support from Councillor Stephen Adams, is embarking on a project to create a recreation centre in the former bingo hall. Vic Eisan, on the ladder, and Bill Slade begin preparations in the old Lions Club Board Room to turn the space into a study centre for after school students.

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The Road to Purcell's Cove took nearly 100 years to complete

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

The road from the head of the Northwest Arm to Purcell's Cove was finally completed following a petition to members of the Executive Council of the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly in 1887. A group of 99 residents living in the shoreline communities on the western side of the Northwest Arm signed the petition. The petitioners, from Jollimore, Purcell's Cove and Ferguson's Cove, requested aid to build a road through



The Egan Estate, 1940s, became a casualty of road widening in Melville Cove. Photo courtesy of R. (Bona) Swan.

their lands to join up with Fleming's road at his Dingle Gates. (Melville Cove and Boulderwood were not yet established). Prior to 1887, people living in these communities travelled to and from Halifax by boat, although, since the 1820s, fishermen from Ferguson's Cove, during severe winter weather, were able to transport their fish to the Halifax market by means of a road across the barrens and Pine Island Runs to the Herring Cove Road. Today that old road, now just a trail, still exists, although much of it is under water and difficult to navigate.

Small sections of the road from Halifax to Purcell's Cove were built at different times and for specific reasons. As a result, each section took on a name of its own, such as the Old French Road or Melville Island Road, the Dingle Road or Fleming's Road, and Lawson's Mill Road. The first section, from the head of the Arm to Melville Island, was built when the British began using Melville Island as a prison in 1803. French prisoners of war, captured by the British during the Napoleonic Wars, were imprisoned on the island and used as labourers to help build this section of the road (hence the name "the Old French Road"). These same prisoners were also sent out to work on the roads leading to Truro, Prospect, St. Margaret's Bay and Ketch Harbour.

During the War of 1812, records show that when HMS Shannon captured USS Chesapeake and brought the ship and its crew to Halifax, those American prisoners of war who did not require hospitalization were marched on foot to Melville Island prison. When Melville Cove was developing as a community during the second decade of the 1900s, the same section of road was referred to as Melville Island Road.

Another section of the road, Lawson's Mill Road, began at the Herring Cove Road and included what we now know as William's

Lake Road. It then carried on to Lawson's Mill (now the site of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron). Farmers from Harrietsfield and Spryfield were able to transport their grain to the grist mill on the Northwest Arm. This road is mentioned in deeds during the 1850s but a road may have been there as early as 1800 when George McIntosh of Spryfield built and operated the same grist mill. An old section of that road may be seen off the Purcell's Cove Road, across from Albion Road.

An 1865 map shows Lawson's Mill Road ending at the mill, then a brief gap before the beginning of another road from

Purcell's Cove to Ferguson's Cove. A network of roads, built in the 1820s by quarryman,

John Trider, was taken over by the Crown in 1826 and granite from the Purcell's Cove quarry (called King's Quarry, later Queen's Quarry) was used to make improvements to York Redoubt. A road was then built from the quarry to the fort. By 1851, residents of Purcell's Cove had the choice of travelling to Halifax by Purcell's ferry (established in 1851), or overland across the barrens to the Herring Cove Road.

During the 1870s Sandford Fleming bought land on the western side of the Northwest Arm and built his summer retreat. The cottage, now a rental property owned by Halifax Regional Municipality, has been designated as a Municipal Heritage Property. The cottage is located on the left side of the Dingle Road on the approach to the Dingle. Fleming extended the old French Road from Melville Island to his Dingle Cottage and one more section of the Purcell's Cove Road was completed. This entire new section was referred to as Dingle Road and was built at Fleming's expense.

This brings us to the last two sections:

from Fleming's gates to Jollimore (Lawson's Mill Road); and from Lawson's Mill to Purcell's Cove. The petition of 1887 resulted in money from the Legislative Assembly to help residents complete the remaining two sections of the road, required to be wide enough "for the passing of horse-drawn carriages." For decades the condition of the completed road was always being questioned, and mail delivery sometimes halted because of its soft, muddy conditions.

Over the next several decades, as horses were replaced by automobiles, improvements in the Purcell's Cove Road took place. The population increased and communities developed. By 1950 the road was upgraded, elevated and straightened in places, but as those who know and travel the Purcell's Cove Road, the hills were difficult to eradicate. Houses in Melville Cove, on the Northwest Arm side of the road, were relocated or torn down as these "improvements" were made. One may now travel with ease along the paved surface of the Purcell's Cove Road, all the way to John Bracket Drive in Herring Cove.

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Ravenscraig one of many new home developments

Polycorp, after many years of conversation and discussion with members of the local community, unveiled its model home in November, formally announcing the beginnings of a housing development project that will put 77 new families in the Spryfield marketplace.

Considered by the company to be "a master planned community that will provide a broad range of single family housing options for the young and the young at heart," Ravenscraig incorporates a community soccer field, environmentally protected areas and pathway and trail connections to Frog Pond and Fleming Park.

The 77 housing units are expected to sell in the three to four hundred thousand dollar area and Vice-President Louis Lemoine says interest in the project to date has been high.

"It is encouraging to see housing projects like this one become a reality in our community," says SDBC Chair Linda McLaggan. "New housing brings people to our marketplace and reaffirms our vision that this area is about to undergo a development surge. With new residents we can expect a positive change in our economic future," she said.

Lemoine says Polycorp will "marry the

unique topography of the site with homes that are in harmony with their surroundings," bringing yet another high quality subdivision to the area.

This project is however, one of many that are on the books or under development here. Besides Ravenscraig, there is the Governor's Brook, an 870 unit housing project by Kimberley Lloyd Development; a 50 unit project ready for sale at Rockingstone Road, another 100 units in duplex style houses being constructed near Green Acres, and a project already underway at the end of Towerview Road.

These projects represent the physical and visible evidence of a renewing and growing interest in housing in this area says McLaggan. Other projects, including Cataman Pond and at Fieldstone have already proven that success in home development is more than simply possible here. "These projects have been developed and sold to what appears to be a waiting marketplace," she said.

She said the Business Commission is continuing to strive for an economic development strategy for the community. "We believe that new developments are on the way. Our job at

this point is to try and prepare ourselves as a business community to take advantage of the new marketplace that we expect will be created over the next five to ten years. We need to

be ready and that's why we're working with the Greater Halifax Partnership to craft a business case for growth in the commercial sector in Spryfield," she said.



Polycorp President Peter Polly, Vice-President Louis Lemoine and District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher chat during the open house the development organized to show off the model home for this 77 single family housing development that stretches from Joyce Avenue to Williams Lake Road.

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The Legion, its members and its Veterans, also wish to publically thank local businesses and sponsors for their participation in this year's Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Day Wreath services.

We at the Legion believe the Poppy Campaign and Wreath Program is a "trust-fund" to help Veterans and their families. The Legion uses funds from its Poppy Campaign to support Veterans and Widows with "Remembrance Fruit Baskets" at Christmas and Easter. The Legion also uses its funds to support the education of local students. Last year the Legion gave out 14 Bursaries to J. L. Ilsley High School Students and four others to students in College or University who qualified under the Poppy Program.

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Community supports Veterans with Wreath Layings

As is usual for the community of Spryfield, a bevy of citizens, organizations and officials participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion Cenotaph.

Among those who layed wreaths in official capacity included:

For the Government of Canada Ian MacKinnon; for the Senate a Cadet; Silver Cross Mother Pidge Chant; for the Province of Nova Scotia MLA Michele Raymond; for Veteran Affairs a Cadet; for HRM Councillor Steve Adams; for the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion Branch 152 President Betty Neville; for Member of Parliament Alexa McDonough, NDP Party a Cadet; for the Halifax Atlantic NDP Michele Raymond; MLA Michele Raymond for herself; for HRM District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher; for HRM District 18 Councillor Steve Adams; for the Hong Kong Veterans Walter Francis; for the Merchant Navy a Cadet; for Korean Veterans Reginald Gamanche; for Past President Doug Ash Alexis Beaman; for Past President Wolford Gates a Cadet; for Past President Walter Kennedy Joe and Sue Kennedy; for Past President Ken Smith sons Tim and Bill Smith; for Granite Lodge 158 IOF and Topaz Rebeccas 125 Frank Oakley and Jean Nauss; for the Spryfield Lions Club Tom Parsons; for the Lions Aquatic Centre in memory of Frank Cameron Daughter Jean Clement; for the Knights of Columbus AOC Spryfield 5017 Doug Young; for the Duke of Kent Lodge Don Stropke; Lieutenant Colonel William Faulkner for Captain Canton Halifax Number One Patriarchs Militant; for Patriarchs Militant Atlantic Provinces Halifax Number One Lady Julie Smith; for St. Michael's Catholic Women's League a Cadet; for the Armdale Yacht Club Christine Jagger; for J.L. Ilsley Student Council Tylor and Meagan Johnson; for Elizabeth Sutherland School a Cadet; for Herring Cove Junior High School a Veteran.

In the Private Laying of Wreaths the following honours were performed:

For Kenny Robinson, Harold Robinson and Frederick Robinson Sister June Stropke; for Jean Chambers Husband Roy Chambers, Son Roy Chambers Junior, Daughters Shelley and Peggy and Granddaughter Heather; for George L. Beaman a Cadet; for Samuel Nicholson Jack, Dale and Jane Nicholson; for Walter K. Purcell Son Vincent Purcell, Lawrence Bellefontaine and Diane Purcell; for Father John Francis Connolly, WWI, Uncle Edward Connolly WWI who died at Vimy

Ridge, Brothers Lou WWI, George (Frank) WWII, Robert Merchant Navy WWII and Charles, Merchant Navy WWII Wife Mrs. Margaret Melvin; for Steve Korean Campaign Daughter Anna; Pat Home Front WWII and Edward Home Front WWII; for Don Langille Son-In-Law Warren Pellerine; for Jack Johnson Grandchildren Jacqueline and Michael; for Gerald and Alfred Shunamon a Cadet; for Cyril Shunamon a Cadet; for Angus and Bill Kingsley Sally Kinglsey; for Joseph Kelly Tammy Kelly; for Harold Pelham a Cadet; for Albert MacDonald Dan MacDonald; for Stanley Fowler Daughters Heather Hines and Pamela Shipley; for David Lecky Senior Wife Marion Lecky; for Freddy Lecky Mother Marion Lecky; for Darrell Alexander (Cross) Daughter Rena and Grandson Royce; for Lieutenant James Probert Jim Probert Senior; for Grandfather Major Edward Probert Jim Probert Junior; for Norm Murray Mrs. Murray; for John Ginn Grandchildren Allison and Braeden; for James Williams Shirley and Sheri Williams; for William Oakley Betty Murphy and Joan wade; for Frank Warrington (Cross) Daughter Fran Griffiths; for Ron Thurber Daughter Judith McCarthy and Granddaughter Erika Hayden; for Cyril Connors Wife Stella and Daughter Maureen Connors; for J. Albert Walker Daughter Christine; for John Hadley Granddaughter Sally and Great Grandson Scott; for Frank Flemming Corrine Flemming; for Ron Bourque Arthur Bourque; for Edward Bourque Grandson William Tillman Bourque; for John Hurshman Senior Great Grandson Kevin Hurshman, John Victor Great Great Grandfather and John White Great Great Uncle; for George Isnor Anne Isnor; for William (Bill) Walsh Car, Crystal and Skylar Walsh; for Clarence White John Walsh; for Frederick Micheau Great Grandson Corey; for Spencer Ashworthy Daughters Maureen and Jean; for Herb Edwards Tom Delorey and Son Josh; for John Thomas Stewart Carmen Bachynski; for Alex Matchem Wife Hilda Matchem; for Brother Victor Campbell a Cadet; for the later Robert Ayres (Green Cross) Kathy and Sons Danny and Arthur; for Edward Cadeau Son Mike Cadeau; for Albert Richardson Grandson Collin Auby; for James Ernest Candow Daughter Lorraine Collins; for Douglas Wright Daughter-In-Law Karen Wright; for David Wright Wife Karen Wright; for the Spryfield Boys and Girls Club a Cadet; and for Beaver Enviro Wyatt Redmond and his son and daughter.



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The J. L. Ilsley Girls "A" Volleyball team captured the Regional Championship this season. Members of the team included front row, left to right, Meaghan Mischeau, Catherine MacIntyre and Sonja MacDonald; middle row, Dave Swetnam, Rebecca Priest, Meghan Gray, Lindsay Scarfe and Peter Moore; top row, Samantha Swinamer, Erica Moore, Stephanie Christian, Danielle Reinhardt and Amanda Brown.

J. L. Ilsley "A" and "B" Girls win regionals

The J. L. Ilsley Girls "A" and "B" Volleyball teams came away victors in this year's championships to win both Halifax Regional School Athletic Federation titles in November.

In gathering the "A" Championship trophy for the first time in history, the girls downed Auburn High School in the semi-finals by scores of 23 to 25, 25 to 14 and 15 to 7.

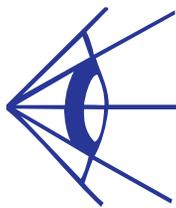
In the finals the girls outpaced Dartmouth High School with successive 25 to 16 and 25 to 19 scores.

The girls finished the regular season with a

10 and 2 record to win second place in the regular season standings for the second year in a row.

With the win the girls moved into the provincial championships being held this weekend in Sackville

Members of the "A" girls winning team included front row, left to right, Meaghan Mischeau, Catherine MacIntyre and Sonja MacDonald; middle row, Dave Swetnam, Rebecca Priest, Meghan Gray, Lindsay Scarfe and Peter Moore; back row Samantha Swinamer, Erica Moore, Stephanie Christian, Danielle Reinhardt and Amanda Brown.



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Future looks bright for Indigo Graduates

By Jennifer Melanson

Take fifteen young women from the Spryfield area who are underemployed or unemployed because of life circumstances.

Offer them six months of computer skills, personal development, employability workshops plus academic upgrading. Then give them an opportunity to excel through six months of work experience in jobs of interest to them and

what do you get, the empowering outcomes of the Indigo program.

“When Indigo started in November 2005, the women in our program were facing many challenges- financial, personal, and professional. Some women were on social assistance and others were working in dead-end minimum wage jobs, struggling to feed their families,” said Janet Rhymes, Indigo’s Project Manager. “Over the past year, five women have earned their GED (Grade 12 Equivalent) certificates, five women have moved off of social assistance, and others have found jobs that were previously not available to them. It’s been an honour to work with these determined women, who have achieved such great success in the midst of a world that makes financial and personal independence so difficult for them,” she said.

Courtney Macdonald is just one of the successful examples. Through a job placement at St. Paul’s Family Resource Institute in Spryfield, Courtney successfully applied for the job as Coordinator of the Centre. Over the past few months she has supervised four other Indigo participants in their job placements, assisting with the CAP Site and Community Kitchen Program. “Without the Indigo Program, I wouldn’t be in this challenging and very rewarding job. I am grateful for the support, and the doors that are now open to me.”

Nikki Tardieu, who graduated early from Indigo to study Youth Care at Compu College, was also enthusiastic about the program. “The Indigo program really made me look at myself and find out who I was and where I wanted to go. I found out a lot about myself that I didn’t

know and I want to work on being the best person I can. My priorities have changed for the better. I feel almost whole.”

Another participant, who prefers to remain anonymous, was able to move off of social assistance. She talked about how her self-esteem increased knowing that she can now earn her own money to take care of herself and her family. She emphasized that living on assistance did not allow her much control over many decisions in her life, and that the independence she feels is one of the best outcomes of the program.

If the smiling faces of friends and family in the audience at graduation night are any indication of the program’s impact, then it seems to allow a place for these young women to find hope for a better future for themselves and their families.

The Indigo Program is a Spryfield and area skill development and work placement program for young women between the ages of 18 and 30. Year two of the program will include 12 weeks of skill development and 12 weeks of work placement. The ambition is to provide work placements that match participants’ career and life goals.

Space in the program is limited. The next program will start January 2007, for women between 18 and 30 who want to gain work experience, academic upgrading, and personal development skills should call 444-7399 or email indigojen@eastlink.ca. Indigo is sponsored by the Women’s Economic Equality Society (see www.weesociety.ca) and is funded by Service Canada, with support from the NS Department of Community Services.



Indigo is a program for young women seeking entrance into the workforce. Among those who have graduated and improved their lives are Indigo Placement Participants at St. Paul’s Family Resource Centre Michelle Talbot, Danielle Goyetche, Courtney Macdonald, Vanessa Thorn and Janis Burke.

NOTICE

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day Collection & Processing Services Refuse/Organics/Recyclables

Residents of Halifax Regional Municipality are advised that there will be no refuse, organics or recyclables collection services on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2006. Collection services for that day will be provided on the **preceding Saturday, December 23, 2006**. Regular municipal collection services will be provided on Boxing Day, December 26, 2006. There will be **no** refuse, organics or recyclables collection services on New Year’s Day, Monday, January 1, 2007. Collection services for that day will be provided on the **preceding Saturday, December 30, 2006**.



No Collection Christmas Day
Monday, **December 25, 2006**



Collection will occur the preceding
Saturday, December 23, 2006

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Monday, **January 1, 2007**



Collection will occur the preceding
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Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25th
New Year’s Day, Monday, Jan. 1st



HRM Recycling Plant Open
Dec. 23rd & 26th - 7:30 am to 6:00 pm
Dec. 30th - 7:30 am to 6:00 pm



Collection services can begin as early as 7:00 a.m. To ensure collection, residents may place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day. The HRM’s residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot will be **Closed** Saturday, December 23rd and Saturday, December 30th, but will be **Open** on Saturday, January 6th, 2007 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Thank you and have a safe and happy holiday season. For more information on HRM’s composting and recycling programs, check your 2006 or 2007 collection schedule, visit our website at www.halifax.ca/wrms or call 490-4000.

Mosher requests province to review assessment process fully

By Linda Mosher
District 17 Councillor

On November 8th the Provincial government sent out a press release announcing that they would extend the CAP Assessment Program. The CAP places a limit on taxable assessment increases to properties. The announcement was great news for many residents, who have the continued opportunity for some relief from sudden and dramatic property assessment increases. For District 17, in the 2004-2005 taxation year, 25% of properties had assessment increases over 10% and were eligible for the CAP. Many of these properties had substantial increases, including thirty properties which had, on average, increases of 87%. In 2005-2006 approximately 30 % of properties had increases over 10%. All these property owners were eligible to apply for relief in order to CAP their assessment increase to a maximum of 10%.

Often I am asked how a property receives a huge increase in assessment and the owner did virtually nothing to their property. Also comments that assessments should be based on services. Residents wonder why they see large

increases despite not having basic services such as sewer and water. The development proliferation has caused a shortage of land and has resulted in pockets of land in the middle of older, established neighbourhoods being development (infilling). Because the province sets assessment on the market value (selling price) of homes, the sale of new or newer houses in established neighbourhoods is driving up the assessed value of the older homes in the same neighbourhood. This assessment process is fundamentally flawed and in no way relates to one's ability to pay, nor is it reflective of property improvements.

For some reason, HRM staff placed the CAP issue on the November 13th Council agenda. They requested Council support them to speak against the government recommendation. Unfortunately there was no information sent with our Council package and Councillors did not see any information until they arrived at Council. This lack of a report did not give us an opportunity to read nor assess the content. The staff report included many claims that I felt were unsubstantiated and stated the CAP program was unfair and unfairly shifted the tax burden to others.

By the time we discussed this report at Council ten of the twenty-four members were not present. Ten voted for the staff report and four, Councillor's Adams, McClusky and I and Mayor Peter Kelly, voted against. We support-

ed the CAP and wanted to protect residents from substantial increases. The HRM staff report had some merit, in looking for a fiscal

see "Mosher" pg. 12

Stop signs, crosswalks, managed under "national standards"

By Stephen Adams,
District 18 Councillor

Not a month goes by that I do not get a request for a stop sign, crosswalk or other traffic control sign. Dentith Road, various parts of Herring Cove Road and Hebridean Drive are the most recent requests I have had. Unfortunately, none of these requests were successful. I will outline the process that is followed when these requests are brought to my attention.

When I get an inquiry for a crosswalk, I forward the details to our Traffic Authority. Generally speaking, the Traffic Authority assesses traffic volumes, pedestrian volumes and proximity to other traffic controls. There are certain parameters or "warrants" that must be satisfied. Our staff will then count vehicles and pedestrians to see if the volumes meet the necessary requirements. It is safe to say that our main streets, such as those listed previously, would have plenty of volume. However, the number of pedestrians crossing falls short of the necessary number. As these warrants are nationally recognized and accepted as engineering standards, there is no margin for negotiation. Should you want any additional clarification, please contact me.

I have also had numerous calls from residents regarding youth issues, vandalism and general nuisance. These issues have all be forwarded to our Reginal Police for action. In some cases, additional patrols have been effective. In other cases, we have employed Alternate strategies. For confidential reasons, I will not be specific with regard to the nature or location of these events. Should you have any concerns with respect to unwanted activity in your neighbourhood, you can be assured it will be treated with the utmost in confidentiality.

It is the time of year when Christmas festivities begin and celebrations occur throughout our communities. The Annual Dinner at Melville Heights, our the Christmas Parade and J.L.'s Annual Auction are sure signs that the Christmas Holiday Season is upon us. It is a great time to renew friendships, support your community and participate in the many activities. As an added bonus, look to some new improvements in the core of our business district if the weather cooperates.

In closing, please remember those less fortunate in our community. Do what you can to ensure that each and every child gets something on Christmas Day.

Veterans and their families win with passage of NDP Opposition Motion

By Alexa McDonough,
MP Halifax

The NDP's Veterans First Motion was passed on November 7 by a majority of members of the House of Commons. All Conservative MPs in the House voted against the NDP motion, introduced by my colleague, NDP Veteran Affairs Critic Peter Stoffer (Sackville-Eastern Shore). The motion calls for improved benefits for veterans, Canadian Forces personnel, and their families.

Upon passage, Peter Stoffer declared that, "this is a victory for all veterans, Canadian Forces personnel, and their families. Our Veterans First Motion will ensure our veterans, their families, and CF personnel are taken care of not just during their service days, but throughout their lives."

Canada's Veterans were willing to lay down their lives for our country. They sacrificed everything. If Stephen Harper and his Conservative government truly respect the democratic will of parliamentarians, then they must uphold the spirit of this motion and commit to action on these very important issues.

The NDP opposition motion seeks to improve the lives of veterans and retired military personnel in five ways:

Amend Section 31 (1) of the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act so that second spouses of CF members and veterans have access to pension rights upon the death of the Canadian Forces member or veteran;

Extend the VIP (Veterans Independence Program) to all widows of all veterans, regardless of the time of death of the veteran and regardless of whether the veteran was in receipt of VIP services prior to his/her death;

Increase the Survivor's Pension Amount upon death of Canadian Forces retiree to 66% from the current amount of 50%;

Eliminate the unfair reduction of SISIP (Service Income Security Insurance Plan) long term disability benefits from medically released members of the Canadian Forces; and

Eliminate the deduction from annuity for retired and disabled CF members.

I encourage you to write the Prime Minister and urge him to enact the NDP improvements that benefit our veterans, CF personnel and their families.

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Questions of democracy are the same everywhere – Raymond

By Michele Raymond
Halifax Atlantic MLA

Since I last wrote on November 1, the House of Assembly has met, sat and will almost certainly have risen again, in one of the shortest sessions on record. This is unfortunate, because it is in the House where all the year's outside work is distilled and hopefully, made into policy.

It's especially unfortunate because the House has so many fundamental questions to consider, but not all of them will make it to consideration, while other, trivial pieces of legislation are receiving full debate.

It's fine to declare the brook trout to be the Provincial Fish, but there's no sign of the

watershed protection the trout needs to survive. It's fine to talk about suspending hunting licenses for parents who default on child support, but there's no discussion of why the parent might default, of the province's loss of jobs and the meagerness of ESIA support for families in need.

One issue stands out though, and underlies all the debate: the question of democratic reform. Campaign financing has been introduced at the end of session, with the demand that political financing be discussed, reviewed and changed in a few hours in the Legislature, without the direct comment of the people of Nova Scotia, who use the electoral system directly.

This is wrong. The government of Nova

Scotia consults regularly (though not always productively) on many, many issues. Yet the government is unwilling to consult publicly on the process by which governments are elected.

I had the opportunity earlier this month to meet with residents of Greystone, who are rebuilding the Greystone Tenant Association. The discussion upstairs at Cornerstone was lively, thoughtful and engaged. Who's eligible to be a member of the tenants' association? Do you have to be a certain age? Who's eligible to sit on the board? Will the board be required to meet regularly? How often?

How will the members find out what the board is doing? When more than one person wants to be fill a position, how do you run an election? If you want to change the rules, how

do you do it, and who do you tell?

The questions sound dry, but the impact is real. Depending on who makes up the board of the GTA, there will be a real difference in what the GTA will do.

There are so many possibilities. Could the GTA set up an art gallery or graffiti park, a baseball team, a cooking class, a team of youth to help seniors with snowshovelling, or will the GTA keep running the food bank, or pass it on to another organization? Will the GTA teach, or bring teachers in? How will new suggestions get to the GTA?

But most importantly, before any of these questions can be answered, the people of Greystone need to decide, who will be answer-

see "Questions" pg. 14

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Fairview MLA pleased to see tax lifted from home heating

By Graham Steele,
Halifax Fairview MLA

An early Christmas present is coming your way, starting December 1st. At long last, the provincial sales tax is being removed from home heating.

This is a program that I and my NDP colleagues first proposed three years ago, so we're very pleased that it's finally happening. If you heat your home with oil or propane, you will automatically get an 8% rebate on your bill. You don't have to do anything.

Most Nova Scotians (62%) heat their homes with oil, and my guess is that the percentage is roughly the same in my constituency. My only advice, then, is to be prepared for delivery delays in the first few days of December. Everyone is going to want to delay their oil delivery until they can get the rebate. Don't be surprised if it takes your supplier a little longer than usual to get to you. If you think you might need oil during this period, book ahead.

If you heat your home with electricity, you will also automatically get the 8% provincial sales tax deducted from your bill. You don't have to do anything. You will first notice the rebate on your bill in January 2007.

If you heat your home with wood or wood pellets, you will also get the rebate, but the procedure will be different. The rebate will not be automatic. You will have to apply, and send in your receipts. The application is available online (www.youreneryrebate.ns.ca) or at the

Access Nova Scotia centre in the West End Mall, or by calling 424-5200.

For people heating with wood, it's very likely that you already have your wood supply for this year. Unfortunately, the rebate applies only to wood purchased after December 1st. We have asked the government to extend the rebate to people who already have their wood supply, but so far the government has refused. Remember that to get the rebate you will also need a receipt. As we all know, many wood suppliers sell for cash only, and don't issue receipts.

There are some people who are opposed to this rebate program, because (they say) lower prices do not give people the incentive to save energy. To these people, who are sincerely concerned about the environment, let me say this: we have always seen this as an issue of tax fairness. Home heating should not have been taxed in the first place. Moreover, home heating is not one of those goods whose use varies directly with price. This rebate program is not at odds with our ongoing efforts at efficiency and conservation.

I'm interested in finding out how well the program works for you, particularly if you experience any problems in getting your rebate after December 1st. My contact information is in my ad on this page.

For more information about the energy rebate program, you can call 424-5200, or visit the website www.youreneryrebate.ns.ca.

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PEP empowers people to take control of their own lives

By Betty Dobson
Staff

As Christmas looms on the seasonal horizon, most of us are subject to our share of stressors. But what we see as stress generally pales in comparison to what others feel all year round. We're talking real stress here: toxic relationships, stalled careers, chronic pain, and other barriers to happiness. When you feel trapped in such a bad situation, when you're "stuck in a rut," the prospect of things getting better seems truly impossible.

There is a solution, however, and it's designed to fit into even the busiest lifestyle. Sandra Church of Williamswood offers an intensive and comprehensive program called Personally Empowered People. PEP, as the program is more commonly known, leads participants on a journey of self-discovery, self-respect, and self-esteem.

"It's an educational program that's 40 weeks long," Ms. Church says. "It comes with workbooks, and it's very well organized." The program, which can be conducted online or in person, is divided into four phases: Healing the Hurts, Regaining My Personal Power, Flying On My Own, and Reaching Out. Each phase is comprised of 10 weekly coaching sessions. Each session begins with an overview of the topic followed by discussion

and suggestions for solutions.

The ultimate goal of the program, she adds, is to help people make choices and decisions and to teach them to take responsibility for their own lives. "We like to say we're giving people tools to access their own abilities."

The key factor in overcoming a bad situation is to take responsibility rather than blaming others. "What am I doing to contribute to this situation," Church says rhetorically, "and how can I change my attitude so the other person changes his behaviour?" She also stresses that sometimes you have to remove yourself from the situation altogether.

Church credits the program with helping people deal with chronic pain and disability. In fact, she went through the PEP program herself to help cope with her own disability and, as a result, qualified to become a PEP facilitator. "I like to say I've got the experience and the expertise," she says, adding, "I think it's helped me communication better with other people and rub off the raw edges."

PEP is the brainchild of Bedford resident Laurie Davis. "I authored it in 1997 as a workshop," Davis says. "I started with two ladies in 1997, and six weeks later I had 28 people in the group." Since then, PEP has grown into an international effort with programs in Washington state and Norway.

"Currently," she says, "a group of mental

health professionals have embraced the program from Taiwan." Because of that interest, the program has been translated into Chinese.

PEP seems to appeal to a wide cultural base. Men, women, professionals, teenagers, and young children have all gone through the 40-week program. And because of its availability as an online program, PEP is accessible

to people in remote locations or with restrictive schedules.

Church is gearing up for a new program locally. She invites interested parties to contact her at 444-2494 or sdchurch@eastlink.ca to register or request additional information. You may also visit the PEP website at www.pepisglobal.com.

Mosher wants review assessment

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analysis. However they did not support the CAP extension in the interim. I felt these actions were not mutually exclusive, meaning that we could continue with the CAP program and study the fiscal impact at the same time. What is wrong with providing residents with tax relief while you review the program?

Councillor McClusky and I went to Province House and presented to the Law Amendments Committee supporting the CAP extension. In my presentation I referred to District 17 and gave members a chart showing all the affected properties and the increases the owners would have to pay without a CAP Program in place. I noted the Provincial legislation being introduced did not override the impact of a stakeholder consultation process or a forthcoming report on the study findings.

Also, there is a requirement that the government provide a twelve month notice to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities for legis-

lation affecting Municipal units. Therefore this action provides the necessary notice if the province ultimately decides to make this tax relief program permanent.

I noted the many flaws and inequities with the current system but highlighted that HRM is now exploring alternative tax methodology and is in the process of establishing a tax reform committee. I respectfully asked for the MLA's support for Bill 92, Cap legislation extension while insisting that this legislation and the entire issue of assessments be fully studied in an attempt to find the fairest, best way to evaluate property and ultimately tax resident's properties. I also spoke directly with our two local MLA's, Michele Raymond and Graham Steele, to request their support of Bill 92.

The 10% CAP is the minimum protection for residents that I support. As I indicated in a previous issue of The Chebucto News, a better idea would be to keep assessment increases at a reasonable rate such as setting the increase at Inflation or the Consumer Price Index.



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The Curnard Junior High School Annual Christmas Craft Fair is always a well sought after event by local residents. Here Carolyn Snow chats with Bev Almond and Sherri Andrei who were working the Mrs. P's Bakery and Craft booth.

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Byron and Dale Venoit, married to each other and their classic cars

By Elizabeth Hay

Dale and Byron Venoit moved to Herring Cove when they were first married thirty-eight years ago. They had never even visited the area before then, but through a realtor friend they found a small house they could afford on what was then Oceanview Drive, paying

\$15,000 that they had saved up for it. At that time, 1968, the area was quite remote from the city. Dale says it took her ages to get to work downtown by bus. Dale then worked for Department of Education at Scotia Square.

Before her Herring Cove days, Dale (then Dale Matthews) grew up living on George's Island in Halifax Harbour where her Father

was the lighthouse keeper. She was boated to school on the peninsula everyday and every evening was boated back to the island where they lived for years without running water or electricity, but with plenty of interesting adventures. She was once saved from drowning by Osker Uettoa, whose son Harold is one of her neighbours today, when she fell into the water between some boats.

These days they are in a larger house that they built themselves on a piece of land they bought a few streets away on Ketch Harbour Road. Having made that move in 1983, they do not plan to move again. It is there that you will find them these days with their antique car collection.

Dale, who did not even own a car until 1990, currently drives a 1964 1/2 Mustang convertible. She chuckles while explaining, obviously not for the first time, Ford changed a lot of the parts halfway through the year, hence the 1/2.

Byron's interest in antique cars first manifested itself in the 1970s when he had his first classic car, a 1968 Ford Convertible, which was not then considered a classic.

It was a few years later before he had his first real classic, a 1961 Chevy Impala hardtop and its twin, a 1961 Chevy Impala convertible. Since then, among others, he has also had a 1973 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Royale. He now drives a red 1964 Comet, also known as a 'Caliente,' which in Spanish means 'hot.'

Dale and Byron have each driven their

classic cars in the Spryfield Christmas parade. A year or two ago, Dale insisted on driving her mustang with the roof down and ended up freezing for the duration of the parade.

Tuesday nights see Dale and Byron driving their hot rods to Arby's in Bedford where the local Antique Car Club (ACC) meets from about 5:30 onwards. Other car clubs, including the Mustang Car Club, also meet at that venue. Owners take their cars there to show their stuff, check out the other vehicles, and shoot the breeze with other owners and aficionados.

Dale and Byron have been members of the ACC since 1995, and Dale was a member of the Mustang Owners Car Club from 1995-2005. Not surprising, given her Georges Island childhood, she is also a member of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Classic cars are actually Byron's second passion, his first is music. Byron has always been a musician, starting with his first band "The Scotians" in 1966, they played all over the Halifax area. "Capricorn" was another of his later bands, consisting of four people (the lead vocalist, Ethel, had a Capricorn star sign) that played one-nighters in the Halifax area and around Nova Scotia until 1983.

These days see Byron playing bass in a country band of 4-5 people that plays locally for benefits and fun. He is also a member of a Barbershop Chorus, the "Halifax Harmony Experience" which recently performed at the Maritime Conservatory of Music on Chebucto Road.



Dale Venoit enjoyed riding automobiles early in life. Here Dale as a child rides in a toy jeep on Georges Island.



Dale Venoit in her 1964 Mustang in 1991 at Pier 21.



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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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HADLEY, Scott Theodore – As angels gathered, my heart and my soul's inspiration entered eternal peace in the Palliative Care Unit, VG Site, QEII. Scott endured a long and courageous battle surrounded by the everlasting love of his family. Scott is now in the open arms and loving hearts of his parents, the late John and Mable (Parks) Hadley, and his in-laws J. Albert and Maizie Walker. He was the greatest love of all and will forever be in the hearts of his loving wife of 35 years Lucy (Walker), and his wonderful and devoted children John-Michael, David and Sally, of whom he was so very proud. The biggest lights of his life were his handsome grandsons, Scott and Liam; Pop will hold them in his heart eternally. Scott started his funeral career at the age of 17 with J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, continuing until his retirement in 2005 due to illness. He played a major role in the construction of the J. Albert Walker Golden Age Centre and was on the Board of Directors. He was a proud recipient of the American Legion Award and a life member of the A.N.A.F. Veterans Association. He was the "King of Hearts" to those who knew and loved him. A wonderful husband, the greatest father and the best "Pop" this world has ever known. Scott was a well respected businessman and a great asset to the community he called home, Spryfield. Burial was in William Black Cemetery, Glen Margaret. Donations may be made to the "Wish List" at the Palliative care Unit, VG Site, QEII, the best place to be at the worst time of your life. The doctors, nurses and staff are wonderful, and my family and I thank them endlessly. On-line condolences may be sent by visiting www.coleharbourfuneral.com.

WILLIAMS, James Thomas "Jim" - 87, Halifax, passed away in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Sydney, he was a son of the late Ralph and Hattie (Spears) Williams. Jim was a veteran of the Second World War. He was with the First Canadian Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 152, Spryfield. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and he had a wonderful sense of humour. To know James was to love him. He is survived by his daughters, Shirley Williams, Halifax; Mary (Bob) Maloney, Oakville, Ont.; sisters, Florence (Adrian) Bates and Julia Neville, both of Sydney; brothers, Vince (Joan), Truro; Joe (Elizabeth), Dartmouth; grandchildren, Sherri Williams, Kaitlyn and Patrick Maloney; his faithful canine companion, Ceilidh; special friends, A.G., Valerie and Connor McRae. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, Anne (MacDonald) Williams; sisters, Alice Schwing and Sister Mary; brothers, Albert, Edward, and John. Burial will be held at a later date in East Bay, Cape Breton.

MURPHY, Muriel Estelle - 98, Halifax, passed away in Northwood Care, Halifax. Born in Goldboro, she was a daughter of the late John and Stella (Allen) Warrner. Muriel was a member of the Anglican Church, Rebekah Lodge and Eastern Star. She was a former school teacher in Goldboro, Guysborough County, Clarks Harbour, Barrington Passage and Head of Chezzetcook. She is survived by her daughter, Marjorie Steeves, Rockingstone Road; sister, Georgina O'Brien, Dartmouth; grandchildren, Heather Brennan and Wendy Millett; great-grandsons, Ritchie, Mathew, Duncan; great-granddaughters, Ashley and Stephanie. She was predeceased by her husband, George Murphy; sisters, Mildred, Marjorie and Dorothy; brothers, Edward and John. A private family graveside service will take place at a later date in Oakville Cemetery, Clarks Harbour.

MacDONALD, Carol Ann - 66, Halifax, passed away peacefully in Arborstone Enhanced Care surrounded by family after a long and courageous battle with multiple sclerosis. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late John "Frank" and Dorothy (Sullivan) Renner. She is survived by sons, Darren (Heather), Dartmouth; Grant (Geraldyn), Fall River; sisters, Diane Burke, Elaine (Ken) Smith, Judy (Don) Julien, Betsy "Elizabeth" (Brian) Blanchard; brother, John, all of Herring Cove; grandchildren, Dianna, Haley, Connor, Evan, and Lily "Elizabeth." She was predeceased by brother-in-law, Peter Burke. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Interment was held in St. Paul's Cemetery.

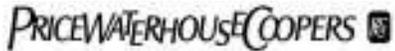
CROSS, Beatrice Agnes - 84, Halifax, formerly of Herring Cove. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a loving mother, grand-

mother and sister. She died peacefully in Maplestone Enhanced Care. Born in Spryfield, she was the loving wife of 50 years to the late Roy W. Cross, and a daughter of the late Edward and Angela (LaPierre) Oakley. Affectionately known as "Bea," she was a homemaker who loved her family dearly. She was a member of Emmanuel Anglican Church. Bea will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. She will be fondly remembered by her special son, Gary Fahie (Ann), Spryfield; three treasured daughters, Diane (James) Pyke, Spryfield; Barbara (Anslie) Dempsey, Herring Cove, and Judith "Judy" (Lindsay) Norrie, Spryfield; her brothers, Gerald (Evelyn), Halifax; Bernard (Joan), Brooklyn, Hants Co.; Edward (Sandra), Sambro; sisters,

Olive Endicott, Ontario; Dorothy Muire (Ronald), Boston, Mass.; Jessie Hampton, Spryfield, and brother-in-law, Clyde Cross (Violet), Dartmouth. She will forever be remembered by her grandchildren, Ricky Pyke, Jane O'Neill, Ted Pyke, Jacquelyn Hart, Bradford Dempsey, Adam Fahie, and Ryan Fahie; great-grandchildren, Erika, Tyler, Kaylie, Bailey and Mackenzie, as well as her special friend and neighbour, Janet, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy; her parents, brother, Ernest, and sisters, Emily and Edna. Arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Interment has taken place in Emmanuel Anglican Church Cemetery.

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Whether it's a residents' association or a provincial House of Assembly, every eligible member of the community has the right to choose who will represent them. And everyone has the right to participate in deciding how the choice is made.

Speak up!!

Chebucto News Community Events

To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 477-NEWS or send e-mail to rhorner@ns.sympatico.ca

Tree Lighting

St. James United Church, Sambro, 3811 Old Sambro Road, will hold a Memorial Tree Lighting on December 1st at 6:30. Refreshments to follow. We are also having a Down Home Christmas Concert on December 10th at 6:30. Refreshments to follow.

Christmas Crafts and Bake Sale

Calvary United Baptist Church will hold a Christmas Craft and Bake Sale at South Centre Mall December 2 beginning at 9 am.

Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale

St. Peter's Church, Ketch Harbour, will hold the annual Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. Luncheon includes juice, homemade soup, tea biscuit, cake and tea or coffee for only \$4.00. Please join us for a great meal and Bake Sale.

Cookbook Gift

The Urban Farm Museum Society cookbook "Foods of Spry's Field - Cooking and Preserving Then and Now" makes a great Christmas gift. Available from UFMS members, Sobeyes on Herring Cove Road, or call Pat at 477-6087. Only \$15 tax included.

Seniors Skate Club

Do you like to skate? Skating for Seniors and Adults takes place every Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Lions Rink in Spryfield from 10 am to 12 Noon. Admission \$1.

Audition Notice

The Theatre Arts Guild will hold auditions for the upcoming production of "Scotland Road" by Jeffrey Hatcher. Auditions will be held at the Pond Playhouse, 6 Parkhill Road, off Purcell's Cove Road, just past the Frog Pond, Sunday December 10th from 5 to 8 pm and Monday December 11th from 7 to 9 pm.

Join Canada's Oldest Skating Club!

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Meeting Cancelled

Due to a scheduling problem the Halifax Chapter of the Tinnitus Support Group of Atlantic Canada has cancelled the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday November 14th. Our next meeting will be next March.

Mardi Gras Talent Night

St. Michael's Church will feature The MacLean Sisters Friday, February 16, at 7 pm with a Mardis Gras Talent Night. Tickets are available, but space is limited. For ticket information please contact Annie at 446-7123.

Crafter's Market

The Herring Cove Crafters Market is held weekly at the Herring Cove Fire Hall from 9am-2pm. All locally made items; baked goods, photography, paintings, jewelry, coffee/tea, preserves, knitted items, live acoustic music etc. Limited number of tables available for interested vendors. Vendors from all surrounding areas welcome. This will be a weekly Saturday event until Christmas, frequency of market to be determined post-holidays. Contact info; Amy Kilbride 405-0008.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held December 12 at the Captain William Spry Community Centre with activities starting at 6pm and the Tree Lighting scheduled for 6:30 pm. There will be lots of fun activities taking place in the Community Meeting Room immediately following the lighting. Activities include cookie decorating, card and traditional decoration making, munchies and music!

Spryfield Residents Association

The annual general meeting of the SRA will be held Wednesday, December 13, 7 pm in conference room two of the Captain William Spry Community Center. All Spryfield residents are welcome.

Searching for Musical Instruments

The Arts Express Coordinator for the J.L. Ilsley Family of Schools is looking for new, used or old musical instruments, which can be restored and then re-distributed to the schools band programs in our community. For each donation of a usable instrument, you will get a charitable donation receipt issued by the HRSB. Simply bring the instrument to your child's school, along with your name and home address and a receipt will be mailed to you. If the instrument is too large to be transported or should you have any further questions about this "Musical Instrument Re-Use Program," please feel free to contact Sabine M. Fels, Arts Express Coordinator, J.L. Ilsley Family of Schools, 479-4612 ext. 570-2008 or sfels@staff.ednet.ns.ca

Weekend of Grace

The First Annual Regional Catholic Women's Conference to be held the weekend of April 20 - 22, 2007 at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia. We invite you to join women from across the Atlantic Provinces and experience the transforming power of God's love. Explore the gift of your femininity. Learn practical strategies for living the abundant life God has in mind for you. Call (902) 423-9759 or visit www.stam.ca select "Programmes" and click on "Weekend of Grace." Pre-Registration Only. Early-bird deadline December 31, \$99.00. After December 31, \$119.00. Deadline for all registration January 15.

TAG's Annual Holiday Pantomime

TAG's Annual Holiday Pantomime, Ali Baba and the Seven Thieves, runs November 30 to December 16, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday afternoons Dec 3, 9, 10, 16 at 2 pm and evening performances at 8 pm Nov 30, Dec 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16. Directed by Rebecca Humphreys, Eric Rountree and Cheryl Theriault with Musical Direction by Bunny Shore and Produced by Michele Moore, this promises to be a wonderful holiday experience. For more information please contact Cheryl Theriault at 492-0838.

Legion Photos Wanted

Shelley Dean is gathering photographs to create a "Memorial Collage" of photos of legion members who have passed on, pictures of founding members and of the ladies auxiliary. Residents are asked to e-mail or drop photos off at the Legion with their names and telephone numbers attached. All photos will be returned. Please contact Shelley at shelleydean@eastlink.ca or call 479-0583.

Seedy Saturday

Folks are being encouraged to start saving seeds now for Urban Farm Museum Society's Seedy Saturday, March 18, 2007.

Mixed Dart League

A Friday Night Mix Dart League is beginning at the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre. Games get under way at 7:30 pm. Come join the fun. For further information call Rene Quigley at 477-8749.

McIntosh Run Meeting

The McIntosh Run Watershed Association meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month in conference room 1 at the Captain William Spry Center at 7 pm. All welcome. For information contact John Brazner - President - 446-5342 or Paula Lawlor - Secretary- 477-7118.

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Goings On



Gladys Corbin had the pleasure of entertaining Senator John Buchanan during the celebration of her 90th birthday.



Lyric Chisholm and Samantha Wilson were on hand when the Salvation Army volunteers, including Captain Jim Mercer, George Hillier, Linda Gray and Bill and Rona Bowers, presented Sobeyes Store Manager Brian Perro with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of the Army's Outreach Breakfast Project.



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