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Preserving North West Arm for all residents is the goal - Mosher

By Linda Mosher
 Councillor District 17

One of the distinctive attributes of District

17 is the view of the North West Arm. The spectacular view takes away a little of the pain of sitting in traffic at the rotary on your way to work. The North West Arm has many recre-



The Royal Canadian Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion Branch 152 parking lot visitors withdrew to the sidelines to allow the Legion Colour Guard to parade to the front during this year Remembrance Day Ceremony. As usual the parking lot was jammed with participants in the ceremony.

Community gathering in support of fire victims

Tammy Kehl, and her family including daughters Kyla, Keira and Kaylee, together with a family pet, all of whom lived in their home in the Greystone area for more than six years, became the victims of a tragic fire this past month.

The family home caught fire and burned and they lost all their belongings, including the family pet. As a result a group of concerned citizens and relatives have embarked on a fundraising effort to replace the family's belongings.

The daughters Kyla and Kaylee are in the French Immersion program at Chebucto Heights, while Keira attends John W. MacLeod. Financial support, groceries and donations of clothing, personal care items, fur-

niture and any household items would be greatly appreciated by the organizers.

Chebucto Heights School has kindly donated a room in which to store all donations until the family can move into their new home in three weeks. The Home and School Association is heading up the donation drive, and donations can be dropped off at the school, 230 Cowie Hill Road.

For larger items, such as furniture, please contact Home and School worker Tara Irons at 479-2417 or e-mail us echpta@yahoo.ca. "The community's support for Tammy and her children has been wonderful and we hope everyone will pull together to help them start over," said Irons

ational uses and is home to historic parks such as Sir Sandford Fleming and Point Pleasant parks.

There has been long standing concerns over infilling of these pre-confederation water lots. Many residents have asked how can these water lots be infilled? Why did HRM give a permit to allow a structure to go on the infilled land? Infilling permits are completely in the jurisdiction of The Federal Government, and approval must be obtained from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Their primary concern is fish and fish habitat. When issuing permits, they do not consider view planes, heritage or anything else. It is my hope that this will change.

The Municipality's jurisdiction involves the use of the land once it has been infilled. There is no specific zoning requirement which applies exclusively to infilled water lots. The

Land Use By-laws for Halifax Peninsula and Mainland South provide that land created by infilling of a water lot takes on the zoning of the abutting land. Use of such land is then subject to the applicable provisions of the Land Use By-law. If the application complies with the Land Use By-laws, HRM must issue permits for accessory buildings. Each side of the North West Arm is zoned R-1, single family dwelling. On the Mainland we allow a structure to be built that can be 14 feet from street level. Since the infilling lots are much lower than the street you can build a very tall building on the infilled lot. Another concern is that the minimum setback of the main building from the Arm is only 8 feet. On the Peninsula side the setback from the Arm is 30 feet.

The Regatta Point Residents Association
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"It was not the old who fought and died" - Reverend Bragan

In what was perhaps the most poignant little piece of the annual Spryfield Earl Francis Memorial Legion Branch 152 Remembrance Day Ceremony, Reverend James Bragan of Calvary Church reminded a packed parking lot of solemn participants that it was indeed not only the old who died on the fields of battle for the world's freedom.

"What I experience for this day is only what I remember from these ceremonies," he said. "I have not been asked to fight for my country. We think it was the old who fought but it is not. It was the youth of our country who ventured overseas into the fields of battle," he said, reminding the gathering that it was thousands of young men and women, mostly under 25 years of age, who gave themselves up for the cause of freedom.

"It is hard to imagine and believe what their sacrifices must have been. But this is what we need to remember," he said. "At a

time when we worry about letting our youth simply go downtown let alone across the world I pray that we remember. That we never forget," he said.

Legion Chaplain Reverend Carl Price led the proceedings, thanking the Lord "for the privilege of living in this country and for this day."

"Sixty years have gone by," he said leading the gathering into the singing of O God Our Help and Abide By Me after Sergeant at Arms Al Bergeron led the Legion Colour Party to its position and J.L. Ilesley High School student Julianne Harnish played The Last Post.

J.L.'s Choir sang the Act of Remembrance and In Flanders Fields after Harnish played Reville and the Dartmouth Pipe and Drum Band, perennial participants in the local ceremony, played the Lament.

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and individual residents raised concerns about infilling based on an incident on Armshore Drive. I brought these concerns to Chebucto Community Council and we voted unanimously that HRM staff start the process to determine what could be done to change our By-Laws and that this issue be part of the Harbour Plan process under the Regional Planning process. Since that time there was a large infilling project started which led to considerable public outcry. Both Councillor Uteck, who represents the other side of the Arm, and I, asked HRM staff to immediately initiate a planning process for the North West Arm rather than wait until the Regional Plan is approved.

Regional Council unanimously passed a motion that authorized HRM planning staff to initiate the process to amend the Municipal Planning Strategy and By-laws, in order to establish policies and regulations aimed at controlling development and subdivision on water lots infilled along either side of the North West Arm.

The process involves public information meeting(s), a staff report to Council, and a public hearing on the proposed amendments. To ensure that the public process was not compromised, we sent a letter to Minister Geoff Regan, asking for a moratorium on infilling permits until January 17, when our public process will be complete. There was no response

from the Minister, however, he ensured that his Special Assistant and Division Manager, Fisheries and Oceans Canada were present at our second public information meeting. Their attendance was greatly appreciated.

In essence, we want to include policies in the Municipal Planning strategy that clearly state that HRM is opposed to infilling of water lots except for circumstances such as municipal works, docks, public walkways and retaining walls for shoreline protection. We want to convince the Federal agencies not to issue any more permits for infilling. We also want to limit what is allowed to be built, therefore discouraging anyone from building large structures and subdividing their properties.

I would like to thank the residents that

came to the public information meetings and provided input. The feedback we received was very helpful and appreciated. The final part of the process will be the public hearing at Regional Council, which will be tentatively set for January 17th. I hope that many residents will find the time to come and speak. If you cannot speak your written comments will also be considered. Written comments should be directed to the Clerk's Office, City Hall, P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, B3J 3A5; email: clerks@halifax.ca fax: 490-4208, or telephone: 490-4210. If you wish to contact Minister Regan's office, his office is 426-2217.

The goal is to preserve the aesthetics, enjoyment and usability of the North West Arm for all residents.

CWSCC Board initiates web site

Communication was one of the key themes that came out of the Community Café in April held by the Board of Directors, Captain William Spry Community Centre, CWSCC. Now the Board is looking for resources to launch a local website to serve communities around the Sambro Loop in an effort to fulfill that mandate.

Amy Teplitsky, a student hired by the Board this summer, has developed the basics of a brand new website. It includes an events calendar so that residents will know what is going on at home and around the Loop; local employment opportunities, odd jobs and bartering opportunities; a listing of organizations and ways to get involved in community life; and tidbits related to villages around the Loop.

The Board's plan is to make the new website more interactive and current.

To get communications underway, the Board is seeking donations of IT expertise to get the new website launched, people with time to help keep a website up to date, and donations to cover hosting and other costs.

One way to help out is to designate United Way contributions to the CWSCC Board. As well, the Board is a registered charity and can issue tax receipts for direct donations. Says Jim Connolly, Chair of the Board, "we believe that if better communication is important to local residents, they will support it." It is important to the Board to do as much as possible without government handouts.

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Urban Farm Museum Society wins RNS Bluenose Award

The President of the Urban Farm Museum Society, Marjorie Willison, and Board member, Pat MacLean, attended the Recreation Nova Scotia and Alliance for Healthy Eating Conference at the Old Orchard Inn to accept the Bluenose Achievement Award at the Awards and Recognition Banquet on behalf of their organization.

The Bluenose Achievement Award is presented to volunteers or community organizations to recognize outstanding achievements in the improvement of recreation and leisure opportunities locally, regionally or provincially. The award is given to organizations that reflect the community's healthier future through activities and services promoting the value and benefits of recreation.

Mary Angela Munro, Area Coordinator for Mainland South HRM Recreation, Tourism and Culture, and Norma MacLean, Community Developer with HRM Recreation, Tourism and Culture wrote the winning submission to the Selection Committee of Recreation Nova Scotia.

Urban Farm Museum Society is a registered charity that has created an urban farm on the Kidston land in the heart of Spryfield. The group was formed in the late 1990s and has continued to grow and flourish and engage more and more families in its

operation. The members promote community spirit, facilitate urban food growing and celebrate Spryfield's rich agricultural history.

Society goals include ambitions to commemorate the agricultural heritage of Spryfield; to facilitate food production in the

an awareness of positive lifestyle choices. The youth see the farm as an asset to the community and vandalism has not been an issue. The farm property adds beauty and tranquility to the neighbourhood improving the quality of life.



Pat MacLean, left, Past President of the Urban Farm Museum, and Marjorie Willison, President, accepted the Bluenose Achievement Award from Recreation Nova Scotia at the Awards and Recognition Banquet on behalf of the organization.

The UFMS is successful in its goal to strengthen the traditional social fabric of Spryfield. There are many new friendships made in the fields. Gardening is a great inter-generational activity. Each participant can play an integral role in the workings of the farm. There is a sense of pride in being part of the programs, and in involving the community.

During the spring, the UFMS collaborated with the Phoenix Youth Work Program and six young people spent five weeks helping at the farm building trails, clearing brush, planting. In return they learned some new skills which will help them as they enter the labour market. This program was so successful that two youth continued to volunteer after the work placement time had ended!

One child, who was not permitted to continue at the elementary school level in the spring because of behaviour issues, chose

to volunteer at the farm. This individual has benefited from the nurturing given by the UFMS and has developed a sense of community and belonging.

The UFMS provides employment opportunities for young people during the summer months. The teaching component around healthy food choices will improve the health of citizens in the community. Over time this will lessen health costs in the area. The special events which are hosted, Seedy Saturday, Plant Sale, Heritage Picnic, and historic walks, all bring visitors to the community. A bed and breakfast will open close to the site of the farm. A farmer's market is planned for the future.

Parkland and open space always lead to an increase in neighbourhood property values through accessibility to environmentally friendly green spaces and associated recreational opportunities. The UFMS is in the process of acquiring some privately held lands to increase the size of the farm. This will ensure more green space in the area rather than more high density development.

urban area; to serve as an adjunct teaching venue for local schools in the natural and social sciences, the arts and family economics and to strengthen the traditional social fabric of Spryfield.

The programs, events and services which they have created and grown are examples of how a community can benefit from and enjoy recreation through gardening activities.

The organization truly exemplifies the values and benefits of recreation. Through its "Come Grow With Us" program the society offers local citizens the opportunity to exercise through their gardening efforts. Children and adults get physical activity as they enjoy the old fashioned games and races held at the Heritage Picnics during the season. There is also a high level personal satisfaction achieved from planting, watching things grow and reaping the harvest. Children and adults learn about healthy, organic foods.

From a child's perspective the gardening is play - an essential ingredient for a child's human development process. The Ironworks partnership between the Urban farm and the students at J.L. Ilesley High School has created

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



Local historical connections to Deadman's and Melville Islands.

by Iris V. Shea, Historian
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Deadman's: Melville Island and Its Burial Ground" is the name of a new book by local historians Iris Shea and Heather Watts. Heather Watts and I worked on the book for just over two years and are pleased to see that it is being well received by readers and reviewers.

Deadman's and Melville Islands, with the surrounding land we know today as Melville Cove, were purchased in 1804 by the British Admiralty from Halifax merchant James Kavanagh. The often violent and unhappy historical use of the islands over the past 200 years was one of Halifax's best kept secrets. National and international historians, when writing accounts of the Napoleonic Wars (1793-1815) and the War of 1812 (1812-1815), made no mention of the role played by these two islands in Halifax's Northwest Arm.

The authors have included, in appendices, names of hundreds of prisoners of war captured on land and sea: French and Americans brought to Melville Island between 1803 and 1815; many names of Black Refugees from the Chesapeake Bay area of the United States who were housed in the prison buildings between 1815 and 1816 and who settled in Beechville, Hammonds Plains and Preston, Halifax County; and names of German prisoners taken from various places (on land and sea) during World War I, to prevent them from returning to Germany to fight against the British.

Part of the fascinating research that went into writing this book was finding names and stories with a local connection. A query in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick newspapers helped find descendants of some of the French prisoners who had either escaped from Melville Island or who had declared their oath of allegiance to the British when the Napoleonic Wars ended. Louis Metier settled in the Hammonds Plain area where his three daughters married into local families; Dominique Vaumalder settled in Halifax where

he painted houses for a living (his daughter, Ann, married Thomas Brown of Herring Cove). Both prisoners, along with Francois Bourneuf and Sebastien Richard, were captured aboard "La Furieuse" in 1809. Bourneuf escaped in 1812 when he was sent to Prospect to help build the Prospect Road. He stole a boat belonging to Patrick Purcell, made his way to the French shore of Nova Scotia, and later became an MLA for Digby County. Richard sailed home to France to settle up his affairs but returned to marry a local widow whom he met while on parole in Preston.

One of most rewarding finds in our research was to confirm what the descendants of William Sutherland of Spryfield knew but were unable to verify: that their ancestor lived on Melville Island before he purchased his 500 acres of land in Spryfield in 1816. Passed down in the Sutherland family were artifacts that certainly indicated Mr. Sutherland spent time on Melville Island. Once we began our research, one of the artifacts became familiar to us...a small booklet with its cut pages bound together with large hand-sewn stitches. The pages contained hand written names and information, an exact duplicate of a page in the Melville Island prison entry books found in British Admiralty records at the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management. Other paper artifacts in the family's possession were hand written in French containing information on clothing and uniforms, and the description of French soldier, Chretien Bidony, dated 1807.

Documents available for research, in addition to the British Admiralty lists of prisoners' names, include British Army records called Headquarters Books and General Orders

Books. No mention was found there of William Sutherland. A Halifax newspaper in 1814 mentioned that an escaped French prisoner, Jean Fontaine, was "retaken by Mr.

Sutherland, a civilian, was the steward assigned to look after the daily comforts of Black Refugees and ensuring that the food contractor complied with his signed agree-

ment. It is our belief that William Sutherland served in the same capacity for the French and American prisoners of war.

Another name of local interest was Samuel Gaines of Connecticut, a seaman from the USS "Guerriere" who died of "Mania" on Melville Island in 1815. He married Sarah Martin of Ketch Harbour in 1810, and the couple had one son, John. Samuel Gaines is among the 195 American prisoners of war buried on Deadman's Island. His name is listed on the monument there. Samuel's widow later married Patrick Ronayne in Ketch Harbour.

The book "Deadman's: Melville Island and Its Burial Ground" contains

many stories that will be of interest to people in the Mainland South area. It is available from the authors for \$20, or from major book stores throughout the province.



This photo, the property of NSARM, is of the buildings on Melville Island in the late 1800s.

Sutherland." It was not until we searched through documents pertaining to the Black Refugees on Melville Island, dated 1815, that we found the illusive William Sutherland.



Elizabeth Sutherland School students and staff created plaques for each hallway in the school to commemorate the lives of local veterans who lost their lives in world struggles. The plaques will be placed on the walls naming each hallway after a lost veteran. This picture shows the students and the local Legion Colour Guard on hand for the ceremony.

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"It was not the old who fought and died" - Reverend Bragan

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Besides Reverend Bragan Reverend Rob Arsenault of St. Michael's Catholic Church; Reverend Fry of Emmanuel, Reverend Calvin Ginn of St. Paul's and Captain John Mercer of the Salvation Army brought greetings and blessings to the ceremony held under unusually sunny and relatively warm skies.

In this the dedicated Year of the Veteran, Legion President Betty Neville said the local service saw more wreaths than ever before laid by individuals, groups, government and organizations. Besides the traditional Silver Cross Mother Pidge Chant wreath laying others included:

The government of Canada, the Senate, Veterans Affairs, Alexis McDonught, the Merchant Navy and J.L. Ilsley Student Council wreaths were laid by members of the 429 Squadron Air Cadets; MLA Michele Raymond for the Province of Nova Scotia and NDP Halifax Atlantic; Councillors Linda Mosher and Stephen Adams for HRM; Betty Neville for the Legion; Walter Francis for the Hong Kong Veterans; Reginald Gamache for the Korean Veterans; Alexis Beaman for Past President Doug Ash; Son Wolfred Gates Junior for Past President Wolford Gates; Son Larry Kennedy for Past President Walter Kennedy; Sons Tim and Kenny for Past President Ken Smith and Son Donnie; Frank Oakley and

Emily Ivy for Granite Lodge 158 IOOF and Topaz Rebeccas 125; Tom Parsons for the Spryfield Lions Club; Daughter Jean Clement for the Lions Aquatic Centre in memory of Frank Cameron; Doug Young for Knights of Columbus AOC Spryfield 5017; Bob Barrett for Masonic Lodge Duke of Kent Lodge; Jeannie LaChance for St. Michael's Catholic Womens League; Christine Jaggo for Armdale Yacht Club; Erin Jennings for J.Albert Walker Funeral Home; Jillin Lamontagne and Angelina McMullin for Elizabeth Sutherland School; a veteran for Herring Cove Junior High School; Greg Meade and Greg Noseworthy for the Men's City dart League in memory of Earl Francis and Tracey Leslie and Richard Bernard for Arborstone.

In the Private Laying of Wreaths remembrances were placed by Sister June Strople for Kenny, Horace and Frank Robinson; Wife Anna for Edward Duggan; Son Graham for J. Graham Walsh; Husband Roy Chambers, Son Roy Chambers Jr., Daughters Shelly and Peggy and Grand-daughter Heather for Jean Chambers; a Cadet for George L. Beaman; Grandchildren Derrick and Jill and Great-Grandson Michael for Samuel Nicholson; Son Vince Purcell for Walter K. Purcell; Diane Purcell for Lawrence Bellefontaine; Wife Mrs. Margaret Melvin and Daughter Anna for Father John Francia Connolly, Uncle Edward Connolly, and Brother Lou, George (Frank),

Charles, Steve, Pat and Edward; Son-In-Law Warren Pellerin for Don langille; Grandchildren Jacqueline and Michael for Jack Johnson; Laura Lee and Rachael for Gerald and Cyril Shunamon; Daughters Carol and Donna and Son Bobby for Clarence White; Sally Kingsley for Angus and Bill Kingsley; Tammy Kelly for Joseph Kelly; Don Pelham for Harold Pelham; Dan MacDonald for Albert MacDonald; Son Terry Fowler for Stanley Fowler; a Cadet for David Lecky Senior; Betty Murphy and Joan Wade for William Oakley; Daughter Fran Griffiths for Frank Warrington; Daughter Judith McCarthy and Grand-daughter Erika Hayden for Ron Thurber; Stella and Maurine Connors for Cyril Connors; Daughter Christine for J. Albert Walker; Grand-daughter Sally and Great-grandson Scott for John Hadley; Arthur Bourque and William Alquire for Ron, Robert and Tillman Bourque; Great-grandson Kevin Hurshman for John Hurshman Sr., John Victor and John White; a Cadet for George and Anne Isnor; Sons John and Robbie and Great-grandson Skyler Smith Walsh for William (Bill) Walsh; Daughters Maureen and Jean for Spencer Armsworthy; Thomas Delorey and Son for Herb Edwards; Son Michael Stewart for John Thomas Stewart; Cadets for Father Jogn Campbell and Brother Victor Campbell; Great-grandsons Josh and Corey for Frederick Micheau; Kathy and Sons Donny and Arthur for the late Robert Ayres

(Green Cross); Son Michael Cadeau for Edward Cadeau; Grandson Collin Auby for Albert Richardson; Daughter Lorraine Collins for James Ernest Candow; daughter-In-Law Karen Wright for Douglas Wright; Wife Karen Wright for David Wright; a Cadet for the Chebucto Boys and Girls Club; Wyatt Redmond for Beaver Enviro and William Beaver for Robert Ayres.



Michele Raymond, Halifax Atlantic MLA, presented awards to all local veterans at a ceremony earlier this month in honour of Year of the Veteran. This recipient, Donald Ashton, joined the Royal Canadian Army Corps in 1940 and made 62 round trip crossing of the Atlantic during the war. (Shelly Dean Photo)



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Former prisoner-of-war remembers his years away from home

By Des Writer
Staff

Ask any of today's 17-year olds how they'd feel about being away from home for four years, cutting the "umbilical cord" and facing the prospect of adventure, and they'd probably jump at the chance. It's just what Edison Yeadon, 81, did when he was 17.

"I was walking along Water Street in Halifax, and this man came up to me and asked 'How would you like a job?'" says the former Spryfield resident. "I said I sure would; I was just 17." But the year was 1941, and Canada was already at war. "I wonder how many of today's 17-year olds would have gone then," says Joan, Yeadon's wife of 27 years.

Relaxing now, in his Clayton Park apartment, 60 years after the cessation of hostilities, Yeadon relives that moment and his wartime experiences, his memory still acute for details. Invited to accompany the man to the Norwegian Consulate, he was offered a job on the Norwegian freighter, Aust, anchored in Halifax Harbour. "The consul asked me 'Is it all right with your Mum and Dad?' I said 'Sure.'" "I

went home and packed my bag. My mother started crying; I just had to get out of there," he says. "The next day we sailed; I heard later that my four brothers came looking for me."

Sailing first to Cape Breton, Aust joined an Atlantic convoy of some 50 ships, all of which arrived in Britain unscathed, he says. After an engine overhaul in Newcastle, and re-fitted with guns, Aust sailed again in convoy for New York, early in 1942.

Somewhere off Newfoundland, she ran into German submarines. "We could hear depth charges going off," Yeadon says. "The firemen came rushing up out of the hold and told us we'd been hit. I believe it was a dead torpedo," he adds dryly, saying the ship was able to proceed to New York, to undergo repairs.

Loading up with army equipment, tanks, and trucks ("Everything to fight a war with."), Aust continued her journey, departing Brooklyn for Cape Town in March 1942. "Ten days out, on Good Friday, a seaplane came over at noon and took our aerial with a hook," he recalls. Later, a raider off in the distance machine-gunned our decks, he says. "We had no choice but to abandon ship."

The raider proved to be the German battleship, Thor, which took Yeadon and other crew members on board from the lifeboats. Sailing into the South Atlantic, then the Indian Ocean, Thor sank a British freighter

and captured the passenger ship Nankin.

While three of Aust's officers were ultimately freed, Yeadon and others were transferred to the German supply ship, Regensburg, then to the Ramses, in Yokohama Harbour, Japan. And after five months in German custody, Yeadon found himself a prisoner of the Japanese, spending the next three years in a Kawasaki prisoner-of-war camp.

As he reminisces, Yeadon's tone changes. Although his memory is tenacious, it's clear some things are left unsaid as he describes the horrors of the POW camp and arduous work on the Kawasaki railroad. He recalls being beaten by guards with rifle butts for giving some gloves to a fellow prisoner, and remembers suffering from worms, beri-beri and dysentery, that left him weighing just 75 pounds at the war's end. "You won't hear it from him," says Joan, "but when the men get together that's what they'll talk about."

Yeadon and I met just before he left for Ottawa, to take part in celebrations marking the 60th Anniversary of Victory in the Far East, sponsored by Veterans Affairs Canada, for The Year of the Veteran. Although he's not one of them, he'll join Canada's

Hong Kong veterans on the occasion. "The government's paying for the trip," says Joan.

"They finally gave me a decent pension," says Yeadon, his words adding irony to the long battle he and others of the Merchant Marine underwent for recognition of their wartime service. On his ribbon of medals, alongside his Merchant Navy decoration, are medals from Norway. But one medal is missing - the Atlantic Star 1939-45. Awarded by the British government to sailors in the Merchant Marine, it recognizes at least 12 months' wartime service in the Atlantic, terminated by death or disability due to service. Yeadon says his service was just 17 days too short. "I didn't sign off on that ship," he says, "the Germans captured me."

Rejoining the Merchant Navy again after 1945, and becoming an AB Seaman, Yeadon says he got tired of the sea after two trips. Eventually, joining one of his brothers, a Master Stonecutter, he learned the art of monumental engraving, which became his life's work. Hesitating, I ask if he has an inscription for his own gravestone. "It's already on there," he says. Alongside his name, Joan's, his stepson's, and the Merchant Navy crest are the words: "Captured by the Germans, turned over to the Japanese, was a prisoner-of war."

And beneath, this poignant phrase: "Four years away from home."



Edison Yeadon



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The Royal Canadian Legion, Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Branch 152, wishes to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens who came out to remember our local Veterans during this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony.

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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Air Cadet Programs - A world of opportunity

By Captain Doug Keirstead

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Editor's Note: There are Air Cadet Squadrons



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It's that time of year again as local youth return to school after a lengthy summer vacation. Many of the Air Cadets from across the HRM are returning from a summer of fun and excitement at one of Canada's eighteen Cadet Summer Training Centres. This summer Air Cadets from the HRM participated in various programs including the Basic Training Course, Intro to Leadership and Instructional Techniques Courses, Intro to Physical Fitness and Recreational Training Course, Intro to Survival Training Course, Introduction to Aviation Course, Music Training Courses, etc all conducted at locations throughout Atlantic Canada.

Some local Air Cadets were selected to undergo summer training outside Atlantic Canada. Sergeant Kirk Wahay of Hatchet Lake attended the Intro to Rifle Coaching Course at the Connaught Cadet Summer Training Centre in Ottawa Ontario while Sergeant Catherine Maltais of Lower Sackville completed the Intro to Aerospace Course at the Regional Gliding School (Eastern) in St Jean sur Richelieu Quebec in French, her first official language. Both had the opportunity to interact with fellow Air Cadets from across the country as they learned valuable skills and developed

life long friendships.

Flight Sergeant Jennifer MacGillivray of Halifax spent the summer at the Regional Gliding School (Atlantic) in Debert Nova Scotia where after six weeks of intense training she was presented Air Cadet Glider Pilot Wings signifying her completion of the Glider Pilot Course and attainment of a Transport Canada Glider Pilot License. The Glider Pilot Scholarship and the Power Pilot Scholarship are perhaps the most sought after of Air Cadet courses. Those selected to attend these and the many other summer training opportunities have undergone a rigorous selection process which in most cases includes a review of school marks and community involvement, a written examination, panel interview, and in the case of flying courses, an aviation medical.

Ranging in length from two to seven weeks these courses are designed to complement the training offered each year from September to June at local Squadrons.

Running concurrently with the public school year, Air Cadets are afforded the opportunity to participate in weekly training activities in leadership, effective speaking, citizenship, physical fitness and so much more! The young Air Cadets also enjoy a plethora of weekly optional activities including music training, flying scholarship training, marksmanship and biathlon training, sports teams, model building club, and drill team.

In addition to the many training programs, local Air Cadets have had the opportunity to visit museums and attractions, experience glider and power flying, participate in sports competitions, movie nights and socials, tour local fire and police stations, view the cosmos through the St Mary's observatory, and enjoy a cruise on the Bluenose II. These dedicated Air Cadets have also found the time to contribute to the community through the Cadets Caring for Canada initiative where each Squadron participates in a community improvement project such as a park clean up or litter collection.

Air Cadet Squadrons are located throughout the HRM servicing a very diverse community. 250 Vimy and 615 Bluenose Squadrons are located in North End Halifax while 292 Fairview Br 142, 342 Bedford Lions, and 529 Armdale Squadrons meet in Fairview, Bedford, and Spryfield respectively. All Squadrons meet weekly and are always accepting new recruits.

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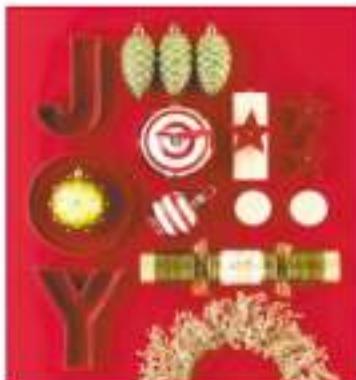
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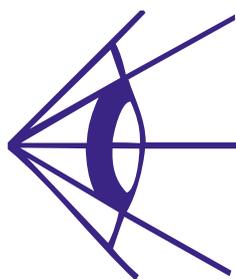
On a brisk, sunny autumn day, the Spryfield Lions Club did equally brisk business, collecting money in support of the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia during a four-hour road toll. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on a Saturday the group of dedicated volunteers managed to raise \$1,300.00 for the charity. Thirteen volunteers cheerfully requested donations from drivers at the entrances of South Centre Mall on Herring Cove Road. It was the second time in 2005 that the Spryfield Lions chose to support the Society by holding a road toll. "We really believe in this cause and we just want to help," said the event's organizer Victor Eisan. "Folks have

been really generous." He also stated their members not only volunteered for the cause, they also made donations themselves. "We're thrilled that the Spryfield Lions Club chose to support our organization-not just once, but twice, this year," said Fiona Kirkpatrick Parsons, director of development and communications for the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. "The effort they have made on our behalf really speaks to the spirit of this wonderful group of people and the results truly reflect the generosity of this community. We are moved by their support and grateful beyond words." There are an estimated 13,660 people who

have Alzheimer Disease and other dementias in Nova Scotia and this number is expected to more than double by the year 2031. The Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia is committed to alleviating the personal and social consequences of Alzheimer Disease and other dementias and to promoting the search for the causes and cures. The Society is a volunteer-led organization which provides education and support programs and advocacy on behalf of Nova Scotians with the Disease, as well as funding for research.



Spryfield Lion Vic Eisen, a main organizer of fundraising through road tolls for the local club, gets a donation from Larry Creaser at the Atlantic Superstore parking lot. The club raised \$1,300 through the work.



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Adams continues to push for changes to property tax system

By Stephen Adams
Councillor District 18

Over the next few months Council will be addressing 12 priorities, including what we are now doing and what we can do to improve our overall performance. Although all 12 are important, infrastructure, tax reform, transit and the Regional Plan could have the biggest impact on District 18.

Infrastructure is always a priority as streets, sidewalks, playgrounds, ballfields and parks are all in demand. These are basically prioritized by staff with Council's input and then presented at budget time. As in previous years, I have asked for some playgrounds, storm sewers and park upgrades. This year's capital work was delayed as demand far outweighed the ability of workers to complete the projects. For example, the bridge at B.C. Silver is delayed, and the playground at Hartlen Cuvelier Field were delayed by months. These delays will be referenced later in this article.

At another level, infrastructure funding from the Federal and Provincial governments is at a premium which can inhibit our ability to provide greatly needed services. As the funds become available I will do my best to ensure the needs of our communities are met.

Tax reform is always a concern especially given the soaring assessments throughout HRM. Given these rising values taxes could increase, even with a decrease in the tax rate. This will be referred later. As in previous years I will put forward a new way of collecting tax which would effectively eliminate the need for

assessments. As I have stated in many previous articles, assessments measure nothing. They do not reflect market values, a buyer will do that. Nor do they reflect services received. I have had some initial acceptance of my idea to eliminate assessments to make our system more fair.

Our transit system could become more complete if we could service the Sambro Loop. There has been federal funding announced to help expand and enhance services, however, the criteria has yet to be determined. In speaking with colleagues the preference is to utilize full transit as opposed to community transit. The level of service will be determined by demand.

The Regional Plan continues to be a very

high priority for Council as it will be a foundation for planning for years to come. HRM will have a basic plan and Community Councils will be given the ability to enhance certain aspects. The amendments could include, but not be limited to, setbacks from water courses, densities, and provision for parkland dedication to name a few.

The past month at Council has been dedicated to developing the framework for next year's budget. The three scenarios put forward by staff include a rate the same as last year, a 1.8% reduction and 4.9% reduction. Even with a 4.9% reduction in the tax rate, residents could still be faced with a high tax bill. This is another solid argument for eliminating the use of assessments for determining taxes paid.

Simply stated, it is not fair.

Further, the additional revenue would be used for capital work, which as I stated earlier, has been delayed by an excess of work and too few contractors and staff to complete the tasks. Given this scenario, it is difficult to understand why we would add more.

I will be presenting a motion to decrease the rate to allow for a 0% increase in taxes as many residents are at their limit. If unsuccessful, I will ask for an enhanced rebate program and as that any new tax money be used to pay down our debt.

In closing I want to wish you all a safe, enjoyable and Merry Christmas. And if you are able, please remember the less fortunate. Until next year.

ATV use, Trade Union Act and Health Insurance at Law Amendments

By Michele Raymond
Halifax Atlantic MLA

It's unusual for the fall session of the Legislature to continue into December, but events have pressed the government to take the unusual step of adjourning to hear public input on a pending law.

Three years ago, the government commissioned a taskforce to travel the province, gathering public opinion on all-terrain vehicles. On October 27, during Question Period, as the Opposition was asking the Minister of Natural Resources what had happened to the taskforce

recommendations, two young girls in Shubenacadie suffered a tragic accident on an ATV. They were doing exactly what riders are educated not to do, but their actions weren't illegal.

As a result, the government has now introduced a bill to implement some of the taskforce recommendations regulating ATV use. That bill is in Law Amendment hearings, and the fierce debate continues over the report.

As one of the three NDP members on the Law Amendments Committee, I have the privilege of listening to these presentations. We have been given statistics on injury rates, economic benefit, environmental and health effects of ATVs; we have heard pleas for and against mandatory licensing and age limits. We have heard that, as organized sports, snowmobilers and motocross riders don't want to be classed with four-wheelers.

Apparently everyone agrees that irresponsible riding presents issues of rider safety, environmental damage, property damage and noise.

Not everyone agrees what to do about irresponsible riders. Some people believe fervently that training is enough; others think education should be backed up with law. Decisions must be made.

Law Amendments is also hearing submissions on Trade Union Act changes, which propose expedited arbitration for Nova Scotia, and we may soon be considering the bill on Health Insurance Protection which I introduced in the spring session.

On another note, after writing about the

proposed Mental Health Act last month, I was especially interested to attend a recent roundtable on mental health in Spryfield. Depression is the leading chronic disease in young people today, Dr Aidan Stokes told the group.

One factor may be lack of sleep, I suspect. We know that many antidepressants work by imitating the benefits of sleep, making patients less distractible, less irritable, and better able to tolerate pain and discomfort. We also know that adolescents need extra sleep, although many things can disturb it: too much homework, television, caffeine, after school jobs, sports, noisy neighbours, or other members of the household who work shifts or aren't sleeping for any reason.

This has long been a concern for me, and I hope to work with JL Iisley next year to set up a resting room, or, as some high schools in the United States have done, to establish a lunchtime "napping club."

Also on education, I am pleased to note that Central Spryfield School is one of the pilot sites chosen for the Department of Education's new pre-primary program. This means up to 18 children in Halifax Atlantic can be part of the experimental preschool year. Registration closes December 2.

The Legislature will be re-opening in mid-December, so I won't be in my office, but I will be available by phone throughout the month. In the meantime, with the holidays fast approaching, I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday season, and a joyful New Year.



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Common sense needed to schedule an election, make Parliament work

By Alexa McDonough
Halifax MP

As I write, Parliament is at an impasse. In the spring, the Liberals enacted good NDP proposals to get things done for people. But this fall, they said no to all new proposals, like protecting public not-for-profit medicare from further privatization. The NDP can't express confidence in a government that's not getting results for people, and it can't condone the Liberal ethical misconduct.

All three Opposition parties have already compromised by proposing an election call in January for a mid-February voting date. But there's nothing stopping the Prime Minister from taking a common sense approach that averts an unwanted holiday election. If three parties can compromise, why can't the fourth?

The proposal before Parliament enables all that Paul Martin says he wants to get done this fall. The parties have agreed to swiftly pass legislation-in-progress that's clearly in the public interest.

Let's get things done like Bill C-55, which offers protection for workers' wages and pensions and addresses the bankruptcy laws that

discriminate against students in dire financial straits, and let's get the desperately needed fuel rebate passed and delivered to people this fall. It is also critical that we allow the signatories to the Kyoto Protocol to conduct their first meeting in Montreal on November 28.

The First Ministers' Meeting on Aboriginal Issues should also proceed uninterrupted. A democratic majority of Canadians' elected representatives are willing to compromise to get the job done. It just makes sense.

This week, those opposing compromise have been repeating three arguments. Each has an air of plausibility. But none holds any water as an argument against common sense and compromise.

Argument Number one: "Canadians should see the second Gomery's report before voting." Yes, everyone agrees strongly. And the proposal on the table sets a February voting date, well after the January release of Justice Gomery's second report.

Argument Number two: "Committing to election dates in advance is unconstitutional." Not true. In fact, this is exactly what Paul Martin did last spring by promising an election within 30 days of Justice Gomery's second

report. Even the Deputy Prime Minister admits this argument is a red herring. Also, based on Justice Gomery's original timeline, this promise meant a January election call.

Argument Number three: "Confidence is an on/off switch with no grey area." Absolutely! Government can stay "on" until Parliament votes no-confidence, prompting an automatic election. Until then, especially in a minority Parliament, making government work is a continual process of compromise. In this Parliament, there has been no non-confidence vote, and a majority of MPs are prepared to get work done this fall, given the assurance of a January election call.

The Opposition compromise calls for an

election approximately eight weeks earlier than the Liberal's current unilateral plan. That's not unreasonable. That will not stop work from getting done in the New Year. Let's remember that after the fall, the House is scheduled to adjourn until February.

Let's be honest. The only thing that compromising will prevent is two months of taxpayer-funded Liberal electioneering with no Parliamentary oversight. There's nothing else stopping the Prime Minister from respecting the will of a majority of Canadians' elected representatives. There's nothing but pure partisan interest stopping the Prime Minister from saying no to a holiday election and yes to compromise.

Fairview MLA seeks input on ATV legislation

By Graham Steele
Halifax Fairview MLA

Like Santa's sack, this month's column has a little of this and a little of that. The Legislature adjourned on November 3rd, but, shortly after you read this, we will reconvene to consider the government's bill on all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). This will be the first December sitting since 1998. The ATV issue came out of nowhere to dominate the fall sitting, especially after the tragic death of two teenagers. The government had to go back to the drawing board with its legislation, and that's why the Legislature has to sit again.

I have to admit that I've heard from only two constituents on this issue. ATVs are a big issue in suburban and rural areas, but in a densely populated urban area like Halifax Fairview, it simply doesn't come up. So it has been a little odd for me to watch this issue dominate the news headlines, while knowing that it is not an issue in which my own constituents are strongly interested.

If you live in my constituency and want to share your views on ATVs, by all means let me know. My contact information is in my ad on this page. Your views will be helpful to me during that December sitting.

Another issue that came up during the Legislature's fall sitting was the Birch Cove Blue Mountain Wilderness Area. On October 20th, together with my MLA colleagues Bill Estabrooks and Diana Whalen, I spoke about the need to preserve this wilderness area. "This

is a beautiful, natural, wilderness area that needs to be preserved for our children and our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren. Once this area is gone, once it's bisected by the proposed highway, it's gone forever."

On November 16th, I wrote to HRM Mayor Peter Kelly about the Mainland North Recreation Centre. This is a municipal project, largely funded by municipal dollars, but I do support those community residents who feel the project is headed in the wrong direction. I wrote that "we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a recreation centre that will meet the needs of a large and growing community in Mainland North. Unfortunately, it appears that the options that HRM is putting to area residents will not include an adequate, full-sized facility." If the funding partners have to go back to the table to work out a new deal, then let's do it.

Let me thank all of the students of our four local elementary schools who participated in "Year of the Veteran" events. As a result of their efforts, I have donated \$2,000 (\$500 for each school) to buy books for their school libraries. Each book will have a special sticker stating that it was bought to commemorate the "Year of the Veteran."

As the "Year of the Veteran" draws to a close, let me add only this, our veterans went to war so that we could have peace. Let us always carry peace in our hearts, for that is their best memorial. My very best wishes to you and yours in this holiday season.



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About a dozen or so local residents gathered to walk through McIntosh Park to identify what was right and what was wrong with the pathways of the park located just south of the Captain William Spry Community Centre and east and west of Herring Cove Road and Tartan Avenue.

The purpose of the session was to develop a tool, a guidebook on how people in the community can conduct safety audits of their neighbourhoods said Kostiuk. "The intention is to set the wheels in motion so that Spryfield residents can conduct safety audits on their own and determine what is needed and how to go about trying to make improvements in their

own neighbourhoods, whether on their street, in a playground or park, or in the local sidewalks, pathways and trails," he said.

He said safety audits inspire solutions to why some areas of the community may feel unsafe. By advancing solutions he says, communities can reduce fear, increase community pride, create physical changes that make places safer and build stronger neighbourhood connections thereby increasing the feeling of safety.

Kostiuk encouraged those attending the session to select an audit area important to them, create an audit safety group, review the area using the guidebook as a tool to answer questions and gather information, and then act on the results by pressing authorities for changes that would make their area of interest safer, more appealing and useful.

"Trails and pathways are often well

used and are community assets," he said. "People doing audits are simply looking for ways to enhance these areas for users, to make them safer and more comfortable to use."

Common recommendations after the McIntosh Park audit considered maintenance issues including the condition of the pathway itself and the remnants of Hurricane Juan, which have yet to be cleared away by HRM staff. Other issues included litter, signage, night-lighting, and a feeling of isolation which permeates the area but also adds to its charm.

But Kostiuk says a complete audit not

only uncovers what the concerns are but identifies recommendations to alleviate the issues. In this case, he said, folks felt leveling the walkway, having a clean-up day, adding garbage cans, placing signage which identifies where the various pathways are headed, adding lights and locating pay phones in appropriate places would make this area of the community safer and more viable as a commuter trailway.

Through the process, Kostiuk will leave behind a working guidebook as a tool for other groups to conduct safety audits on other areas the community considers of interest.



Royal Bank Manager Sherry Lampshire Hall held a business networking meet-and-greet session at the branch recently. In attendance were Regional Vice-President Tammy Holland, left, and new King of Donair owner David Finlayson. The next session will be hosted by J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Erin Jennings on December 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.



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Prevention the best course to protect against Feline Leukemia

When acquiring a new kitten or adopting an older cat, one of the first concerns the new pet owner has is the overall health status of the animal. Particularly if the owner has pets at home already, he or she wants to be sure that the new pet is free of any infectious disease that could be harmful to the pets already in the household.

One of the most commonly discussed topics in this regard is the disease in cats caused by the Feline Leukemia Virus. Some owners have never heard of it, while some have had friends or family lose a pet to the disease and so are well aware of its significance. Commonly asked questions are - Where does this virus come from? How would I know if a cat had this disease? How could my cat possibly have become infected? How do we treat and prevent this disease?

Feline Leukemia is a viral disease of cats that is one of the leading causes of death in pet cats and kittens. Back in 1964, a group of Scottish scientists first discovered viral particles in a family of cats from the same household where several cats had developed Lymphosarcoma, a cancerous condition. It is hypothesized that the virus was acquired from the rat millions of years ago by ancestral cats and has since traveled, literally, around the world. So obviously, Feline Leukemia has been around for a long time, but it is becoming diagnosed more frequently these days by veterinarians due to increased awareness and testing procedures.

The incidence of Feline Leukemia Virus is truly worldwide and is responsible for the

majority of leukemia and lymphomas seen in all felids. This is partly owing to the fact that Feline Leukemia is so highly contagious. It is readily transmitted from cat to cat through saliva, blood, feces and urine, although the virus does not seem to be able to live long in the absence of a host and consequently close cat to cat contact is required for transmission to occur. It appears that any cat may be susceptible to the virus, although incidence is higher in multi-cat households. Cats living in single cat households that do not go outdoors are the least likely to be exposed. However, cats may acquire the virus from their mother, either in utero or from nursing, so it is important that all kittens be tested as well as any new cat coming into the household.

How can you tell if your cat has Feline Leukemia? Cats can develop different forms of the disease. It can develop into cancerous conditions such as lymphosarcomas which are tumors that develop in the lymph nodes and other lymphatic tissue, or it can develop as leukemia where the virus attacks the bone marrow and blood cells, leading to degenerative anemias. Yet another form of the disease can develop that is a non-cancerous condition, but develops due to the virus suppressing the immune system, thereby allowing a number of other diseases to develop. Cats with this form of the disease may eventually die of pneumonia, for example. Thus there may be a variety of symptoms seen in a cat with Feline Leukemia. Still, signs such as depression, fever, loss of appetite and swollen glands in the neck or abdomen may

suggest onset of a Feline Leukemia related disease.

Unfortunately there is no successful long-term treatment for leukemia and efforts have therefore been directed at prevention of the disease. The best way to prevent Feline Leukemia is to have your cat tested for the disease by your veterinarian and then vaccinated. The test is a simple blood test which can be done in the office and results can usually be ready in as little as ten minutes.

The initial vaccine program consists of two shots followed by an annual booster. It is important that when you start your cat's vaccination program that you carefully adhere to the vaccine schedule as the timing

of the second booster is critical to the success of the immunization. Missing the appropriate time for the booster may mean that the program will have to be started again.

Cat owners are often concerned about becoming infected by Feline Leukemia themselves. Much careful research has been done to examine the zoonotic potential of this disease and there has been no data suggesting any possibility of human risk. However, it is still advised that the very elderly, pregnant woman and babies should not be allowed close contact with cats with Feline Leukemia, just to be on the safe side.



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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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SUPPLE, Michael Joseph - 18, Halifax, precious son of Joyce (MacLeod) and Michael Sr., died suddenly in a car crash. Michael was a free spirit with a warm heart and endless potential that will never be realized. He was a certified diver with a great sense of adventure. Michael was presently planning to attend the Atlantic Petroleum Training College in preparation for a future in the oil and gas industry. Besides his parents Michael is survived by his little sister Chelsea, at home; grandmother June MacLeod; great-grandmother Mary MacLeod; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was predeceased by his grandfather Joseph MacLeod and great-grandmother Audrey Supple. Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Attention Deficite Disorder Clinic, 496 Bedford Highway or to MADD.

JOHNSON, Arthur Bernard - Halifax. It is with great sadness that we announce that Arthur passed away suddenly in the New Halifax Infirmiry, QEII, at the age of 53. Born in Herring Cove, he was a son of the late Charles William Johnson and Lenora Kathleen "Kay" MacInnis, and stepfather, Donald Joseph "Dan Joe" MacInnis. Arthur loved the outdoors, in

particular boating, fishing and biking with his family and his buddies Dwayne and Walter. He loved spending time with his children, and his step-grandchildren were very special to him. He was a machinist for over 32 years and worked for the Nova Scotia Research Foundation for most of his life. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; daughter, Marcie Johnson; son, Daniel Johnson; step-daughter, Elaine (Weldon) Allen; stepson, Paul Wolf, all of Halifax; brother, Charlie (Kathy) Johnson, Portuguese Cove; nieces, Tanya and Tammy; step-grandsons, Kirklin and Dylan Allen; several aunts and uncles, especially aunt Marg and uncle Steve Sabados as well as several nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Special thanks to the emergency staff, and the doctors and nurses of 5.2, QEII.

SMITH, Dorothy Mildred "Dot" - 81, Halifax, passed away at home. Born on September 29, 1924, in Cole Harbour, she was a daughter of the late Ezekiel and Fanny (Bradbury) Pippy. Dot had been employed with Keddy's Motor Inn,

beginning her career in 1988, and later retired from after 25 years of dedicated service. She had a heart of gold and was a lady who was loved by all who knew her. Dot's family always came first, but she always had time for the neighbourhood children when she was needed. Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Dorothy (Bill) Peters and Linda (Tony) Leonard; sons, Jack (Shirley) Smith, Clyde (Coleene) Smith, Earl Smith, and Kenny Brewer; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Marie Alguire and Hazel (Fred) Cox; brother, Bob (Bev) Pippy, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Clyde Smith; brothers, Bill Pippy and Ernest in infancy; sisters, Livy Giles, Lillian Goving, Florence Phillips, Jenny Doyle, and Mary and Shirley in infancy; grandson, Robert Douglas Smith; and granddaughter, baby Tiffany. Interment has taken place in Camp Hill Cemetery.

GOODYEAR, Leonard James - 60, Halifax, passed away at home. Born August 16, 1945 in St. John's, Newfoundland, he was the son-in-law of Dorothy Doreen Pyke and the son of the late Robert James and Amelia (Efford) Goodyear. Leonard was an Elder and

Steward for approximately 30 years at Fairview United Church. He was Commanding Officer of 292 Kiwanis Air Cadets in the 80's. Before his illness and resulting heart transplant he coached Little League Softball, T-Ball and served as President of Fairview Minor Baseball. He coached minor hockey, played men's leagues for slow pitch, softball and bowling. He was the owner of InterCity Delivery and manager of Dynamex. He is survived by his wife Heather Doreen (Pyke) Goodyear, whom he married May 16, 1970; daughters, Denise Doreen (John) MacTavish, Lower Sackville; Tracey Nicole Goodyear (Neil Kendall), Halifax; sister, Carol (Pat) Taylor, Scotch Village; grandchildren, Logan James Kendall and Emily Paige MacTavish; best friends, Ernest and Barbara (Pyke) Ritchie; nieces, Tanya Hinton (Ritchie), Brenda Chediack (Ritchie), Donna Horne (Ritchie) Susan Cole (Taylor); nephews, Stephen Ritchie and Robin Taylor. He was predeceased by father-in-law, Clyde Pyke. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601).

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With this in mind we are pleased to host a celebration of remembrance, as we pause to reflect on the season and those who have shared seasons past. Our **Memorial Candle Lighting Service** will be held on **Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm** in the Funeral Home Chapel.

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Fusion, a new local baton twirling group, will hold a Toy and Merchandise Bingo and the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion Sunday December 11 beginning at 7 pm. For information contact Coach JoAnne Manson at 233-8043.

Craft and Bake Sale

Calvary United Baptist Church will hold its Annual Craft and Bake Sale at South Centre Mall beginning at 9 am December 3. Your support is appreciated.

Holiday Tree Lighting

The Ecole Chebucto Heights Home and School Association's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Friday, December 9 at 6:30 pm at the School in front of the outside main doors. All Welcome.

Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale

St. Peter's Church in Ketch Harbour invites everyone to a Soup Luncheon, including soup, biscuit, beverage and dessert for only \$3 on Dec 3, from 11 am to 1 pm. A bake sale will also be held. Welcome all.

Down Home Christmas Concert

St. James United Church, Sambro, 3811 Old Sambro Road, will hold a Down Home Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 11 at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome. For information contact Crystal Gilkie at 868-2939.

Annual Peace Tree Lighting

The Captain William Spry Community Centre will hold the Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting Tuesday December 6 from 6 to 8 pm at the Centre. Bring family and friends and help celebrate a peaceful holiday sea-

son. There will be music, refreshments and of course Santa.

Merchandise Bingo

The Chebucto Boys and Girls Club is holding a Merchandise Bingo at the Spryfield Legion on December 4. Doors open at 6 pm with bingo starting at 7 pm. Win a Christmas Turkey or a Christmas Tree or go on a shopping spree. More than \$1,000 in prizes. Proceeds support the Club's After School Program.

Audition Notice

The Theatre Arts Guild announces auditions for Enchanted April by Matthew Barber which will run at the Pond Playhouse February 23 - March 11, 2006. Director Gisela O'Brien is looking for a cast of 8, including 2 post-WW I desperate housewives, 35-45 years of age, 2 men of matching age, perhaps older; 1 woman 20-30 years of age, 1 man of matching age, perhaps older; 1 mature woman with a matronly bent and 1 mature woman with an Italian twist. The audition will consist of a reading from the script; no other preparation is necessary. Auditions will be held Sunday, December 4th at St Augustine Church - 1 to 4 pm and Monday, December 5th at St Augustine Church 7 to 9:30 pm. For more information please call Esther Van Gorder at 453-4077, e-mail: esthervangorder@ns.sympatico.ca; or Gisela O'Brien at:422-9859, e-mail: gobrien@dal.ca.

Crafts for Kids

A craft program for the children of Herring Cove at Saint James Parish Hall in Herring Cove starts Monday Oct. 24 and runs through to Christmas every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:45 to 11:00 am for ages 3 to school age and from 3 to 5:15 pm for ages

5 to 7. The cost is \$7.50 per day which includes all supplies. Each month there will be different crafts and projects. Register for one day or for all. Contact Amanda Dade @ 475-1825

Memorial Tree

St. James United Church, Sambro is having the lighting of the Memorial Tree on November 27 at 6pm at the church. Hot chocolate and timbits. All Welcome.

Lobster Chowder

St. James United Church, 3811 Old Sambro Road, will be having a Lobster Chowder Supper on Saturday, December 10 from 4 pm to 6 pm. Adult portion \$9; Child portion \$5.00. Everyone Welcome.

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Art and Music Enrichment

Drop-in art and music playgroup for children ages 0-6 and their parents and caregivers. Every 3rd and 4th Friday of the month from 1pm to 3pm, at 2 Auburn Avenue in Spryfield [church at the corner of Thornhill and Auburn]. All are welcome! Join us on December 16, 23. If you would like your child to attend on December 23 and receive a free gift of one 120-piece art set in wooden case, please call Josephine Egan at 423-2651 or email: josephine@saintmarymagdalene.ca by November 25.

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Legion Notes

The following events will be held at the Earl Francis Memorial Legion:
Senior Christmas Dinner, Dance
A Seniors Christmas Dinner and Dance will be held at the Legion Monday December 19 from 1 to 5 pm. Admission \$5.
Legion Christmas Dance
The Legion will hold a Christmas Dance Friday December 16 from 9 pm to 1 am. A DJ will supply the music.
New Years Eve
The Royal Canadian Legion will hold a New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance December 31. Call the Branch for more details.
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