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Community Centre, Library upgrades to begin in 2008

The Captain William Spry Community Centre, the adjoining Library and the grounds, including a large portion of the property between Herring Cove Road and the Centre's front door, are going to be retrofitted beginning in 2008.

HRM held two sessions this month regarding

the proposed plans which will see upwards of \$1.1 million spent to refurbish what the city deems to be a building in its midlife and in need of an upgrade. The first sessions was called to give present users of the building insight to the plans and an opportunity to input some thoughts.

The second session was an open house to detail the plans to the public.

Real Property Planning, Infrastructure and Asset Manager Barry Yanchyshyn said the \$1.1 million budget includes \$800,000 earmarked for interior work and \$300,000 for work on the grounds including development of a pedestrian foot bridge leading across the McIntosh Run from Herring Cove Road. He said the city is also searching for another \$600,000 for the building and the amounts do not include an expected \$300,000 upgrade to the adjacent library facilities.

Library Manager Troy Myers said the library's portion of the project may even start

ahead of HRM's building renovation. "We already have the money in our budget so we could get started a little earlier," he said of the plans to reshape and reorganize the library to create more useful and open public spaces.

Following a predetermined vision "to renovate the CWSCC and site to accommodate a wide range of community needs and activities," Yanchyshyn said the basic premise is to open up the foyer of the building, move existing staff offices to the back of the building and create a warmer and more open entrance way for the public to enjoy.

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Shoppers Drug Mart, one of about 30 floats in the 33rd Annual Spryfield Santa Clause Parade, received the nod from Judges Jamie Johnson and Jane MacDonald as the Best Commercial Entry. See story page 3.

Turnout indication of interest in forming new group

Judging by the turnout it would seem there is a considerable interest in the formation of a new residents association to serve the Harrietsfield, Williamswood and Sambro communities.

District 18 Councillor Stephen Adams told the Chebucto News that between 50 and 60 residents showed up at the Harrietsfield Community Centre in November to discuss the possibilities of creating a new group to help solve issues and concerns in the community. The meeting was initiated by resident Sherry Flemming he said.

Adams said he was asked to co-chair the inaugural session organized with the intention of determine if there was interest in the community in creating an association. "Clearly

by the turnout alone there is interest," he said.

The Councillor said those attending the meeting discussed a number of issues, some related to HRM and some related to the provincial Department of Transportation. He said some issues involved transit service, ditching along the Old Sambro Road, recreation programming at the Centre, developing a public access to Moody Lake which is difficult for those who do not live on the lake to reach, taxes and the prospects of sewer and water services.

The Councillor said residents requested HRM investigate the accessibility of Moody Lake. "They asked that HRM study the feasibility of creating a public access to the lake that will allow non-residents a way to use the

Salvation Army struggling to redirect Thriftstore activity

People in the community may be confused, and possibly for good reason, but the result of their misconception is causing headaches for Captain Jim Mercer who leads the local branch of the Salvation Army, its church and its

lake for recreational swimming and boating."

He also there is a continuing dialogues regarding taxes but told residents he doesn't "see the prospect of a sewer and water services project as a reality any time soon."

The Councillor said the intention is to form an association of residents to serve the communities of Harrietsfield, Williamswood and Sambro. He said Franko Turelli was chosen to lead the new group as Chair. The residents are also going to establish positions of Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, he said, adding that consensus showed the people wanted to elect "members at large" which would include two residents from each of the three communities. A second meeting has not yet been scheduled.

outreach "Cornerstone Family Centre" located in Greystone.

People aren't aware, he says, that the Salvation Army Thrift store operation, which recently closed its retail location across Hartlen Avenue from the new Salvation Army Headquarters at 328 Herring Cove Road (formerly the Shoppers Drug Mart building), is a completely separate branch of the Salvation Army. "The Thriftstore service is provided through a separate entity of the Salvation Army based out of Toronto," he said referring to the mounds of items being dropped off at the Herring Cove Road address. "The only thing we can do is refer people to the Thrift Store's Green Street and Strawberry Hill locations for help, provide people with vouchers for clothing and other household items or suggest they take their unwanted items to the local Hand-In-Hand location further up the road."

The concern for Captain Mercer and the Salvation Army is the mess that is being created on its property. He said the local branch was

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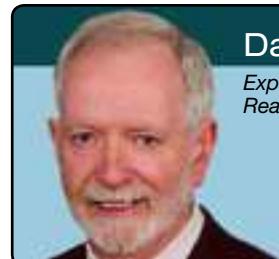
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Salvation Army struggling to redirect Thriftstore Activity

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asked by the National Recycling Operation of the Salvation Army to have the bins placed there so folks can have a place to drop off clothing and smaller items which will fit into the bins. "But what has transpired is a situation where some people are using it as a dumping ground where old items are discarded, creating an eyesore for the Spryfield stretch along Herring Cove Road. The bins are there to be used for clothing, toys, and other stuff that can fit into them. Dropping of large items and leaving bags of clothes on the ground has resulted in some

people tearing them open and even dragging them across the street to rummage through them. It makes the Salvation Army look bad, and makes the area which we are attempting to keep clean look dirty," said Captain Mercer.

He suggested that very soon, signage will be placed near the bins to direct people where to "shop" at other thriftstores and to direct them to place items in the bins. "The Salvation Army is here to help people and items dropped off that are in poor condition is not something we want to pass on to other families," he said, pleading with those who choose to drop off items to place them in the bins to help keep the property tidy.

Capt. Spry Fitness Centre

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Part of the change involves moving the existing aquatic office behind the pool and shoving the control desk further back to allow the installation of windows along the entire interior wall of the pool so people will be able to see into the pool as soon as they enter the building through the newly designed entrance way.

Windows will also be added to the pool's east wall leading to the parking lot and to the south wall leading to the wooded area to allow more natural light in and create a sort of "passive control and surveillance" opportunity for staff who can monitor what happens outside. The existing service doors of the pool will also be removed in favour of glass doors.

Changes will also be made to the centre's north staircase and newly created program rooms on the main level will receive window treatment

to help open up the space. Much of the existing meeting rooms and the large Community Room will be maintained in the project.

Outside the project will see the creating of grassy play spaces, a children's play area, a possible skate park and even a half court basketball space. The existing passenger drop off area will be restructured to allow greater accessibility for wheelchairs and the edge of the Runs will receive landscaping to help expose it better.

A major pathway and entrance point will begin from the bus stop located on Herring Cove Road between Aldergrove Drive and Levis Street. Between Herring Cove Road and the Centre a park development will unfold which will see the creation of a natural amphitheatre where people can sit to watch the Runs or enjoy event ongoing in front of the Centre. Eventually a second major entranceway may be created where the existing paved pathway leads to the back of the centre.

He suggested that anyone who would want to rummage through the bags looking for something, they should instead visit the Salvation Army "to see if we can help them because we will if we can. Let's all do our part in helping improve the image of Spryfield, starting with keeping our properties clean and presentable."

The Salvation Army has been serving the community of Spryfield for nearly thirty years, reaching out to families in the community, said Captain Mercer. In 2003 the Branch opened The Cornerstone Family Centre and through partnerships with other service providers, is helping hundreds of families who come to in search of a variety of needs.

"Because of a greater demand, the Salvation

Army is in the process of launching an extended service to the Greater Spryfield Area with the development of a new Family Resource Centre on 328 Herring Cove Road. But with the purchase of the building comes the enormous challenge of raising funds to renovate the 15,600 foot space that will be recreated into a multi-purpose facility that will provide a wide range of programs and services to the community," he said.

Phase one, giving the Spryfield Church a temporary meeting place, has been completed. As donations come in, the Salvation Army is hoping to commence the second phase of developing the family Resource Centre this year. Programs will include things for seniors, single moms and kids, teens, literacy programs, job training and development, and much more.

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53 entries make the 33rd Santa Parade another success

Thousands of local residents braved clear and dry but cool temperatures this year to show their support for the 33rd Annual Spryfield Santa Clause Parade held the last Sunday in November.

It took 20 sponsors, weeks of work by the Volunteer Committee of the Spryfield Santa Clause Parade Society and 53 entries that marched, towed, pulled, walked or motored along the near two kilometer parade route stretching between Punch Bowl Drive and South Centre Mall's finishing bandstand.

Thousands of spectators took advantage of the plastic wrapped candy canes delivered by hand from Mayor Peter Kelly along the route, and hundreds enjoyed the hot chocolate and tim bits delivered by Tim Hortons and the Salvation Army.

Most spectators complained of being cold but the enjoyment of the event was evident on their faces as they huddled together in celebration of the floats representing schools, local cubs and scouts, cheerleaders, baton twirlers, resident organizations, community groups, sport leagues and commercial entries from local businesses and from others including Aliant, Steel Auto Group and Ambassadors Grey Line.

Santa Clause was perched on the back of the last float, waving to the children and expressing his concern that they behave leading up to the Christmas Holiday.

While the committee itself, the spectators and the participants were all winners on this day, the Committee and Judges Jamie Johnson

and Jane MacDonald handed out prizes in 10 categories.

Chimo Taekwondo won for the Best Marching Entree and Rockingstone Heights School Choir was determined the Best School Entry. Honourable Mention in the Best Decorated Vehicle category went to ISS and IAT Inc. with the First Spryfield Otters capturing the award. The Klingons received Honourable Mention in the Best Individual Entry category won by Greyhound Pets Atlantic. The Most Original Entry went to the First Spryfield

Timberwolves with Jessy's Pizza receiving Honourable Mention. The Best Commercial Entry award went to Shoppers Drug Mart with Aliant falling in second place and the Best Community Entry division was captured by the Spryfield Lions Club with the Urban Farm Museum Society falling in close behind. The Halifax Sparkettes won the Best Majorette Entry while the Halifax Chebucto Shockers Tween Ringette squad picked up the Best Cheerleading Entry. Ecole Chebucto Heights School was declared the Best Overall Entry.



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Halifax Explosion caused much suffering and heartache in local communities

By Iris V. Shea,
Historian

On December 6, 2007, we mark the 90th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion and its devastating effect on Halifax and its people. The explosion that followed the collision of the French munitions ship "Mont Blanc" and the Belgian Relief freighter SS "Imo" in Halifax Harbour caused death and destruction for miles around. On February 27, 1918, at the opening of the annual meeting of the Municipal Council of Halifax County, Warden Charles E. Smith, Councillor for District 9, Sambro, made these remarks: "On December 6 last an explosion occurred in Halifax Harbour causing a great loss of life and destruction of property, and has cast a gloom over this Municipality that will not soon be forgotten. Not only is the loss of property in the districts adjacent to the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth regrettable, but the loss of life from a number of our County districts most deplorable, and will long be remembered by the bereaved families." Some



Mont Blanc Anchor, 1918, courtesy NSARM

born in Herring Cove, the son of Andrew Scallion and Susan Connell. Scallion was a Canadian Government Railway employee. He was survived by his parents, his wife Loretta Connors, formerly of Ketch Harbour, and two daughters, five year old Olive, and two year old Margaret. He is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. In 1922 his widow married Norbert Delouchry, also a native of Herring Cove.

Deputy Fire Chief William Paul Brunt, whose father, John, was born in Spryfield, was killed in the explosion when he and fellow firemen rushed to the scene of the fire on "Mont Blanc." They were still unravelling their hoses to direct water at the burning ship when the

explosion occurred, killing Brunt and Fire Chief Edward P. Condon. The force of the explosion sent the anchor of the Mont Blanc into the air. It was found two and one quarter miles away embedded six feet deep in land on the western side of the Northwest Arm, at Edmonds Grounds. Nine firemen lost their lives as a result of the explosion. William

P. Brunt was survived by his wife, Margaret McPhee of Cape Breton, and his adopted daughter, 13 year old Florence Hogan (daughter of his wife's sister). William is buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery. The previous year, on 13 July 1916, the Brunt family mourned the death of William's younger brother, Private Vincent Brunt of the Nova Scotia Infantry, 25th Battalion. Before going overseas, Vincent,

like his brother, was a member of the Halifax Fire Department. He died of wounds received while fighting at the front and was buried in Reninghelst New Military Cemetery in Belgium.

Edward John Johnson, a native of Bear Cove, died in the explosion. He was 56 years old, married, the son of John Johnson and Kate Scallion of Bear Cove. Another victim of the explosion was 13 year old George Purcell from Portuguese Cove. He was the son of George and Elizabeth Purcell.

Doris Lillian Jollimore was a casualty of the Halifax Explosion. She was the infant daughter of William (Bill) and Margaret (Davis) Jollimore living at West Young Street in Halifax. Bill Jollimore grew up in Jollimore and later moved his family back to that community. His daughter, Doris, was born 12 days before the explosion and died 1 January 1918 from shock and injuries due to the explosion, compounded by Bronchial Pneumonia.

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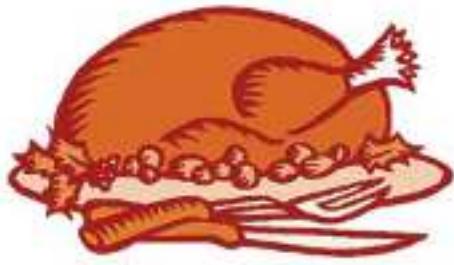
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Councillor Linda Mosher, District 17, and artist Barbi Jollota survey the Purcell's Cove Mural Ms. Jollota completed at the Councillor's request. The mural depicts Sir Sanford Fleming, his time zone development history and other representations significant with the community.

Letter to the Editor

In appreciation of a job well done

For many years now we had an empty space in the middle of Leiblin Park in Spryfield. There was a huge, empty lot with no trees and a long piece of pavement where a small mall used to sit.

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Also, there is another new bench by the

pond in the woods, where people can sit in the winter to put on their skates.

The ugly cement building, which houses a bathroom for ball players and the switches for the ball park lights, has been transformed by murals on each side.

Special thanks to Councillor Adams and to Kevin Conley of HRM Capital Parks, who were instrumental in designing the park. The young people did a fantastic job on the murals. Many thanks for a job well done!
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Dial-A-Tire forever growing to "meet customers' demands"

The Chinese have a saying – give the people what they want and you will be rich. David MacDonald will mark his 13th year operating Dial-A-Tire this February and, while he may not necessarily be rich, his ambition to give the people what they want is causing him to constantly be on the grow.

MacDonald's often grease stained hands give away his penchant as a hands-on operator of a newly expanded Dial-A-Tire auto service at 308 Herring Cove Road. The company name, derived when MacDonald opened a unique mobile road-side tire repair service in 1994, does little to explain what the company, now into its third expansion since, is all about.

"We specialize in tires," says MacDonald, "but we do full mechanical work, alignments,

brakes, shocks, struts and mufflers as well." In fact, he said, the expansion this past summer, creating a newly designed building by adding two more bays adjacent the existing former bays of an Irving Service Station, allowed the company to expand into new areas. "We've added ProForma undercoating to our product mix and we added pipe bending equipment to improve our muffler and tail pipe service to our customers," he said.

Adding services is the very reason MacDonald and his company have expanded so often in such a short time. The first growth left his mobile business behind for a service location at 538 Herring Cove Road. "We started in that space with portable jacks because our customers wanted us to start doing

alignment work and brake work," he said of what he calls "The Depot" he opened in 1999. That activity led to the installation of two hoists in the space before MacDonald purchased the former Irving Station and moved into the new location in 2004 "without missing a single day of work," he says remembering all of those people who made that transition possible.

Together with his wife Marie and daughter Tara, MacDonald and staffers Martin Boutilier and John Donovan, the Dial-A-Tire business simply outgrew the existing two bays. "Our customers wanted more and more customers had to be served and we couldn't keep pace with just the two bays," said MacDonald. "We had to grow to provide the services we were being asked to provide," he said.

"The market is getting better here all the time. The future looks bright," he said suggesting that although "good news doesn't sell, Spryfield is the place to be."

And MacDonald is comfortable with his position in the local marketplace. "We treat our customers very well," he said. He explained that in the automobile repair business there are manuals indicating how long and how much almost every job should take and cost. "When you give an estimate you have to quote from the books. If a job is estimated at two hours and it takes three we only charge the two hours. If it says it takes three hours and we get it done in less we charge for less time. We always make decisions based on the best interests of our customers."

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Councillor working to solve problems caused by capital improvements

By Stephen Adams
Councillor District 18

As two major projects wind down in District 18, the post-construction issues need to be addressed. As with all improvements,

affected residents and properties may be faced with unacceptable concerns. Although HRM staff and our contractors do their best to avoid these situations, they do arise.

For example, the sewer and water installation has had issues arise with regard to

temporary services, blasting, loss of wells and general property damage. I am working with our staff to remedy these issues on a case by case basis. Although some are more severe than others, they will all be given the attention necessary for resolution.

Work on the sewer forcemain at the top of Chamber's Hill is almost completed. This work was necessary to increase capacity for our pumping station, ultimately leading to the elimination of outflow into the McIntosh Run. Again, if you are an affected homeowner, please contact myself or our staff for assistance.

At a recent Council meeting our engineering staff made a presentation regarding the Sewage Treatment Project. Of particular interest is the plant in Herring Cove. Our treatment facility is scheduled to be up and running in September 2008. However, this is only an estimated time line. The builders are planning to reassess the schedule to allow for a more accurate date. When this becomes known I will be sure to pass it along.

The B.C. Silver project is now underway once again. The demolition was halted due to environmental concerns which have been addressed. I expect the report on rezoning to be in front of Council within the next month. I will ensure neighbours in the vicinity will be notified.

You may have noticed a number of NSPI and Aliant control boxes being painted throughout our communities. I have initiated a program to have these painted. If you have a box in mind that you would like to see decorated, please let me know.

If you have been in the Spryfield Lions Rink lately, you would have noticed the new

bleacher heaters. These were requested in the past year but were never part of the budget. As such, Councillor Linda Mosher and I used money from our Building Communities Fund to purchase these. We are hopeful this may make your hours in the rink a little more comfortable.

On November 21st we held an Open House at the Captain William Spry Community Centre to show case the new plans for the Centre. In a word they are "exciting." A new open concept, improved access and new landscaping are just some of the improvements. And there will be more meeting space for our all-important community groups. We recently approved \$200,000 in the preliminary capital budget to begin the renovation.

Late that same evening I met with the Spryfield Residents Association and had a chance to address them with respect to community initiative. It was wonderful to have a chance to talk about what we are all doing together and how residents working together can make a big difference.

Tenders for new signage are being released with the intent of installation (weather permitting) before year's end.

Over the past two years I have asked the Provincial Department of Transportation to install traffic lights at the intersection of Old Sambro Road and Northwest Arm Drive. These requests have been continually denied. However, I have written once again. With Murray Scott as the new Minister, I am hopeful that he will authorize the installation.

In closing, I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please be safe and remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Guardian Angels should be invited to Halifax – Mosher

By Linda Mosher
Councillor District 17

Early November, Curtis Sliwa, CEO and Founder of the Guardian Angels, came to Halifax and met with members of Council. The Guardian Angels is a non-profit organization that provides positive role models that work toward promoting community safety and prevent criminal activities.

Curtis gave the history of the Guardian Angels which he officially started in 1979. It was in response to troublesome times in the Bronx where he was a Manager at McDonald's. Curtis stated that initially the New York Police Department did not embrace them. After successfully demonstrating that they were a deterrent to criminal activity and promoted safe communities, the NYPD began to accept them. High profile people such as President George Bush and former Presidents Ronald Regan and Bill Clinton, and former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani have honoured and endorsed the Guardian Angels. The organization is world wide and has chapters in over 86 Cities.

All Guardian Angels chapters have an extensive three month training program, involving instruction in areas like CPR and first aid, legal aspects, martial arts training, and conflict management. The goal is not to instigate physical altercations, but to try to prevent crime in the first place. The Angels are trained in how to mitigate situations so they don't escalate. Physical intervention is a last resort, but if it has to occur, the volunteers are trained.

I have recruited my Tae Kwon Do instructor, Grand Master Woo Yong Jung, for the self defense training. He is very accomplished martial artist, including being a two-time world champion and Olympic medal winner. He is currently the Canadian Olympic Tae Kwon Do Coach. Grand Master Jung is volunteering his time and facilities to ensure

that volunteers are well trained and he wants to make Halifax safer.

In order to provide a visual deterrent and for the provide safety for the volunteers, the Angels travel in groups of at least four members per patrol. If an area is known to be problematic and physical altercations or weapons are known to be present, then a larger group is more effective and safer for the patrols. Volunteers are strictly forbidden from carrying weapons.

Some people asked who paid for the Guardian Angels to come to Halifax. All costs for the trip were paid by the New York chapter. In New York, they have foundations and donors who appreciate their hard work and assist in funding the organization. Individual chapters also conduct fund-raising.

I didn't have my mind made up about the organization coming to Halifax when I attended the meeting with Curtis. The reason why I support them now is that I see them as a proven organization that assists in deterring and preventing crime. We do not have enough Police Officers to be everywhere 24/7. The Guardian Angels can spend their time going to the "hot spots," areas that known for criminal activity.

I have been a key supporter Citizens On Patrol (COPS). These HRM volunteers work in pairs and drive their own vehicles, surveying neighbourhoods looking for crimes. If they see something unusual, they are to radio the Police. They are not a visual deterrent as their vehicles are not marked. If there is an urgent situation, they have been instructed by the Police not to intervene. I see the Guardian Angels as being different from COPS. They patrol in their very noticeable red berets and jackets and travel in large groups. They make an impact in deterring crime, but if necessary, they will physically intervene and make a citizens arrests.

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People huddled under hats and winter coats, their gloves and mittens holding onto this year's program while the J.L. Ilsley High School Band played O'Canada and member Terry Campbell bugled the Last Post to signify the customary two minutes of silence at 11 minutes to 11 on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Legion Visitation Chair Maureen O'Connor read the Act of Remembrance, the Dartmouth Boys Pipe and Drum Band offered the usual Lament, young Campbell gave the Reveille and the J.L. Ilsley Choir huddled together for a reading of In Flanders Fields before singing O God Our Help and Abide with me.

O'Connor, who was pressed into service as Master of Ceremonies after Pastor Carl Price, the Legion's Pastor for the last several years following his retirement from Calvary Baptist Church, gave up his post with the Legion this year, read a poem titled "Remember The Men and Women Who Came Home."

She then called on Calvary's new Pastor John Beers to open the prayers. "We come into your presence Lord to ask for your blessing and we pause to remember those who did not return from previous

wars," he said. "We also give you thanks for all those who were called and returned and were left with the scars of war for the remainder of their lives."

Reverend Diana Frye of Emmanuel Church said "the men and women we remember today departed for several months, for several years and some forever so that all people might live without fear. Let us pledge ourselves to the fight and remember those who are still sacrificing so that we and others can live in freedom."

Henry Hancock, representing the Salvation Army, said "we are so thankful on such a day that we can remember those

who gave up their lives for us. We think of those who are serving today on out behalf." Archie Jamieson of St. Paul's Church said "the petals of the poppy speak to us with the seeds of peace" and City Church Elder John Keating said "we thank you for the freedom we have in Canada today and for those who fought and paid the heavy price for this freedom."

Following the placing of the wreaths, Reverend Diana Frye offered the Benediction and Blessing and the J.L. Choir led the singing of God Save the Queen.

Official Laying of the Wreaths:

Government of Canada and the Senate by a Cadet; Silver Cross Mother Pidge Chant; Province of Nova Scotia MLA Michele Raymond; HRM by Councillor Steve Adams; Spryfield Legion by President Betty Neville; Member of Parliament on behalf of MP Alexa McDonough by a Cadet; District 17 by Councillor Linda Mosher; District 18 by Councillor Steve Adams; Hong Kong Veterans by Walter Francis; Merchant Navy by a Cadet; Korean Veterans by Norman Prouse; Past President Doug Ash by Alexis Beaman; Past President Wolford Gates by a Cadet; Past President Walter Kennedy by Joe and Sue Kennedy; Past President Ken Smith, Gertrude Smith and Donald Smith by sons Tim, Bill and Kenny; Granite Lodge 158 IOF and Topaz Rebeccas 125 by Frank Oakley and Thelma Whittle; Spryfield Lions Club by Tom Parsons; Lions Aquatic Centre in Memory

of Frank Cameron by daughter Jean Clement; Knights of Columbus AOC Spryfield 5017 by Doug Young; Duke of Kent Lodge by Don Stropple; St. Michael's catholic Women's League by Jeanne LeChance; Men's City dart League in Memory of Earl Francis by a Cadet; Maritime Paper by Jill and Kent Lampontan.

Private Laying of Wreaths: Kenny, Harold and Frederick Robinson by June Stropple; Roy Chambers Senior and Jean Chambers by Shelley, George, Roy Junior, Peggy and Justin; Everett Chambers by George and Janet Chambers; George L. Beaman by Kathy and Andrew Lloy; Jack Johnson by Rick and Rose Johnson; Walter K. Purcell by son Vince Purcell; Lawrence Bellefontaine by Diane Purcell; Father John Francis Connolly, Uncle Edward Connolly, Brothers Lou, George (Frank), Robert, Charles, Steve, Pat and Edward by Wife Mrs. Margaret Melvin and Daughter Anna; Don Langille by son-in-law Warren Pellerine; John Ginn by a Cadet; Gerald and Alfred Shunamon by Rae Lee; Cyril Shunamon by Lorra Lee; Joseph Kelly by Tammy Kelly; Harold Pelham by a Cadet; Albert McDonald by Dan McDonald; Stanley Fowler by Daughters Heather Hines and Pamela Shipley; David Lecky Senior by Wife Marion Lecky; Freddy Lecky by Mother Marion Lecky; Edward, Robert and Tillman Bourque by Arthur Bourque; Frank Warrington by Fran Griffiths; Alex Matchem by Wife Hilda Matchem; Darrell Alexander by Daughter Rena and Grandson Royce; Francis Flemming by Wife Corrine Flemming; Arthur Whitehead by Wife Agnes Whitehead; Cyril Connors by Wife Stella; J. Albert Walker by Daughter Christine; John Hadley by Granddaughter Sally and Great Grandson Scott; George and Anne Isnor by Gary Isnor; William (Bill) Walsh by Grandson Lee, Great Grandson Skylar and Great Granddaughters Cora and Crystal; Clarence White by Bobby White; Frederick Micheau by Great Grandson Corey; Spencer Armsworthy by daughter Maureen; Herb Edwards by Tom Delorey and Son Josh; Alexander Cowie by Paul Cowie; Robert Ayres by Kathy and Sons Danny and Arthur; Edward Cadeau by Son Mike Cadeau; Albert Richardson by Grandson Collin Auby; James Ernest Candow by Daughter Lorraine Collins.



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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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DRYSDALE, Eldon Henry - 91, a long-time resident of Spryfield, passed away in the Palliative Care Unit, VG Site, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Charles T. and Annie (Cornish) Drysdale. He was a survivor of the Halifax Explosion. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (Culton); daughters, Judith and Brenda, at home; also a number of cousins, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by sisters, Marion (Herbert) Mont and Beatrice (Rev. James) Beveridge. Special thanks to the palliative care doctors, nurses and staff on 7A at the VG Site, QEII. Also thanks to nieces, Irene, Joan and Beth. Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601).

SNAIR, Violet May "Vi" - 90, Lakeside, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Sambro, Vi was a daughter of the late Clayton and Elizabeth Smith. She was formerly employed as a switchboard operator at the Hotel Nova Scotian. She was the founding member and President of Bluenose Figure Skating Club, a life member of Timberlea Seniors Club, she loved cats, was an avid Blue Jays fan and a stamp collector. She is survived by her daughter, Anne (Ron)

Snell, Eastern Passage; sister, Doris (Edward) Kosendowski, Halifax; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Beverly Snair; son, Kenneth; sisters, Eveline, Anna, Gloria, Elsie, Veronica, Mary, Marion, Beverly, and brothers, Mark, Aubrey and Harry. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was held in Fernwood Memorial Park, Sackville.

SCHMIDT, Frederick H. - 85, Hatchet Lake, passed away in QEII Health Sciences Centre. Born

in Karlsruhe, Germany, Frederick was the son of the late Otto and Euphrine (Huber) Schmidt. He was a 50 year member of the Bricklayers Union and served in the German military during the Second World War on the Russian front. He is survived by his wife, Rosa (Kunz), Hatchet Lake; nieces, Krista Kunz-Avery (Calvin) and family, Hatchet Lake; Annick, France; sister-in-law, Emily LeRouzic, France. He was predeceased by his sister, Hilda. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield (477-5601). Interment was held in St. Timothy's Cemetery, Prospect Bay.

Guardian Angels

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The Guardian Angels are not vigilantes, but are volunteers from our municipality that form community based safety patrols and want to make a difference. These volunteers are well trained and screened through an extensive application process that includes police records

checks. They want to make our communities safe and reduce our crime rates. We have one of the highest rates of crime in Canada, and North America. Although Halifax has recently seen some reductions in crime, there has been a 17% increase in overall youth crime, including a five percent increase in youth violent crime. We need to reverse this trend and make our communities safe for everyone to enjoy.

The Guardian Angels have promoted safety and empowerment since 1979. They teach communities and schools throughout the world to take control and responsibility of both their environment and their lives. Their motto is keeping it safe. That is what Halifax needs. And we need it now. For more information, or to volunteer, please visit www.guardianangels.org.

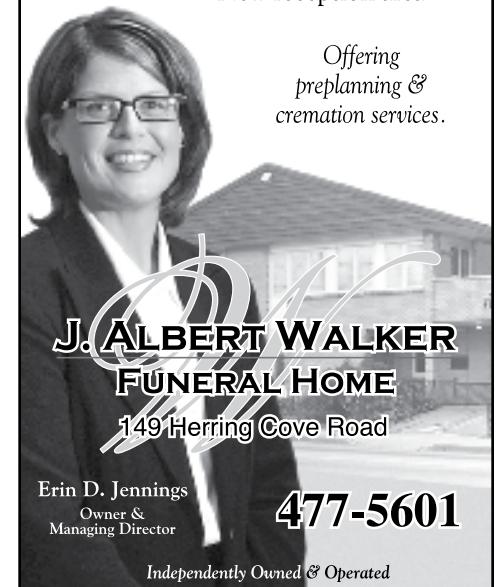
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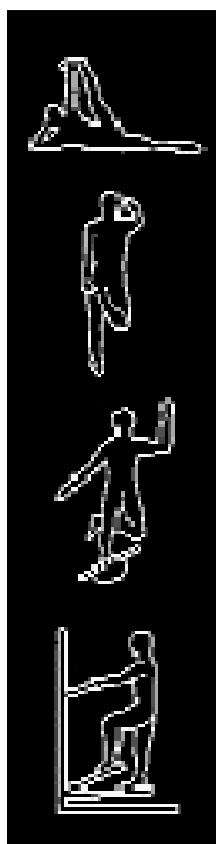
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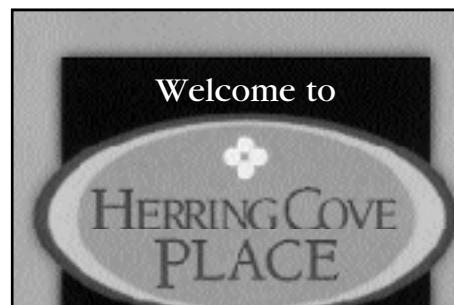
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Christmas Tree Lighting

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Grandparenting Workshop

A "Grandparenting Today" Workshop is being held December 1 at St. James Church, Old Sambro Road. For information call 444-2494.

Health Fair

The Annual Spryfield Community Health Fair will unfold from 10:30 am to 2 pm Monday, January 29, at South Centre Mall. Admission is Free and Guest Speakers will make presentations between 11:30 and 12:30. Valuable health information, snacks, beverages and free giveaways will be available to the public.

Christmas Gathering

The Spryfield and District Business Commission will hold a Christmas Reception for members December 10 from 5 to 7 pm at the Best Western Chocolate Lake Hotel on St. Margaret's Bay Road. All business members from Armdale to Sambro are invited to attend.

Recycle for Funds

Sambro Ketch-Harbour Elementary School's Grade 6 class has initiated a recycling fundraiser to raise money for their school trip. An account has been set up for the School at the Beaver Enviro-Depot in Spryfield. Anyone wishing to donate money from their recyclables towards their trip would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale

St. Peter's, Ketch Harbour will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 8 from 11am to 2 pm. Homemade Soup, Juice, Biscuit, Tea/Coffee and Cake. Everyone welcome.

Legion Notes:

Seniors Days – Mondays,– December 3 and 17 – 1 to 5 pm - featuring Newfie George.
Bingo every Sunday – Doors open at noon – Bingo starts at 1 pm
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Halifax Explosion

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Tragedy struck the home of Melissa (Umlah) Bayers on the day of the explosion. Her 42 year old husband, James McKenzie Bayers, was killed and the body of their eight year old daughter, Olga, was never found. Melissa was born in Ferguson's Cove, the daughter of William Umlah and Sarah Robinson. In 1917 the Bayers family lived at 42 Campbell Road.

Forty-four year old William Hayes of Herring Cove was the pilot aboard "Imo" as she made her way out of the crowded Bedford Basin into the Narrows, close to the Dartmouth side. Heading into the area was "Mont Blanc,"

heavily laden with munitions and dangerously close to the freighter. Pilot Francis Mackey, with ties to Ketch Harbour, was aboard the "Mont Blanc." Pilot Hayes did not make it to safety following the collision of the two ships and the subsequent explosion. William Hayes was the son of Edward Hayes and Sarah Brackett of Herring Cove. He is buried in Herring Cove Cemetery.

The photograph of the "Mont Blanc" anchor was taken in 1918 shortly after Mr. Edmonds discovered it, dug it up and put it on display. Today it is displayed with a commemorative plaque on Anchor Drive in Regatta Point, not far from where it landed, surrounded by townhouses and apartments.



The Royal Bank of Canada, Herring Cove Branch, donated \$5,000 to the local Single Parent Centre this year. Among those at the ceremony were Senior Account Manager Grace Hum, Manager Mark Hebert, Community Home Visitor Amy Robinson, and Pre and Post Natal Support Worker Trena Slaunwhite-Gallant.

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