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Just Like that – KaBoom – a playground is created

Just like that – KaBoom – \$50,000 worth of playground equipment is going to be erected on a space of land adjacent the Spryfield Lions Rink and next to the McIntosh Run on July 26, giving the community at large, and members of the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield, a new play space.

So how does this happen? The Spryfield Lions Club and the Boys and Girls Club completed and forwarded a joint application to "KaBoom," a United States based organization which oversees a Home Depot sponsored play-

ground creation program. Every year the hardware giant develops a playground in a community. The Lions and Boys and Girls Club application was the only one of more than 5,000 applications to be approved.

"It's quite a process but we're very happy to have been selected," King Lion Rene Quigley told the Chebucto News about the project which will see a 40 by 80 foot play space created in a single day. The playground will be erected on land between the Rink and the Runs which the Club handed over to the city as part

of the transfer of the rink to HRM.

"The stipulation was that HRM use the land for recreational purposes of one kind or another and this project certainly fits the bill," said Quigley offering some hope that the remaining portion of the approximate two or three acre site be developed as a park with picnic table and benches for people to use alongside the Run's shoreline.

The program will start with what is called "Design Day" on June 1. KaBoom, Home Depot, HRM, Lions Club and Boys and Girls Club representatives will gather at the site to begin planning the project. During this day, a four hour meeting, project managers will walk the site to familiarize themselves with the lay of the land. Youth from ages 2 to 12, the target group for the playground, will be given a full hour to explain what kinds of playground equipment and activities they would want at the playground and then adults will meet for two to three hours to begin the planning process and determine next steps like obtaining volunteers on "Build Day," scheduled for July 16.

Quigley says after the session the project manager will submit the "wish list" to the equipment manufacturer and designers will submit three designs. The Community Partners will make the final decisions on design.

The program requires the two Clubs to provide muscle in the form of volunteers and sufficient hand tools to get the job done. "We have to be able to feed up to 20 people on preparation days and as many as 250 on Build Day," says Quigley, not to mention supply the project with a recommended list of hand tools including 25 shovels and rakes, a six foot step ladder, five or six wheel barrows, two or three manual post hole diggers, three corded drills, three or four eight pound sledge hammers, two or three garden hoses, up to four 100 foot extension cords, three digging poles and ten to 15 cement hoops.

"This time last year when we began talking about creating a playground and park to complement our new Recreation Centre people just thought these guys are dreaming. But here we are now and it's going to happen. We couldn't be more pleased," said Quigley.

Spryfield Legion setting plan to celebrate 50th Anniversary in 2008

Walk into the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion Branch 152 these days and you'll notice a number of changes. New carpeting, new tables and chairs with more to come in the dining and dance hall, a new Veterans Memorial Plaque, a modern new flat television screen and, most importantly, between the bar

service area and the dining hall, the creation of the "Hall of Honour."

The new "Hall of Honour" includes two sides, a "Memory Wall" dedicate to honouring the past presidents of the Legion over the course of its past 50 years of history with space to accommodate new images through to the next few decades, and a "Military Wall" honouring those members who have served in various capacities in all of the international conflicts.

The changes are in part not only upgrades. "We're beginning to prepare for our 50th Anniversary as a Legion," President Betty Neville says on behalf of the committee charged with the responsibility of organizing the event

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John W. MacLeod School in Fleming Heights held a Family Fun Fair this month. As part of the fun, Justin Field, Max Glenham and James Fraser got to spray water at the photographer while Station 58 Firefighter Donald Hebb watches.

Purcell's Cove property owners to make ultimate decisions

By Linda Mosher, Councillor District 17
Editor's Note: Circumstances prevented The Chebucto News from attending this most important meeting. The following represents HRM's and Councillor Linda Mosher's review of the community circumstances. Please see MLA Michele Raymond's column on page nine

of this newspaper.

Over the years I have had many calls about possible water and sewer extension to Purcell's Cove. In October 2006 I received a petition from property owners asking for HRM to consider extending this service, which I presented to Council. The property owners who

signed were from past Wenlock Grove where the non-serviceable area begins, up to and including Battery Drive. Many of the 350 property owners did not sign the petition at all, neither for nor against. Therefore HRM staff

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Spryfield Legion setting plan to celebrate Anniversary

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in time for March 2008. "We're preparing for a week-long event to be held in mid March of next year," she said while outlining some of the plans being considered.

But part of the exercise is to try and gather the Legion's history so it can be suitably displayed for the Anniversary and into the future. "We're looking for information and in particular photographs of our past executives, regular members and the Legions themselves," Neville says asking for help from local residents in searching out old photographs.

While Neville and the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee are hoping to gain photographs of veterans from the Armdale Rotary to Sambro, of most importance to them at this stage is to try and locate photographs of the Legion's first two buildings. "We know the original Legion was located near Catamaran Pond for a period of three years and we don't have a single picture of that site," she says. From there the Legion moved to Leiblin Park for five years and there are no photographs of this site either. The existing building on Sussex Street, initiated in 1966, is the only other location used as a Legion site.

To support the project the Legion is already running a few fundraising projects including kitchen rentals and a 50/50 draw. Among the plans for the event, which will culminate on March 15th with a dinner including distribution and sale of commemorative Champaign glasses, the committee hopes to invite Legion Command representatives, all of its veterans and, hopefully, a few veterans who are serving now in the Afghanistan conflict.

The Branch received its Charter from Dominion Command on March 20, 1958, with 14 Charter Members applying. With six Chartered Members, the Ladies Auxiliary received its Charter on February 16, 1959. The now 455 member strong Legion burned mort-

gages in 1987 and 1997.

Anyone who has a Veteran's photograph or photos of the former Legion sites are asked to contact Shelly Dear at shellydean@eastlink.ca or via telephone through the Legion. All photographs will be copied and returned to their owners.

Sparklettes unfold Eastern Championship

The Halifax Sparklettes held another successful Eastern Canadian Championship called "Miss Majorette of Eastern Canada" at J. L. Ilsley High School this past month, breathing more life into a successful organization that managed to raise more than \$10,000 to cover the cost of the event.

The Sparklettes have represented the community in many events including the Spryfield Santa Claus Parade, the Parade of Lights and Natal Day. Carrying their flags, pom-poms and batons, the Sparklettes have won the Best Marching Group for the last seven years and will be competing again this year in Prince Edward Island. The team also has plans to represent the area in a competition in Wellesly,

Boston, Mass. In July the competition shifts to South Bend, Illinois.

Senior Coaches Kim Clarke and Shelley Irvine, along with Assistant Coaches Angela Irons, Tracey Gray and Marilyn Skinner, say the girls train three times a week at Chebucto Heights School and once at Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. The cost is kept affordable at only \$3 per week.

The 90 plus twirlers ages range between 3 and 20 year olds and each is required to provide their own winter and summer parade suits and their individual competition costumes. The Sparklettes can be reached through the organization's Sport Nova Scotia website at www.piczo.com/sparklettemajorettes.



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William King Elementary School held a Geometry Night to give parents an opportunity to equal the skills of their student children. Teacher Heather Flemming explains the equations of putting shapes into new shapes to James and William Campbell.

Campaigning for new playground

The Edward Jost Child Care centre is on a campaign to raise \$80,000 to replace its existing 16 year old wooden play structure and facilities with more modern, safer and more accessible equipment says Acting Director Kathleen Couture.

"We hope to have the new structure installed and a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new play space in September," says Couture suggesting that the Centre, a privately held child care centre, has reached just beyond the \$50,000 mark in its efforts to raise funds for the project.

She says the current playground facilities for both toddlers and preschool children are not accessible for those with special needs. The structures both need repairs, she says, admit-

ting that the Centre has debated the worthiness of investing money into the aging equipment.

The toddler playground does not allow more than four children to play at once, has a too narrow staircase, containing splintering wood and children "are simply not interested in the structure," said Couture.

The preschool playspace is losing "sturdiness" and sways when the children are swinging, is too high for sufficient safety, contains unsafe accessories that have been closed off and is uninteresting to children in this age group, she says.

Both play areas contain a pea gravel base which Couture says is more problematic than not and its overflow ruins any grass areas around the site.

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The Halifax Atlantic Liberal Association held its Annual General Meeting this month. Among those attending were Jim Hoskins, President; MLA Diana Whalen, Guest Speaker; Kelly Gomes, Vice-President; Denise Hoskins, Secretary and Nelson Burkey, Treasurer.



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Fraser family of Harrietsfield buried on their own land.

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

This quote from Eric Salmonson's written account of the life of Bill Fraser, "The death of William Ernest (Bill) Fraser in 1959 ended the Fraser presence in Harrietsfield, a presence which began with Bill's grandfather, Hugh Fraser of Scotland, and spanned more than 150 years. Since 1959, the Fraser farm near the end of Fraser Road in Harrietsfield has almost totally returned to nature. Only a cellar hole, an extensive stone wall, second growth trees and tangled alders remain." On a walk up the narrow lane to Bill Fraser's farm in the 1950s, you would probably meet his three milk cows, Daisy, Pansy and Bessie. A cemetery, only a few feet from the cellar hole where the Fraser house once stood, holds most of the Fraser ancestors, including those with the surname of Gilkie, Keddy, Laurilliard and Merlin.

The cemetery is a lasting legacy of Hugh Fraser and his wife Janet Drysdale. Hugh Fraser, born about 1750 in Scotland, was a Sergeant in the British Army when he received 100 acres of land in Harrietsfield in 1787. He died 1 Aug. 1842 at the age 92 years and was buried beside his wife on their land in Harrietsfield. Janet's parents, John and Ann (Duncan) Drysdale, came from Scotland in 1786 and were the founding family of Brookside, on the Prospect Road ("Brookside" was the name of Drysdale's farm).

The Fraser family burial ground has been neglected for many years although attempts have been made by concerned citizens to cut back the vegetation which threatens to take it over and return it to nature. Many of Hugh and Janet's children and grandchildren are buried in this small plot of land. Several gravestones are still standing, the earliest dated 1835.

Following their marriage at St. Mathew's Presbyterian Church in Halifax in 1796, Hugh and Janet Fraser had 11 children. Two of their five sons, Alexander and George, farmed the family-owned land until their deaths. Daughter, Mary Ann, married John George Merlin of Harrietsfield and both are buried in the Fraser cemetery.

Alexander Fraser married Sophia Umlah, daughter of William and Mary Anne (Wagner) Umlah of Goodwood. They had one son, Alexander Jr., and one daughter, Mary Anne, neither of whom married. Alexander Fraser, Sr. died 25 Sept. 1902 at the age of 90 years; his wife, Sophia, died 1 Sept. 1906, age 93. Alexander, Jr. died of a head cold, 12 June 1890 at the age of 47; his sister Mary Anne died 1 Dec. 1927 at the age of 86. All four members of this family are buried in the Fraser Cemetery.

Alexander and Sophia adopted Thomas Clement (Clem) Keddy. Clem's mother, Elizabeth Umlah, was the daughter of Sophia's brother, Benjamin Umlah of Fose's Hill. Elizabeth died five days after Clem's birth. Following the death of Mary Anne Fraser in 1927, Clem Keddy inherited the farm on which he worked and raised his family of six sons and two daughters. Clem's wife, Emma Blanche Yeadon, was the daughter of James and Ellen (Thomas) Yeadon of Harrietsfield. Emma Blanche died 16 June 1934 at the age of 58; Clem died 29 Nov. 1961, age 90. Clem and his wife, and son Thomas Edison, are buried in the

Fraser Cemetery.

Hugh and Janet's son, George Fraser, built his own homestead on the Fraser land, not far

from Alexander's homestead. George's first wife, Elizabeth Purcell, died in the City Hospital on 20 Dec. 1869 of Typhoid Fever and is buried in the family burial ground. George and Elizabeth had three sons and two daughters. One of their daughters, Janet, married Alfred Henry Gilkie, a lighthouse keeper from Sambro Island. Alfred died in 1934, age 82; Janet died in 1948, age 90. Both are buried in the Fraser cemetery. In 1877 George married his second wife, Lucy Laurilliard, daughter of George and Mary Ann of St. Margaret's Bay, and two more children, Martha and William Ernest (Bill), were born. Martha married George Fink, and Bill never married. George died in 1912, at the age of 92; Lucy died 10 Feb. 1928, age 87. Bill and his parents, along with Bill's grandfather, George Laurilliard, are also

buried in the Fraser cemetery.

Bill Fraser occupied his father's hilltop homestead his entire life. According to Eric

and attached themselves to surrounding fences and boulders in the orchard, encircling the house in bright colour when the leaves turned red. The

farm yard and surrounding orchards and pastures were impeccable...there were several varieties of apple trees, and two plum trees... across the yard from the entrance to the house was the pig house, a shoulder-high building used as a storehouse for split wood. Behind the house was the milk house where milk, fresh from the cows, was stored. There was a storeroom where tools and numerous relics were kept. Two bicycles, one with wooden wheel rims so old it was never used, were stored there. A large barn with double doors to the loft was home to Bill's twenty-one cats." The Fraser homestead is shown here in a photo taken in 1960 by Eric Salmonson. The house was abandoned and left to deteriorate until it collapsed. Eric's "Memories of Harrietsfield" is a series of articles on the history of Harrietsfield, printed in 2000, and is available for purchase through Mainland South Heritage Society.



The Fraser homestead is shown here in a photo taken in 1960 by Eric Salmonson.

Salmonson's memories, "The Fraser house in Harrietsfield was a classic pioneer home of story book quality. Vines clung to the sides and roof

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Henderson's "An Instant Trip Plan" highlights Chebucto Peninsula

By Heather White Brittain

Ruth Henderson relocated to Nova Scotia from British Columbia several years ago, and before she made that trip, there was a lot of planning. With much research and thought, Ms Henderson planned the amount of mileage that she would cover each day, which routes would be taken and what maps would be her guide. Little did she know that she was entering another journey that would take her to the "love of maps and trip planning."

Chuckling about this time in her life, Ms Henderson says she "fell in love with trip

planning. Since then my love for trip planning has sky rocketed!" So much that Ruth Henderson has self-published a guide she calls "An Instant Trip Plan" for people to use who are designing a trip with things to do on The Chebucto Peninsula. Informative and interesting, the guide is a useful tool for locals and visitors alike.

"Do you know about the historical sites and ruins near York Redoubt?" Ms. Henderson asks. "Well, there are other fort ruins nearby, two in fact. I was surprised myself," she adds. "I wonder if others know about these and how much there is to see near areas of the

Connaught Battery and places like Devil's Hill Cemetery?" Questions like these incite the "planner."

Enthusiastically, Ruth Henderson switches to a conversation about Devil's Hill Cemetery: "You may think it's gruesome, but I love cemeteries. Devil's Hill is quite unique and of course, on the right side is the Catholic burial and the left side is the Protestant. Cemeteries are intriguing and make great picnic sites," she adds. Ironically, they were often built in some of the most scenic locations and would be most interesting to visit because of their views.

Wanting this to be a guide for first time visitors to Halifax, Ms Henderson says that her publication is a "step by step plan to show the

many crooks and crannies of Chebucto Peninsula." Originally from Prince Edward Island and a bookkeeper for 27 years, Ruth Henderson has taken time off to complete the guide and is now looking to distribute it.

"I fell in love with Halifax," she says. "The Chebucto Peninsula is a gem and every time I drove around the loop and saw that few people knew about it," her voice trailing, she adds, "I love the Chebucto Peninsula." Clearly, this is a feeling that Ruth Henderson would like to share and she has been planning this for quite some time!

To reach Ruth Henderson and obtain a copy of her guide "An Instant Trip Plan," email: rootiesroute@hotmail.com.



Maime Wilkes, Librarian at Elizabeth Sutherland School, stands with students Alex MacDonald, Alana Thibault and Adrienne O'Neil, who, acting as the school's team, won this year's Battle of the Books literacy competition sponsored by Woozles Bookstore.



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Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly was on hand to throw out the first ball in the Atlantic Youth Bowling Council National Championships held in early May at the South Centre Bowlarama.

Raymond calls for restoration of ferry service

NDP Environment Critic and MLA for Halifax Atlantic Michele Raymond is calling on the Halifax Regional Municipality to support a pedestrian ferry for the Northwest Arm. "Environmentally, the historic ferries across the Northwest Arm are the best way to get to downtown Halifax," says Raymond. "Halifax was built on a peninsula, to make it defensible, and those defenses still work. It's hard for vehicles to get on and off

the peninsula." "HRM needs much stronger public transit, and the Northwest Arm ferry is a cheap and easy way to do it." Raymond says she operated the ferry on a trial basis for two weeks in 2001 and again in 2002. "It worked," says Raymond. "People still call my house sometimes looking for the ferry. I hate telling them it's gone because HRM wouldn't allow it to continue."

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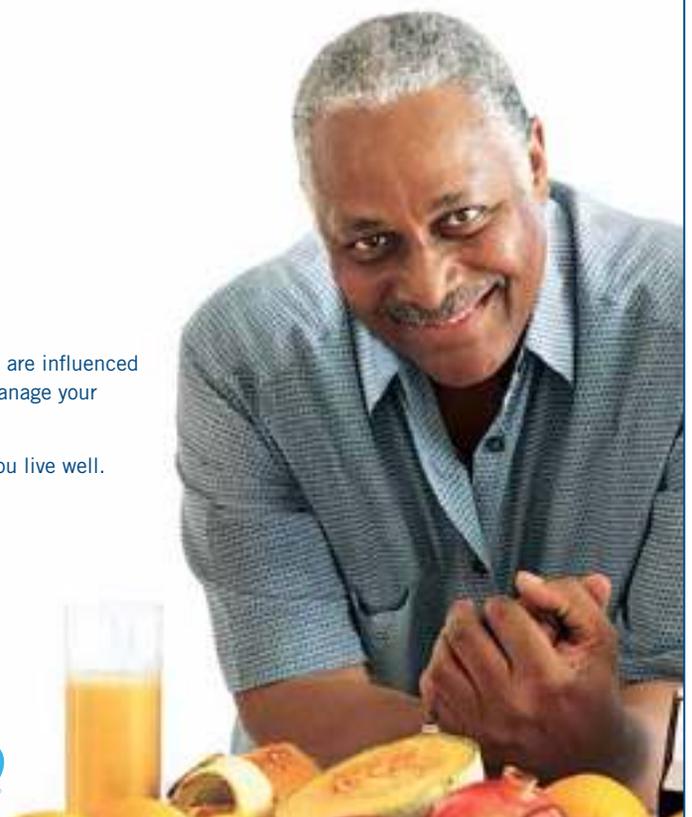
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Rev. Neil Bergman stands in front of St. Ann's Parish, the sight of a new ministry he is working to create in Portuguese Cove.

New "Coastline Song Church" established in Portuguese Cove

What does it take to be a Minister and have a desire to initiate a congregation? Sometimes it takes you own money as Reverend Neil Bergman discovered when he began to investigate the purchase of the closed St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Portuguese Cove.

More than a year ago Bergman placed an offer on the vacant church, originally built on a site above the existing setting at St. Ann's Cemetery by Hildred Purcell in 1935. "The church had been vacant for a few years and for sale for quite some time," said Bergman, suggesting that when financing fell through he loaned the emerging congregation his own funds to close the deal and incorporate the

church. "Full financing for needed renovations is still forthcoming," he says.

And in the meantime Bergman is working quietly away establishing the church as a Disciples of Christ parish, a mainline Protestant formed in North America from the combining of several Presbyteries or Baptist congregations "that found themselves expelled for putting their own interpretations of church practices and doctrine ahead of the orthodox creeds and statements of faith of the day," he says.

There are 47 congregations of the "restoration movement in the Maritimes says Bergman. Among its most famous members are John Howe, father of Joseph Howe, and Dr. Lewis Johnson, brother of Nova Scotia Governor and former Premier James Johnson.

But for Bergman the events of yesterday fall behind his own priorities. The church has received new siding, thanks to a donation bequeath, but there are a number of renovations, including righting of the steeple angle, fixing the roof and creating toilet facilities.

In the meantime the site is host to a few monthly events and contains the beginnings of a "free trade" coffee store and bookstore while Bergman visits local folks to create interest and involvement in the emerging parish. "This might become a Mission Place before we grow into a full parish. I have visited 60 homes in the area and will be making more visits as time passes," he says suggesting that the area is in need of more religious services.

Originally from Edmonton Alberta, Bergman has lived in Nova Scotia since 1978. He can be reached at 430-2301 or 835-2592.

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Ketch Harbour Road residents enduring construction traffic delays

By Stephen Adams
Councillor District 18

As summer quickly approaches, construction road repair and overall maintenance increases significantly. No where is this more prevalent than in Herring Cove. If you have had a chance to visit recently, you will be amazed by the amount of activity and the amount of equipment being used. The sewer and water project with Harbour Solutions have dominated the community with excavators, trucks and many other pieces of heavy equipment.

As with any project of this magnitude traffic delays and other inconveniences are an unfortunate consequence. I have had a handful

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felt the results were inconclusive.

In response to the petition, I held a community meeting on May 26th at the Purcell's Cove Social Club and brought out the appropriate staff to answer questions. The sole purpose of this meeting was to provide information. The Halifax Regional Water Commission (HRWC), nor HRM, try to sway property owners one way or the other on this issue.

Some people question why some residents want municipal services, as their well and septic are fine. A request for water and sewer is usually precipitated because some of the properties have malfunctioning onsite sewage disposal systems or contaminated wells. Many residents know that eventually all septic systems will fail. Other times the water is of poor quality because of natural soil or rock conditions, or there is inadequate water supply during dry weather conditions. Over the years many home owners from Purcell's Cove have contacted me regarding their lack of city services. Their concerns not only involved septic systems and water quality or quantity issues, but also about the lack of fire hydrants in the area. I have had the Halifax Regional Fire Services conduct an assessment and they have assured me that there is a plan in place to bring water in as a result of a fire. I referred many queries to the HRWC who met with several individuals over the years.

During the meeting there were concerns about who signed or didn't sign the petition. Although there is no expectation of privacy when one signs a petition, the protocol is that HRM does not post the petition on line, nor is it circulated. If someone contacts the Clerk's Office then HRM is obligated to provide the

petition information requested. At the meeting I read the text from the petition, but did not read out the names as that would be simply unprofessional. I referred all requests about the petition to the Clerk's Office, as is the proper protocol.

Some speakers mentioned that they understood the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS) would like City services and felt that the petition was to support that initiative. The text of the petition was at the top of each page and was clear that the area included Purcell's Cove. There may have been a different petition started at one time, but I have no knowledge about that. One of the MLA's stated she asked Halifax Regional Water Commission (HRWC) to look at managing the system at RNSYS. In fact HRWC already mentioned this as an option to RNSYS back in 2001 along with many options. The main problem with this option is that even if you have certified operators to optimize the RNSYS system, you would still have the same water treatment facility and the source would still be prone to problems. Another option for them was having a bulk water storage facility on-site, or extending services to their facility.

Residents also requested information on expected costs. This meeting was a preliminary information meeting and was not about costs but the concept in general. If the process continued, HRM can provide residents with a preliminary estimate. The next step would be a pre-design which gives better cost estimates. Ultimately the project could go out to tender and residents would have the exact price before the public would decide if they wanted the service.

Based on the input received at the meeting

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the issues we face. As a result of his efforts, we will be meeting with our staff and Dexter Construction to look at possible solutions. This meeting is scheduled for the first of June.

During the middle of May I met with concerned parents and grandparents regarding the condition of the playground at Ursula Court. In speaking with Bill Arbuckle our supervisor, we have established a plan to remove the old equipment and install new play structures. This work will be done within the next few weeks. The Harten Field playground should be finished at the writing of this article and the Harrietsfield School playground equipment should be completed in due course.

The process to begin the rezoning of B.C. Silver has begun, which should ultimately lead

to its demolition, and the sooner the better. This once proud building has fallen victim to vandals who have no respect for property. The deferred Public Information Meeting and subsequent Public Hearing will be well advertised.

The bridge at the end of River Road will be replaced, with work beginning on June 4. This would have been done last fall, but Department of Environment regulations prohibited its installation.

In closing this is the time of year for school fairs, community gatherings and, of course, graduations. You can count on something for everyone in District 18. I hope to see you at these great events. And I want to wish my sincerest congratulations to all graduates. You should be very proud of your accomplishments.

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Canada Summer Jobs – “Conservative Speak” for job cuts – McDonough

By *Alexa McDonough, Halifax West MP*

Last week, the Conservatives were once again imposing ‘slash and burn’ policies on Atlantic Canadians – this time, cutting millions in funding and thousands of summer jobs from its Canada Summer Jobs program. Across the region, hundreds of community-based non-profit organizations, tourism and other small businesses, and local economies will pay the price if the Conservatives get away with their most recent attack on our jobs and resources.

Last fall, the Harper government replaced the federal Summer Career Placement program with an initiative called Canada Summer Jobs – a new title for an old program, but this time with \$55 million less in funding.

Many organizations and programs eligible for funding under the previous program were belatedly notified that they would no longer qualify for funding support. Why? The criteria being used are wrong-headed. Communities with lower unemployment rates are virtually cut out of the equation, along with our larger urban communities. This leaves many community organizations short on answers, and even shorter on resources, regardless of the benefit to the community their services provide.

Locally, dozens of organizations have lost support for summer positions, such as the Spryfield Boys and Girls Club, the Autism Society of Nova Scotia’s summer camp, North End Day Care, and the Chebucto Links seniors’ programs. The problems are the same province-wide. Groups that once provided services critical to Nova Scotians are being

starved of resources.

In the process, hundreds of student jobs across the province risk being wiped out. This hurts Nova Scotians most of all because our students pay the highest tuitions in Canada – on average \$6,571 a year. That’s two-thousand dollars more than students in the rest of the country. Because of that, students need to earn more from their summer jobs so they can afford to continue their education. If we cannot get the

Residents need to know the price before they buy

By *Michele Raymond, Halifax Atlantic MLA*

Purcell’s Cove is one of many small communities which make up today’s Halifax Atlantic, or the Mainland South area of the Halifax Regional Municipality. Purcell’s Cove was settled more than 200 years ago as a fishing village, and its quarries have supplied stone for many of Halifax’s best known landmarks, including the Grand Parade, the Town Clock, Government House, Citadel, and dockyard among others.

The road to Purcell’s Cove links several tiny communities along the way, and the winding nonconforming streets, unmatched houses and cottages, all relying on wells and septic fields have become desirable places to live, as a result of their distinctive nature. Rising property taxes reflect that fact, as this area has seen some of HRM’s most rapid growth in tax assessments.

Purcell’s Cove also lies at the mouth of the Northwest Arm, at the end of several large bands of undeveloped land known as the

Conservatives to reverse these cuts and change course, not only will valued jobs vanish, and important community services be eroded, but many students will face even higher debt loads, or be forced out of school altogether.

But, there is some hope – the Conservatives are learning that bad policies have their consequences. In the House of Commons and here at home, the Conservatives are getting the message – Nova Scotians aren’t

going to stand for this abuse. If they don’t respond to our pressures, maybe what’s needed is a new kind of ‘Conservative Summer Jobs’ program! Instead of Conservatives withholding money and canceling jobs, Nova Scotians withhold their votes and cancel Conservative MP jobs, leaving them with bills to pay and in desperate need of a summer job. Maybe then, they’ll understand that a job program without jobs doesn’t work!

Barrens, and designated Holding Zone (now Urban Reserve), which stretch from Spryfield behind Williams Lake. This zoning means the lands can’t be developed until central sewer and water services are available.

Last week I attended a public meeting held by HRM to discuss the possibility of bringing municipal services to Purcell’s Cove. It was a lively, well-attended meeting, and it brought out many residents, and obvious uncertainty about the proposal and its origins.

The meeting was apparently the result of a petition to HRM council, although the document wasn’t available. Petitions are of course the communication of public will to public authority, and as such are public documents. (This was the subject of considerable debate at the meeting itself, as residents were advised the petition was confidential; in fact it is, as required, available on request at the city Clerk’s office).

Several people at the meeting indicated they signed the petition understanding it requested HRM to investigate the cost of bringing water to the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron. RNSYS is understandably concerned with the liability of being a registered public water supply relying on surface water from Williams Lake. I have raised the possibility with the Halifax Regional Water Commission of taking on RNSYS water operations on contract.

The petition appears to have been reconstituted at some point, however, so that it now deals with bringing water and sewer further,

into some (or all) of Purcell’s Cove.

Since area residents will pay for servicing through local improvement charges, hookup charges, and later increased property tax assessments, as well as water and sewer usage charges, it’s understandable that they want to know the cost before they order the product. This is the one message that came through loud and clear at last week’s public meeting.

Most people won’t buy a new car without knowing anything about it or what it costs. The people of Purcell’s Cove shouldn’t be expected to order city services without knowing anything about them, or the price tag.

It’s clear that city services will open up large tracts of undeveloped lands behind Williams Lake, as well as new transportation corridors, but this is no reason to impose unknown costs on existing residents.

The tone of last week’s meeting reminded me of similar early meetings about bringing services to Herring Cove, a decision which has imposed crippling costs on many families already living in the area, while opening the community up for further development as envisaged in the Halifax Regional Plan.

I hope HRM will not proceed on the strength either of last week’s meeting in Purcell’s Cove, or an ambiguous petition, until Council has established total costs and distribution of costs, has relayed these figures to the taxpayers, and has then taken proper measures to determine community interest in receiving these services, at these costs. It’s good business, and it’s only fair.

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it is understood that there is not a clear consensus in the community regarding extending services. Should services be extended at all? And if so, how far? Do those who have requested sewer and water represent the majority of the property owners? Is it possible to provide

sewer and water only to those who want it? Is piped water and sewer the only solution, or is there a simpler, more cost-effective option, such as remediating existing wells and onsite wastewater disposal systems? Ultimately it is the majority of property owners in the area that will decide what, if anything, will be done regarding servicing.



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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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HILTZ, Winnifred Marguerite - 85, Halifax, formerly of Sambro, wife of the late Edward Hiltz, passed away in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII, Halifax. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Thomas and Harriett (Page) Tully. She is survived by sons, Gerald, Toronto, Ont.; Donald, Sambro, and Barry, Toronto, Ont.; daughters, Jean Flemming (Gary), Ketch Harbour, and Barbara Wyse (Reg), Portuguese Cove; her twin sister, Vera Wiswell, Halifax; her grandchildren, Rosemary Campbell (Micheal), Sherrice Gilkie (Jeffrey), Adam (Jenelle) Gray, Clinton Gray and Jamie Hiltz, as well as her great-grandchildren, Kassy Gilkie, Devon Campbell, Kaelen Campbell, and the Jordan Hiltz. She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Edward; sisters, Marion and Lillian; brothers, Charles, Arthur, Harold and Ernest, and great-grandson, Jayden. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Rd., Spryfield. Interment has taken place in St. James United Church Cemetery.

NAGLE, Thelma Kathleen - 82, Herring Cove, wife of the late Richard Nagle, passed away in Maplestone Enhanced Care, Halifax. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late William and Mary (Richardson) Brophy. Thelma is survived by her daughters, Diane (Stuart Faulkner), Lower Sackville; Leanna Reinhardt, Herring Cove, and son, Rick (Pam) Nagle, Lower Sackville. She was grandmother to Lynn Aloisi (Orlando), Paul Faulkner (Angela), Jeff Reinhardt, Keith Reinhardt, Richie Nagle, and Byron Nagle, and great-grandmother to Brandon, Michael, Nicholas, and Christian. She is also survived by sister, Rita Gates, Herring Cove; brother-in-law, Harold Nagle, Halifax; half-sister, Marie Reid, Ontario, as well as many nieces and

nephews. She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Richard; sisters, Helena, Jenny, Mildred, Bertha, Eileen, Edna; brother, William, and sisters-in-law, Vilena Kingswell and Doris Duff. Interment has taken place in St. James Church Cemetery.

JOLLMORE, Jane Emily - 87, Terence Bay, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Terence Bay, she was a daughter of the late Leander and Ellen (Nowe) Slaunwhite. Jane was a loving mother and housewife. She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, Terence Bay. She is survived by her husband, Wally Jollimore; daughters, Sheila Slaunwhite, Vivian Bennett, both of Spryfield; Elaine (Mike) Harvey, Timberlea; sons, Alfred (Shelly), Roy (Minetta), both of Terence Bay; sisters, Phyllis Slaunwhite, Marie (Elliot) Morash; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by sons, Raymond and Gerald; sisters, Jenny and Mary; brothers, Clyde, Ellsworth, Ervin, Cyril, and Clarence; two brothers in infancy.

MacDONELL, John Joseph "Joe" - 82, Herring Cove, passed away suddenly in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. He was born in Sydney and grew up in Antigonish. He was a son of the late John Colin Francis "JCF" and Catherine (MacNeil) MacDonell. Joe was a veteran of the Second World War, and a graduate from St. Francis Xavier (B.Sc.), where he played hockey with the Antigonish Bulldogs. Most of his life he worked as a real estate agent. He was a faithful member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, Herring Cove. Known for his sense of humour, he will also be remembered for being generous to the poor. He especially loved animals and chil-

dren. He was predeceased by his wife, Anne Marcella (MacDougall) MacDonell, and his sister, Theresa MacDougall. He is survived by his brother, Donald, Antigonish; his children, Mary Therese (Marc) Piccinin, John, Nancy (Guy) Trottier, Martin (Selame), United Arab Emirates; Gerard (Cheryl) and Paul (Sonja), Vancouver; godchild and special friend, Paula; grandchildren, Helgi, Danielle, Amy, Luke, Claire, Stephane, and Marcella. Interment has taken place in St. Paul's Catholic Cemetery.

HOLLETT, Robert Ronald - 53, Halifax. It is with grieving hearts that we make the announcement of the passing of our dear father, son, brother and friend, at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Donald James Hollett and the late Florence "Aileen" (Hartlen) Hollett. Robert was a loving person who lived for his children and family; he was very family oriented. He was a rare and simple man who will be sadly missed by all. He was a drywaller for over 30 years. He was, at one time, owner and operator of Twin Cities Motorcycle Salvage. He loved to fish, hunt, and the outdoors; some of his fondest memories took place in his cabin in Musquodoboit. He loved to travel in his youth. He is survived by his sons, Timmy, Keith and Robbie, all of Halifax; daughter, Jamie Hitchcock (Joel), Tantallon; long-time companion, Peggy Stevens; sisters, Donna Foley (Peter), Jeddore; Edna Oakley (Wayne), Herring Cove; Sharon Buggie (Brian), Jeddore; brothers, Wayne (Mary Anne), Purcell's Cove; Keith (Karlene), Halifax; grandchildren, David, Kaitlyn, Abby. Robert was predeceased by his wife, Maureen Brewer; sister, Josephine Mary "Linda"; brother, Donald Joseph Junior. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville.

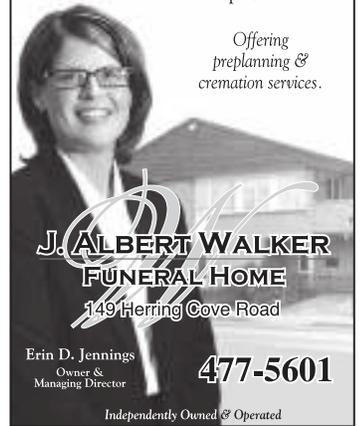
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Chebucto News Community Events

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Family Fun Day

The Annual Chebucto Heights Family Fun Day and Flea market at the top of Cowie Hill Road will be held Saturday June 16 from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be games, bouncers, a cake walk and lots of prizes. Everyone welcome.

Annual Yard Sale

The Kline Heights Annual Community Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Withrod Drive, Mountain Avenue, Osborne Street and everything in between! Lots of great bargains! Rain date Sunday June 10.

Car Wash Fundraiser

The Edward Jost Children's Centre will hold a fund raising car wash and barbeque in conjunction with the employees of the Northwest Arm Branch of Scotia Bank Saturday June 9 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Herring Cove Road Petro Canada Station. Funds will be used to help create a new playground at the Centre. Scotia Bank will match all funds raised.

Society Wants Members

The Urban Farm Museum Society is looking for new members and volunteers. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, 9:30am at the Captain William Spry Community Centre in Conference Room

#3. For further information please call Pat at 477-6087.

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Want to learn more about how to use local facilities such as your community's school gymnasium to play basketball, badminton, or volleyball? Or enjoy an aerobics or Tai Chi Class? The Chebucto West Community Health Board has developed a brochure with all the information you need to get started. Brochures are available at your local library or on our website: www.cdha.nshealth.ca/communityhealth/chebucto or by calling 424-5144.

Fundraiser Dance

Emmanuel Church will hold a fundraising dance at the Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, Saturday June 16 beginning at 8 pm. Music by DJ Albert Martell. A light lunch will be served at intermission. Tickets \$6 per person.

Theatre Arts Guild Presents

Scotland Road by Jeffrey Hatcher, Directed by Nick Jupp and Produced by Hugh Vincent is TAG's next production being held at the Neptune Studio Wednesday June 13th to Sunday June 17th. Book your reserved seats now. Contact the Neptune Box Office at 429-7070.

Outdoor Rink

If you are interesting in working towards an Outdoor Rink in the Spryfield and Herring Cove area, please join our group. For information and to get involved, please call 477-3463 or e-mail darrenmwatts@hotmail.com.

Annual Lobster Supper

St. James' Anglican Church in Herring Cove (1 Harrington Road) will have the Annual Lobster Supper on Saturday, June 16 from 3 to 6pm. Dinner choices are lobster or scallops or 1/2 and 1/2. There is a ham dinner and a children's menu available for those who prefer a non-seafood dish. Tickets are sold in advance only. For more information or to order tickets, please call 446-8168 or 477-5535.

Heritage Walk

Walk to the Historic Rockingstone: Join members of the Mainland South Heritage Society and Urban Farm Museum Society on Saturday June 9 and learn more about the history of the Spryfield and this historic stone. Meet in parking lot of Captain William Spry Centre, 10 Kidston Road, at 10 am (takes approximately 1 to 2 hours). Contact Iris Shea, 479-3505 for more information.

School Spring Fair

Harrietsfield Elementary School will host the Annual Spring Fair at the school, 1150 Old Sambro Road, Saturday June 9 from 11am to 2 pm. The "rain or shine" event includes games where everyone wins a prize, a barbeque, face painting and tattoos, snow cones, popcorn and cotton candy, a bake table and flea market, raffle items, and a Pirates of the Caribbean bounce. Proceeds to harrietsfield Elementary School.

McIntosh Run Clean-Up

The 2007 McIntosh Run Watershed Clean-Up is scheduled for June 9 from 9 am to noon. Participants are encouraged to meet at the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion in appropriate dress.

Run Meeting

The next meeting of the McIntosh Run Watershed Association is June 19th, 7pm at the Captain William Spry Centre. All welcome. The Association is in need of help for the following positions fundraising, website manager, graphic designer, geographic information systems, grant proposal writing, trail promotion and planning, water quality monitoring and biological testing.

Playing Peter Pan

The play Peter Pan will be performed by students at William King Elementary School with two performances June 4 and 5 at 9:30 am and 7 pm both days.



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20'	\$859	\$1079	\$1219

CUSTOM DESIGNS: We would be pleased to adapt any kit to suit your needs or... Custom Design your deck giving you package pricing. Includes all material, nails, posts and handrail system. A Truly Complete Deck Package.

La Vinci SERIES

BATHTUB & SHOWER CONVERSION



OLD TUB



TUB CONVERSION



SHOWER CONVERSION

- 100% Acrylic tub liner with matching walls, designer skirt and ceiling capper.
- New pop-up drain and chrome overflow.

Tub conversion installed for just...

\$1699

Why do Vinci Tubs?

- Write a book in 30 days!
- All acrylic components. Completely seamless.
- Accommodates up to 3 heavy accessories (including the complete Trench Tub too).
- Member of the Better Business Bureau.
- Super construction with full safety and Western Compression fittings.

- Remove old tub and prep walls.
- Install 100% acrylic shower base and maintenance-free 3-pc acrylic wall system.
- Install Moen Pressure Balance Shower Taps.
- Supply/install soap dish, grab bar, corner caddy.

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- Have low financing rates with service, interest & long warranties of up to 10 years and more!
- Offer nationwide service and locally supplied tub kits.

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3 DAYS ONLY SHED KITS

any 4x8 kit size

SIZE	ECONOMY		REGULAR		DELUXE		SIZED	
	BAVN	GABLE	BAVN	GABLE	BAVN	GABLE	BAVN	GABLE
8X10	\$1226	\$1499	\$1526	\$2056	\$2626	\$2926	\$3999	\$5118
8X12	\$1669	\$2099	\$2179	\$2899	\$3779	\$4279	\$5649	\$7179
8X14	\$2052	\$2742	\$2872	\$3892	\$5092	\$5792	\$7592	\$9712
8X16	\$2435	\$3215	\$3345	\$4565	\$6065	\$6965	\$9165	\$11685
10X10	\$1629	\$2059	\$2139	\$2859	\$3739	\$4239	\$5609	\$7129
10X12	\$2012	\$2712	\$2842	\$3762	\$4962	\$5662	\$7462	\$9582
10X14	\$2395	\$3195	\$3325	\$4445	\$5845	\$6645	\$8845	\$11365
10X16	\$2778	\$3678	\$3808	\$5028	\$6628	\$7528	\$9928	\$12848
12X12	\$2462	\$3162	\$3292	\$4312	\$5712	\$6512	\$8712	\$11232
12X14	\$2845	\$3745	\$3875	\$5095	\$6695	\$7595	\$10095	\$12975
12X16	\$3228	\$4228	\$4358	\$5778	\$7578	\$8478	\$11178	\$14358
12X18	\$3611	\$4811	\$4941	\$6561	\$8661	\$9761	\$12861	\$16641
14X14	\$3295	\$4395	\$4525	\$5945	\$7745	\$8845	\$11645	\$14925
14X16	\$3678	\$4978	\$5108	\$6718	\$8818	\$10018	\$13218	\$17098
14X18	\$4061	\$5561	\$5691	\$7511	\$9811	\$11211	\$14611	\$19291
16X16	\$3945	\$5245	\$5375	\$7085	\$9285	\$10685	\$13985	\$18265
16X18	\$4328	\$5828	\$5958	\$7868	\$10368	\$11968	\$15668	\$20448
16X20	\$4711	\$6411	\$6541	\$8661	\$11361	\$13161	\$17261	\$22441
18X18	\$4395	\$5895	\$6025	\$7935	\$10435	\$12035	\$15735	\$20515
18X20	\$4778	\$6478	\$6608	\$8728	\$11428	\$13228	\$17328	\$22608
18X22	\$5161	\$7061	\$7191	\$9411	\$12311	\$14311	\$18811	\$24591
20X20	\$4845	\$6545	\$6675	\$8895	\$11795	\$13595	\$17695	\$23075
20X22	\$5228	\$7128	\$7258	\$9678	\$12778	\$14778	\$19478	\$25358
20X24	\$5611	\$7611	\$7741	\$10391	\$13871	\$16071	\$21171	\$27451
22X22	\$5295	\$7195	\$7325	\$9855	\$13055	\$15055	\$19755	\$25635
22X24	\$5678	\$7778	\$7908	\$10678	\$14178	\$16378	\$21678	\$28158
22X26	\$6061	\$8261	\$8391	\$11391	\$15091	\$17491	\$23191	\$29971
24X24	\$5745	\$7645	\$7775	\$10315	\$13615	\$15815	\$20515	\$26795
24X26	\$6128	\$8228	\$8358	\$11138	\$14638	\$17038	\$22338	\$28958
24X28	\$6511	\$8711	\$8841	\$11951	\$15651	\$18251	\$24051	\$31071
26X26	\$6195	\$8295	\$8425	\$11175	\$14875	\$17275	\$22575	\$29295
26X28	\$6578	\$8778	\$8908	\$12098	\$16098	\$18698	\$24598	\$31818
26X30	\$6961	\$9261	\$9391	\$12918	\$17118	\$19818	\$26018	\$33538
28X28	\$6645	\$8845	\$8975	\$12135	\$16135	\$18735	\$24435	\$31455
28X30	\$7028	\$9328	\$9458	\$12955	\$17255	\$19955	\$26255	\$33575
28X32	\$7411	\$9811	\$9941	\$13775	\$18275	\$21075	\$27575	\$35295
30X30	\$7095	\$9295	\$9425	\$12595	\$16795	\$19595	\$25495	\$32815
30X32	\$7478	\$9778	\$9908	\$13415	\$17815	\$20615	\$27115	\$34835
30X34	\$7861	\$10261	\$10391	\$14235	\$18835	\$21735	\$28435	\$36155
32X32	\$7545	\$9845	\$9975	\$13455	\$17655	\$20455	\$26955	\$34475
32X34	\$7928	\$10328	\$10458	\$14275	\$18875	\$21775	\$28475	\$35995
32X36	\$8311	\$10811	\$10941	\$15095	\$19895	\$22895	\$29795	\$37715

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SIZE	Value Package	Regular Package	Deluxe Package	Deluxe Package
16x16	\$2697	\$2997	\$3997	\$5197
16x20	\$2997	\$3497	\$4497	\$5697
20x20	\$3297	\$3897	\$4994	\$6497
20x24	\$3697	\$4297	\$5497	\$6897
24x24	\$4197	\$4897	\$5997	\$7597
24x30	\$4597	\$5497	\$6697	\$8397
30x30	\$5797	\$6597	\$7997	\$10,697
30x36	\$6197	\$7197	\$8797	\$11,797
30x40	\$6597	\$7597	\$9297	\$12,497

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• Stained
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YOUR CHOICE While they last!	YOUR CHOICE
1'-0" (12")	2'-2" (26")
1'-2" (14")	2'-4" (28")
1'-4" (16")	2'-6" (30")
1'-6" (18")	2'-8" (32")
1'-8" (20")	2'-10" (34")
1'-10" (22")	3'-0" (36")
2'-0" (24")	

\$69.88

each

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each

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