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## Regional Police assume duty patrol for Sambro Loop

It will be six years to the day on April 1, 1999, when the very first edition of the Chebucto News broadcast a two line headline and front page story titled "Police presence irregular - We're just stuck out here at the end," outlining the troubles residents of the Sambro Loop were experiencing over police

presence and response times in their communities.

So this week when the Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley held a press conference to announce that agreements have been made with the RCMP Detachment in Tantallon and HRP officers would begin patrolling the

loop April 1 this year, the Chief knew he was both beginning a new era in police service for the community and hopefully ending a long standing issue for residents.

"Discussions have been going on for years, even before amalgamation (in 1996)," the Chief told the Chebucto News in a telephone interview. "This has been done in partnership with the Tantallon RCMP and is in no way a reflection of their service," said Chief Beazley. "This is just a natural extension of an area that we already patrol. The RCMP see the trip through areas serviced by our force as not an efficient use of their time," he said, adding that when they did need assistance "it was usually us who ended up going."

Calling the move a win-win for everyone, Beazley said the erasing of this political and

policing boundary was one of 54 recommendations in a police study commissioned in 2002. The study identified the area as "a bigger piece of geography with about 5,000 people there that we have to reach so that's why we've reached out to the media. To make sure we get the message out about the change," said the Chief.

And while the Chief gave a great deal of credit for the move to Councillors Stephen Adams, who has campaigned for the change for at least six years, and Councillor Linda Mosher who together with Adams helped establish the new community police office on Herring Cove Road, there were a few other concurrent activities that helped bring the change about.

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Greco owners Don Baird and Dan Doherty dish out pizza and garlic fingers to a larger than expected crowd at this year's Family Fun Day held at the Captain William Spry Community Centre.

## Benefit dance for Autistic boy

The community is rallying around Michael MacIntyre-Smith, diagnosed with Autism in December of 1999, by preparing a fundraising benefit dance at the Silver Seas Social Club, 1618 Ketch Harbour Road, in time for Saturday April 23 from 9:30 pm to 1 am.

Michael, a grade one student at Harrietsfield Elementary School, has a funny personality, loves to play keyboard and have fun with numbers, but Autism affects his ability to communicate and interact with others, as well as his behaviour and learning.

Now 8 years old, Michael has difficulty with fine motor skills, making printing difficult for him. Almost completely non-verbal, with the exception of a few words, Michael has been participating in class through the help

of an electronic communicator. The device, borrowed from the school, is similar to a portable keyboard, and allows Michael to type his needs and requests via the keypad which displays his message on an LCD screen.

To further aid his quality of life, he needs a communicator of his own, one with voice output, and computer access, allowing what he types to be printed via a computer. Such devices are expensive and not covered by medical plans. The benefit dance is designed to help purchase the equipment. For more information on Michael's Benefit dance, please email or contact Elaine Wiwczor at 479-2585; elaine@pantry.ca or Michelle MacIntyre-Smith at 477-7594; joeysmith@eastlink.ca.

## Spryfield "Village Concept" - study results presented to public

By Betty Dobson  
 Staff

If all goes as planned, "Spryfield Village" just might be on the map, literally and figuratively.

At the final draft presentation of the "Herring Cove Road Planning and Streetscape Project," members of the public got their best look yet at proposed changes to their community, thanks to detailed wall maps and a comprehensive Powerpoint presentation.

The long and ever-evolving project relied heavily on community feedback, including a questionnaire that drew a surprisingly strong response. "Usually when you put out a questionnaire like this," said Peter Klynstra, one of the lead planners with Ekistics which undertook the study, "you expect about 1 and 3/4 % return is very high, and we're pushing 4% return. So, there seems involvement with the community." Primary public concerns brought out by the survey were traffic, safety, pedestrian connections, bus service, community identity of the village, street diversity, natural and cultural heritage.

By slowing down traffic on Herring Cove Road, which 70% of questionnaire respondents identified as their top issue, Spryfield could experience revitalization in the retail and commercial environment. Planners envision reduc-

ing the road from four lanes to three. Fewer lanes reduce speed but actually increase traffic capacity overall. Slower speed means drivers have more time to observe their surroundings, including local businesses, and will be more inclined to stop. Klynstra indicated a potential 24.7% decrease in accidents as a result of the lane change. Pedestrians would also be safer when crossing the road.

Rather than turn Herring Cove Road into a long business strip, however, planners envision commercial clusters or nodes scattered throughout the area. Plans also include the concept of increasing residential density in the area and creating a village centre. That's where "Spryfield Village" comes to life. "It can be done with the existing configuration of streets," Klynstra says, allowing that a few adjustments will have to be made by realigning a few streets. Extra land opened up by one of the changes will be used to create a skateboard park.

Cosmetic changes like treed medians would make the area more appealing visually. The project also proposes linking the five major walking trails that converge in the area and creating access to the Punch Bowl off Herring Cove Road.

One of the most impressive proposals

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## Spryfield "Village Concept" presented to public

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involved the development of a public park in front of Captain William Spry Community Centre in order to emphasize the building's architectural appeal. Plans to move storefronts closer to the street and tuck parking in behind drew considerable attention as well.

Halifax Regional Municipality recognized Spryfield as a centre in its own planning maps, but more was needed to make the community a

thriving centre. "You've all heard the statement 'there needs to be a there there'," Klynstra said. He stressed the importance of first bringing people to Spryfield, of having them stop rather than pass through. Once the people came, he assured listeners, the businesses would follow.

In order to determine the centre of the community, planners asked residents to identify that area on a map. "Most of your fingers came down pretty close to the corner of

Dentith Road and Herring Cove Road, somewhere around where we are. Sometimes the fingers came down right on top of this room. Some came down on the mall." The message seemed clear that the community knew where to find its core.

The final draft will be presented to Council soon. If approved, the project would unfold under a multi-year financial plan. Long-term zoning changes could take as long as 30 years.

## Chebucto Junior High School students practicing healthy lifestyle

Thanks to Doctors Nova Scotia a number of students at Chebucto Junior High School will not only be encouraged to develop healthier lifestyles, many of them might just end up running in this year's Blue Nose International Marathon Youth Run.

Following its participation in the Blue Nose Marathon project last year, Doctors Nova Scotia, which used to be called the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, the organization wanted to develop a program to encourage more physical activity among Nova Scotia youth.

"One of the areas doctors of this province want to address is health promotion," says

Youth Running Program Coordinator Kerry Copeland. And with the help of a grant from the Provincial Office of Health Promotion, the organization has jump started a "Youth Running Program" which is now reaching more than 2,500 kids in 40 schools across the province. "We would like to see as many of these kids as possible running in this year's Marathon Youth Run," says Copeland.

The program is a 14 week project where kids gather in groups at their schools to run and or walk for a total of 30 minutes while covering the required 4.2 kilometre distance. By the end of the program, each successful

participant will have run the distance of a full marathon, 42.2 kilometres.

Running like any sport, says Copeland, is excellent for both the body and the mind. "Being active boosts the immune system, makes muscles and bones stronger and can help prevent obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure, not to mention improvements in self-esteem, increased confidence and the development of leadership skills," she said.

She said the program will teach youth the importance of including physical activity in their daily routines and give them an opportunity to experience first hand the benefits of physical activity. "If youth discover the value of leading a healthy active lifestyle it will lead to healthier, more active adults in the future," said Copeland.



Youth Running Program Coordinator Kerry Copeland, District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher and Parent Volunteer Joy Higgins get set to start the first in a series of 4.2 kilometre runs to encourage kids toward a more healthier lifestyle.



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# Local martial artist passes 3rd Degree Black Belt test

A hushed crowd gathered at Chimo Taekwondo on Herring Cove Road to witness the promotion of Doug Large to 3rd Degree Black Belt. As the last task was completed the

65 family, friends and students witnessing the event erupted into cheers and congratulations for Mr. Large.

"This has been one of the most challeng-

ing days of my life," said Large following his power break of eight concrete bricks.

"Taekwondo is a lifestyle that will challenge you each day, but pay rich rewards to anyone who sticks with it."

The sometimes emotional ninety minute test was overseen and evaluated by 7th Degree Black Belt Grand Master Woo Yong Jung of Halifax. The former World Champion and Olympic Bronze medalist assessed Large's abilities in four major areas of Taekwondo practice including traditional Taekwondo forms, full contact Olympic style sparring, self defense and breaking.

"Mr. Large has trained for many years to reach this point and his demonstration today was an excellent example for his students," said Master Jung following the test. "Chimo Taekwondo is offering a fine program and I am proud to lend my name to this school." Master of Ceremonies Alicia Taylor told

the assembled group the best thing about being a student of Mr. Large is "he makes us accountable for our behaviour and our choices. He expects us to be our best and in turn we strive for our best. However, he never expects perfection and is humble enough to still learn from us."

"We thank you for being our instructor, for always believing in us and always being there," she added.

Chimo Taekwondo has been in operation on Herring Cove Road in Spryfield for more than 18 months. In that time the club has grown to more than 70 members of all ages. The club has been represented at several tournaments around the region and brought home more than 170 medals and trophies. Of particular note were the 24 medalists from the 2004 Junior National Taekwondo Tournament held in Dartmouth not long ago.



Doug Large smashes boards as part of his test toward his 3rd Degree Black Belt which he earned in front of about 65 Chimo Tai Kwon Do Club members.

## Regional Police assume duty patrol for Sambro Loop

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Internally, the HRP and RCMP are now using a combined and single dispatch system. Chief Beazley said this allows both forces to communicate on the same talk band. "We can talk to each other now and we can both be dispatched from the same dispatch centre," he said suggesting the system will help police respond faster. He said the fire department is also already on board with the new system.

Also he said the department has a new Global Positioning System (GPS) in place which allows the communications centre to know exactly where every car, including the RCMP, is throughout HRM. The system gives police the ability to operate a "closest car

goes" policy when emergencies arise.

And the Chief said the new office on Herring Cove Road allows the department to go back to a "sector policing" strategy which will allow officers stationed in the area develop a familiarity with the community, its needs and residents. "It's a more efficient policy from our perspective," he said.

The Chief confirmed that the department's Problem Solving Unit will be stationed at the new Herring Cove Road office and that the department will continue to work with Citizen on Patrol units established in municipal districts from Clayton Park to Sambro.

### HRM Partners in Policing Host Community Meetings

To continue realizing efficiencies and provide enhanced policing as part of the Policing Study, HRM recently announced an upcoming realignment of policing services between RCMP Halifax Detachment and Halifax Regional Police (HRP).

Effective April 1, RCMP resources will be redeployed to meet policing demands. This will ensure a better distribution of RCMP resources throughout HRM and specifically address needs in the Sackville area.

As a result of the redeployment, Halifax Regional Police will assume responsibility for the area commonly referred to as the Sambro Loop and the Purcells Cove - Herring Cove Loop. This area is a natural geographic extension of HRP's existing West Division, which will result in service efficiencies.

Supt. Vern Fraser of RCMP Halifax Detachment, Chief Beazley of Halifax Regional Police and HRM Councillors Steve Adams and Linda Mosher will be hosting Community Meetings to discuss the transition and answer citizens' questions.

**Wed. March 9, 7-9 p.m. - St. Peter's Church Hall,  
1091 Ketch Harbour Road, Ketch Harbour**

**Thurs. March 10, 7-9 p.m. - St. Paul's Church Hall,  
151 Hebridean Drive, Herring Cove**

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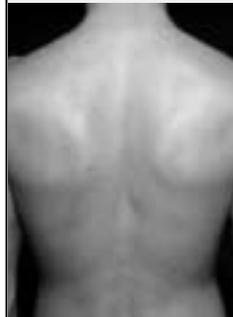


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### Prominent Halifax men claim early ownership of mills at head of Northwest Arm.

by Iris V. Shea, Historian  
Mainland South Heritage Society

In 1752 Rev. Aaron Cleveland, Giles Harris and Joseph Chadwick, as joint owners, received a grant of 300 acres of land at the head of the Northwest Arm. The land, situated between present day Melville Cove and the Armdale Rotary, extended from the shores of the Arm, west to, and including, Chocolate Lake and its shores. The most important feature of this grant was the stream that flowed from Chocolate Lake to the Arm, providing the necessary force to operate a series of mills for more than 150 years.

Cleveland, Harris and Chadwick immediately began to develop a sawmill one-third of the way up the stream from the Arm. All three soon ran into financial difficulties, and by 1755 the land and sawmill were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Rev. Cleveland was a Congregational clergyman from New England. He returned to the United States where, generations later, one of his descendants, Grover Cleveland, would twice become President.

Three new names then entered the picture: John Fillis, a Boston merchant who recently settled in Halifax, his brother James Fillis, and John Scutt, a Halifax merchant, none of whom had any interest in operating the sawmill. John Fillis, Esquire, became an active participant in this province's business and political circles; James Fillis soon left Halifax to take up residence in Horton, N.S. to become a farmer; John Scutt, a prominent Halifax merchant, died within a few years of acquiring the property. His share went to his widow, Susanna, and her new husband, Thomas Bridge. Bridge, who held a seat in the House of Assembly and also served as a magistrate, a Justice of the Peace, a coroner, and a clerk of licenses, received a grant of 200 acres on the western side of the Arm in 1771 which later became Boulderwood, Jollimore and most of Fleming Park. A chocolate mill replaced the saw mill, but by 1786 a grist mill was built on the same location.

In 1780 a young entrepreneur, John Hosterman, appeared on the scene. Hosterman, with his parents and siblings, were part of a group of foreign Protestants from Germany who settled in Lunenburg, N.S. in 1753. (The first syllable of the surname Hosterman is pronounced the same as the word "host" and was originally spelled Österman). As a baker and brewer, Hosterman resided in Halifax in 1770 when he married Anna Felicia Weinman of Lunenburg. He purchased the one-third share from Thomas Bridge and, with the permission of John and James Fillis, established the first grist mill on the stream at the head of the Northwest Arm.

The Hosterman name remained associated with this property for two more generations following John's death in 1818. Thomas, his only surviving son, bought out the shares of his nine sisters. As for John and James Fillis, no deed was found to determine when they relinquished their shares, but it was apparent the Hostermans controlled the entire 300 acres. Thomas Hosterman had been a business partner with Benjamin Etter in a jewellery and silversmith company and married Eliza Etter. (The Hosterman/Etter coin of 1814 is a collector's item today, and may be seen and pur-

chased on the internet).

In 1823 Thomas Hosterman, in partnership with William A. Black, erected a more sophisticated grist mill at the head of the North West Arm, the largest of its kind in the province, to manufacture flour and shelled barley. Machinery was brought in from Great Britain in order to produce flour which would compete with that imported from the United States. Among their purchases were a drying kiln, an oatmeal mill and a pair of stones for manufacturing "superfine" flour. Black was another well-established merchant in Halifax. His father, William Black, was the Methodist minister whose visits to Sambro in the early 19th century encouraged the congregation to build a Methodist church in that community.

During the 1830s, ships transported grains from as far away as the Baltic and Black Seas, sailing up the North West Arm to the grist mill, their cargo to be ground into flour. At the same time, Joseph Austin, who was in the tobacco industry in Halifax, operated a Snuff Mill on

the stream. Taking Snuff was a popular past-time in the 19th century. After Thomas Hosterman's death in 1863, his two surviving sons, John Edward and Charles Owen, inher-

ity chose to live at the head of the Arm. Thomas Hosterman's summer cottage "Armview" overlooked the head of the Arm, but the family lived on Argyle Street in Halifax. Before his death, Thomas built a large house overlooking the mill stream, on the left side of the Herring Cove Road, which his son John occupied. Charles Hosterman built a large house on what was later Edmonds' Grounds. They continued to operate the Melville Iron Foundry and nail factory until the 1870s, when financial difficulties caused them to lose most of their land and businesses at the Arm. Other manufacturing interests on the stream in the 1870s included Rose's Brush Factory and Chandler Electric Light Company. The mill property was sold in 1879 to Henderson and Potts who manufactured paint until an unfortunate fire in 1887

forced them to leave the area. They returned in 1899 and, beside the old mill site, operated a barytes mill for about 20 years. It would be difficult today to find any trace of the mills in this area. Even the stream has been diverted to make way for housing.



Hosterman's Mill at Head of NW Arm, watercolour by J.E. Woolford, 1817. NS Museum

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# Halifax Ladies Musical Club: One hundred years of philanthropy

By Des Writer  
Staff

The stereotype of "struggling artist" applies not only to those who exhibit their talents on canvas. Many talented musicians eke out marginal existences close to the breadline. Gone are the wealthy patrons who fostered the careers of 18th century geniuses, to be replaced by questionably beneficent organizations such as the Canada

Arts Council, and local philanthropic agencies.

One such philanthropic group is the Halifax Ladies Musical Club. When the late African-Nova Scotian contralto, Portia White, took her musical training at the Halifax Conservatory, she had financial support from the Halifax Ladies Musical Club. "The club funded her first concert at Branksome Hall," says Bedford resident and past-president, Yvonne White, Portia's sister

and the youngest of 13 children from the musical family. Later, says White, the provincial government formed the Nova Scotia Talent Trust, which still today supports gifted Nova Scotians pursuing careers in the arts.

This year, the Halifax Ladies Musical Club is celebrating its centenary, and continues to provide financial support to promising musicians. The club's mission, says current President, Judy Grant, is "to support young music students who are finding it difficult to finance their education."

Founded in 1905 by Mount Allison University graduate, Dr. Vega Dawson, it has approximately 100 members drawn from throughout Halifax Regional Municipality and beyond. Some are music teachers, others professional musicians. "Most are people interested in supporting students," says Maritime Conservatory of the Performing Arts piano teacher Carol von Syberg. "We're all getting older, and not getting young people," says Grant. "We even tried letting them in free!"

Every year school music teachers send out a list of promising students, says Grant. The list includes students from high schools, Dalhousie University's music department and the Conservatory. "We have a committee that meets and discusses the applications," she says. Grant says the club members use the funds from annual dues, voluntary donations and a bake sale to dis-

tribute some 10 to 12 "Talent Grants," each around \$200 to \$300, to deserving applicants. In addition, the club sponsors two awards at the Conservatory including the Dr. Vega Dawson Voice Award and the Flora Beckwith Piano Award.

After an annual Opening Coffee Party, which always takes place at City Hall, the club holds monthly concerts in the Dalhousie Arts Centre, in which music students perform. "It's getting the experience of performing, and not just the money," says Stephanie Coolen, mother of Claire, a grade 12 student at St. Patrick's High School, and one of the province's "rising stars," who intends to embark on a professional singing career.

Twice a recipient of the club's talent grant, and a performer in its "Kiwaniis Festival Highlights" concert, Claire is a seasoned soprano soloist. "They're a very good organization to perform for and a very enthusiastic group," says her mom, Stephanie. "They've watched her grow since she was 10." She says the grant helps pay for expenses such as travelling to auditions.

Last year's winners of the Talent Fund awards performed at the club's January concert, says White. Soloists included singers and instrumentalists on violin and piano. "Most were in high school, and two in Dalhousie," says White, adding that the performances were "very advanced." High praise from someone who is herself an accomplished performer.

To mark its centenary, the club plans a special evening on May 15, featuring Canadian soprano, Marcia Swanston, and highlighting the club's contributions to the musical life of Halifax over 100 years. The event will place particular emphasis on the club's support of Portia White in her early career, and of the Nova Scotia Talent Trust, now in its 61st year.

On the Talent Trust's website is a quote from the Journal of Education on the occasion of the Trust's 20th anniversary: "The one thing lacking in gifted artists is neither talent nor dedication - it's money." That remains just as true today, and the members of Halifax Ladies Musical Club hope the club will be around for many more years to play its part in overcoming that deficiency.

## Celebrate with us!

Department of Justice, Halifax Regional Police and HRM Councillors Linda Mosher and Steve Adams invite citizens to attend the grand opening of the Spryfield Community Office.

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# Long Lake Park Association Annual General Meeting upcoming

By Alain Godbout

Long Lake Provincial Park, a park that stretches from the St. Margaret's Bay Road and the Hatchet Lake Road south to the Old Sambro Road, and from Northwest Arm Drive west to Harrietsfield, connecting to the Terence Bay Wilderness Area which continues on to the Atlantic coast of the Chebucto Peninsula, is an unspoiled wilderness and green corridor connecting urban HRM to the open ocean.

But although Long Lake Provincial Park (LLPP) is a provincial park in law, it is managed by the province as a 'park reserve.' It is the only area of Nova Scotia protected by the

Provincial Parks Act that is not a functioning park.

The Long Lake Provincial Park Association (LLPPA) promotes a vision of the Park as a protected and appropriately managed resource offering the citizens of the province opportunities for recreation, nature appreciation, education and nature conservation. The Association is presently working with the Department of Natural Resources to develop a Park Management Plan.

The Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday March 9 and all interested citizens are invited to the Community Meeting Room at the Captain William Spry Community Centre, 10 Kidston

Road, Spryfield, which begins at 7:30 pm.

There will be reports on the past year's activities, election of new officers, and a presentation by nationally recognized conservation scientist Martin Willison entitled "A Community Approach to Park Planning."

Count on Martin to describe what a treasure Long Lake Provincial Park is, what it and could become and what steps can lead there.

For more information call LLPPA President Rod Lake at 876-2456, or Secretary Alain Godbout at 477-7698.



This aerial view of Long Lake shows its position on the edge of Long Lake Provincial Park. (Kyle McKenzie Photo)

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Contact Mary Angela with any questions at 479-4486 or [munrom@halifax.ca](mailto:munrom@halifax.ca)

## Board to hold Community Roundtable Discussion

The Captain William Spry Community Centre is preparing to hold a community consultation and roundtable workshop called "Citizen Engagement in a Fractured World" in late March.

"We all want to better communities, ones that are healthy and safe, with jobs, mutual support, recreation, access to nature," said Board Resource person Marjorie Willison. "But building good communities is not always easy. For many of us, time is scarce and resources are fragmented," she said, adding that among service providers, government departments, and various sectors in society, it is often difficult to make connections between each other and with communities.

While many citizens want to play meaningful roles in their community she says, and governments are taking steps towards community development and citizen engagement, the majority of these efforts are uncoordinated and fractured, and good ideas all too often fall through the gaps.

The Board at the Captain William Spry

Community Centre has been working to help build strong community groups, encourage agency coordination and make linkages with governments. "We need the community's help in finding better ways to determine what needs to be done to nurture positive working relationships and healthy communities," she said. To participate in this discussion, and for additional information, please phone the Captain William Spry Community Centre at 479-4487.



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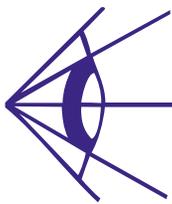
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# "Assessment Cap" Bill 40 a first step to preserving home ownership affordability

By Michele Raymond  
Halifax Atlantic MLA

I'm writing this just after returning from two days on the South Shore, where I was speaking to people in Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg Counties, as Municipal Affairs critic, and finding that these communities, like Halifax Atlantic, are under a growing threat.

Most people here know that the coastline of the South Shore is very beautiful, and not unlike the coast of Halifax Atlantic, from Herring Cove out to Pennant.

Just like here, the people of the South Shore fished and farmed for generations, and largely settled along the coast. Just like here, some South Shore families have lived for many generations on the same piece of land.

And, just like here, the people of the South Shore are living in a place that is being "discovered." That's not a bad thing in itself, but combined with our system of property taxes, it is proving catastrophic for many families.

Nova Scotia is becoming a very desirable place, so sought after that some Nova Scotians can no longer afford to stay in their own

homes. Property taxes are skyrocketing as property values increase, even when there has been no physical change at all.

Why is this?

Nova Scotia municipalities depend heavily on property taxes to fund their activities surrounding local roads, sewers, municipal water system, public transit, fire departments, policing and mandatory contributions for elementary and secondary schools. Property taxes are based on the province's assessment of "Fair Market Value" for each property. Each municipality then sets the rate at which it will tax this value, and collects these taxes.

Whenever a property is sold, the selling price is reflected in the assessment of other, nearby properties. Riverfront, lakefront, coastal land and houses in our historic communities are all very desirable, commanding high prices for buyers all over the world. These high prices bring high taxes for the neighbours.

The NDP has been pushing for a solution to this problem. Last year's Bill 40 is a first step in the process, but it is only a first step. It allows property owners to apply for a "cap" on the amount of increased value that can be taxed

in any of the next three years. If property values are increasing rapidly in your neighborhood, please be sure to apply for the CAP program this fall.

During these three years, however, we must develop an assessment system that does not depend on an illusory "Fair Market Value,"

does not let property taxes climb higher, farther, faster than any other cost, and does not drive Nova Scotians out of their homes.

This is one of the most pressing problems facing our province, and I am looking forward to working on a solution. In the meantime, I welcome your comments, questions and stories.

## HCR Streetscape Study, police realignment help improve community

By Linda Mosher  
Councillor District 17

The Herring Cove Road Community Development and Streetscape Planning Project will provide a blue print for improvements to the Herring Cove Road area that increases its cultural, historical, natural, social, community, and business focus.

Recently, the consulting company retained by HRM for the project, Ekistics, presented their recommendations to the public. It incorporated many of the wonderful ideas generated by the public through the workshops and surveys. One major recommendation is to have a transit terminal at the Spryfield Mall. HRM

staff agree this is an ideal location and are looking at having this as a Bus Rapid Transit route. This would entail having a bus go from the mall to downtown Halifax via North West Arm Drive, including a stop to pick up park and ride passengers.

Other transportation ideas are ways to include capacity for bicycles, meridians, improved sidewalks and walking connectivity through an integrated trail system. The recommendations must be analyzed by HRM staff to ensure that they are possible. Public Works and Transportation will assess all of the consultant company's traffic suggestions following consideration of current and anticipated vehicular volumes.

see "HRC Streetscape" pg. 12

## Canada-Nova Scotia offshore revenue formula: proof that minority government can work!

By Alexa McDonough  
Halifax MP

The governments of Nova Scotia and Canada recently signed an offshore agreement that would ensure our province gains significant benefit from our offshore resources.

My New Democrat colleagues and I have worked together with Premier Hamm and NS NDP colleagues for several years to stop the federal Liberal claw back of 70 cents in equalization money for every dollar Nova Scotia makes from our offshore resources.

The federal New Democratic Party included in our 2004 election platform a comprehensive program to address the fiscal imbalance between the federal government and the provinces, including a fairer equalization formula. It is now incumbent on the provincial government to seize the opportunity these additional resources provide to improve the lives of Nova Scotian families.

This important achievement demonstrates clearly to Nova Scotians that "minority governments can work!"

For example, in 2001, Geoff Regan was a Liberal MP in a majority Liberal government when Premier Hamm approached all parties to support the Campaign for Fairness that sought a better offshore deal for Nova Scotia.

Geoff Regan's first response was to launch a shameful partisan attack against this campaign in the House of Commons, suggesting the premier "campaign for credibility" instead.

In February 2005, Geoff Regan, cabinet minister in a minority Liberal government with a Prime Minister who cut billions from provincial transfers when he was finance minister, admitted that this new offshore revenue formula put Nova Scotia "on a much stronger financial footing." What a difference minority government makes!

I assure you of my continuing commitment to make this minority parliament work for you by working collaboratively with parliamentarians prepared to work in the best interests of Canadians.

Contact my office at 426-8691 if you require assistance or information, hearing from you remains the most rewarding part of my job.



The Royal Bank on Herring Cove Road presented the Healthy Kidz Program in Greystone with a cheques for \$10,000 this past month - On hand for the celebration besides Leo the Lion were Zack Vienneau, Dakota O'Leary, Megan McCormick, Kyla Sepp, Ciara Sepp, Kiara Sexton, Kahlynn Mackintyre, Jessie Roberts, Megan Higgins, Kendrell Talbot, Akayla O'Leary, Kandace O'Leary, Kyla Sepp, Jasmine Downey, and Romanda Downey.

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# Two "milestones" for District 18 this past month - Adams

By Stephen Adams  
Councillor District 18

The past month has seen two significant milestones for all residents of District 18. They are both very high profile and will render long-term benefits for years to come.

The first item deals with policing. As you are probably aware our new office in Spryfield is now fully operational. Now this office will provide even more service, and to all of District 18.

As of April 1 of this year HRPS will police the Sambro Loop. This has been talked about, discussed, mulled over and debated almost to the extent of the NHL lockout (I couldn't help but find a way to get that in this column). This process has been extensive and has finally come to fruition.

There will be and have been many questions surrounding this transition and I will try to address them as best I can. Perhaps the best way to approach this is to outline what this doesn't mean.

First and foremost, this is not the beginning of HRPS taking over policing for HRM. Some have suggested that this may be a repeat of the Cape Breton experience. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Secondly, policing in Spryfield will not suffer. I have been given assurances from Chief Frank Beazley, Deputy Chief Tony Burbrige and Staff Sergeant Greg Mosher that Spryfield's level of service will not decrease.

The Citizens on Patrol in the Loop will continue and hopefully develop the same great relationships with HRPS as was enjoyed by the

RCMP. Hopefully they will be able to share their knowledge and expenses with the newly formed Citizens on Patrol in the Spryfield area.

The benefits to this reallocation are numerous. The RCMP will now be able to redeploy four officers from the Tantallon Detachment to Sackville. What this means is that the residents of Sackville get additional resources with no increase in costs.

Most importantly to our area is that residents will now have reduced response times and increased visibility. (I'm sure you have seen this already). With the Spryfield office,

and officers throughout the area, police presence will increase.

The HRPS office location and the location of the Detachment in Tantallon, also led to this transition. Geography worked against the RCMP as it made it difficult to respond at times.

Finally, this is by no means meant to reflect negatively on the RCMP, their members or their senior staff. In the end, geography was a critical issue.

Elsewhere in the Chebucto News you will see advertisements from the HRPS regarding

community meetings. I encourage you to attend.

The second milestone involves the Herring Cove Streetscape and Planning Study. Councillor Mosher has covered this very well in her column. I would like to emphasize that Ekistics, the consulting company, will provide recommendations to our staff and then to Council. We will assess these and base our discussions on the wishes of all community members. To be clear all residents will have a say, not just the vocal minority. It is our road and our community will help to decide its future.

## Northwest Arm Drive due for improvements says MLA

By Graham Steele  
Halifax Fairview MLA

The provincial Department of Transportation has finally completed its study of traffic problems on Northwest Arm Drive (NWAD). The study confirms that there are some design and construction flaws that need to be corrected.

I have been advised, by a senior DOT official, that correcting these flaws has been identified as a regional priority for the 2005-06 budget. Unfortunately, that does not necessarily mean that the money will be allocated.

My job, as your MLA, is to do everything I can to secure funding for these safety-related upgrades. Let me now back up a few steps to

give some background to the problem.

"Northwest Arm Drive" is the road that runs south from the intersection of Dunbrack Street and Main Avenue, at the top of Fairview, down to the Old Sambro Road in Spryfield. NWAD intersects with the Bicentennial Highway, Osborne Street and Cowie Hill Drive.

Unlike almost all streets in my constituency, which are municipal, NWAD is a provincial highway. That's why it is me and not your HRM Councillor who deals with NWAD issues.

It was at least a year ago that I was contacted by Jim Connolly, a resident of the Stoneridge subdivision. Jim and his neighbours had some serious concerns about the safety of NWAD, and Jim took it upon himself to poll his neighbourhood to find out what exactly the concerns were. Their particular concern was the intersection of Walter Havill Drive, Albert Walker Drive and NWAD, since that is the sole entry and exit point for Stoneridge residents.

Based on the information provided to me by Jim, I contacted the Department of Transportation. The traffic authority there indicated that the DOT was aware of some problems, and had in fact undertaken a study of the whole of NWAD.

So Jim and I waited. And waited. And waited. And waited. I do not know why it took the DOT so long to produce its study. All I know is that it took much longer than we were promised. Jim did marvelous work in surveying his neighbourhood, and I want everyone to know that the delay was in no way attributable to him.

We now, finally, have the study in hand. If you are interested in reading the full study, it is available on my website at [www.grahamsteele.ca](http://www.grahamsteele.ca). I will also be distributing it to everyone in the Stoneridge area. The study is only three pages long but it contains a great deal of useful information.

The study confirms that the collision rate on NWAD there is 74% higher than the provincial average. The study calls this "unacceptable."

The high rate of collisions is attributable mainly to the intersections. The worst intersection is the intersection with Walter Havill Drive and Albert Walker Drive, where there are design and construction flaws.

For example, and this is only one example, the lack of an acceleration lane for vehicles turning right from Walter Havill Drive on to NWAD creates conditions ripe for rear-end and swerving accidents.

Problems are also identified at Osborne Street and Cowie Hill Drive. The report says that another issue, involving cars leaving the roadway just north of Bay Road overpass, requires more study. There was one such incident just last summer in which a young woman died.

Anyone driving on NWAD has an interest in seeing these flaws corrected. Now that the traffic study has been completed, it's time for action. I have written to the Minister of Transportation asking that these recommendations be funded in this spring's budget. You can be sure that I will follow up until the work is done.



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# HCR Streetscape Study, police realignment help improve community

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Some other possibilities for this "village" are vast improvements for a park area in front of the Captain William Spry Centre, a location to incorporate a skate board park, signage, and other community and esthetic enhancements.

HRM Planner Richard Harvey is the lead on the HRM steering committee for this project which includes representation from Traffic, Engineering, Community Response, Parkland Planning and Recreation.

He will work with the HRM staff to prepare a final report for Council. When this is approved, HRM will be able to have a multi-year financial plan to implement the staff recommendations.

Councillor Adams and I have already obtained funding to implement some of the suggestions, pending final budget approval. Residents should expect some noticeable improvements starting this Summer or Fall. We greatly appreciate the excellent feedback

and suggestions provided by members of the community.

On a different note, Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley recently announced a realignment of policing services. Halifax Regional Police will assume responsibility for the Sambro Loop, adding four new officers to our area. The RCMP will redeploy four officers formerly dedicated to the Sambro Loop to the Sackville area. Previously in District 17, Halifax Regional Police stopped their patrols on Battery Drive and the RCMP started at Ferguson's Cove Road.

Councillor Steven Adams has been pushing for this change since amalgamation. Since being elected as your Councillor I have also supported this change, as it will realize efficiencies and will provide enhanced policing. Recently, residents in Purcell's Cove have seen an increased Police presence as officers are familiarizing themselves with the new area. It makes geographic sense as the Sambro Loop is a natural geographic extension of the existing

HRP responsibility. Overall, it is a win-win situation for the citizens we serve.

Other exciting Policing news is the grand opening of our new Herring Cove Road Police Office and the future addition of a traffic division to serve HRM. During Town Hall meetings, residents made it clear to the Chief that traffic enforcement is a key issue. As a Police Commissioner, I am solidly behind establishing an HRP traffic division that will promote safer streets and communities by dealing with strategic traffic enforcement, prevention and education.

Pending Council approval, we will create a 22 member traffic unit. In addition to the two current member accident investigation team, we will hire ten new full time police officers in 2005-2006, and hire ten more in 2006-2007 to complete the team. HRP is also partnering with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice to complete a feasibility study on the use of photo radar and red light camera technology to enhance traffic safety.



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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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**DEMPSEY.** Bruce C., 68, passed away peacefully at home. Bruce was born on May 9, 1936, to the late James and Dora (Brackett) Dempsey (Herring Cove). Although his father died (1940 Pilot Boat Disaster) when he was four years of age, Bruce enjoyed all the love, care and guidance a child could hope to receive from his mother and accom-

panying 10 brothers and sisters. "He was the baby of the family." This wholesome family upbringing helped to forge the characteristics Bruce carried and practiced all his life - honesty, fairness and respect. In his professional life, Bruce started out as an architectural draftsman and later became a respected estimator in the local miscellaneous and structural steel business. In more recent years (the last 15) he turned to the ocean and became a fisherman in Herring Cove. Of paramount importance to Bruce was his love of family. He met Heather Rose (Hamilton-Catty) in 1957 and one year later they were married, when together they started a family and brought up three thankful sons, Bruce, Miles and Nathan. As our Dad he gave much of himself to the three boys; on any given day he could be found indulging us in one of nature's many joys, standing in a hockey rink, lending an understanding ear or ensuring continued proper operations of some electric gadget to keep Miles occupied. This same loving tradition was expressed almost daily with his only grandson, Jacob, who enthusiastically sought the ever-warm acceptance of "his Granddad." Bruce was uncompromising in his values and stood as a pillar of fine example for those who knew him. To him we will remain extremely grateful and eternally proud to have been able to call him "our" Dad. We love you Dad. Have a safe journey. May God bless you as he has blessed us with you. Bruce is sur-

vived by his wife of 46 years, Heather; sons, Bruce (Susan), Herring Cove; Miles, Dartmouth; Nathan, Ottawa, and grandson, Jacob; sisters, Brenda Hayes (Charlie), Lucy Melrose (Stuart), both of Ontario; Peggy Chase (Allen) and Frances Dempsey (Gerald), both of Herring Cove. He was predeceased by sister, Dorothy Slaunwhite; brothers, James V., Robert "Bob" and Bernard Dempsey. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Herring Cove. Family flowers only. Donations in memory may be made to a charity of choice. A sincere thank you to Palliative Care, QEII (Glenna Thornhill), VON, Northwood Home Care, Home Care Nova Scotia and the loving, caring support of St. Paul's Church community.

Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax. Service was held in the funeral home chapel, Rev. Harley Kynock officiated. Interment was held at Oakridge Memory Gardens, Lower Sackville.

**DUGGAN.** Agnes "Ann" - 88, Purcell's Cove. It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Ann at home. Born in Purcell's Cove on March 21, 1916, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin George and Margaret Ann (Lewis) Purcell. Ann had a great passion for gardening and a great love for her family and many cats. She will be dearly missed by all. Ann is survived by her loving husband, Donald Laird Duggan; daughters, Nancy Gillis (Allan Devlin), Joan (Michael) Tracey; son, Barry (Marlene) Duggan; grandchildren, Andrea, Valerie, Kim, Cari, Tara, and Shane; great-grandchild, Danielle. She was predeceased by sister, Roselyn Purcell; brothers, Louis and Frederick "Joe" Purcell. Funeral arrangements were under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Rd., Halifax. Funeral service was held in St. Phillip's Anglican Church, Purcell's Cove Road, Rev. Allen Frye officiated.

**SCOVILLE.** Dennis Walter - 61, Herring Cove, passed away in the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Dennis Scoville and Elsie (Patterson) Scoville. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Navy, retiring in 1983. Over the years he drove taxi for Casino, Y-Taxi and currently, Scotia Cab. Surviving are his wife, Vivian "Lee;" sons, Dennis Jr., Halifax; Daryl (Stacey), Ketch Harbour; David (Nalinie), Spryfield; daughter, Darlene, Dartmouth; sisters, Sharon Michalko, Lower Sackville; Valerie Scoville, Dartmouth; brother, Doug (Marilyn) Scoville, Bedford. He was a cherished Granddad to Madison, Sarina, Jordan, Kayle and Nicholas. He will be greatly missed by his constant companion, his dog "Vinnie." Dennis was a kind, loving, hard-working man, who will be missed by all who knew him. Cremation has taken place at J. Albert Walker Funeral Home

**TAYLOR.** Clarence Percy - 71, Herring Cove, passed away at home. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Ernest and Evelyn (Corkum) Taylor. He was a plumber by trade for over 33 years with Department of National Defense. Clarence is survived by his loving wife, Geneva Elizabeth (Pollock) Taylor; sons, David, Halifax; Richard (Paula), Halifax; daughters, Marilyn (Dwight) Graves, Hatchet Lake; Katharine (Gerald) Way, Herring Cove; sisters, Evelyn (Gordon) Kidston, Halifax; Mary (Ridley) Howes, Vancouver; grandchildren, Ashton, Sarah, Sheridan and Zachary. He was predeceased by his son, Steven; brother, Ernest; sisters, Alice, Daisy and Patricia. Funeral service was held in J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Rd., Halifax, Rev. Harley Kynock officiated. Burial was in Evergreen Memorial Park Sussex, N.B.

**MCGRATH.** Doris Elizabeth - 68, Williamwood, passed away at the VG Hospital, QEII Site, Halifax. Born in Loggieville, NB, she was the daughter of the late Burton and Beatrice (Washburn) Murdoch. Doris is survived by her husband, T. Paul McGrath; daughters, Kerry Ann (David) Gibson, Sambro Head; Paula McGrath, Riverview, NB; Noella (Paul) Leggio, Halifax; Judi Dawn McGrath, Halifax; son, Stephen (Judy), Sambro; sisters, Stella Best, Winnipeg; Bernice (Robert) Liptak, Middlefield, Conn.; Jean (George) Parrs, Pennsylvania; half sisters, Sarah Martin; Judy Sargent; Debbie Manueh; Carol Cook; half brother, Percy Murdoch; grandchildren, Melanie, Matthew, and Kaliegh Gibson; Neil, and Lyle Reid; Brianna, Dina, and Bianca Leggio. Cremation has taken place under the care and direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax. Funeral service was held in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Ketch Harbour. Father Tim Devine officiated. Burial will be held in Mt. Cavalry Cemetery, Ketch Harbour in the spring.

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There are several things you can do to protect your pet from rabies. First, visit your veterinarian with your pet on a regular basis and keep rabies vaccinations up-to-date for all cats, ferrets, and dogs. Second, maintain control of your pets by keeping cats and ferrets indoors and keeping dogs under direct supervision. Third, spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or vaccinated regularly. Lastly, call animal control to remove all stray animals from your neighborhood since these animals may be unvaccinated or ill.



Pet Health

Why does my pet need the rabies vaccine? Although the majority of rabies cases occur in wildlife, most humans are given rabies vaccine as a result of exposure to domestic animals. This explains the tremendous cost of rabies prevention in domestic animals in the United States. While wildlife are more likely to be rabid than are domestic animals in the United States, the amount of human contact with domestic animals greatly exceeds the amount of contact with wildlife. Your pets and other domestic animals can be infected when they are bitten by rabid wild animals. When "spillover" rabies occurs in domestic animals, the risk to humans is increased. Pets are therefore vaccinated by your veterinarian to prevent them from acquiring the disease from wildlife, and thereby transmitting it to humans.

What happens if a neighborhood cat bites

me? You should seek medical evaluation for any animal bite. However, rabies is uncommon in dogs, cats, and ferrets in the United States. Very few bites by these animals carry a risk of rabies. If the cat (or dog or ferret) appeared healthy at the time you were bitten, it can be confined by its owner for 10 days and observed. No anti-rabies prophylaxis is needed. No person in the United States has ever contracted rabies from a dog, cat or ferret held in quarantine for 10 days.

If a dog, cat, or ferret appeared ill at the time it bit you or becomes ill during the 10 day quarantine, it should be evaluated by a veterinarian for signs of rabies and you should seek medical advice about the need for anti-rabies prophylaxis.

The quarantine period is a precaution against the remote possibility that an animal may appear healthy, but actually be sick with rabies. To understand this statement, you have to understand a few things about the pathogenesis of rabies (the way the rabies virus affects the animal it infects). From numerous studies conducted on rabid dogs, cats, and ferrets, we know that rabies virus inoculated into a muscle travels from the site of the inoculation to the brain by moving within nerves. The animal does not appear ill during this time, which is called the incubation period and which may last for weeks to months. A bite by the animal during the incubation period does not carry a risk of rabies because the virus is not in saliva.

Only late in the disease, after the virus has reached the brain and multiplied there to cause an encephalitis (or inflammation of the brain), does the virus move from the brain to the salivary glands and saliva. Also at this time, after the virus has multiplied in the brain, almost all animals begin to show the first signs of rabies. Most of these signs are obvious to even an untrained observer, but within a short period of time, usually within 3 to 5 days, the virus has caused enough damage to the brain that the animal begins to show unmistakable signs of rabies. As an added precaution, the quarantine period is lengthened to 10 days.

What happens if my pet (cat, dog, ferret)

is bitten by a wild animal? Any animal bitten or scratched by either a wild, carnivorous mammal or a bat that is not available for testing should be regarded as having been exposed to rabies. Unvaccinated dogs, cats, and ferrets exposed to a rabid animal should be euthanized immediately. If the owner is unwilling to have this done, the animal should be placed in strict isolation for 6 months and vaccinated 1 month before being released. Animals with expired vaccinations need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Dogs and cats that are currently vaccinated are kept under observation for 45 days.

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### Corned Beef Supper

The Emmanuel Baptist Church Scouting Groups will hold a corned beef and cabbage supper at Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, Sunday March 6 from 4 to 6 pm. Cost is \$8.

### Baby Sitting Course

A Babysitter Training Course for ages 11-16 will be held at the Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre March 14 to 18 from 1 to 4 pm. Fess is \$30. Register by calling 490-4607.

### Come Grow With Us

Come Grow With Us, a family program of the Urban Farm Museum Society, is entering its second season this spring. We will garden and learn throughout the growing season and we would like to invite anyone interested in volunteering to call Pat at 477-6087 or e-mail comegrowwithus@hotmail.com.

### St. Patrick's Day Dance

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre, 1138 Old Sambro Road, will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance Saturday March 12 from 9 pm to 1 am. Tickets are \$5 per person. For information call or fax 446-4847. Cash bar. Must be 19 years, identification will be required

### Art And Music

Children to age six and their parents or caregivers are invited to a drop-in art and music playgroup. Enjoy coffee and snacks in a relaxed environment while children engage in creative art activities, music and movement, stories, books, and making their own Art Book. Children will also be introduced to the music of famous composers and fine art masterpieces. All are welcome! Each

child will receive a free gift of one child-sized musical instrument or an art kit on February 22. Join us in the Community Room at Sobeys's Herring Cove Road Place on March 8 and 22 from 10 am to noon. Please call Josephine Egan at 423-2651 or email: josephine@saintmarymagdalene.ca. More information can be found at www.saintmarymagdalene.ca.

### Beans and Brown Bread

St. James United Church, Sambro, 3811 Old Sambro Road is having a Beans and Brown Bread Lunch, as well as a Chinese Auction, on Saturday, March 5th from 12 to 2 pm. The cost is \$6 for an adult portion and \$4 for a child portion. Everyone welcome. For information contact Crystal Gilkie, 868-2939.

### Seedy Saturday

Urban Farm Museum Society invites you to buy, sell, share or trade your heritage and non-hybrid vegetable, flower and native plant seeds at our 6th Annual Seedy Saturday event on Saturday March 12th at Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, from 2 to 4:30PM. Contact Jean at 477-2933.

### Sharing Art

The Captain Spry Library is looking for people interested in sharing their art skills and artistic talents with young adults. If you are interested call Marlene at 490-5715.

### TAG Offers "Best of Friends"

The comedy Best of Friends runs to March 12 at Theatre Arts Guild's Pond Playhouse on Parkhill Road with evening performances beginning at 8 pm and a Sunday Matinee March 6 at 2 pm. Ticket prices are \$12 with students, seniors and members at \$10. To obtain tickets call 477-2663.

### Legion Notes

The following events will be held at the Earl Francis Memorial Legion in March:  
Bingo - Every Sunday beginning at 1 pm - doors open at noon;  
Karaoke - March 4 and 26 from 9 to 1 am;  
Saint Patrick's Dance - March 19 from 9 to 1 am featuring the band "Big DEAL". Admission \$5.00 per person or \$8.00 a couple. All are welcome members and guests.

### Library Happenings

Children - March Break - Tuesday March 15 at 10:30 am - Nate The Great Puppet Show for ages three plus; Tuesday March 15 at 10:30 am - Dog Puppet Craft for ages three to seven; Tuesday March 15 at 2:30 pm Chuckles The Clown for all ages; Wednesday March 16 at 2:30 pm - Magician David Moon for ages five plus; Thursday March 17 at 11:30 - Power Pendants for ages eight plus - Using clay, cardboard, beads, string and imagination you will design your own Power Pendant Necklaces. Space is limited. Register by calling 490-5818 or come in person to the registration desk.

### Computer Training

Capt. Spry Library computer lab is now open for free private and small group computer training for adults. Learn computer basics, Internet or email skills. Ask about our practice time schedule. Days, evenings and Saturdays available. Call Brad or Susan at 490-5715.

### Food Bank

People interested in Food Bank services provided by the St. Paul's Family Resource Institute should call 477-5090 on Tuesday for pick-up on Wednesday.

### Book Discussion Group for Adults

The Captain Spry Book Discussion Group is a great way to meet new people and share the enjoyment of good books in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Be ready for an hour and a half of animated discussion and a lot of fun. Books for discussion are a mixture of genres and are decided by the group. For more information, call Scott Taylor at 490-5774. On February 16 at 7 pm it will be 100 Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

### Angels

Receive Loving Messages From Your Angels Through Oracle Card Decks, an experimental workshop presented by Karen Forrest, RN, BN, Angel Therapy Practitioner, on 19 March from 1 to 3 pm. Cost: \$35. Alderney Gate Library, Dartmouth. For registration/info please call (902) 404-3103.

### Break Into Business Camp

Break into Business Camp is an Entrepreneurial camp, for youth aged 9 to 15. The Camp will be taking place at Open For Business, 1521 Grafton St., side entrance 2nd Floor. The Camps will take place over the March break from March 14 to 18 and run from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The cost to each camper will be \$150 plus tax. Lunches will be provided. For further information please contact Open for Business (OFB) - Phone: (902) 482-0297 - E-mail: ofbhalifax@ceed.info or Black Business Initiative (BBI) - Phone: (902) 426-8698

### Volunteers Needed

The Halifax Meals on Wheels Volunteer Group is in urgent need of more drivers and helpers to distribute meals to those who are elderly or disabled and have difficulty preparing a noon-time meal for themselves. If anyone can spare about two hours a week (10:30 to 12:30 any day from Monday to Friday) to deliver meals, please phone 429-4299 week-days between 9 a.m. and noon and Beth or Boneta will be pleased to discuss the program. Please help.

### International Women's Day

This year, to celebrate International Women's Week, the Advisory Council on the Status of Women is having an Open House—on Friday, March 4, from 2 to 4 pm. For information call Brigitte Neumann, Executive Director, 424-7548 or 1-800-565-8662.

### Irish Celebration

The Northwood Players will present "My Little Irish Rose", music from Ireland. On Thursday March 17 at 8 pm and Saturday March 19 at 2 pm in the Northwood Activity Centre, corner of North and Gottingen Streets. For ticket information call 454-3351.

### Auction 45s

An auction 45 card party is held every Monday evening at 7 pm in St. James Hall, Sambro. Admission \$2.00. For more information call 868-2660 or 868-2791. Everyone welcome!

### 50/50 Draw For Youth

There will be a weekly 50/50 draw at Coates Irving in Harrietsfield with the proceeds going toward a local youth's trip to the World Youth Day to Köln, Germany, in 2005.

### Volunteers Urgently Needed

Girl Guides of Canada - Guides du Canada urgently requires volunteer leaders in the Cowie Hill and Jollimore area for a Spark unit (girls aged 5 and 6) and a Guide unit (girls aged 9 to 12). If you are a woman with a few hours to spare each week, please call Jeannette Paynter at 477-7526 or email me at jnj.paynter@ns.sympatico.ca me for information.

### Old Photos Wanted

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### Toastmasters Meet

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