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Councillor commits to making recreation facility "safe"

As Provided by Linda Mosher
District 17 Councillor

Late in 2006 a resident approached me in the grocery store about his concerns over the

Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. Shortly thereafter, two other residents contacted me about the same issue. They raised safety concerns for both patrons and employees. Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre is a

very busy recreation facility for many individuals and groups in our community. Average attendance is 3,000 to 4,000 people a month. Formerly South Armdale School, the building was converted to a recreation centre in the mid 1970's. There were minor improvements since that time, however, the building is pretty much the same as when it was a school. The downstairs weight room area is getting more widely utilized, with an expanded cardio area and enough equipment to make it a nice, affordable community gym. However, due to the configuration of the building, people can enter without any one from the front desk seeing them.

There is not a card membership system in place and no security cameras. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous individuals discovered that they could enter the building and work out without obtaining a membership. Residents that contacted me estimated that at least 25% of the users did not have memberships. There have been complaints about gangs of youth blasting the stereo, monopolizing equipment and intimidating the members. There have also been thefts from lockers. Some members have discontinued

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Brandon Christian, with the help of his mom Vicki, took advantage of the first summer-like day of the year to hold a sidewalk sale at their 20 Rockingstone Road address where they have lived for 16 years.

Coming to a "town" near you

Local residents are beginning to wonder what the new development is that is unfolding at the corner of Herring Cove Road and St. Michael's Avenue just east of the Shoppers Drug Mart.

Work began on the site three weeks ago. Owned by Sobeys, it was always the compa-

ny's intention to sell the piece of land beside the Aliant control centre or lease it to someone and build a commercial site.

Now fenced off for construction, which is underway, the site is expected to be a new location for Blockbuster Video, an outlet of the international chain which is sure to put strain on the market share enjoyed by Rogers Video at South Centre Mall.

The Chebucto News has no details of the project except confirmation from Councillor Stephen Adams that it will be a Blockbuster. But Linda MacLaggan, Chair, Spryfield and District Business Commission, believes the development is good for the community.

"Anytime we see an international company make this kind of investment in the community it bodes well for Spryfield. It simply makes the next company's decision to move into our community a little easier to make," she said.

She suggested that increased activity from a commercial point of view may indeed be a response to the growing housing stock which is evident around the community's Central Business District. All in all she said, "this would be good news for the community."

HRM seeks protection of Northwest Arm

Halifax Regional Council is taking steps to protect the views and integrity of the Northwest Arm.

Halifax Regional Municipality planning staff will present amendments to Council regarding proposed amendments to the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Halifax Mainland and Peninsula Land Use By-laws at a Public Hearing Tuesday, May 1 in Council Chambers that will give the city more control over developments along the shores of the Arm. Council, and the public, have been disappointed in recent years with some of the encroachment and developments along both sides of the Arm.

The difficulty for the city is that the water lots being developed fall under the jurisdiction

of the federal government. While the city is unlikely to be able to protect the water lots from being in-filled, changes proposed will give the city "policies and regulations aimed at controlling development and subdivision along either side of the Northwest Arm" once the in-filling creates an actual land mass above the water line.

Councillor Linda Mosher has been fighting for control mechanisms ever since a boat house was constructed to the displeasure of some residents living in the Armshore Drive area. Other concerns have been expressed regarding building lots on the Arm's eastern side.

Included in the amendments are provisions to create a new designation and zone called "Water Access" which will limit the use of

land created by in-filling to wharves, docks, historic site and monuments, passive recreation uses, public works and utilities and ferry terminal facilities.

The proposal seeks to establish a nine metre setback from the Northwest Arm in which only boat houses, wharves, docks, gazebos and other public facilities can be constructed. Existing boat houses would be exempt from the setback. The proposal also plans to control the size, height and number of boat houses within the 9 metre zone.

The staff report proposing the amendments suggests that while the regulations are geared to "protecting the character of the Northwest Arm," it is anticipated the "regulations will act as a strong disincentive to in-filling."



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Safe recreation facility

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their memberships because of these issues. After I became aware of residents' concerns about the centre, I contacted HRM staff to conduct a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Audit (C.P.T.E.D. pronounced Sep-ted). This is a proactive crime fighting technique in which the proper design and effective use of parks, open spaces, buildings and the surroundings lead to a reduction in crime as well as an improvement in the quality of life for citizens of the community.

The audit was written by a long standing Police Officer who is now a Community Response Officer. He wrote a very detailed report that recommended many building improvements that looked at access control, surveillance, territorial reinforcement and lighting. As soon as the audit was completed, HRM initiated some of the recommendations. However, many of the recommendations required funding in order to complete them. A quick estimate by a staff member indicated that we needed at least \$75,000 to finish the implementation of the safety recommendations.

Unfortunately despite the audit being completed over two months prior to budget deliberations, the funds were not allocated. During budget debate I brought the issue forward and circulated copies of the audit to all members of Council, the Solicitor, CAO and the media, that were present. I told them that these issues were brought to our attention, we acknowledged that they were serious issues, and now we have a duty, a due diligence, to ensure that our facility was safe for patrons and staff.

Council voted to put \$75,000 in "the parking lot" of the budget. Throughout the budget debate, Councillors can move that funds go into this request list and after the debate is over HRM's Executive Management Team makes recommendations to Council. When I received the final recommendations, I could not believe that this was not recommended. In addition, the comments included "many other properties within HRM have a high level of need in this regard."

I was astounded by this comment. Here we were looking at putting in a 50,000 seat stadium, and the chief staff at HRM feels that our existing centres are not safe. Fortunately their recommendation also included that "staff will work together to develop a strategy to address issues and recommendations by CPTED audits in future capital budgets." It was nice that they wanted to address it at a point in the future, however, I wanted it addressed immediately.

Most of the Council debate on the parking lot recommendations surrounded Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre. As a result of my bringing these issues to the forefront, HRM staff agreed to find funds out of existing pools of funds, such as "facilities upgrades." A staff meeting was planned in the next few days and immediately a part time employee was established for the evening shifts. A closed circuit TV will be installed and other measures will be put in very shortly. Without going into specific details, I commit to residents that I will work with staff to ensure that Chocolate Lake Recreation Centre is not only an enjoyable community centre, but a safe one.



The folks at St. James Anglican Church held a fish chowder lunch this month. Members of the volunteer working group included Jane Edwards, Makenna Cooke, Hilary Richardson, Carol Richardson, Gayle Gray, Evelyn DeLorey, Edna Poulson, Leona Doubleday, Sarah Hoyt and Helen Doubleday.

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Lots of positive programming on the slate

"We have lots of plans and lots of things already in process for this year," says Spryfield and District Business Commission Chair Linda MacLaggan encouraging all business representatives to start their involvement by attending the Commission's Sixth Annual General Meeting.

The session, which will include Fred Morley, Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist with the Greater Halifax Partnership, as guest speaker, will be held Thursday May 3, beginning at 3 pm at the Earl Francis Memorial Spryfield Legion on Sussex.

"We are so grateful Mr. Morley's going to speak to us and hope he will tell us how our communities fit into the new economic strate-

gy HRM has developed for the city," said MacLaggan. Morley is the architect of HRM's Economic Strategy and the Partnership is the agency responsible for making the city's economic strategy a reality.

"This is very fitting," said MacLaggan, "because the Commission is working directly with the Partnership in the creation of an economic business case and plan for the community where we all live and or work."

The Chair also said the Commission is embarking on a new program this year in cooperation with HRM's Capital District Division. This project will see a "street maintenance" person hired to do routing cleaning, light landscaping and perhaps even low level graffiti removal for businesses. "We want busi-

ness people to come out to hear about this program," said MacLaggan, explaining that it is being managed by the Commission and funded, on an interim basis, by HRM "but the ambition is to make the program sustainable so it can go on for many years to come," she said.

The Commission will also present its audited financial report, a proposed 2007/08 operating budget and a Board of Directors for the coming year. "In part because of the work of the Commission HRM is taking a keen interest in our community. We expect many improvements to the community this year and we hope our Councillors (Linda Mosher and Stephen Adams) will be able to share some of these improvements with the community at the AGM," she said.



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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Family Burial Grounds identified in Long Lake Provincial Park

By Iris Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

The Mainland South Heritage Society is interested in identifying and protecting the burial grounds in the communities from Armdale to Pennant. Some cemeteries were family owned and are now abandoned and uncared for, while others are in the hands of local churches and community organizations. On Thursday, May 31st at the Annual General Meeting of the Mainland South Heritage Society, special guests, Murray and Gary Wright, will give an illustrated presentation outlining the extensive research and work they have done to restore and maintain a family burial ground in Tufts Cove. The presentation will begin at 7 pm at the Captain Spry Community Centre. Everyone is welcome.

The Society has identified a total of 28 cemeteries in our area, including three in Long Lake Provincial Park. The long term plan for this park includes the protection of these three known cemeteries, namely Purcell Ground, Marriott and Umlah. Recent explorations have, once again, located the toppled gravestone and burial place of John Umlah (1829-1893). Wayne Rogers, an Umlah descendant, has recently erected signs in the area of these three cemeteries.

The three cemeteries in the park are on land once granted in 1773 to Thomas Wagner, Phillip Fulmore and Jacob Bauer, three German business owners in Halifax. The 1200 acre grant, often referred to as lot number one in Goodwood, extended from the Prospect Road to the western shore of Long Lake. Following the death of Thomas Wagner, a butcher in Halifax, his portion of the grant was passed on to his three children, John, Mary Anne (wife of William Umlach of Goodwood) and Elizabeth (wife of John Moore of St. Margaret's Bay). John Wagner eventually purchased the land granted to Fulmore and Bauer, as well as the shares of his two married sisters.

In 1808 John Wagner married Mary Anne Umlach, a sister to the above mentioned William Umlach of Goodwood. They sold a portion of their 1200 acres to Peter Toler and his wife, Sarah Jane Umlach (another sister of William). Two of the cemeteries are located on Toler's land. When Toler died in 1854 at the age of 78 years, his family cemetery (now Purcell Ground) was already established. The inscription on a headstone for Toler's wife includes her death date of 15 April 1851 and that of her two year-old granddaughter, Susanna Marriott, who died two weeks later. There is no visible stone for Peter, but there are stones for his daughter, Isabella (Toler) Marriott, wife of John George Marriott of Harrietsfield, and for several of the Marriott children and grandchildren.

In the early 1900s Arthur Purcell, an Umlah descendant, married Aurelia Robinson (a granddaughter of Isabella Toler Marriott). They acquired part of the Toler farm, including the cemetery, hence the name "Purcell Ground." The easiest access to this cemetery is probably from a trail behind Exhibition Park. There is also a path leading from the Prospect Road, but finding the entrance to that path is a challenge. Located in deep woods, this cemetery has a high chain-link fence around it,

erected several years ago by David Drysdale whose ancestors are buried there. Many of the stones are still legible.

The second burial ground, known today as the Marriott cemetery, was established in the 1890s for the burial of Peter George Marriott, his wife Mary Gray, and their descendants. Peter George was the son of Isabella (Toler) Marriott. Today only two stones are visible: one inscribed with the name "Rufus, son of Alexander and Mary Marriott, died 13 May 1904, age 21 years;" and the other for "Baby...In memory of Florence, daughter of James and Lillian Marriott." Florence was the great granddaughter of Peter George Marriott. Her brother, Borden, born and died in 1923, is also buried there. This small burial ground is close to the main trail in the park (known as the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road). For those who know their way around the park, if



The 155 year old Toler/Marriott gravestone in Purcell Ground. Photo courtesy Allan Marryatt

approaching it from the Old Sambro Road entrance to the park, it is a fair distance beyond the old Umlah Farm foundations, closer to the Prospect Road end of the trail.

The third cemetery is on the old Umlah farm. John Wagner (1785-1863) and his wife, Mary Anne, (1776-1853) were childless. They established the farm within a few years of their marriage and, in 1862, John sold it to his great nephew, John Umlah Jr. and wife Ellen Drysdale of Goodwood. The Umlahs raised five sons and five daughters on the farm. Their son, George Lee Umlah, and his wife Laura McWilliams, continued to operate the farm into the 20th century. A third generation of Umlahs, children of George Lee and Laura (one of whom was called John), took over its operation when their father died in 1931. Many local residents recall travelling to the Umlah farm to buy eggs from John Umlah and his sis-

ter, Ruth Miller.

By 1954 the Public Service Commission had expropriated all of the privately owned land that is now Long Lake Provincial Park, including the Umlah Farm. The family had to tear down the house and outbuildings and relocate to Spryfield. Their grandfather's gravesite suffered from vandalism when the Umlahs relocated. With the intervention of the Long Lake Provincial Park Association and concerned citizens, these three cemeteries are no longer considered abandoned.



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Parent and Tot program a "big hit" at Lion's Recreation Centre

"We were hoping the local parents would participate in our parent and tot program and our hopes have been exceeded," and excited King Lion Rene Quigley gushes as more than

a dozen residents and their children entertain themselves in the Spryfield Lions Club new recreation facility.

Quigley says the former bingo hall is play-

ing host to parents and tots Wednesday to Friday in a free program aimed at giving parents a break and toddlers an opportunity to socialize and interact with each other.

"The kids just enjoy each other," says Quigley hopeful that even more of the area's little ones will get to enjoy the time together and parents can take a few minutes of relaxation knowing their kids are safe and having fun.

Resident Carol Allen, a regular at the program, says "this is just great for the kids because most of them don't have anyone to play with. There's a lot of space for them to run around."

"Noah (my three year old son) learned to peddle a bike here," says a happy Mary Anne Grady, adding that she too enjoys the wide

open space because "it gives them lots of room to burn energy." She says here two children, aged one and two, are learning to interact with others and they always get excited when they know they're going to the play group.

Anna Brown says her two girls "have a blast" here. "They can run without being told to stop, they can drive their bikes in the winter months and best of all I can have a little break because they are so busy playing with all the other kids they don't have around while they're stuck in the house."

"My son really enjoys the parent and tot program," says Faye Edwards, happy that he is finally meeting other children his own age. "He cries if he can't come he loves it here so much. I sure hope this can continue for our children." Rene Quigley would agree.

HRM seeks information on litter locations

When the temperature rises, the snow melts unveiling garbage, debris and pot holes. HRM staff and Council have made it a priority to address these issues and have dedicated additional staff to ensure that we can resolve

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Mishoos hopes to rebuild, question is when, what?

The community of Herring Cove lost a friend last month when Mishoos convenience store and take out service burned to the ground, closing a business that served this fishing community since 1945.

Michael Saoud, who two years ago leased the building to another operator while he moved into a new location at Sambro, said he definitely has plans to rebuild the store. "I intend to rebuild but right now I'm not allowed on the site until the investigators are finished. After that I have to talk with the people in the city

(HRM) to see what kind of store I'll be able to build."

Saoud, who has operated and owned the store since 1994, says he plans to include a convenience store and take out business in any new development but he might give some consideration to a small office space if the zoning allows.

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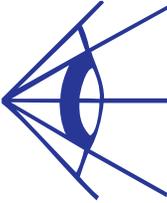
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Government needs to shape up – Steele

By *Graham Steele*
Halifax Fairview MLA

The spring sitting of the Nova Scotia legislature ended a couple of weeks ago. The principal item of business was the provincial budget for 2007-08. Although the word "budget" tends to put people to sleep, it's the most important political document of the year. It details how much the government is planning to take in (i.e. what you pay in taxes) and how much it's planning to spend (i.e. what you get in return for paying your taxes).

Budget Benefits for District 18

By *Stephen Adams*,
District 18 Councillor

During the past few weeks Regional Council held budget deliberations which ultimately led to approval on April 17. This year's process was highly publicized, not for the content, but for the manner in which it was discussed.

Traditionally, the meetings are held in late March and early April. As such, Council members including myself juggle schedules to accommodate these meetings. However, this year's meetings were two weeks late and not scheduled in advance. Perhaps some background information may help illustrate the process.

In late fall, we are asked about priorities in our respective districts. These are compiled, prioritized and then presented in a budget document along with other items necessary to operate HRM. The entire budget amounts to \$820 million. We are given the document a week in advance so that we can ask questions about its contents. I do this by phone or e-mail. However, there are some Councillors who feel compelled to wait until these meetings to ask questions. This is a poor use of staff resources. Our staff would be better utilized working in their respective roles, as opposed to waiting, sometimes on pins and needles, to address Council. To add final perspective, these two weeks of meetings netted a change of \$450,000, or 0.059%. As always the process allowed for a "wish list" of items. And as always nearly all were rejected. Those that were accepted could have been addressed at our regular meetings.

The solution I have offered to Council will satisfy the process and allow extensive input and free up valuable staff time and resources. After we have an opportunity to look at the budget books, we would then meet with staff

The budget is also the only opportunity we, in the opposition, have to defeat the government and trigger an election. So the stakes are high.

This year, I and my NDP colleagues concluded that the most responsible thing to do was to vote for the budget. We did not make that decision because the budget is perfect. Far from it.

In our view, our present Conservative government is demonstrating a distinct lack of leadership and vision. Often what they promise, or appear to be promising, is far short

of what they actually deliver. A good example is drug coverage for families with modest incomes. This is a good idea, and one which the Conservatives promised in last year's election, but the program won't even begin until next year at the earliest. Another good example is class size caps, which were supposed to start in Grade 4 this year, but which were quietly dropped. And once again they say they're not raising income tax, but they increased all government fees by 3.8%. That hurts.

No, the budget is not perfect. It is merely adequate. We voted for it mainly because the last election was only 10 months ago. Rodney MacDonald and his government have so far been a disappointment, but they won the most seats in last June's election, and I don't hear much support for going through another election so soon.

Of course there were some good things in the budget. It is simply impossible for a government to spend \$7 billion without doing some good things. It is difficult for me to say which budget measure is likely to have the most impact in Halifax Fairview. It may be a small increase in support for post-secondary students. It's not much, but I know what a burden tuition fees represent for students and their families, and every little bit helps.

So we'll give this government another year, and see if they shape up. They need to show us that they're serious about giving today's families a better deal. They need to start keeping their promises instead of breaking them. If they don't shape up, we may have to go to the polls next year to see if you, the people, want them to continue.

Each department would have a table set up to answer Councillors' questions in a more informal setting. These would be open to any and all members of the public and the media as well. After the workshop the final draft could be presented for approval. The focus would be to accommodate the needs of residents in our districts.

Council unanimously passed a motion to look at this idea as a possible solution.

This year's budget has some great news for District 18. There will be playground upgrades and \$150,000 for a new playground in Ketch Harbour. A number of streets will be resurfaced, and a smaller scale storm sewer is planned for Elmdale Crescent. As well, the money has been set aside to address the concrete slab at the former 100 Leiblin Drive site. Money has been allocated for a BMX park in Williamswood. One of the most significant items is one involving the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Money has been allocated to upgrade this facility to enhance recreation youth programming and the library. Over the next two years, you will see changes both inside and out. Staff are finalizing plans, which will be completed in the next month or so. If you would like additional information about the project, or a complete list of budget items in District 18, please let me know.

On Sunday April 22, I had the pleasure of joining Clean Nova Scotia, members of the Spryfield Community Action Coalition, and other residents to clean-up the area around the Spry Centre. There were about 75 of us participating and we recovered enough trash to fill about two dump trucks. Aside from the usual items such as grocery carts, beverage containers and plastic bags, there were some unusual items collected. An engine block, a hibachi barbeque and a few bicycles were among the more intriguing finds.

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Many hands make light work of litter – Raymond

By Michele Raymond
Halifax Atlantic MLA

Today was Earth Day, and while they're in the mood to "think globally, act locally," many people are turning their attentions to the environment close to home.

Others aren't. I began the weekend by taking the bus up to Truro, and had the interesting experience of looking down from the "new" MacKay bridge into the tops of the spring-bare trees, and finding them crowned with garbage, plastic bags, bottles and chip bags. I was left wondering how it looks from down below, and trying to figure out how the garbage gets there, whether it is thrown from cars, blows off the

back of trucks, or drifts on the wind from far away.

I ended the weekend back home with the Great Nova Scotia Cleanup, headquartered in Spryfield, at the Captain William Spry Centre. The weather was fine, and the crowd was keen. Many hands make light work, and about 80 pairs of blue-gloved, latex-protected hands spent the afternoon digging into leaves, mud, gravel and water to cleanup the area around the Captain Spry Centre and the Macintosh Runs in front of it.

As usual, lots of grocery store carts, dripping with weeds, were pulled from the Runs, and packaging scraps from various kinds of fast food: metallic chip bags, plastic pudding

cups, pop cans and beer bottles, swaths of saran wrap and balls of tinfoil. There were other things too: cutlery, batteries, car parts, circuit boards, disposable diapers, broken glass, broken toys, little bags of doggie - doo, and long loops of cassette tape.

All through the afternoon, I heard people marvelling at the things other people throw away, and where they do it. "Why?"

Some think it's laziness, others think anger or a sense of powerlessness, and others blame a shortage of garbage cans for an epidemic of litter. Whatever causes it, littering is more than a sideshow, more than ugly, and more than a source of battery acid, heavy metals, pathogens and engine oils leaching into the ground and groundwater.

Litter matters, not just because of what it does to the environment, but because of what it says about ourselves, and our attitude to our surroundings. If we can't be bothered to carry our garbage to a garbage can, will we

bother to require industry to clean up its own garbage?

Litter is pollution, even if it's on a small scale. The Spryfield cleanup was a success, because it gave people of all ages a chance to work together on changing pollution, on a small scale.

At the end of the day, when all the blue gloves were coming off, I asked around for people's most unusual finds: a knife, a Coleman stove, a doll, an electric can-opener, a punching bag in the Runs itself, a Snowrunner without its skis, a pair of scissors, and (rumours of) a gun in a purse.

But when I read the list aloud, there was pretty well unanimous consent: The Peoples Choice award for strangest find went to the brave young woman who pulled a jockstrap out of the river. Congratulations to the finder, but not the loser.

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FISET, Ronald Nickolas - 74, Spryfield, passed away in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Montreal, Ron was a son of the late Charles "Tolly" and Helen Fiset. Ron had served with the Royal Canadian Navy from 1954-1974. He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth "Betty" (Jefferson); sons, David and Ron, both of Ottawa; Daniel, Toronto; daughters, Brenda Wier (James), Shubenacadie; Carol Carroll (Lee), Enfield; brothers, Walter and Robert, as well as many special grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; daughters, Linda and Sandi; son, Patrick, and sisters, Catherine, Shirley and Pat.

DOBBIN, Selina Jane "Jennie" - 87, Halifax, passed away in Glades Nursing Home, Halifax. Born in Garnish, N.L., she was a daughter of the late Morgan and Margaret Grandy. Jennie is survived by daughters, Frances Grandy, Garnish, N.L.; Shirley Boudreau, Halifax; Donna-Mae Newel (Richard), Dartmouth; sons, Don (Anne), Lakeside; Ron, Sackville; Lawrence (Wendy), Alberta; Tom (Denenia), Spryfield; sisters, Frances Hatch, Harrietsfield; Olive Poole and Lorraine Lawrence, both of Bedford; brother, Charles Grandy, Garnish, N.L.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard Dobbin; sisters, Esther Newport, Laura Grandy; sons-in-law, Ralph Grandy and Jimmy Boudreau. Interment for both Jennie and Richard was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville.

GRADY, Gordon Harold "Budd" - 54, Spryfield, passed in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Gordon and Jessie (Anderson) Grady. Budd completed a meat cutting course in 1974. He was presently employed with C&D Cleaning and Security for several years in a supervisory position. Budd was proud to be a company WHIMS instructor. He was a Past Master of Fidelity Lodge No. 119, AF & AM RGLNS. He was also an associate member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 152, Spryfield. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his brothers, Stanley, Ralph, Donnie, Frankie; sisters, Frances, Kimberly (Barry), Karen-Ann (Chris);

nieces, Carrie (Chris), Hannah, Amanda, Mallory, Erica, McKenzie; nephews, Mitchell, Avery, Devlin; great-nephew, Jesse; companion, Paula DeWolfe and her children Cassandra and Madison. He was predeceased by his parents.

McAVOY, Francis Bernard "Frank" - 73, With sadness and joy we mourn his death. Frank passed away in Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born in Herring Cove, Halifax Co., he was the youngest son of the late Charles and Stella (Gorman) McAvoy. Frank joined the RCAF, where he served 35 years in logistics and was an instructor with St. John's Ambulance. Later he worked for EPA and IMP. He loved to curl, travel, sing, play cards and in his later years spend his summers at the cottage of Lake Paul. He was an active member of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Berwick. Frank is survived by his loving wife of over 40 years, Mable (Clayton); daughters, Frances (Chris Spencer) McAvoy, Victoria, B.C.; Jeanna-Marie (Donald Ross) McAvoy-Ross, Dartmouth; son, Clayton (Juanita Whalen) McAvoy, Calgary, Alta.; cherished grandchildren, Samantha and Francis McAvoy, Dartmouth; stepgrandchildren, Rachel and Michael Spencer, Victoria, B.C.; brothers, James (Grace) McAvoy, Halifax; Clyde McAvoy, Herring Cove; sisters, Marguerite Pelham, Halifax; Noreen (George) Wheeler, St. Catharines, Ont.; Catherine (Gerard) Gallagher, Herring Cove; sister-in-law, Agnes McAvoy, Herring Cove; a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws to numerous to cite. He was predeceased by his loving sister, Marie, and brother, Charles. Burial was held in St. Paul's Cemetery, Herring Cove.

KIRK, Olga Loretta - 87, Halifax, formerly of Sambro, passed away in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Sambro, she was a daughter of the late Edward and Florence (Trueman) Findley. Olga is survived by her sons, Winston (Sylvia), West Pennant; Eldon (Margaret), Sambro; Maynard (Helen), Cambridge, Kings Co.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; niece, Nancy (Hugh) Marryatt, and several nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Aubrey Kirk; daughter, Hazel; son, Arnold; sister, Gertrude; brothers, Clifton, Albert, and Milton.

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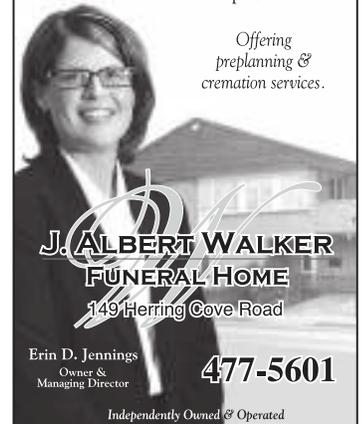
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Ham and Scallop Supper

St. James Anglican Church in Herring Cove will hold a Ham and Scallop Potato Supper on Saturday, May 12 from 4 to 6 pm. There will be a bake table and sewing table open at 2pm. The Social Evening will start at 7:30pm. For more information, please call 446-8168.

Buy Local Food Discussion

Area you interested in being able to buy locally grown foods? Do you like going to the market? Want to learn more about food purchasing projects? If so then this panel presentation is for you! Marjorie Willison is hosting panelist Don Black, Jennifer Reynolds, and Amy Kilbride, who will each be addressing questions on how the Spryfield community can become involved in local food acquisition. The discussion will occur Monday April 30th from 7 to 9pm at the Captain William Spry Centre located 10 Kidston Road. Hosted by Food For Life and Urban Farm Museum Society. For more information please contact Joanna Brown brown.joanna@gmail.com.

Lions Recycle for Sight

Spryfield Lions Club Is Recycling For Sight May 16 to 28. The Spryfield Lions Club will be collecting eye glasses, frames and cases to help those in the third world who are in need of eye wear. The glasses, frames and cases you place in one of our drop-off boxes will sent to

Medical Ministry International (MMI) in Hamilton, Ontario. There, they will be washed, sorted and repaired as required. A computer determines the prescription of each eye glass and then they are assembled for each MMI eye project. Drop off locations in the Spryfield area include Atlantic Superstore, Sobeys, Crowell's Pharmasave, Shoppers Drug Mart, Lumber Mart, Harrietsfield Irving and Canadian Tire.

Plant Sale

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its annual plant sale, Saturday, May 19, at the Captain William Spry Community Centre, from 10 am to 12 Noon. If you have plants to donate please contact Joanna at 423-6112.

Sambro Dinner Theatre

The Sambro Dinner Theatre will present "Seacruise" May 4, 5, 11 and 12th at 6:30 pm in St. James United Church, Sambro. Lobster or Roast Beef Dinner \$30.00. Tickets go on sale March 12th. For information call Eva Mae 868-2660 or Donna 475-1053.

Heritage Society AGM

Mainland South Heritage Society AGM will take place Thursday, May 31, 7 pm, at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. The society is interested in the pro-

tection and maintenance of all cemeteries in Mainland South. Special guests Gary and Murray Wright will give an illustrated talk on their years of research and hard work in the restoration of the family burial ground in Tufts Cove. All welcome.

Spring Fair

Springvale Elementary School, 92 Downs Avenue, will hold its Annual Spring Fair at the school Saturday May 12 from 10am to 1pm. Everyone welcome.

Website Update

The Mainland South Heritage Society continues to add items of interest to those gathering information on early settlers to the communities from Armdale to Pennant. Check out our website for the latest 1871 census records at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nsmshs/>.

Geometry Night

William King Elementary School in Herring Cove will hold a "Geometry Night" from 6:30 to 7:30 pm May 9. All school families welcome to attend.

Playing Peter Pan

The play Peter Pan will be performed by students at William King Elementary School with two performances May 28 and May 29 at 9 am and 6:30 pm both days.

Mixed Softball Registration

The Harrietsfield Williamswood Minor Mixed Softball Association will hold its registration at the Harrietsfield Elementary School May 8 from 6 to 7 pm. The \$30 program is for children five to 12 years of age.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper

A corned beef and cabbage supper will be held Sunday, May 27, from 4:30 to 6 pm at Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield: Price: Adults - \$10; Children (6-12 years) - \$6; 5 years and under - Free). Proceeds to support Emmanuel Church Scouting Groups.

Hockey AGM

The Chebucto Minor Hockey Association (CMHA) will hold its Annual General Meeting on May 22, from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre's Community Meeting Room.

Volunteers Needed

The Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield is looking for volunteer board members. We are an exciting part of the community who is working with children, youth and families to provide educational and recreational programming. Any community member interested in giving back to their community, is encouraged to contact Andrea Cochrane, President, at 424-5144. We are especially interested in someone who has fundraising experience or is enthusiastic about fundraising!

Boys and Girls Club AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield will be held on Monday June 18, 5-7pm, at the Club on Drysdale Road (above the Spryfield Lions Arena). Come out to learn about what has been going on at the Club and what the plans are for the next year. There will be refreshments provided.

Plant Sale

The Halifax-Westmoor annual Plant Sale will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Hall, 26 Purcell's Cove Rd., Halifax, on May 26 from 9:30 am to noon.

Geocaching Explained

Mainland South Heritage Society's next meeting is Thursday, Apr. 26 at the Captain William Spry Community Center at 7:30 PM. The guest speaker will be Jim Cyr who will explain the meaning of "Geocaching" and what is involved in this latest sport that is catching on all over the world. Geocaching entices people, especially tourists, to visit and learn about more the natural and historical attractions in our area.

Spring Fair

The Annual Spring Fair and Sale at Parkhill United Church, corner of Parkhill and Kirk Roads in Jollimore, will be held Saturday May 12 from 9 am to 1pm. Featuring home baking, garden plants, books, jewelry, novelties and collectables, games, cake weight, plus chowder, BBQ, muffins and beverages. For more information call 477-1422.

Church Breakfast

St. Peter's Parish, Ketch Harbour, will hold the annual Spring Breakfast on Sunday, May 6 from 8:00 to 11:30 am. Menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausages, toast, pancakes, French toast, juice, coffee and tea. Adult \$6.00, Youth (5-12) \$3.00, under 5 free. Take out available. Everyone welcome.

Community Yard Sale

The Sambro Loop Multi Community Yard Sale will be held on the weekend of May 26 and 27. Everyone residing on the Sambro Loop from the Harrietsfield Irving to LumberMart on Herring Cove Road is encouraged to participate. For information contact jessie_marriott@manulife.com or call 453-7300 Ext. 4692 or 475-1164.

Police Meetings in District 17

There are a number of Police Town Hall Meetings being scheduled for residents of District 17. Times and dates include Wednesday, May 9, John W. MacLeod Elementary School, 159 Purcell's Cove Road, 7 to 9 p.m.; Monday, May 14, Chebucto Heights Elementary School, 230 Cowie Hill Road, 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, May 17, St. James Anglican Church, 2668 Joseph Howe Drive (at the rotary), 7 to 9 p.m. The Police meetings will include a discussion on Neighbourhood Watch and City Watch Programs, as well as a Personal Safety Session.

Water Service Meeting

A meeting is being planned for residents of Purcell's Cove regarding possible water and sewer extension. On hand will be HRM staff including a Planner, Senior Environmental Engineer, and a Transportation Manager. As well an Engineer from the Halifax Regional Water Commission will be present. The meeting will be held Wednesday, May 16, at the Purcell's Cove Social Club, 505 Purcell's Cove Road.

Spring Fair

The Sambro Ketch Harbour Elementary School Annual Spring Fair will be held Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We hope you can join us for some great fun!

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8'x16'	\$499	\$749	\$949	\$1,199
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10'x16'	\$699	\$949	\$1,149	\$1,399
10'x20'	\$799	\$1,049	\$1,249	\$1,499
12'x12'	\$899	\$1,149	\$1,349	\$1,599
12'x16'	\$999	\$1,249	\$1,449	\$1,699
12'x20'	\$1,099	\$1,349	\$1,549	\$1,799
14'x14'	\$1,199	\$1,449	\$1,649	\$1,899
14'x18'	\$1,299	\$1,549	\$1,749	\$1,999
14'x22'	\$1,399	\$1,649	\$1,849	\$2,099
16'x16'	\$1,499	\$1,749	\$1,949	\$2,199
16'x20'	\$1,599	\$1,849	\$2,049	\$2,299
16'x24'	\$1,699	\$1,949	\$2,149	\$2,399
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