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Partnership creates Spryfield business centre

Spryfield - A unique partnership involving the District 18 Business and Development Association, South Centre Mall, an international business development agency the Centre for Entrepreneurial Education and Development (CEED) and The Madoc Group headed by local businessman and Association Director Peter Dockrill, has established a new business development service in Spryfield.

CEED's "Open For Business" (OFB) project, a network of friendly walk-in centres for people interested in exploring entrepreneurship, has established a site at South Centre Mall from where it will serve residents from Rockingham to Sambro. OFB first began as a CEED pilot project in 1996 and has since grown to a network of sites throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Sweden and South

Africa. OFB's Entrepreneurship Apprentices (EAs) will be on site two days a week prepared to assist people with the how to's and next steps of expanding a business.

"The Madoc Group and the Business Association have been meeting with CEED officials for months about the prospects of developing a business education centre in Spryfield," said Dockrill, explaining that the final hurdle, appropriate space, was cleared earlier this month when Allan MacDonald, South Centre Mall Manager, dedicated unused mall space to the project.

"OFB secured a Labour Market Development Agreement to fund a full-time EA position for two days a week," said Dockrill. "The staff position made it possible for all partners in the project to envision the

opening of an OFB centre to encourage business development education for all residents of Mainland Halifax," he said.

The site, formerly used to house the Spryfield Senior Citizen Club, will maintain a Computer Access Program (CAP) Site where computers will be available for local residents to use to access internet services, complete work projects and prepare business plans for burgeoning businesses.

CEED President and CEO Chris Curtis said the move to Spryfield gives OFB a much improved access to its marketplace, people in communities who need and want information and services about entrepreneurship. "OFB is proposing to actively pursue a larger clientele and enhance the level of entrepreneurship

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Alicia Andrews, left, and Jarod Snair help Halifax Regional School Board representative Carolyn MacFarlane prepare and distribute toast to the parents, staff and special guests who attended Rockingham School's salute to "Breakfast For Learning Month." The project kicked-off the school's breakfast program.

C&D disposal application on hold

Harrietsfield - Residents of Harrietsfield and Williamswood and the owners of RDM Recycling will have to wait until early October to find out whether or not Halifax Regional Council is going to approve the company's application to rezone a portion of its property.

The company has applied to rezone some of its land holdings to allow for development of a construction and demolition (C&D) disposal site. Regional Council held a public hearing in late September allowing about 40 residents and supporters of the company's application to air their views.

But Council was told by staff that no decision would be made at the end of the hearing.

Council is waiting for another public hearing on a site owned by Halifax C&D Limited. That company has applied for C&D rezoning on property near the airport. Once that hearing is complete, Council will meet to discuss both applications and decide if either or both of the rezonings will be approved.

RDM Recycling's application for C&D zoning would enable the recycling and waste transfer company to develop a disposal site for C&D material which can not be recycled. The intent is to bury materials from demolished buildings in a "cell" constructed on its property. The company has made the application because the city's Waste Management Strategy recognizes the need to divert C&D material from the Otter Lake Landfill.

RDM is attempting to fit its business into the city's waste strategy and take advantage of on-site dense clay earth material engineers say is ideally suited to the kind of disposal cell that needs to be created. The cell would have a lifespan of about 20 years and would contain inert materials like concrete, wood, gyprock and other building materials.

Residents in Harrietsfield have held a number of public meetings concerning the RDM application. At issue for residents is feared increased truck traffic on Old Sambro Road, the need for trucks to pass through the Harrietsfield Elementary School zone, the potential for environmental damage to their well water, leakage into the adjacent watershed systems of area lakes and complaints about

Fairmount residents air development concerns

Fairmount - About 200 or so Fairmount Subdivision residents can't stop development of 147 single family homes at the top of their neighbourhood on lands known as the Butler Property, but thanks to Councillor Linda Mosher they got a chance to air their concerns to city officials and the developer.

Fairmount Developments Inc. and its owner Glenn Clark is undertaking the project on lands already zoned residential, a fact which means the development can proceed under law without any public hearings or information meetings.

But beyond the usual concerns over traffic, safety for neighbourhood school children and blasting, the development is complicated

because part of the property has been used for dumping and is contaminated. To comply with Nova Scotia Department of Environment demands to clean-up the site, the developer has received approval to separate out the contaminated soil and bury it in an on-site disposal cell. The developer would be responsible for the cell into the future but the approval represents the first time in provincial history a cell of this type has been approved for a residentially zoned property.

Geoff McBeath, an environmental engineer with EARTHTECH Engineering Limited who is undertaking that part of the project, told residents the contamination is limited to some heavy metals and "PAH" contaminants which

come from pavement and concrete disposal.

He said the project involves separating the bigger materials, anything over two inches in diameter, from the smaller materials, anything under two inches. The smaller material, something in the order of a hundred thousand tons of earth, would be buried on site by the developer who has had to enter a long term agreement with the Department of Environment to monitor and maintain the site.

But many residents did not feel secure that the developer would be kept responsible for the cell. "What happens if someone goes missing in the night? Is there a bond in place," asked one resident, who was told there is a

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awareness to new areas of HRM," he said, expecting the new satellite office will serve the communities of Spryfield, Clayton Park and Fairview.

Existing OFB services are available primarily in Downtown Halifax, at the Job Junction in the Halifax Shopping Centre Annex and in Dartmouth at the Career Development Centre of the YMCA. OFB is also planning to establish a satellite office in Sackville.

"We provide our clients with

entrepreneurial advice that allows them to make informed decisions," said Curtis. "Our knowledgeable staff are kept current about the programs and services available to entrepreneurs and we refer many of our clients to appropriate agencies and organizations that assist entrepreneurs with their business ideas."

District 18 Association President Sharon Beasley welcomed the announcement. "Spryfield is a community with a tremendous potential for developing business. There is a significant available labour and entrepreneurial market here and obviously, from recent reports

in local media, an abundance of commercial space to house new and growing businesses," she said.

Mall Manager Allan MacDonald also welcomed the addition to the mall's tenant base. "South Centre Mall is the ideal location for our local

Business Association to gain profile and help them create new business ventures for the community. This partnership may result in business opportunities for both participants and South Centre."

Dockrill, whose company The Madoc Group is a business consulting firm, said the partnership brings together

expertise about business and "puts it right at the sidewalk level so people don't have to feel uncomfortable about asking questions."

Local business, said Dockrill, has been spurred on to take this initiative with the discovery that "we are not in any particular catchment area of the Regional Development Authorities and have all along been excluded from the 'mapping process' in site selection for

relocation of both HRM and provincial government administrative offices."

"This is a free service being offered by CEED through its Open For Business Program," he said of the two days a week OFB will man the near 1,500 square foot space.

"But beyond that, the Business Association will be able to centre its activities and its expertise at the site as well. Our membership is a tremendous resource of knowledge and experience and we anticipate many of our members will volunteer time at the site to keep it open for more than the two days a week now committed by OFB."

Anyone interested in opening a business or in expanding an existing company will be able to achieve information and advice on such things as creating a business plan, bookkeeping basics, cost effective marketing techniques, taxation tips and a number of other entrepreneurial subjects.



Madoc Group President and member of the District 18 Business and Development Association Peter Dockrill, left, met with Chris Curtis, President and CEO of CEED; South Centre Mall Manager Allan MacDonald, Open For Business Halifax Manager Nicole Smith and CEED Vice-President of International Operations Mike Wyse, to put the finishing touches on an agreement to open an OFB office at the Spryfield Mall.

Fairmount residents air development concerns

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\$25,000 bond. Department of Environment officials told residents the department has many similar agreements in place with landowners but admitted that all others were on commercial sites.

Residents also complained to head table officials invited by Mosher that blasting was damaging their homes and, in at least one instance when part of a blasting mat flew into the local school ground, was threatening school children. Jim Donovan, Halifax supervisor of permits and regulations, told residents that all complaints are logged and he encouraged them to contact his office if there are concerns.

David McCusker, city traffic manager told residents the unhappy news that traffic studies "show no need for a signaled intersection" at Springvale at Dutch Village Road where residents say they now have to wait up to fifteen minutes to edge into morning rush hour traffic flows.

And McCusker said there are no plans to open the back of the property to the Northwest Arm Drive. It is not part of the plans, he said,

cautioning that opening the community to the four lane connector road might lead to traffic shortcutting through the neighbourhood.

Inspector William Dambrough, West Division Commander for the police department, gave residents speeding statistics compiled over the past few weeks on many streets in the neighbourhood. But although with the exception of Dutch Village Road speeds were considered relatively slow, Traffic Manager McCusker said the city is unable to reduce speed limits on city streets to anything below 50 kph, even on narrow winding streets like some in this neighbourhood, because "that's a provincial responsibility."

The near three hour session ended with residents thanking Councillor Mosher for providing them an opportunity to air their concerns. "If nothing else," said Mosher, "the residents have had an opportunity now to reinforce their concerns to city staff, the department of environment and the developer over this project. Hopefully everyone will be just a little more diligent as it unfolds."

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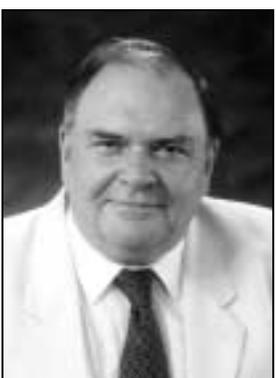


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Theatre, arts and dance space planned for J.L. Ilsley

Spryfield - J.L. Ilsley and its Family of Schools, may soon have a multi-use performing arts space.

Arts Express Coordinator for the J.L. Family of Schools Willie Reid, boosted by a \$40,000 grant from the Halifax Regional School Board, is spearheading a project to raise a total of \$250,000 to transform a former Ilsley equipment storage facility into a performing arts space for theatre, music and dance that may include a seating capacity for as many as 150 guests.

Reid said preliminary plans to transform a former football equipment storage space on the northwest side of the building in a cultural centre to serve all of the local youth have been

prepared and a corporate and community fundraising program has been initiated.

"School administrators, arts specialists, the school board, municipal officials and community members have agreed on the urgent need for the development of a cultural space in Spryfield for young actors, musicians, filmmakers, dancers, writers and artists," she said, explaining that no space presently exists for this purpose "yet there is a large recognized body of gifted young performers in our schools and our community."

With the preliminary plans already drawn, and a campaign to research funds well underway, Reid is hopeful the physical side of the project might just get started next month.

"We are writing a grant proposal to the municipal government and applying for provincial and federal funding," said Reid, hoping contributions from government at all three levels will augment the corporate fundraising appeal initiated last May. "Corporately we are in discussion and active negotiations with some companies."

Reid recognizes that much of the building construction work can be done through and in association with the technical education programs at J.L. Ilsley, but that represents mostly a labour force. "We still will require "in-kind"

donations of products and services and it would be wonderful if this community (Spryfield and surrounding areas) would be involved in whatever way possible to make this project work.

J.L. Ilsley, she said, is home to more than 800 students who come from The Pennants through to Purcell's Cove. "J.L. is located in a neighbourhood perceived to be plagued by vandalism, crime and serious acts of violence. Studies show that strong arts experiences for young people, particularly those at risk, speak vivid testimonies to success in building expressive, technical skills, confidence, empathy, tolerance, aesthetic judgment, an increase in self-fulfillment and a resolve to stay in school," she said.

The project would begin with the clearing out and relocating of the stored materials followed by provision for accessibility and meeting of fire regulations. Eventually lighting, heating, dressing rooms, seating and technical supports will be required. Reid said the plan is for students and community members to be involved in the project which "will generate pride and a sense of commitment for all. This project will celebrate and value the arts and drama program and talent at J.L. Ilsley and other schools in its feeder system," she said.



Hostess:

Jackie Whitaker -
Community Welcomes from
Armdale to Sambro
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The arts, culture and music departments at J.L. Ilsley will get a boost if the school is successful in developing a new cultural space. School partners in the project include Emile Kuchler, teacher of digital arts and culture; Leslie Broomhead, music teacher; Willie Reid, Arts Express Coordinator and Bonnie Aalders, visual arts teacher.

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The Oakleys of Mainland South trace their history to County Tipperary, Ireland

by Iris V. Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

Today one might find Oakley descendants living in most communities in Mainland South. The name first appeared in Herring Cove when James Oakley (1803-1871) married Elizabeth King in 1825. Halifax church records show that James' parents, Thomas Oakley and Mary Burke, arrived in Halifax about 1798 from Prince Edward Island with at least two children. Another three children, the youngest of whom was James, were born in Halifax. The burial record for Thomas Oakley (sic) at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Halifax, 24 September 1823, age 76 years, stated he was a native of Ballyporeen, County Tipperary, Ireland.

James Oakley was baptized as an infant in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Halifax, on 1 May 1803. As an adult, he was baptized Roman Catholic on 30 January 1825, two weeks before his marriage to Elizabeth King, the daughter of Frederick and Mary (Perrin) King of Herring Cove. Both events were recorded at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Prospect.

In 1869, James Oakley, a fisherman, sold his land in Herring Cove for twenty dollars to Patrick Dempsey. Described as "20 feet along the shore, and 150 feet deep to the road," the property bordered James Dempsey's land on the north, and Michael Reyno's land on the south. In the 1871 census for Ferguson's Cove District, James Oakley was 68 years old, a widower, living on the Herring Cove Road with his daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Phillip Henneberry. His death was recorded in the Halifax County Death Register that same year, on 7 October, under the surname O'Kiely.

Records show that five sons and three daughters were born to James and Elizabeth (King) Oakley while they lived in Herring Cove. Of their three daughters, Emma married Cornelius Hartry in 1873; Ellen married Philip Henneberry, the son of John Henneberry and Mary Glazebrook, in 1858; Mary married Michael Brunt, the son of Paulus Brunt and Jane Ryno, in 1857. Three of James Oakley's sons, Thomas, James and Richard, married, respectively, Susan, Sarah and Charlotte Glazebrook, the daughters of John Glazebrook and Elizabeth Brunt.

A fourth son, Frederick, married Isabel Horne of Eastern Passage and settled in Herring Cove. Their son, Frederick, Junior, who was born in Eastern Passage, married Sarah Nicholson of Spryfield and had ten children, all born between 1880 and 1897. This Oakley family lived near Central School on land purchased from the Kidston family, part of Captain William Spry's 18th century farm. Three of Frederick and Sarah's daughters married and settled in Jollimore. Susan married Stephen Innes, Matilda married William Jessup and Jessie married George Powell. A fourth daughter, Mary Isabel, never married. Of their six sons, Edward Francis married Angeline LaPierre, Frederick James married Bertha Coolen and George William married Alice Maud Relf. Many of their descendants continue to live in Spryfield.

James Oakley, Junior, and his wife Sarah Glazebrook settled on the Herring Cove Road, on land formerly owned by Sarah's parents

where, 100 years later, Green Acres subdivision was built. The land was part of Lot Number Eight in Leiblin Manor and had been passed down through inheritance from Robert Findlay to his three grandchildren, John and William Glazebrook, and their sister, Mary Henneberry. Robert Findlay had purchased the land in 1811 from George McIntosh, Esquire.

Thomas and Susan Oakley sold their share of the Findlay land to James and Sarah Oakley and moved to Halifax. Richard and Charlotte Oakley also sold their share of the land to James and Sarah and settled in Herring Cove.

Of the thirteen known children born between 1862 and 1887 to James and Sarah Oakley, it was their son, James William, who settled in Spryfield and whose descendants continue to live on the Herring Cove Road. James William Oakley married Annie Amelia Hartlen of Harrietsfield, whose father, George, was caretaker of the City of Halifax water supply at Sprucehill Lake. James worked on the dam and helped build the large stone walls that line

the shore of Sprucehill Lake. Thirteen children were born to James and Annie between 1885

owned by Archibald Kidston. The land stretched along the Herring Cove Road, from the present day Cove Store to Roy Street, and west to Judge Hugh Henry's land toward Kidston Lake. Following his death in 1929 at the age of 66 years, James Oakley's property was divided among his ten surviving children. James and Annie's son, Charles Alexander, whose widow and descendants continue to live on the same lot, occupied the homestead after his father's death. On September 15, 2002, Elsie (Wambolt) Oakley, widow of Charles Alexander, celebrated her 90th birthday with many family members and friends in attendance. Six of her eight children survive.

The original house has been torn down but two more Oakley houses occupy the homestead lot. This photograph, taken in 1944, shows the back of the original house. The front of the house faced the Herring Cove Road. Standing in front of their father's car are Iona and Deanna Oakley, daughters of Charles Alexander and Elsie Oakley.



This photo shows a rear view of the original Oakley homestead as it appeared in 1944.

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HRM "KIDS" makes recreation programs available to all

Disadvantaged kids should not be denied an opportunity to participate in and benefit from involvement in sport and recreation programs and thanks to a program called HRM Kids 151 youngsters who would not normally have been able to participate have undertaken everything from baseball to day camps.

HRM Kids Coordinator Peggy Allen says this year's program, supported originally by a \$15,000 grant from the city, was so popular the city threw in another \$5,000 from its Community Development budget to accommodate the volume of requests. "And this \$20,000 value in programming does not include the value of free space offered by

some of our partnering service providers like the YMCA, Dalplex, the Centennial Pool or the Lions Wave Pool. If all this was included the program's value would more than double," Allen said.

HRM Kids came to Halifax out of a conference in Thunder bay, Ontario, attended by Regional Recreation Coordinator Bob Naus. "Bob brought the program here from the conference he attended a few years ago," said Allen, explaining that the local program began as a pilot project in April 2001.

In its first year the program was available only on the Halifax peninsula but was expanded this year to include all of HRM. The change saw placements rise from only

37 to July 15 last year to 115 by July of this year, said Allen, who has been out instructing staff on how to deal with the program.

"I've been out training our staff and recreation programmers about the program and we've been getting very positive feedback from organizations like Family Services, Children's Aid and Family SOS," she said.

HRM Kids offers free registration spaces for kids in a variety of community based recreation programs. HRM's Parks and Recreation has provided most of the placements within its programming but space has also been provided by other Metro recreation service providers including the YMCA, St. Mary's University, Chebucto Boys and Girls Club, Preston Area Boys and Girls Club, Grasshoppers Martial Arts and the Supernova Program at Dalhousie University.

"The program works to place needy children in recreation, sport and culture programs. Everyone recognizes the value of these kinds of programs for kids and this program aims to deal with youth who would not normally be able to advantage some programs," said Allen.

She said 18%, about 58,300 individuals, of the HRM population lives in poverty and more than 65% of Nova Scotia's youth are not active enough for health benefits. A minimum of 11,000 of children facing poverty are under the age of 15 and about 14,000 children are between the ages of 15 and 24 she said.

"HRM Kids will help provide children with registration fees, equipment and transportation expenses," said Allen. "The vision is that all children and youth in Halifax should be able to participate in recreational activities that boost their self-esteem, promote health growth and the learning of new skills, increased knowledge and personal development."

Allen's biggest trouble is keeping up with the requests. Already this year's budget had to be supplemented so Allen is about to embark on another campaign. "The next stage for us is to seek out service clubs and agencies to see if they might want to support this program and the kids. After that we will undertake a corporate campaign to find donations and develop other funding sources," she said.

Allen works closely with other supportive agencies, in particular KidSport, a Recreation Nova Scotia program offering equipment and financial support to kids entering recreation programs. "This is a year round project," said Allen, "but when the funds are gone we retreat to trying to find free spaces so kids can participate in programs."

Allen encouraged businesses to participate by offering to share registration fees for some kids. "If HRM Kids, KidSport and business joined hands the funding sources could be stretched a little farther and more kids would be able to join in and benefit from sport."

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Old fashioned ways central to UFM's Harvest Fair

Spryfield - Horseshoes, barrel-ring toss, sack races and three-legged heats highlighted the competitions at the First Annual Harvest Fair held by the Urban Farm Museum Society at the museum site on the former Kidston Farm property.

About a hundred citizens attended the event, sampling a variety of potatoes dishes served up from the successful potatoes crop

grown this year for the first time in decades at the farm. Boiled, baked, scalloped and salad dishes were followed by samplings of home-made apple and bramble-berry pies washed down with lemonade and apple cider.

Society President Pat MacLean welcomed Councillor Stephen Adams and special guests Jim and Margaret Dreshner from Windhorse Farm, New Germany, to the fair, and prepared

tables of homemade raspberry sauce, offered raffle tickets on a new Society quilt, set out copies of the Society's cookbook "Foods of Spry's Field", four season note cards and Christmas cards as fundraising products to support the Society's efforts to rebuild the historic Kidston Farm site.

"Since our oxen-ploughing event last October," said MacLean, "we have cleared more of the garden by hand and with the help of Canada Public Works employees on Environment Day in June and through the efforts of young people who are members of the Heartwood Institute in August. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Metro United Way for funding assistance and to Councillor Stephen Adams who arranged for staff members Ron Hanson, Joey Fitzgerald and Troy Adams of Cypress Landscaping who cleared the lower part of the field in preparation for this year's Fair and the future location of the barn we hope to establish on the site."

Eleven-year-old John Berakos won two of the contests held during the day by guessing the right number of blueberries in a jar and the correct weight of an apple pie he got to take home. Tara Day took this year's "Apple Peel Championship" by stretching her peelings to 46 and one quarter inches.

MacLean said the Society is producing a new "volunteer brochure" which will outline how people can become involved in the development of the museum farm. "Everyone is welcome," she said, adding that "we are so fortunate to have this historic farm in our community and we should all work together to make Spryfield Proud of our agricultural heritage."



The Pelham Electric Jollimore Pee Wee "A" took the silver medal in the Provincial Playdowns the team hosted in early September at Tremont Field. The Pelham squad dumped Hammonds Plains 7-4 and 19-1 but suffered 9-3 and 17-5 losses to the powerful Cole Harbour squad who took the title after going 4-0 in the round robin. Members of the Jollimore team included Ryan LeBlanc, Pat Gilbert, Scott Pelham, Mike Willems, Gordie Cohoon, Vhris Wainwright, Spencer Armurworthy, Jeremy Hughes, Logan Fahey, Jeff Touensard, Carey Micheau and coaches Doug Gilbert, John Hughes and Don Pelham.



The Halifax Mets Bantam "A" baseball squad hosted their division Provincial Playdowns at Graves Oakley Park in early September. The Dartmouth Mariners won the event edging Pictou 11-10 in eight innings while the local Mets lost their two opening games but defeated Pictou 8-7 to force the championship game. Members of the Mets include Laurie Barrs, Michael Briand, Ryan Chipman, Dustin Conrad, Tyler Covey, Roberto Menendez, Josh Pelham, Joseph Purchase, Mitchell Rose-Kays, John Scott, Brad Snow, Doug Wagner and Coaches Jim Pelham, John Scott and Bill Purchase.

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Wednesday October 2nd and 16th
Time: 6-8p.m. Cost \$5

Childrens Crafts
Saturday October 12th
Time: 11a.m.-1p.m. Cost \$3 Ages: 5-9years

Pumpkin Carving Gala
Saturday October 26th.
Time: 11a.m.-1p.m. Cost \$5 Ages 5-9years

Xmas Baking Class (Rent-A-Chef)
Tuesdays Oct. 29th to Nov. 26th
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It's play time at "PlayDay" in Spryfield October 5

Spryfield - It's official! Kids can go ahead and get dirty at the Sunlight Spryfield PlayDay on Saturday, October 5 at the Captain William Spry Community Centre.

Co-hosted by the Chebucto Boys and Girls Club and HRM Parks and Recreation, the 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. event being held at the Captain William Spry Community Centre, is the result of a unique partnerships between Sunlight Laundry Detergent, the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA) and the International Play Association (IPA). Called "The Sunlight National PlayDay Program," events are being organized across Canada and "The Sunlight Spryfield PlayDay" is only one of several events taking place from coast to coast. Other cities hosting a PlayDay include

Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, Charlottetown, Fredericton and St. John's, Nfld.

PlayDay is part of Sunlight's focus on the importance of play. Experts in child development believe that play is an important part of a child's development. At play, kids learn to share and communicate. They discover, grow, and of course, get dirty. Play is also recognized as critical in exercise, motor skill development and enhancement of social, moral and emotional skills.

Chebucto Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Kristi Walker says the funding for this program will enable local kids to have a fun afternoon right here at home. "We're anticipating art, noise, games and the 'Mud Puddle Play

Zone' (hosted by the Captain William Spry Library) will attract scores of local kids who will have fun just getting dirty," she said. The program will also see the kids provided with \$1 off coupons for a swim at the Lions Wave Pool.

And Walker said the day-long event is a team effort. "The Chebucto Boys and Girls Club and HRM Parks and Recreation are the main sponsors," she said, "but the full team includes the Captain William Spry Library, the Single Parent Centre, St. Paul's Family

Resources Institute, the Spryfield Lions Club and the Captain Spry Community Centre and Multi-Service office."

"In many places in this country we've lost something precious - the ability to safely play in the outdoors," says Dr. Jane Hawes, an expert in play studies. "The outdoors once belonged to kids and we can get it back. Sunlight's National PlayDay Program provides a means for this to happen," she said.

C&D disposal application

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dust, odour and noise.

The city's planning and development department is recommending against granting the application. "RDM complies with all the technical criteria of the Municipal Planning Strategy with two exceptions," says the report. The exceptions include the fact that the existing zoning is residential and it is a fundamental policy of the MPS that C&D disposal operations not be located in residential areas. Secondly the MPS does not permit an industrial business on the property to expand beyond its current borders.

Speaking with other residents who attended the meeting, Jennifer Lake of the Harrietsfield Williamswood Residents Association said approval of the application would amount to "blatant discrimination of the residents in Harrietsfield. Other locations can be considered. Even the planning department does not agree with this application."

Supporters of the application say there has always been a lot of industrial and truck activity in Harrietsfield, including the former Nicholson Auto Salvage yard which RDM cleaned up to initiate its business in 1998 and '99. "The residential subdivisions moved into the community after the industrial use of this property was already in place," said Dawn Lawrence, who also said the community has been facing a water uranium problem for 20 years and kids at the elementary school have always used bottled water.

Company engineering spokesman Barry Zwicker told council the application meets all the technical criteria. "There is no technical reason why the Department of the Environment and the Halifax Water Advisory Committee would not support this application. This property has been an industrial use since the 1960s. It is substantially better today that it was just a few years ago."



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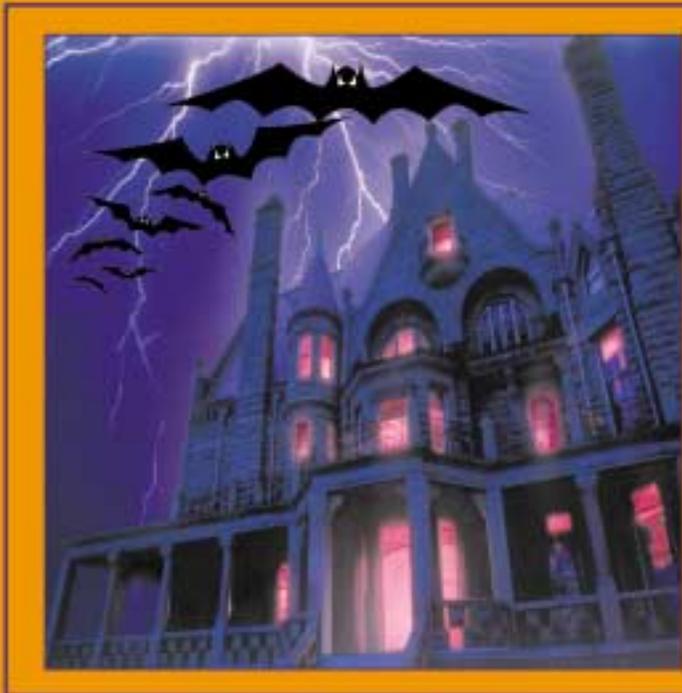
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Traffic issues flow everywhere in District 17

By Lind Mosher, Councillor, District 17

Traffic, next to the weather, is probably the most discussed topic in HRM. While there appear to be many quick fixes for some problems, the placement of traffic lights, stop-signs, crosswalks, is governed by strict criteria. Traffic has been an issue in District 17 for many years. Recent developments within this district and also in surrounding suburban areas, as well as traffic calming experiments, have taken a toll on residents.

There are many traffic issues which I am trying to resolve. The rotary has long exhausted its usefulness. The St. Margaret's Bay Road is in desperate need of another crosswalk. Mumford Road and surrounding streets have recently taken on more and more traffic due to recent, significant changes. People are short cutting through neighbourhoods to avoid the

rotary, such as through Osborne Street or Keating Road. There are issues regarding lack of crosswalks and crossing guards near schools. Unfortunately, the Traffic Authority is governed by the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act and there are specific warrants required to address traffic issues. I am working to resolve these long standing traffic and safety issues.

I am slowly making progress on some of these issues. We finally obtained an overhead flashing crosswalk on Purcell's Cove Road across from Regatta Point. This week, systems were put in place to alleviate the safety concern of vehicles exiting Ramsgate Lane. When a vehicle is on Ramsgate, the weight is detected and causes an amber light to flash on Purcell's Cove Road - to alert drivers that a vehicle is exiting Ramsgate Lane.

The intersection of the Williams Lake Road/Parkhill Road and Purcell's Cove Road is

a safety hazard. I remember walking to Cunard Junior High in the '70's and witnessing several vehicle incidents at this intersection. The mirror on Williams Lake Road has not worked, it is broken every couple of months, and does not adequately assist drivers in safely exiting Parkhill Road. I have finally convinced the Traffic Authority to address this issue. We will be installing four way stop signs at this intersection. To safely inform drivers that a stop sign is eminent, over head flashing red light will be installed on Purcell's Cove Road. Additional concrete curbing is required to better define the intersection. Due to time delays in ordering the lights and concrete installation, the project may not be completed until Spring. I am attempting to find a School Crossing Guard for the interim.

I have had our Community Police officer visit schools to discuss traffic. As well, you may have noticed a radar trailer, digitally dis-

playing your speed as you drive by. These are important tools to provide the Police Department with data on the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limits. The Police Officer follows this data up with personal enforcement. Neighbourhood safety is a critical concern for members of the Halifax Regional Police Department, drivers exceeding the speed limits are being ticketed. Purcell's Cove Road, and Dutch Village Road are the most radar patrolled streets in the Western Region.

The recent meeting of residents of Fairmount Subdivision gave further urgency to addressing vehicle speeds, volumes of traffic, and difficulty getting in and out of this subdivision. I would like to thank all residents who attended this meeting and those who brought forward these important issues. The Traffic Authority will ensure that the integrity and safety of this neighbourhood is addressed.

Senior citizen assets being gobbled up to cover health care needs

By Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic MLA

"Care in nursing homes or other facilities are not covered by MSI health coverage," says a Nova Scotia government brochure dated 2002.

These words describe a reality that many of us are not aware of, until we encounter this province's long-term care system. These words mean that patients, and their families, must pay for medical care in long-term care facilities in Nova Scotia, despite the fact that the cost of the same care is covered by Medicare if it is delivered in any of the province's hospitals.

What does this mean? It means that if you, or a spouse, require medical care while in a nursing home, the bill for this care, which can run to thousands of dollars a month, will be passed on to you.

How will you pay for this care? Under this government the province decides. Bureaucrats at the Department of Health will make a full investigation of your personal finances, decide how much you need to live on, and access your remaining assets to meet your care expenses. If necessary you will be required to sell property, hand over pensions, investments and savings,

and even ask children and grandchildren to give up any gifts they have received from you in the last three years.

The effect of this policy is devastating. At our offices the NDP has received countless calls from seniors who have been driven to desperate circumstances by its implementation. The wife of one elderly man was required to sell off all the assets she and her husband had worked a lifetime to acquire, and when his care had consumed that, the government came back to her and took her husband's pension. A man in Dartmouth had to sell the family home to pay for his mother's care, and son in the country had property seized that his mother had willed to him in the '70's. Only seniors who are already living in poverty, and have few resources, are exempted.

This doesn't happen in most other provinces. In "have-not" Manitoba, with its NDP government, the medical costs of long-term care are totally covered. In fact many seniors are making the difficult decision to relocate to other provinces so they can afford to place a family member in a nursing home, as did a woman who called us distraught because

she was forced to move to Ontario so she could afford to put her husband, who has Alzheimer's, in care.

John Hamm's Tories, like the Liberals before them, have done nothing to bring Nova Scotia's long-term care policy into line with the rest of the country. Nova Scotian seniors, who have worked hard all their lives and paid their taxes, find that when they need medical care the most, they have to pay for it themselves.

The Nova Scotia NDP believes that no one should be driven to poverty because they have aged or become sick. We believe it is time that seniors in nursing homes had the cost of their

medical care covered, like anyone else who needs medical care in this province. Hand in hand with this is our commitment to provide proper home care that keeps people in their own homes. That, not ransacking personal assets, is how to save money in health care. We will be circulating a petition over the next few weeks requesting our government to cover the medical costs of long term care.

If you would like to add your voice to the NDP campaign for seniors please call my constituency office at 477-4100, or the NDP Caucus office at 424-4134, or e-mail us at ndp-caucus@gov.ns.ca.

Paving, possible new park

By Stephen Adam, Councillor, District 18

As you travel through Spryfield you can't help but notice the construction along Herring Cove Road and Old Sambro Road. This initiative was covered in a previous column but it deserves a closer look.

This upgrade of storm sewers will help to minimize, if not eliminate, "surges" into McIntosh Run during heavy rainfall. This extra volume increased the chances of the Run becoming polluted and setting back the fine efforts of all those who help to keep it clean.

The upgrade at Old Sambro Road will help to alleviate flooding in that area, which is a concern in the spring and fall. The system will help divert storm water from backyards to an appropriate storm sewer system.

Another benefit from the project is the opportunity to develop a park near the Captain William Spry Community Centre just off the bridge at Herring Cove Road. I have raised this potential at Council and asked that our Recreation Department staff explore the options available. Once identified, we can proceed to a

public meeting and determine the best use for this property. The big advantage with this situation is that the contractor can help prepare a base for the park to accommodate our needs.

We are now in the planning stages for capital projects, such as playgrounds. If you have any suggestions please feel free to give me a call.

Last year I met with the residents of Captain William Spry Lodge on Arnold Drive. The topic dealt with an elevator, or more accurately, the lack thereof. In September I spoke with Peter Christie, Minister of Housing, and raised the issue again. He has assured me that he will look at it again. The subject was also scheduled as part of Council's September 24 meeting where I offered to cost-share in the project. I am very encouraged by Minister Christie's reaction to my request.

Finally, Circle Drive is going to be paved. The work will start in October and will include paving and new concrete curb and gutter. I am very excited regarding this project because it has been a long time coming. The work will enhance the area and further reduce flooding.



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The World views Canada in a very special light

By Geoff Regan,
Halifax West MP

Reading newspapers, watching television or surfing the Internet, we can't help but realize that the world continues to get smaller. With all the connections we have to other parts of the world, some Canadians worry about how we can maintain a distinct, Canadian identity. Several recent events have really driven this point home for me.

A few weeks ago, I heard former Finance Minister Paul Martin speak at Acadia University in Wolfville. He was asked about how we can keep our identity, especially with so much U.S. influence on our culture.

He pointed out that it's sometimes easier for others to see who we are than for us to see ourselves. In the wake of 9/11, there was great concern about the international economy. Finance ministers of the G-7 and the G-20 were anxious to meet. There was also a need for the directors of the International Monetary Fund to gather. The G-7 had been scheduled to meet in Washington, but international delegates were concerned about their security. A G-20 meeting was proposed to take place in India, but delegates were uncomfortable with that location also. The IMF proposed meeting in London. Again, there was no agreement. Finally, the Canadian Government asked if the groups would be comfortable meeting in Ottawa. The member countries all agreed and all three groups ended up meeting in our capital.

The point is this: most of the world views Canada in a very special light. Living here, many of us do not get to see that. We are seen as a safe haven, a peaceful people and a diverse

country that encourages multiculturalism, not assimilation.

Over the summer - and more recently in the Speech from the Throne - the Prime Minister has confirmed Canada's intention to ratify the Kyoto Protocol. (This international treaty commits countries that have signed it to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 5% below 1990 levels: you can see a copy of the Protocol at <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/convkp/kpeng.html>) While certainly proving contentious at home, to get the real picture we need to look to the wider world. Most industrialized nations, particularly in Europe, have already signed on to the agreement and even large developing countries like Russia and China have joined as well. The last big holdout is the United States.

Once again this summer - the second in a row - smog covered parts of Atlantic Canada. This smog is not home grown. It comes almost entirely from the U.S. eastern seaboard and the Ohio River Valley. Our neighbours affect us and we need to convince them to take a more serious, and more realistic, view of environmental policy. Of course, smog and global warming are not the same thing, but both highlight the need to lower emissions.

Following the Prime Minister's comments on September 11th, there has been much discussion about the possible causes of terrorism. Above all, those who commit acts of terror and those who conspire with them must be held accountable and brought to justice. There can be no excusing or transferring their guilt.

At the same time, it is worthwhile for us to try to understand how such groups develop and how they attract moral and financial support and new recruits. And, in the context of con-

sidering future actions and decisions about foreign policy, national governments must assess the geopolitical impacts of all their actions.

For example, fanatics like Osama Bin Laden and the Taliban leaders argued that by attacking them, the U.S. and its allies were really attacking the Islamic religion. They called on other Muslims in the Middle East and elsewhere to join them. As the U.S. and the U.N. consider whether to attack Iraq, one of the things to consider is whether such a strike would add credibility to the arguments of fanatics and draw more recruits to their cause. International politics is no game. But if we compare it for a moment to a complex chess match, it is essential to think well beyond the next move.

In my view, the "causes" of terrorism are individual decisions to hate and to act with violence against innocent civilians. But the "sources" of terrorists and their grievances are a different matter. Most of us don't know enough about terrorist groups to say precisely how or why they develop. And even experts can only make educated guesses, based on the information they have.

Countries generally act according to their own interests. Sometimes they can be very short sighted. As citizens in democratic societies, it is our responsibility to try to understand how grievances can arise and to ensure that the self-interest our governments pursue is enlightened and far sighted. Canada is well respected for its ability to look ahead.



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Together we strive to become a better community

by Linda Roberts Multi-Service Coordinator

One of the best things about the Spryfield and Chebucto Peninsula area is how we work together. What many people may not know is that we have a twenty-five year legacy of communication and cooperation among community groups and organizations. We've called it Multi-Service.

Attending the launch of the breakfast program at Rockingstone Heights School this morning reminded me of what a friendly, open and sharing community we are. While breakfast was served I talked to Michelle about the Spryfield Residents' Association meeting, discussed with Willie support for the arts program at Central Spryfield School and firmed up with Donna what we need to do to start the Hot Lunch Program. To make sure we share information and resources, there is a Mental Health Roundtable group that meets once a month. At this meeting, representatives from community agencies discuss community needs, issues and learn about each other's services. As a result of the meeting on Tuesday, Captain Jim at the Salvation Army has had a referral from one of the other agencies. And Captain Jim tells me that he may make referrals to other agencies now that he knows who does what locally. Apart from the information exchange at the monthly meetings, the Mental Health Roundtable organizes the yearly Community Health Fair at the Spryfield Mall.

Many hands make light work is not always the case, but many hands makes the work at lot more fun. One of the best examples of that is planning the Spryfield Community PlayDay that is coming up on Saturday, October 5. Seven community agencies with the support of other groups have been working together since August to organize the 3-hour family event at the Captain Spry

Centre. The Chebucto Boys and Girls Club and the HRM Parks & Recreation Department are the official local sponsors, but we have all worked as a team. Having the Captain Spry Library, the Single Parent Centre, St. Paul's Family Resources Institute, Spryfield Lions Club, and the Captain Spry Community Centre on side means that everyone takes part of the work. Initiating these projects as a community team means a lot of meetings, but the good will and good spirit keeps us going.

Last winter and spring there were 3 Community Planning meetings to stimulate inter-

est in local planning issues. We have many groups that are actively working on social, economic and environmental concerns. Now there is some community activity linking these issues with the need for planning.

The Community Suppers at B.C. Silver on Tuesday evenings are also a group effort. Most local churches are taking their turn to organize a meal. These suppers have become a popular event so it takes a lot of work to pull together a meal for 200 or so people. There would be many hands involved in this community activity. Thank you to all the volunteers who help out.



The St. Paul's United Church "Community Garden" was named this month with a welcoming sign provided by District 18 Councillor Stephen Adams. Family Resources Institute Coordinator Peter Greechan says each of the 28 families who garden there grow at least one row of food for the Institute's food bank. Shown standing before the new "John Umlah Memorial Garden" sign are Mr. Greechan, Dorothy Rudolph, FRI Board member; Rev Calvin Ginn; Eric MacDonald, Food Bank volunteer and Joyce Stevens, Food Bank Administrator.

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What is "Parvovirus" and what can I do to help my puppy

Q: I have just gotten an 8 week old puppy and haven't been to the vet yet. What is Parvovirus exactly and when should I have my puppy vaccinated for it?

A: Parvovirus is one of the major viral diseases which affects dogs, primarily puppies. It is characterized by diarrhea, vomiting, intestinal bleeding and collapse. Unvaccinated dogs of any age can be infected, but usually older dogs have developed some immunity against the disease and symptoms therefore may be mild. Younger animals are usually severely affected, and may die due to severe infections or septic shock. Infected dogs may seem tired or lethargic and do not eat the day before obvious symptoms appear. Then the animal

becomes depressed, develops a fever and has vomiting and severe watery diarrhea (which may be bloody). Doberman Pinschers, Rottweillers and Pit Bull Terriers may be more susceptible than most breeds and the prognosis for them should they develop the disease, is often worse.

Treatment of Canine Parvovirus Enteritis is purely supportive as there are no effective antiviral agents available. Intravenous fluids and antibiotics are the mainstay of therapy. Many puppies can be saved if they can be supported long enough. Hospital stays of more than 10 days are not uncommon, but sadly for some pups, lengthy hospital stays cannot guarantee that they will survive. Because

Parvovirus is extremely contagious, sick puppies are placed into isolation at veterinary clinics, and are treated separately from all other animals. Resulting veterinary bills can be extremely high.

Parvovirus is shed in the stools and is extremely hardy, persisting for long time periods in the environment. This makes it difficult to control exposure of dogs to this virus. It can survive intense heat and sub-zero temperatures for months. Long after the remains of any stool is visible, you can still pick it up and carry it home to your dog on your shoes! Dilute Clorox (1:32) is one of the few disinfectants able to kill the virus.

The real key to prevention of Parvovirus is vaccination. For puppies, vaccination should commence between 7 and 8 weeks of age and continue at 2 - 4 week intervals until about 18 weeks of age, after which annual vaccination is recommended. Other viral diseases such as Canine Distemper, Parainfluenza, Hepatitis, etc., are also vaccinated for at this time. Do we still see cases of Parvovirus? Yes, certainly we do. In the last 2 months at our clinic we have had 4 cases of Parvovirus - all in unvaccinated dogs under one year of age. This is slightly higher than we would normally expect.

Interestingly enough, from a historical perspective, Parvovirus was only first identified in the early 1980's when it appeared all over the globe - a virtual epidemic never before encountered. Fortunately veterinary virologists worked quickly to develop an effective vaccine and it is no longer considered to be an epidemic. Virologists have speculated that it may

actually be a mutation of Panleukopenia, the cat distemper virus (also a parvovirus). Although they are related viruses, cats and dogs cannot infect each other with their respective parvoviruses.

One popular misconception that may contribute to owners inadequately vaccinating their puppies and therefore putting them at greater risk of becoming infected is the commonly used quotation "fully vaccinated," as applied to young puppies being sold at approximately 8 weeks of age. Many new owners are surprised and disappointed when they acquire a new 8 week old pup and are told by the vendor it is "fully vaccinated" and fully dewormed - only to discover during a visit to a veterinarian that the puppy has only had one vaccine and is in need of several more during the next few weeks. The phrase "fully vaccinated" is confusing to new pet owners and this terminology should be dropped entirely. Diligent and responsible pet store owners and breeders will provide a detailed health record indicating the name and date of any vaccinations given, the age of the puppy at the time and the signature of the veterinarian administering the immunization. All new pet owners should request this information when purchasing a puppy.

On the bright side, dogs which become infected with Parvovirus and are able to survive it, develop long-lived immunity that may even be lifelong. However, it is hardly a risk most dog owners would ever consider taking and is a reminder to ensure your pet is properly vaccinated.



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MOAR, Elizabeth Ann - 38, Herring Cove, passed away peacefully May 3, 2002. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Gerald "Red" and Elizabeth Joan (Butler) Moar, and resided in Boutilliers Point until her graduation. She is survived by her loving husband, Matthew and special angel miracle daughter, Sinéad; sisters, Vivian and partner Eric, Melissa and partner Joe; brother, Edward and wife Mary, and their children, Mark and Ashley; maternal aunt, Patsy and uncle Gordon Hatcher, Halifax, and great-aunt, Peggy Anderson, St. Margaret's Bay. She was predeceased by both of her parents; grandmother, Ruby (Butler) Newhook and grandfather, Bufton A. Butler. Donations may be made to the Single Parent Centre, 3 Sylvia Ave., Halifax; Bryony House or The Children's Wish Foundation.

LIGGINS, Edwin Arnold - 78, Purcells Cove, Halifax, passed away August 25, 2002, in Dartmouth General Hospital. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late A.E. Liggins and Violet Velcuff. (Purcell) Liggins. He is survived by son, David (Carolyn), Purcells Cove; daughter, Wendy, Purcells Cove; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Irene Lillian Velcuff; brothers, Allan Arthur Liggins, Winston Liggins. Donations in memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

EDWARDS, Robert Kenneth - 60, Ketch Harbour Road, Halifax, passed away August 27, 2002, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late George Henry and Sarah (Delrosa) Edwards. He is sur-

vived by common-law wife, Linda Curry; daughters, Tammy (Mrs. Brent Rodgers), Shelby Edwards, Dana (Mrs. Richard Snow), and Kelly Edwards, all of Halifax; sisters, Dorothy (Mrs. Warren Frezzell), Lake Fletcher; Joan Sheppard, Ottawa, Ont.; Shirley Slauenwhite, Halifax; Marie (Mrs. Anthony Ozon), Dartmouth; brother, James, Truro; four grandchildren. Donations in memory may be made to the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII.

GALLANT, Gordon Michael - 57, Herring Cove, died August 30, 2002, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Matthew and Bessie (Rafuse) Gallant. He is survived by his wife, the former Deborah Garrison; son, Gordon Jr., Halifax; brothers, Ronald and Tony, both of Ontario; Stanley and Joseph, both of Halifax; Arthur, New Brunswick; sisters, Betty McMannus, Truro; Barbara Harnish, Herring Cove. He was predeceased by brothers, Wallace, Edgar, Lester, Kenneth; sisters, Mary Jennex, Viola Gowe, Margaret Fultz. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia, Canadian Diabetes Association or QEII Foundation.

SEARS, Craig Alan - 41, Halifax, passed away September 3, 2002, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Leslie and Marjorie "Betty" (Steeves) Sears, Halifax. He is survived by sister, Carolyn (Michael) Haley, Fall River; brothers, Les Jr. (Karen) Sears, Lakeside; Derek (Colleen) Sears, Beaver Bank; nephews, Michael, David, Joshua; nieces, Sara, Sandy, Ashley, Carolyn, Shannon

and Robyn. He was predeceased by brother, Robert. Burial in St. Phillips Cemetery, Purcell's Cove. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or Canadian Diabetes Association.

LEBLANC, Esther Jane - 69, Pinegrove Drive, Spryfield, passed away September 8, 2002, in the Palliative Care Unit, V.G. Site, QEII. Born in Garnish, Nfld, she was a daughter of the late Steven and Tryphena (Anstey) Cluett. She is survived by her husband, Patrick LeBlanc; son, Stephen (Karen), Herring Cove; daughters, Beth, Spryfield; Sheila (Mrs. Mark Olson), Timberlea; Linda (Mrs. Roger Conrad), Spryfield; Stephanie (Howard), Waverley; Tricia, Halifax; Anna, Halifax; sisters, Sylvia Ann Moulton, Claudia Moulton, both of Halifax; grandchildren, Jeramie (son, Tray), Jackie, Kenny, Belinda (daughter, Taylor), Daniel, Adam, Patrick, Ryan, Jennifer, Haley, Michael, Mitchell. Donations may be made to the Palliative Care Unit, VG Site, QEII.

TURNER, Robert Arthur - 80, Spryfield, passed away September 13, 2002, at home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Halifax and raised in Spryfield, he was a son of the late Christopher and Charlotte (Davies) Turner. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Nora Jackson; son, Ross, Halifax; daughters, Heather (Greg) Moors, Sharon (Earl) Gazez, both of Halifax; brothers, William, Ostrea Lake; Albert, Duncan, B.C.; grandchildren, Jaclyn (Glen) Zwicker, Jeffrey, Ryan, Adam, Heidi, Lindsay, Todd; great-granddaughter, Morgan; many nieces and nephews; lifelong friend,

Hance Hollis. He was predeceased by son, Robert Gary; brothers, Joseph, George; sisters, Myrtle Senior, Kathleen George, Dorothy Mosher, Winnifred Clarke, Violet Allen. Donations to Gary Turner Memorial Bursary Fund, 64 Old Sambro Rd., Halifax, N.S. B3R 1R1 or any charity.

LARKIN, Lillian Beatrice, 75- Fall River, formerly of Fairview, passed away September 18, 2002 in the QEII Health Sciences Center, VG Hospital Site. She was Born in Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland. She is survived by daughter, Florence (Peter) Trimble, Ontario; brother, Morgan Anderson, Spryfield; sister, Elizabeth, Newfoundland; grandchildren, Carolyn, Justine, Gail, Lorena, Joseph; six great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Ellsworth Larkin; daughter, Linda Larkin. Donations to Canadian Cancer Society.

MILLER, Gerald Raymond "Joe" - 81, Bald Rock, passed away September 19, 2002, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Bald Rock, he was a son of the late Henry and Beatrice (Smith) Miller. He is survived by brothers, Clarence (Gladys) Miller, Sambro; Roy Miller, Armview Estates; Charlie (Maureen) Miller, Musquodoboit Harbour; Norman (Yvonne) Miller, Dartmouth; sisters, Laura Smith, Spryfield; Una (Chester) Butler, Fall River; Verna (Cyril) Garrison, Sambro; Eva (Edward) Nichols, Granville Ferry; Joyce (Patrick) Parnell; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Arthur, Owen, Donald; sister, Viola. Donations to St. James United Church.

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Annual General Meeting

The Spryfield Residents Association will hold its First Annual General Meeting Wednesday, October 2, at 7 p.m. in Conference Room Three of the Captain William Spry Community Centre. This represents and opportunity for residents to shape the future of the community. A new executive for the coming year will be elected. For information contact Wendy Miller at 475-1797.

Lions Club Road Toll

The Spryfield Lions Club will hold a fundraising Road Toll Saturday October 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Club members will be asking for donations from motorists entering South Centre Mall from Dentith Road and entering the Sobey's parking lot off Herring Cove Road.

Farm Society Meeting changes

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular meeting of the UFMS will be held on Monday, October 7th at 7 pm, Multi Service Room at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

Golf Tournament

The Third Annual District 18 Cup "Best Ball Scramble," sponsored by the District 18 Business and Development Association, will tee-off at Briarwood Golf Course October 6 at 1 p.m.

Seniors Dance

The Spryfield Senior Citizen Society is hosting a dance Friday October 4 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Spryfield Lions Club Den. Kevin Beanland will provide the music. Tickets are only \$5 per person or \$8 per couple and can be gained by calling 477-5658 or at the door.

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Last 50/50 Draw

The Macintosh Run Association has held their last 50/50 Draw. There was not a good response from the public, therefore there will be no more draws. The winner of the last draw was Paula Lawler.

Members Wanted

The Chebucto Hiking Club is looking for new members. For more information call 477-7142 or e-mail chebucto-hiking@hotmail.com.

Mixed Pool League

The Legion Mixed Pool League will play every Monday Night 7:30 pm, all members welcome.

Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of Legion members will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2002 at 6:30pm. There will be a vote on the renaming of the Branch.

Legion Zone Meeting

A Royal Canadian Legion Zone 14 board meeting will be held on October 28, 2002 at 7:00pm. All legion members welcome.

Halloween Dance

The local Legion will hold a Halloween Dance October 26, 2002, 9:00pm-1:00am, featuring: 45 R.P.M. \$5.00/person or \$8.00/couple.

Legion Bingo

Spryfield Legion will hold Bingos each Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Doors open at noon. All welcome.

Senior's Day

Newfie George will highlight the entertainment for a Senior's Day at the Legion October 7 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Cook Books On Sale

The cook book "Foods of Spry's Field: Cooking and Preserving, Then and Now," is available at Danielsons in the Spryfield Mall, and at Shoppers Drug Mart on Herring Cove Road. Proceeds support the Urban Farm Museum Society.

All Ages Puppet Shows

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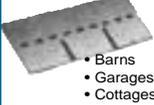
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