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Council gives first round approval to Governor's Brook



The Governor's Brook proposal by Kimberly Lloyd Developments Limited to build 870 housing units has been appealed by the Williams Lake Conservation Company. The community will now wait for a Utilities and Review Board hearing before knowing if the project will proceed.

Decision appealed to Utilities Board

Spryfield - Chebucto Community Council's decision to proceed with the rezoning of 156 acres of land from holding to RDD (Residential Development District) has been appealed to the Utilities and Review Board (URB) by the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) spokesperson Melanie Dobson confirmed in a statement at press time.

The appeal means the URB will call witnesses, most notably the planning staff of Halifax Regional Municipality, and hear submissions from proponent Kimberly Lloyd Development Limited and the WLCC before making the final decision on whether or not the 870 unit Governor's Brook housing project will proceed. If unsatisfactory to either side the URB decision, which will rest on legal considerations of whether or not the proposal falls within the existing Municipal Planning Strategy, can be appeal only to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

In her statement Dobson said the Council rejected "an almost identical" version of the

application in 1998 "on the grounds that existing municipal services were inadequate" to handle the additional sewage and traffic arising from the development.

"This time the rezoning was passed by a margin of two to one, with the two councillors who do not reside in our area voting for the application, and a single vote against by local Councillor Linda Mosher. Our other local Councillor Steve Adams was absent on sick leave," Dobson said in the release.

The statement suggested that during then public hearing, which took two days to complete, Council was presented with a 1,404 signature petition requesting current zoning on the land be maintained. "Two-thirds of the signatures were from residents of Mainland South, 46% from District 18 with the balance being from District 17, indicating the overwhelming and uniform rejection of the proposal by the community," Dobson said.

"A total of 500 citizens attended the hearings, despite inclement weather and a venue that was distant from our community and almost impossible to reach by public transport. Of those members of the public who had an opportunity to speak, 47 voiced their opposition and concerns while only 3 people spoke in favour of the proposal. The speakers expressed their dissatisfaction and raised many issues of policy," said Dobson. "The overwhelming response from the community was opposition to this proposal."

The first public hearing session, when about 450 citizens attended, was held at

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J.L. Ilsley's musical "Cabaret" promises a rewarding evening for community

By Laura Pellerine

In a large room at J.L. Ilsley High School, approximately 20 students dance for an invisible audience. Together they creep towards their musical director who is shouting instructions as another teacher eggs them on swinging his hips. Locked into character, their eyes are eager with desperation while chanting "money, money, money!" first in soft, then louder moans.

For the past three months, the students of J.L. have been practicing for their upcoming musical production of Cabaret. Wayne MacIntyre, a teacher at Ilsley, is helping with the music for the Broadway hit. He says the show touches on issues that developed in Germany after WWI.

"This is an insight into the beginnings of what was going to become the Nazi regime," MacIntyre says. "The whole play is a metaphor. It's another way of saying if you let [a] decadent lifestyle absorb you than you risk

losing control."

MacIntyre says that when the students first heard they were doing the show they caused a scene. "There were joyous screams of delight," MacIntyre says. Auditions were held in November, but the cast of over 30 had to bite their nails until January before the cast list was posted.

Stephanie Shaw and Brittany Coughlan, both grade 12 students, were thrilled to see they landed the lead female character. Shaw says she saw the cast list first because Brittany was home, sick. "I flipped out and I called Brittany and said, 'Guess what! We're sharing a role!'" Shaw says.

Coughlan says sharing the part has been fun, but also a challenge. "It's an experience because I can learn a lot from Stephanie, it's always good to have another outlook on the part," says Coughlan adding, "but it's hard too because we both want to experience the character, there's a bit of competitiveness, not harmful, but what has to be there."

For Shaw and Coughlan, playing the character, Sally Bowles, even for three out of six shows each, is a long-time dream come true. "I've watched her character at Neptune and in

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Local Legion renames Branch

Spryfield - It will be the culmination of almost 18 months of work and preparation before the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 152, Spryfield, gets to celebrate the changing of its name, but the ceremony this June will bring the local Legion into status as one of many Legion facilities named in recognition and honour of all those who served during war time.

Legion President Terry Bobbitt said the ceremony in June will rename the Legion the "Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Branch 152" in honour of the late Earl Francis, a life mem-

ber of the Branch who served overseas during World War Two and is a survivor of the atrocities faced by Prisoners of War in Hong Kong during the 1940s.

"There are a great number of Legions throughout the country named after significant battles like Vimy Branch or in honour of local heroes," said Bobbitt explaining why the local branch sought a name dedication. "We wanted to dedicate our Legion to Mr. Francis who served both our country and our Legion with distinction," he said.

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Michele Raymond nominated New Democrat candidate

By Robert Chisholm, Halifax Atlantic MLA

As most of you know I will not be the NDP candidate in Halifax Atlantic in the upcoming provincial election. I will however continue to work for the issues that concern working people at CUPE, building on all I have learned from an active and productive time as an MLA for Halifax Atlantic.

I am pleased to say that our party will be

offering an excellent candidate to the voters of this constituency. I would like to introduce you to her.

To many in Halifax Atlantic Michele Raymond needs no introduction. A resident of the area for the past 40 years, Michele has known this constituency from a time when it had neither city water nor public transport, to the rapidly growing community it is now.

Michele is a graduate of Yale and of

Dalhousie Law School. She is also the mother of two daughters. Michele knows first-hand what it feels like to live in this area, and what it means to be bringing up a family here.

Michele tells me that what she values most about Halifax Atlantic is its diversity and its integrity as a community. She knows that when the people of Halifax Atlantic need something

to be done, they get together and do it. This is a natural environment for an NDP candidate.

Michele also feels very strongly that as a partly urban, partly rural constituency, the area has special concerns that require active attention from provincial government. In her work to re-launch the North West Arm Ferry in 2001, and as founder of the Urban Farm Museum in Spryfield, Michele has demonstrated an on-going commitment to preserving the quality of life that makes this community so distinctive.

She has also demonstrated a real commitment to the day-to-day issues that matter to those who live here. Michele has been an outspoken advocate for better public transport and actively involved in the NDP's campaign to lower auto insurance premiums.

The issues that matter to today's families, fair treatment for our seniors, decent schools for our kids, affordable car insurance, and the removal of the HST from necessities like home heating oil, are the issues that matter to the NDP, to Michele, and to me.

The NDP and Michele Raymond look forward to carrying the concerns of Halifax Atlantic to the Legislature again after the next election.



Retiring MLA and former New Democratic Party Leader Robert Chisholm, left, and Halifax Atlantic President Denis Burgess congratulate NDP Candidate Michele Raymond who will carry the NDP banner in Halifax Atlantic in the next provincial election.

Local Legion renames Branch

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In order to understand the sorry tale of the Hong Kong affair Bobbitt said several studies have been completed. In hindsight, he said, it is generally agreed that the so called "campaign" was ill conceived and poorly planned. "Even though it had long been known that Hong Kong was not defensible, our top leaders still agreed to send in two Canadian battalions who were poorly trained and equipped. Like good soldiers have always done, they marched as ordered and subsequently acquitted themselves with distinction. When all was said and done they won a Victorian Cross, several Crosses and Medals and Earl Francis was one of them," said Bobbitt.

He said that during the campaign 2000 men became Prisoners of War and no other POWs were exposed to such prolonged abuse, starvation and degradation. "Most of the survivors who returned to Canada were permanently scarred or disabled. Comrade Earl Francis was affected by the experience did not

embitter him. He lived a productive life, was an excellent family man and was a respected member of this community and the Legion," said Bobbitt "Time has dimmed the memories and many people of today have not even heard of this wartime incident. It is a pity because it is proof that ordinary men quietly do heroic deeds."

Bobbitt said that in this community there are many who served with distinction in the Navy, Army, Air Force and Merchant Marine. "We're sure that all of them would agree that the Legion's aim to honour Earl Francis and all other Hong Kong POWs is a good thing."

The Legion began working on the project a year ago last March. Invitations were sent out to all members asking them to suggest names. When none returned by the following September the decision to name the Legion after Francis was made. The official ceremony, to be attended by Francis' family, friends and surviving Hong Kong Veterans, will be held at the Legion June 21 beginning at 4 p.m.

J.L. Isley's musical "Cabaret"

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the movie," says Coughlan, "I admired her because she's really interesting."

"She's provocative, sassy and fun," Shaw says, "but she's oblivious to what's going on."

Both share backgrounds in vocal training and are part of the All City Jazz Band. They're used to performing, they even have a vocal group called HiLo, and it shows as they act out a scene down in the school's music room. Although neither had practiced it before, their voices belt out lyrics and they improvise dance moves.

With rehearsals every day after school, including some late nights and weekends, MacIntyre says the students have been "fantastic." "They have the drive and the desire," MacIntyre says, adding that "they're acting at a very professional level."

The nearly all student band, four other members are teachers and student teachers, has also been practicing to perfect their notes. MacIntyre says their efforts will be worth it.

"Other musicals have about three or four songs that are memorable," MacIntyre says, "this one will have about 16. To every one you will be able to tap your feet or hum or feel. They will stay with you when you leave the building."

The school hopes to draw a big crowd. Renting the rights for the script along with the sound and lighting effects cost nearly \$5000. Generally, J.L. only makes enough to cover their costs with a little bit left over.

MacIntyre says that he hopes the community will take an interest and come. "We want

the community to see that their students are amazing," MacIntyre says. "If you put us on the stage at St. Pat's or Q.E.'s, you'd think it was them and we have much less of a student population to draw on. We're holding our own and we're very proud of that."

Show dates begin Wednesday, April 9th until the 11th. Evening performances begin at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10/adult and \$6/seniors and students.

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Halifax West High School. The second, when about 35 attended, was heard at the Keshen Goodman Public Library. Brian Dempsey, representing the Herring Cove Ratepayers Association and as a member of the McIntosh Run Watershed Association, and Sharon Beasley, President of the District 18 Business and Development Association, spoke in favour of the proposal.

Following the sessions, Council members requested planning staff to return answers to questions raised by the community. Those answers were heard at the regular Community Council session in early March. In making their presentation, planning staff suggested the project falls within the Municipal Planning Strategy and again recommended the application be approved. Council voted 2-1 in favour of the application, setting the stage for the URB hearing.

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"Open For Business" office seeking to train entrepreneurs

Spryfield - Youth who are at risk of dropping out of school or who have already left school may have already determined that their opportunities are limited but David Eisnor is hoping to change that for some fortunate youth in Spryfield and two other areas.

Eisnor is the Project Coordinator of the Open For Business (OFB) "Create Your Own Future Program" designed to inspire entrepreneurialism in youth who might not otherwise have opportunities for meaningful employment.

"We are looking for people between the ages of 16 and 21 to participate in a three-day workshop," said Eisnor, explaining that the workshops will see individuals actually create

and work at a small business

Open For Business, which has been established at South Centre Mall in Spryfield through the efforts of the District 18 Business and Development Association, is an arm of CEED, the Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Development, and the three day workshop series for youth is one of CEED's training techniques. Eisnor says the intention is to try and offer a future opportunity to youth at risk or in danger of going on assistance.

Through the program, Eisnor says Open For Business will empower participants to consider viable options available to them in the world of entrepreneurship and "allow youth to gain practical knowledge concerning the oper-

ation of a small business. We want to give encouragement and inspiration for participants to consider opening their own businesses."

Besides the program in Spryfield, OFB is offering the program in Prospect and Musquodoboit. "We at Open For Business want to bring the program to the youth in their own community," said Eisnor, explaining that access to programming is important "to encourage increased participation."

And if you're thinking the program will cost money think again. Not only are participants encouraged to make money through their

businesses, there is a small honorarium for all those who complete the three days of the workshop said Eisnor.

Eisnor said in Spryfield workshops have already been successful and three different partnerships have completed successful business operations at the mall. "We at OFB are encouraged by both the participation of people in this community and the success of our initial projects," he said.

Anyone wanting information on the program should contact Open For Business by phone at 482-0297 or by fax at 482-0291.



The Open For Business office at Spryfield's South Centre Mall is growing entrepreneurs. Allison Wood and Rhea Byrne, both of Fairview, took part in a one-day entrepreneurial program and raised money selling used clothes. David Eisnor, left, and Peter Dockrill directed the activity for the day.

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Searching for award nominees

Spryfield - The Captain William Spry Community Centre and its Board of Directors are searching for nominations for the annual "Community Services Award," presented to a person who has "made an outstanding contribution in either a professional or volunteer capacity in Districts 17 and/or 18 in the past year."

Multi-Service Coordinator Linda Roberts says the annual award is an opportunity for the community to say "thank-you" to volunteers for their contributions to the community and "to give everyone an opportunity to recognize the contributions volunteers make in our communities."

There is no restriction on nominations regarding age, race, religion, nationality or sex. Roberts said the reasons why a person or group would want to nominate a person must be submitted to the Captain William Spry Community Centre Board of Directors. The Board will then decide on the most appropriate volunteer to receive the award.

The 2003 Community Services Award will be presented at a ceremony to be held later in the spring, said Roberts. Nomination forms are available at the Captain William Spry Community Centre and must be submitted no later than April 11.

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Public schools often named in honour of prominent citizens

by Iris V. Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

Several schools in Mainland South were named for the community in which they were located, but the schools mentioned here honoured prominent educators and statesmen.

William King School on St. Paul's Avenue in Herring Cove was named in memory of Colonel William King who died in Herring Cove on 11 December 1952. Colonel King's gravestone in St. James Anglican Church cemetery reads "A native of Clifton, Bedfordshire, England." He came to Nova Scotia in 1880 as a young man with the Imperial Army, married Josephine Baker of Herring Cove in 1888, served in the Far East and as a volunteer during World War I before settling in Herring Cove. His obituary stated he was instrumental in the re-organization of the Herring Cove School and served as secretary to the trustees.

G.K. Butler School was given the name in memory of a prominent educator. A former principal of Alexander School in Halifax, Mr. Butler became supervisor of Halifax Public Schools in 1916. He died 17 January 1937 in Halifax. G.K. Butler School opened under the name of West Spryfield School in 1954, changed to G.K. Butler in 1969 when Spryfield became part of Halifax, and closed in 1981. The Captain William Spry Community Centre is located on the site of this former school.

Ida Mae Marriott School opened on Lyons Avenue in 1957 and closed in 1983. Named for one of Spryfield's former teachers, Ida Mae Marriott was born in Spryfield, the daughter of Amos Yeadon and Lalia Bashford. She taught for many years at the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Bungalow, and at Central School. Mrs. Marriott died in Halifax on 30 September 1951 at the age of 63 years.

Captain William Spry School, originally North Spryfield School, was located on Arnold Avenue. Built about the same time as West Spryfield School, the name was changed following amalgamation in 1969. A senior citizens' housing complex is now located on the site. Captain William Spry was a military engineer and chief engineer for Nova Scotia who, between 1769 and 1780, developed a productive farm on his 1500 acres which became known as Spry's Field and, eventually, Spryfield. The school was built on part of his land.

Elizabeth Sutherland School on Rockingstone Road opened in September, 1958 and honours the memory of Spryfield's first schoolteacher, Elizabeth "Bessie" Sutherland (1841-1925). Born in Spryfield, she was the daughter of George Sutherland and Mary Ann Carmichael and is buried in Emmanuel cemetery on the site of Spryfield's first schoolhouse.

B.C. Silver School was given its name in honour of Basil C. Silver who was Inspector of Schools for Halifax County for many years. There are many of us today who recall this tall, silver-haired, impeccably dressed gentleman who visited our classrooms each year during the 1940s and 1950s. The school, located at the end of Pinegrove Drive, opened as a high school in 1962 and became a junior high

when J.L. Ilsley School opened in 1971. The building still stands, but in 2001 the school closed its doors to Spryfield students.

J.L. Ilsley High School on Sylvia Avenue opened in 1971 and continues to operate as a high school, serving the entire Mainland South area. James Lorimer Ilsley, after whom the school was named, rose to national prominence during World War II as Minister of Finance in Prime Minister MacKenzie King's cabinet. Ilsley became Chief Justice for Nova Scotia in 1950, and died in Halifax at the age of 73 years on 14 January 1967.

John W. MacLeod School on the Purcell's Cove Road opened in 1948. John W. MacLeod was a former schoolteacher, was founder of the Greenwood Coal Company in Pictou County, and donated the land on which this school was built. He died 23 January 1964 in New Glasgow at the age of 86 years.

Old Cunard School in Jollimore was built in 1867 on a one-acre site that William Cunard

purchased, especially for a school, from John Jollimore. This school was named for William Cunard, son of Sir Samuel Cunard. A few years after his father's death, William Cunard

Line, on that side of the Atlantic. William died in England in 1906. Following his death, his heirs sold the one-acre school lot to the trustees of old Cunard School. A municipal playground on the corner of Albion and Kirk Roads is now located on this site.

Cunard Junior High School on the William's Lake Road opened in 1965 and was named for Sir Samuel Cunard (1787-1865). A native born Haligonian, Samuel Cunard was founder of Cunard Steamship Line, a series of trans-Atlantic steamships that revolutionized the world of 19th century travel.

Fleming Tower School officially opened in 1962 with Gladys Redmond as its first principal. The name Fleming Tower refers to the Memorial Tower in Fleming Park which Sir Sandford Fleming had erected to commemorate the 150th anniversary of representative government in Nova Scotia, 1758-1908. Fleming, at one time, owned the land on which Fleming Tower School was built.



The Old Cunard School, Jollimore, circa 1935.

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Association in its ten year history. Executive
Director Bill VanGorder said funds raised
through this program "enables the association
to help many of the 246,000 Nova Scotians
who suffer from lung disease by helping fami-
lies learn to cope with lung disease, and by
supporting research for better treatments and
cures for lung diseases" such as asthma,
COPD (chronic bronchitis and emphysema)
pneumonia and lung cancer.

The 10th anniversary of this program will
mark one of its biggest seasons ever, he said,
admitting that the Lung Association is pleased
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Boutouche, the Lakeside Golf Club, as well
as, the return of Northumberland Links to the
privilege club program. VanGorder said "the
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support and sponsorship."

The Lung Association, he said, also recog-
nizes the outstanding sponsorship and relation-
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membership books. "Thanks to our loyal
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continues to be a success," he said, outlining
that proceeds are used to fund vital medical
research, provide education and support pro-
grams and raise awareness of air quality issues
in the province.

He said local Pharmasave stores carry and
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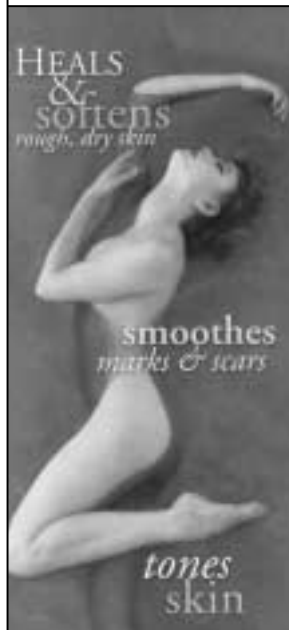


The Nova Scotia Pharmasave organization is a partner with the Nova Scotia Lung Association in the selling of the Golf Privilege Club coupon books which raises money for the Association. Lung Association Executive Director Bill VanGorder, left, visited with local Pharmasave owners Kirk Ramsay, Centre, Rockingham Ridge, and Greg Van Den Hoogen, right.

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In the Garden Planting dark green vegetables a source of folic acid

by Marjorie Willison

There is a new TV add stressing the importance of folic acid in the diet of women planning to become pregnant. Folic acid helps to prevent neural tube defects (spina bifida, hydrocephaly) in babies during the first month of pregnancy.

That got me thinking about dark green vegetables, which are high in folic acid. (Other folacin-rich foods are liver, dried beans, lentils, peanuts, walnuts and filberts.) Most of the dark green vegetables can be planted early in the year.

In early spring, when the soil is no longer sopping wet and there is still a slight risk of frost, plant seeds of kale in rows 12 inches

apart. Thin young plants to 6 inches apart, and then finally 12 inches apart. Kale can also be planted in July for a late autumn harvest.

Beets can be grown not only for their roots, but also for their dark green leaves. With their red stems, they add taste and colour to a variety of foods. Plant seeds 1 inch apart in rows 4 inches apart. Eat the greens when you thin the plants for pickling beets (plants 1 inch apart in rows 12 inches apart) or for large, winter storage beets (plants 3 inches apart in rows 8 inches apart).

Plant Swiss chard 3 inches apart in rows 12 inches apart, and then thin the plants to 6 inches apart. This final spacing is ideal for

Swiss chard plants cut off completely at harvest. For 'cut and come again' plants, when just a few leaves are harvested each time, plant and then thin the Swiss chard to 12 inches apart in rows 18 inches apart.

Kale, beet greens, and Swiss chard, cut into thin strips, make a colourful addition to soups, stews, tomato-based pasta dishes, and dried bean dishes. Add the strips the last few minutes of cooking. Kale is also good mixed with potatoes to make Colcannon (Foods of Spry's Field: Cooking and Preserving, Then and Now, p. 101).

Swiss chard is a handy addition to vegetable stir fries, and beet greens can be cooked and served simply as greens, perhaps with a dash of salt and vinegar.


Spinach is another deep green vegetable that is easy to start in spring. Plant the seeds 1 inch apart in rows 12 inches apart. If you want the spinach mainly for cooking, thin the plants to 4 inches apart, then 8 inches, and finally 12 inches apart. For a supply of spinach eaten fresh, as in salads, thin the plants to 3 inches

apart, and then 6 inches apart. The leaves from each thinning can be eaten. Plant spinach every 2 to 3 weeks until the end of May, to keep a steady supply of leaves coming. Cover young plants with cheesecloth or other garden fabric after May 1, to keep leaf miners off the plants.

Finally, plant broccoli, both as transplants and seeds, a few weeks later. After the main head is harvested, the side shoots will continue to produce side shoots well into autumn.



The St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church Women's League held its annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon this past month following a morning service. CWL President Pat Boudreau is flanked by Parish Activities Chair Lisa Briand, left, and Christine Opdebeck, Past President, right.



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The Fourth Annual Bradley Marks Memorial Tournament at Spryfield Lions Rink went off without a hitch says Coordinator Kevin Marks. One of the events biggest draws is the opportunity for a player or participant to win a trip for two to Toronto to take in a Leaf's game at the Air Canada Centre. In this photo Mr. Marks was able to award the prize to Joel Proulx, an Atom division player with the Dartmouth Sea Lions.

Three communities share honours at Marks Memorial Tournament

Spryfield - Three communities, including St. Margaret's Bay, Sackville and Dartmouth took top honours in different divisions of the Fourth Annual Bradley Marks Memorial Hockey Tournament held at the Spryfield Lions Rink.

More than 30 teams and 500 players participated in the Atom, PeeWee and Bantam Division Tournament which closed with championship games on March 14.

Tournament Coordinator Kevin Marks said this year's event drew even more interest from teams around the province as "the word gets out" just how much fun and beneficial the event is for house league teams. "There just aren't that many house league tournaments to be had where kids can gather to compete in a friendly atmosphere," he said of the tournament held in honour of his son, an avid player

who dies in a car accident on route to a hockey tournament several years ago.

In the Atom Division the Sackville Range took the gold medal after dumping their fellow league opposition Sackville Flames and a tight 5-4 contest. The TASA Blue Fury took the bronze medal in a 3-2 squeaker over the Dartmouth Sea Lions in the consolation game.

In the PeeWee Division the Dartmouth Devil Rays held off the local Chebucto Blue Jackets 3-1 to win gold. In the consolation contest, the Sackville Vipers edged the TASA Mighty Ducks 4-3 for the bronze medal.

And in the Bantam Division the TASA Rangers outlasted the Dartmouth Huskies 3-1 for the gold medal. In the consolation game, the TASA Junior Falcons won over the Chebucto Sting 3-1.

Provincials "here we come!"

The Chebucto Atlantics Bantam "A" Hockey Team is heading to the Provincials in Berwick. The weekend long tournament is being held over the weekend, with games starting on Friday, March 28th. The Tournament Final will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 30th.

This Team became the Regional Champions after winning the Halifax Division, followed by the Dartmouth Division to go on to play in this Provincial Tournament. Other Regional Opponents are represented by Kentville, Berwick, Amherst/Truro and Cape

Breton.

Each team is guaranteed 4 games, with the top 2 teams going to the Championship Game on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. The players participating in the event and in the photo below include Brant Baugild, Daniel Conrad, Michael Hart, Chris Ivanko, Andrew Hatcher, Mark Higgs, Brian Lynch, Kyle Mancini, Steven Osmond, Brad Palmer, Lee Pelham, Scott Pelham, Nick Power, Josh Priest, Evan Reyno, and Nick Werle. The Coaches include Bruce Baugild, Dave Palmer, Alan Ivanko, and John Mancini, Manager.



Chebucto Lumbermart Canadians have good inaugural season

The Chebucto Lumbermart Canadians had a very successful first year in the West Nova Jr. C Hockey League. The team came third in league play with a record of 9 wins and 7 losses. Jason Priest led the scoring race for the team with 11 goals and 18 assists followed by Craig Nelson with 9 goals and 12 assists.

In the playoffs the team successfully eliminated the second place team Valley Keiths (Bridgetown) by winning the series 4 games to 1. The team is currently playing the first place team, Yarmouth for the league title. The series is tied at 3-3 with the final game slated for Friday night the 28 March, at the Yarmouth arena. The next day the team travels to Bridgetown for the Nova Scotia Jr.C Provincial

Hockey Tournament. The winner of this tournament along with the host team (Yarmouth) will proceed to the Jr.C Atlantics in April. They will compete against teams from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and new this year, a team from Inuvik. Hopefully the new team will be successful in both competitions.

Coach Len Raymond says the "team and the players appreciate all the fans who attended the games this season and for the kindest assistance of the Chebucto Minor Hockey Association and corporate sponsor Lumbermart for all their help this year. But the team is still looking for sponsorship for the Provincial tournament and any monetary help would be greatly appreciated," he said.



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Community Information Sharing Meeting April 5

Spryfield - The call has gone out to groups and individuals throughout District 17 and 18 to attend a "Community Information Sharing Meeting" April 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room of the Captain William Spry Community Centre.

The morning session is aimed at giving groups, agencies and volunteers an opportunity to get to know each other, what each is doing and to find commonalities so "we can work together and support each other," said Multi-Service Coordinator Linda Roberts.

Titled "Building Bridges for a More Sustainable Community," Roberts said the gathering will hopefully bring together people to identify common difficulties and frustrations to help develop strategies to overcome difficulties.

She said the format will include a welcome and introduction and brief description of each group in attendance so that each will understand what role and interest the other groups are involved in. Once everyone is introduced, she said, there will be an open dialogue about

"Building on Success - the good things about the Chebucto Peninsula and lessons for moving forward (Spryfield as a model community.)"

In the second portion of the morning, Roberts said the attendees will be asked a number of questions including "what can we do to make this a better community, how can we share information and resources to achieve the goal of a better community and what do we as a community want Spryfield to look like and how do we get there?"

Once all the information is provided, Roberts said a list of notes and minutes will be available for review.



Michelle Summer Fike from Pumpkin Moon Farm & Gardens traveled all the way from Margaretsville to participate in the Urban Farm Museum's Seedy Saturday seed exchange and market. Fike enjoyed dealing with customers and exchanging information.






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Willison honoured with award

Spryfield - Dr. Martin Willison, a long time resident of Spryfield and Professor of Biology at Dalhousie University, has been presented with the 2002 Gulf of Main "Visionary Award."

The prestigious award was made in recognition of Willison's dedication and commitment to marine conservation and sustainable fisheries management in Atlantic Canada. The award recognizes Willison's efforts in establishing the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Oceans Committee and his work to identify an international network of marine protected areas extending from Canada to the Caribbean.

Willison has been active in the protection of deep sea corals in the Northeast Channel and the inshore marine areas along Nova Scotia's coast.

The Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment, comprised of representatives from New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, recognized Willison's inspiration to students and colleagues through many years of research and teaching as

Chair and Professor of Biology at Dalhousie. In the photo, Dr. Willison holds a stem of the deep sea coral his work has identified and helped to protect.



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Mosher positions action on Governor's Brook

By Linda Mosher, Councillor District 17

The much publicized proposal by Kimberly Lloyd to develop a tract of land near Colpitt Lake has been given approval for re-zoning. On March 3 Chebucto Community Council voted by a 2:1 margin to approve re-zoning. This proposal will involve the development of single family homes, semi-detached homes, townhouses and condominiums over the next sixteen to twenty four years. Upon completion, there will be a total of 870 units.

The decision made by Chebucto Community Council has been appealed to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. The next step is for this Board to determine whether they feel the decision made by Chebucto Community Council

is reasonably consistent with the policies of the Mainland South Municipal Planning Strategy. The role of Council is to make reasonable interpretations of existing policies; it does not have the ability to make any decision it may want in a particular case.

In my two and a half years on Council, I have never been involved in an issue with as much public input and scrutiny. The process involved a public meeting, two public hearings, numerous phone calls, letters and emails.

Traffic was an issue raised by some residents at the public hearing. Adding more residential units will add more traffic to an over-burdened transportation network. Councillor Adams and I have asked for money to be added to our Capital Budget to look at solutions in the area, including

the rotary. These monies will not be available until the Regional Planning Process is complete, which could take years. This is one of the reasons I voted against this application. I also chose to support the wishes of the residents of District 17 that spoke at the public hearing and contacted me directly requesting that I not support this proposal. As this decision has been appealed, it is not appropriate to go into extensive detail.

Some residents have asked me why I was not more vocal at the public hearing, in my opposition to this development. I am the Chair of Chebucto Community Council, which follows Regional Council rules. A Chair's responsibility is to ensure procedures are followed and a fair and equitable hearing is conducted. I reviewed

my role with the Solicitor and was told that I was conducting my role properly. You will not see me discuss at any length, public hearing issues as Chair. You may note that this is the manner that the Mayor runs Council meetings as well.

For reasons that I am at a loss to explain, some members of the community have been fairly vocal in suggesting that I supported this particular project. For the record, and to make it perfectly clear, I voted no. It is unfortunate that some people have to spread rumours and misinformation about this project, or specifically, about my position.

I appreciate the community input and hard work put forward to assess this proposal. The citizens that took the time to write, call and attend the public hearings were united in their strong opposition to this project. As your Councillor, I voted against this development and will scrutinize its progress closely.

Councillor seeks new development input

By Stephen Adams, Councillor District 18

I am sure that many of you are well aware of the recent decision to allow for the development of approximately 800 housing units as proposed by Kimberly Lloyd. I was unable to attend the public hearings due to back surgery, and was unable to vote.

I have spoken with Rob MacPherson of Kimberly Lloyd, and asked that I work with the developer to ensure that the proposal is appropriate for the community. I will be calling on community members for help to ensure a wide range of views are made known.

Speaking of development, residents of the Feldspar Crescent area have seen the clearing of trees in the neighbourhood. Approval has been

given for 30 R-1 lots with 50 foot frontages and 5,000 square foot lots. These are similar to the existing lots on Feldspar Crescent. On Sunday, March 22 I delivered flyers to the area and will follow-up with further details as they become available.

On March 19 we held a meeting in Sambro to discuss the future of the local ball field. Our staff was on hand to outline costs for upgrades. The first step is to identify drainage requirements so that upgrades will last. This will be assessed within the next month. After that estimates will be brought forward and another meeting will be held to outline the next steps.

In my next column, I will outline some projects you can expect to see this year, along with some fiscal decisions that may affect you.



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Let's not squander our influence - Regan

By Geoff Regan, MP, Halifax West

Last month I had the opportunity to speak during a debate in House of Commons on what was, at the time, the impending war in Iraq. I would like to share some of the text of that speech with you here:

"Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that most Canadians would acknowledge, even if reluctantly in some cases, that the threat of force has resulted in progress toward disarmament in Iraq. I am not one of those who would advocate that we should shrink from the duty to enforce resolution 1441 and the many other UN resolutions requiring Iraq to disarm.

To the extent that Iraq has disarmed, it has done so because of the threat of force, unfortu-

nately. So if that threat is the only way to obtain compliance, it must therefore be backed up by a resolve to use force if compliance fails.

It would be wrong to shirk our duty, but it is right to shudder at the thought of war, at its horror, and at the thought of its victims, intended or unintended. It is equally right to insist that force should only be used as a very last resort. To whom, then, should we look to be the arbiters of compliance, to tell us whether there has been compliance or not, whether disarmament has ceased or not, if not the UN weapons inspectors? It is on their verdict that the world has awaited.

It seems to me it is very important today that when there is one superpower in the

world, the U.S., that superpower must lead responsibly, must lead by consensus, in spite of the threat that it feels toward itself.

Most of us accept that disarmament is a valid objective. We accept that the failure to disarm may justify the use of force, but regime change in Iraq is a different matter entirely. Without question, a new government in Iraq is

something devoutly to be wished for. I strongly hope that Saddam Hussein will take seriously the president's ultimatum made earlier this evening and leave Iraq before any more blood is shed, but we have to ask whether regime change is a wise rationale for war.

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The auto insurance industry needs to be adjusted

By Graham Steele, Halifax Fairview MLA

Bernie B. has three young drivers in his household. One had a minor fender-bender in December. When Bernie got his auto insurance renewal notice recently, his premium for one vehicle went from \$3000 to over \$11,000.

Grace M. is 72 and has never had an accident. Her policy was cancelled because her husband Ron had a fender-bender two years ago. The accident wasn't even his fault.

Gary C. is a 26-year-old university student. He had a perfect driving and credit record. Through an honest mistake, his premium cheque bounced one month. (He had the money, it just wasn't in the right account at the right time.) He policy was cancelled and he was placed in the high-risk pool. His premium tripled.

These stories are real. What's scary is that they're common. On March 4th, the NDP Caucus launched its Task Force on Lower Auto Insurance Premiums. NDP Leader Darrell Dexter asked me to be one of three MLA's leading the Task Force.

Our Task Force has already heard from dozens of individuals, organizations and businesses whose insurance rates are out of touch with reality. We're not talking about drunk drivers or fraudsters. We're talking about ordinary Nova Scotians who need their vehicle but can't get a fair premium.

Our Task Force's mandate is to find a long-term solution that will deliver fair and lower rates to you and your family. There are four basic options.

First, do nothing. Some people say that the insurance market runs in cycles. When the stock markets recover, they say, premiums will come down.

Second, limit benefits. This is what the insurers want. The number of claims has gone way up, they say, and that's why premiums are

so high. If payouts are limited, premiums will come down.

Third, regulate the industry. Insurers would be required to justify their rate increases and underwriting rules to an independent regulator.

Fourth, public auto insurance. In this system, basic insurance would be offered by a government-owned insurance company. Private insurers would compete for optional coverage.

Personally, based on all that I've heard and read so far, I don't favour the first two options. In particular, I don't see how limiting benefits for injured Nova Scotians can be the answer. If the volume of claims is the problem, then let's tackle the volume of claims. Since 99.8% of claims are settled by insurers without a trial, the onus for rejecting bad claims rests with the insurers. Putting an artificial limit on benefits will reward the fraudsters and penalize those with the worst injuries. Is that fair?

Yet when John Hamm's government released its own discussion paper on March 19th, benefit limits were front and centre. It was, in Darrell Dexter's words, "the insurance industry's dream come true."

Whose side is John Hamm on, anyway? Yours, or the multinational insurance companies?

On March 24th, our Task Force released its first interim report. This report compared insurance systems and costs across Canada. We found that the lowest rates in the whole country were in the provinces with a system of public auto insurance, namely British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Yet the government discussion paper doesn't even list public auto insurance as an option.

As your MLA, and as a member of the NDP Task Force, I am committed to solving your auto insurance woes. If that means considering options that John Hamm and his insurance friends don't want to talk about, so be it.




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Community Services Award nominations sought

MULTI-SERVICE NEWS

by Linda Roberts

Multi-Service Coordinator
Captain William Spry Community Centre

Community Services Award

The Captain William Spry Community Centre is again soliciting nominations for the Community Services Award. The award is presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to this community. To nominate someone for this award, please fill out a nomination form and return it to the Multi-Service Office at the Captain Spry Community

Centre by April 11. Nomination forms are available from the Multi-Service Office or at the Pool Desk. The Award will be presented at a community event in May celebrating how our community is special.

Last year Hilary Marentette was the recipient of the award. Many people know Hilary through the prenatal program and her innovative work with the Doula Program (support for pregnant women) at the Single Parent Centre. She has also been the driving force behind the development of the 'Pregnancy brings changes in relationships' brochure that was among the first in Canada give an easily accessible, brief overview of abuse during pregnancy. Apart from helping to put Spryfield on the national map for innovative projects supporting women through pregnancy and with their new born children, Hilary also volunteers on community

committees such as the CRABapple Mapping Group helping to make the community quilt that hangs in the lobby of the Community Centre and the Herring Cove Road Project that initiates activities to beautify our main thoroughfare. Thank you, Hilary.

Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers workshop

If you are active in a volunteer community group and would like more information on how to get more people involved with your group, there is a workshop entitled "Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers" on Saturday, April 26 from 1-4 pm at the Captain Spry Community Centre. This workshop is free but you must register in advance since there are a limited number of spaces. For more information or to register for the workshop, call Darren Hirtle at 490-4678. This workshop is sponsored by the Community Recreation Development, Halifax Regional Municipality.

Community Information Sharing Meeting

The Captain William Spry Community Centre Board of Directors is hosting a 'Community Information Sharing Meeting' on Saturday, April 5 from 9:30 am -12:30 pm. This is an opportunity for groups, agencies and volunteers to get to know what each other is doing and find commonalities so we can work together and support each other. Residents who are not part of a community group are welcome to come to the meeting as observers. Please call me, Linda Roberts, at 479-4487 if you would like more information or if you would like to attend the meeting.

Let's not squander our influence - Regan

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Canadians ought to be troubled, I think, by the precedent that regime change represents as a concept. In this new millennium, do we choose to move in the direction of international governance, where the rule of law applies to all and is enforced against any state that threatens terror and mass destruction? Or will the world revert to the rule of the powerful, where might is right? I think we have to ask ourselves as human beings which path will lead us to long-term peace and security.

I think it is important in this discussion, as we consider our relations with the U.S. these days, that we have strong connections with the Americans. They are our friends, our neighbours and our trading partners. We have many family ties. I have an aunt and uncle, cousins, and a sister-in-law and her family who are American. These are very close, important ties for many reasons. If we must differ over Iraq

or over other topics, let us do so with respect.

Our trade by itself should be a sufficient reason to nurture the relationship we have. Millions of Canadian parents put bread on the table and clothes on their children's backs because their goods and services are sold across the border. Before we indulge in Yankee-bashing, let us consider those who cannot afford such indulgence.

As the friends and allies of the U.S., we have an opportunity to influence the Americans and offer insights that may differ, and will differ sometimes, from their own insights. I think it is important that when we differ, as we do in this case on Iraq, we make sure that at the same time we nurture the influence we have and do not squander it."

I hope you will all join with me in wishing a speedy conclusion to the conflict in Iraq and a safe return to their families for all those involved.

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Why does my pet need the rabies vaccine? Although the majority of rabies cases occur in wildlife, most humans are given rabies vaccine as a result of exposure to domestic animals. This

explains the tremendous cost of rabies prevention in domestic animals in the United States. While wildlife are more likely to be rabid than are domestic animals in the United States, the amount of human contact with domestic animals greatly exceeds the amount of contact with wildlife. Your pets and other domestic animals can be infected when they are bitten by rabid wild animals. When "spillover" rabies occurs in domestic animals, the risk to humans is increased. Pets are therefore vaccinated by your veterinarian to prevent them from acquiring the disease from wildlife, and thereby transmitting it to humans.

What happens if a neighborhood cat bites me? You should seek medical evaluation for any animal bite. However, rabies is uncommon in

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

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

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

virus is not in saliva. Only late in the disease, after the virus has reached the brain and multiplied there to cause an encephalitis (or inflammation of the brain), does the virus move from the brain to the salivary glands and saliva. Also at this time, after the virus has multiplied in the brain, almost all animals begin to show the first signs of rabies. Most of these signs are obvious to even an untrained observer, but within a short period of time, usually within 3 to 5 days, the virus has caused enough damage to the brain that the animal begins to show unmistakable signs of rabies. As an added precaution, the quarantine period is lengthened to 10 days.

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



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WORTHEN, Peter - 89, formerly of Sylvia Avenue, Halifax, passed away March 13, 2003, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Merigomish, he was the son of the late James and Eliza (Jewers) Worthen. He was a veteran of the Second World War where he served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1940-1945. He was a lifetime member of Spryfield Lions Club, member of Oakfield Golf Club for 37 years, member of The Golden Age Social Centre, Young at Heart Club, and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Vimy Branch for 57 years. Peter owned and operated Worthen's Shell on Herring Cove Road, Halifax. He is survived by sons, Peter Allan (Zandra) Worthen, Hatchett Lake; Barry (Alfreda) Worthen, Mount Uniacke; daughters, Pauline (Werner) Amsler, Richmond Hill, Ont.; Isabel Kopchia, St. Albert, Alta.; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by his wife, Laura Mae MacKinnon; sister, Gladys Fleet. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Rd. Burial at a later date. Donations to Canadian Diabetes Association.

CALLIS, Beatrice Marie - 97, Arnold Drive, Halifax, passed away March 15, 2003, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Hull, Que., she was a daughter of the late Daniel W. and Delphine (Senecal) Jones. She is survived by son, Kenneth Albert Callis, Bedford; brother, Kenneth Jones, Calgary; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Leo George Callis; daughter, Joan; sons, Ronald Leo and Maurice Daniel; a sister in infancy. Interment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Lower Sackville.

RUSSELL, Otis Roderick "Archie" - 77, Halifax, passed away February 26, 2003. Born in Lochaber, Guysborough Co., he was a son of the late Alexander and Christina (Hubley) Russell. He was employed with Nova Scotia Power for 42 years. He is survived by his wife, Rena (Newhook) Russell, Halifax; sons, Roland, Truro; James, Tatamagouche; daughters, Selena (Stephen) Redden, Tantallon; Valerie (James) Kennedy, Gertalton, Ont.; stepdaughters, K. Rosalie (Claude) Boivin, Dartmouth; Cathy Russell, Nanaimo, B.C.; 13 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Margerite MacPherson; brothers, Raymond, Roland, Oswald, Lawrence, William, Duncan, Reginald, Maxwell; sisters, Leona Malay, Alma Dunn, Muriel Godin; stepdaughter, Anita; grandson, Paul. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, 149 Herring Cove Rd., Halifax. Burial in Lockerbee Cemetery, Tatamagouche in the spring. Donations to St. Paul's United Church.

CRAIG, Genevieve - 91, Northwood Manor, passed away February 28, 2003 in the New Halifax Infirmary Site, QEII Health Sciences Center. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Leander and Ellen (Nowe) Slaunwhite. She is survived by sisters, Jane Jollimore, Spryfield; Phyllis Slaunwhite, Terence Bay; Marie Morash, Terence Bay; 7 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Daniel Craig; sons, Douglas, Kenneth, David; 5 brothers, 2 sisters. Cremation has taken place under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, Halifax. No service by request. Burial at a later date. Donations to Nova Scotia Heart & Stroke Foundation.

FALL, Marion Margaret - 84, Ketch Harbour Road, Herring Cove, passed away March 8, 2003, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Sydney, Cape Breton. Surviving are son, Allan (Lori) Fall, Spryfield; daughters,

Elizabeth Josephine Purcell, Ottawa; Christine Purcell (Kenneth Keating), Harrietsfield; Margaret (Thomas) Hogan, Halibut Bay; Viola (Tony) Sheals, Windsor; Sarah (Rodney) Gray, Herring Cove; grandchildren, Sherry Crotty, Edward Hogan, Eileen Hogan and Lee Gray, Pam Little, Chrissy Gray, Leanne Purcell, Marshall Gray, Ryan Fall, Daniel Fall, Shannon Rock, Megan Rock; great-grandchildren, Cale, Tyler, Lauren, Grace, Adrienne, McKenzie. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward Fall; grandson, Michael. Interment in St. Paul's Cemetery Memorial Vault. Donations in memory to the Red Cross Society or St. Vincent de Paul.

DRAKE, James Henry - 56, Halifax, passed away March 10, 2003, in the VG Site, QEII, Halifax. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Edna (Power) Drake and the late William Drake. He is survived by stepdaughter, Olieta DeCoste; brothers, Albert Drake, Kevin (Lynette) Drake, both of Halifax; sisters, Irene (David) Smith, Theresa Drake, Jean Drake, all of Halifax. Burial at a later date. Donations to a charity of choice.

CATHCART, John Anthony - 72, 81 Radcliffe Dr., Halifax, passed away at home, in the loving care of his family on March 20, 2003. Born in New Waterford, he was a son of the late Jack and Cletus (MacNeil) Cathcart. He will be missed by his wife, Rona (Wallace); son, Donald; grandchildren, Cameron, Spencer and Rowan; sisters and their families, Bernadette Campbell, Halifax, and Mary MacLeod, Glace Bay. He was predeceased by four sisters and seven brothers. Interment will take place at a later date in New Waterford. Donations to the Palliative Care Unit, VG Site, QEII, would be greatly appreciated.

SCOTT, Bessie - 100, Northwood Centre, formerly of Fairview, passed away March 20, 2003, in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Shubenacadie, she was a daughter of the late James and Anne (Heggs) Stallard. She is survived by son, Waldo Scott, East Dover; daughter, Valerie Livingston, Niagara Falls, Ont.; grandchildren, Patrick Livingston, Michelle Awalt; great-grandson, Scott Awalt. She was predeceased by her husband, Asaph Scott; brothers, Harry, Welsley, Fred; sisters, Daisy, Nellie. Burial in East Dover Baptist Church Cemetery.

WEIR, Olivia Margaret "Livi" - daughter of David and Melanie (Gilson) Weir of Timberlea, passed away Friday March 14, in the Hospital For Sick Children, Toronto, ON. Born April 18, 2001, in Halifax. Surviving besides her parents are paternal grandparents, Eric and Dorothy Fraser, Berwick; Reginald and Joan Weir, Weston; maternal grandmother, Debbie Callan, Sundridge, ON.; maternal grandfather Doug Gilson, South River, ON. Maternal great-grandparents, Wesley and Margaret Brandt, Sundridge, ON. A memorial service was held March 23 in the Berwick Baptist Church, Reverend Shawn Kehoe officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the IWK Foundation or the Canadian Liver Foundation.

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Merchandise Bingo

Elizabeth Sutherland will be holding a Merchandise Bingo On April 6 at 7:00pm. at the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Royal Canadian Legion.

Annual General Meeting

Members of the local business community will gather at the Royal Canadian Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion for the Annual General Meeting of the District 18 Business and Development Association April 28 at 7pm.

Lighthouse Society to meet

"The Chebucto Head Lighthouse Society" will hold its first general meeting at 7:30 pm on Monday, April 14, at St. Peter's Church Hall in Ketch Harbour. The society was formed in January 2003 by several residents of Duncans Cove with the purpose of acquiring, maintaining and preserving the lighthouse property and its history for the benefit of the community. The purpose of the meeting is to share information, encourage membership, and to appoint officers to a board of directors. All those interested are welcome to attend. For information contact Dominique Gusset at 868-2514.

Watershed Association meeting

The McIntosh Runs Watershed Association will hold a public meeting on April 15 at 7:00pm.

ESS Spring Fair

The Annual Elizabeth Sutherland School Spring Fair will be held on Friday, April 25 from 5pm to 8pm. Lots of fun for the whole family, including a Prize Bingo and a Silent Auction, as well as the Fish Pond, Cake Walk, Bean Bag Toss and much more. A Cafe featuring the ESS-Famous Chicken Burgers and Hotdogs will also be offered. The event is sponsored by the PTA of ESS

Volunteer Workshop

Recruiting and retaining volunteers will be the subject of a free Max Chauvin workshop to be held at the Captain William Spry Community Centre from 1 to 4 pm April 26.

JL Isley seeks fitness equipment

Donations of used free-weights, stationary bikes, treadmills, and weight benches would be welcomed by J.L. Isley High School for a weight room for students. Please contact Linda Lund at 479-4612.

Family Fun Day

On Saturday, June 21 from 10 am to 3 pm Chebucto Heights School will hold its Family Fun Day.

Legion Events

Bingo will be held at the Legion on April 6 and 13th only this month. Doors open at 12 p.m. - Bingo starts at 1p.m. Senior's Day-April 7, from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring Newfie George.

General Meeting - The Legion General Meeting will be held April 8 at 7 p.m. All members welcome.
Darts - There will be a Ham Shoot April 13 beginning at 7 p.m. Members and Guests are welcome.

Community Swim

The Foresters, (The Independent Order of Foresters) Branch Halifax are sponsoring a Community Swim on April 12th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Spryfield Lions Wave Pool. Please invite family members and friends to come out and have some fun.

TAG Auditions

Auditions for TAG's next production, "Angel Street" by Patrick Hamilton, a Victorian thriller Directed by Elaine Casey, will be held Sunday May 4th, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday May 5th, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sambro Dinner Theatre

A Sambro Dinner Theatre titled "Hidden Treasure," will play May 2, 3, 9, 10. Your choice of lobster or roast beef. Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available March 17th by calling Eva Mae at 868-2660.

Urban Farm Meeting

The Urban Farm Museum Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. - Multi Purpose Room at the Captain William Spry Centre. Everyone welcome!

Computer Health Access at Legion

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Reunion Planned

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Library Events

Library Puppet Shows
Captain William Spry Library has Puppet Shows for all ages Saturdays at 11 a.m. Patrick the Pig and Moe the Crow invite you to bring the whole family and all your friends for a half hour of hilarious entertainment with a show featuring your favourite puppet characters. For group bookings, call Cindy Sampson Fleet at 490-5796.
Library Tots n' Toys - Back to mornings! Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Ages 5 and under. Preschoolers bring along a favourite toy or object for show and tell and enjoy wonderful stories every Tuesday morning. Songs, finger-plays, action rhymes and occasional simple crafts make this a great 45 minutes. There is no registration required for children and parents/caregivers, but groups are asked to call Cindy Sampson Fleet at 490-5796.
Book Discussion Group for Adults - The Captain Spry Book Discussion Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Capt. William Spry Library. For more information call Scott Taylor at 490-5774
Children's Reading Support - Tuesdays to Thursdays - 3:30 - 7:30 pm & Saturdays /10 am - 2 pm. Captain Spry Library 490-5734.
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Pain Support Group Meets

The Pain Support Group is a self help group for pain sufferers dedicated to providing support to people in chronic pain. It meets the last Monday of each month with two meeting times available at 1p.m. and at 7p.m., Superstore Community Room, Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax NS. For info call 902-463-5757 or 902-479-0409 and leave a message.

Lions Club Meets

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