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Herring Cove breakwater, government wharf not far from upgrades

Herring Cove - The breakwater and government wharf at Herring Cove may only be a few weeks away from being upgraded and

secured by its new owner the Halifax Pilotage Authority.

And when the work starts the immediate

future of the breakwater and government wharf will have been secured, and in the minds eye of Herring Cove Ratepayers Association President Brian Dempsey, the community should feel completely comfortable that its continued use of the facilities will be preserved. "I'm much more comfortable working with the Authority than seeing the infrastructure in private control," he said.

Dempsey said this week that the Pilotage Authority's tender to undertake repairs to the facilities came in far above the expected \$80,000 the federal government had committed. But thanks to the efforts of Halifax West MP Geoff Regan and the Minister of Fisheries the fund was increased to cover the estimated \$135,000 project.

The Federal Department of Fisheries has been on a campaign in recent years to rid themselves of hundreds of wharfbages and other small craft marine related infrastructure. The depart-

ment, which now owns wharfs and other docking facilities on both sides of the country, wants to turn the assets over to other agencies including those like the Herring Cove Ratepayers Association.

In Herring Cove the Ratepayers Association had discussed the government wharf and breakwater with the department's Small Craft Harbours arm, with a view to obtaining sufficient funds to repair the breakwater and maintain the government wharf. Repairing the breakwater would give the Halifax Pilotage Authority an adequate docking space for their pilot boats, diminishing their need to enter the inner harbour to dock at the government wharf. Liability insurance was an issue the Association hoped the city could accommodate on its behalf. An agreement involving the Ratepayers Association would have secured the future use and commu-

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Spryfield Lions Club member Rene Gallant and members of the club organized the Spryfield Lions Club Business Bowling Challenge to raise money for the Chebucto Boys and Girls Club and promote club membership. Participating in the Spryfield Bowlarama held event were King Lin Darrell Wentzell, standing left; Charlie Norman who played on the Danielson's Water and Wine team; Chebucto Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Kristie Walker and Mr. Gallant.

Development decision expected, Final say may be Utilities Board's

Spryfield - Chebucto Community Council's decision in favour or against the 156 acre Governor's Brook housing development as proposed by Kimberly Lloyd Developments Limited is expected tomorrow evening (March 3), but it seems unlikely that decision will strike an end to the issue.

Councillors Linda Mosher, Russell Walker and Diana Whalen heard about 40 submissions against the project in a public hearing held at Halifax West High School which extended over two evenings. Many objections came from residents of Purcell's Cove and Fleming Heights in

a protest largely spearheaded by the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC). Other objections came from a Southend Halifax resident, a representative of the Ecology Action Centre, a biking trail enthusiast and a spokesman for the Sierra Club. Only three persons, including Brian Dempsey of the Herring Cove Ratepayers Association and Sharon Beasley, President of the District 18 Business Association, spoke in favour of the project during the hearing which attracted an estimated 450 residents.

If approved the project would create housing for 850 new families in a mix of single family, townhouse and apartment style developments over what is considered to be the next 15 to 20 years. The project includes provision for 51 acres of active and passive parkland as well as dedication of an additional 196 acres to the City of Halifax as parkland.

At issue for residents, and in particular the Williams Lake Conservation Company, are a number of factors including future traffic flows to the Armdale Rotary, the adequacy of sewer capacities at Roach's Pond (McIntosh Run) and Herring Cove to handle the project, the "deleterious" affect the project may have on disrupting the watershed areas of Colpitt and Williams Lake, and whether or not the project is consis-

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Business Association seeks approval for BID Commission plan

The District 18 Business and Development Association has set its Annual General Meeting in late April as the target date to present its Business Improvement District Commission (BID) proposal to the business community for review, approval or rejection says President Sharon Beasley.

"We have met with the Councilors in District 17 and 18, with municipal staff responsible for overseeing commissions, and with the municipal tax department to ensure we have a clear understanding of our responsibilities in this project," said Beasley.

She said the Association's Board of Directors sees the creation of a BID Commission as the best, most comprehensive way for the Association to gain the resources needed to continue working to improve the business community it serves. "This is a natural progression for our Association, currently made up of member businesses in the area and run by a volunteer board of directors," she said. "The issues facing the business community, and our ability to keep up with the work load as volunteers so that we can affect positive change requires resources, energy and, most important-

ly, stability of the organization for us to be most effective," she said.

To date the Association has accomplished many goals. Events over the last 5 years include a community based Business Expo to create awareness about the goods and services available in the area, an annual golf tournament which provides an opportunity for networking and raises funds for local community groups and sponsorship of the annual Santa Claus Parade. More recent activities include partnering with Open For Business, a resource and

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Development decision expected, Final say may be Utilities Board's

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tent with the existing Municipal Planning Strategy and Zoning By-Law of the city.

The city's planning staff, in recommending Chebucto Council approve the rezoning from Holding to RDD and move into a Development Agreement with the developer, say the project will be restricted to 50 units per year, that the developer is required to upgrade the Roach's Pond holding tank, is required to undertake an environmental impact assessment and to prepare a storm water management plan prior to development.

At the conclusion of a well run controversial hearing which, by previous understanding, designated Kathleen Hall, President of the WLCC, as the last resident to speak followed by a short presentation by Rob MacPherson of Kimberly Lloyd, Council adjourned decision to allow city staff to try and answer the multitude

of questions posed by residents.

"There are a number of questions which have been presented. I want to be sure staff has them all recorded but I don't think staff can answer them without doing additional research," Council Chair Mosher told the audience. She said staff would prepare a report for the Councillors who would vote on the issue at the regular March 3 Community Council session.

All three Councillors agreed and the decision was deferred. Some residents wondered whether or not they would have an opportunity to review the city staff response to questions but Mosher said the information is for Council members use. "The answers will be provided but not likely before the next Council session and there is not by law allowed to be any further discussion...just the decision," she said.

But regardless of Council's decision, the matter has a good potential to land on the desk of the Utilities and Review Board (URB), a

provincial body with the ultimate say on development matters. Both the proponent and the opponent sides will have the opportunity to appeal whatever decision Council makes to the URB.

When a similar proposal was rejected by Council in 1998, the Williams Lake Conservation Company was granted full rights to the hearing by the URB after the developer (Midyat Investments) filed an appeal which was later withdrawn.

Ms. Hall, in her written presentation to Council on behalf of the WLCC, suggested "it

has already been stated by more than one Community Councillors that this matter is headed for an Appeal before the Public Utilities Board."

Mr. MacPherson of Kimberly Lloyd told The Chebucto News that "we feel we've met the requirements of the Municipal Planning Strategy and answered the questions," but he declined to confirm the company would appeal. "It will depend on the reasons why Council, if it does turn the application down, made that decision," he said.

Business Association moves forward

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education centre for entrepreneurs, securing space in the South Centre Mall with the assistance of Morguard Investments, taking a position on the proposed Governor's Brook development and acting as the conduit in the community for a possible \$50,000 street scape planning study currently in the HRM budget.

"The Association is currently working on a strategic plan that will outline how the resources of the BID commission would be utilized," says Beasley. "We will be sharing this plan with our members at our upcoming annual general meeting to get feedback and ensure that, at the very least, our members support the plan. The creation of the commission requires approval from the majority of the businesses in a defined area and we would like to know that our members agree with the plan before we take it to the business community at large."

The resources allocated to the commission are dependent on a levy applied to both business occupancy and commercial assessment. The levy is collected by the municipality and then forwarded to the commission. The amount of the levy will be approved by the Association and usually has both a minimum and a maximum amount for each business.

"The municipality has created a model which, based on the rates and minimum and maximum amounts, tells us the amount of financial resources that would be available to the commission. We have run the model using

rates used by other BID commissions in HRM. The amount of the minimum or maximum charge will be determined on what makes sense for this community," she said, suggesting that "many of our members will actually pay less under the BID commission than they do now for their current membership."

"Assuming we get positive feedback from our membership at our AGM, our next step is to introduce the plan to all the businesses in the defined area. A plebiscite is then sent to each of the businesses. Assuming a majority result in favour of the proposal, the final clearance is approval by HRM Council."

If members of the Association give their approval, the Board expects to have all of the work completed for council approval in early June. The Association is currently talking to its members about renewing membership for 2003. Any business holding current membership status will have an opportunity to hear and vote on the plan at the AGM to be held in late April.

"The Annual General Meeting will be an important meeting for our members. Members will not only hear the proposed plan but will be voting for the new Board of Directors who will be responsible for implementing the plan over the next few years. As well, we will have a guest join us for the evening who has years of experience dealing with BID commissions throughout Nova Scotia. He will assist us in ensuring all the questions and concerns of our members will be answered" says Beasley.



Halifax Atlantic Liberal Association President Darren Watts, left, and Past President Hughie Fraser, right, raise the hands of candidate Ian McKinnon, whose nomination from Margie Heard was accepted by the Association at a nomination convention held in February. McKinnon, a former Fleming Heights residents, will carry the Liberal banner into the next provincial election.



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Fleming Park historical designation request off to Ottawa this spring

Armdale- Historically speaking, District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher may already have been kinder to Sir Sandford Fleming than history itself, or at least that's one implication you might have generated from Dr. Brian Cuthbertson's presentation on National Heritage Day to Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park and others at the Armdale Yacht Club.

Dr. Cuthbertson, who has completed the presentation Councillor Mosher requested for submission to the Federal Historic Sites and Monuments Board, said "Fleming, because of having had such an extraordinary career, was not all that well done by by historians. His life

is difficult to deal with," he said.

But Dr. Cuthbertson will use some of the famous engineer's history for the presentation he and John Zuck prepared in time for submission to the Monuments Board this spring.

Councillor Mosher told the gathering she requested that HRM initiate the process to apply to the National Historic Sites and Monuments Board to obtain Federal designation for Sir Sandford Fleming Park and the Memorial Tower ostensibly for two reasons. "I just couldn't understand why it had never been done and I want to stop the existing deterioration of the site, including the completion of the

Memorial Tower reconstruction."

Acting on the request, HRM staff prepared recommendations, and Regional Council endorsed the process and funds to have an independent research report prepared to submit to Ottawa for consideration. Dr. Brian Cuthbertson was the successful proponent and has recently completed his draft report.

In his presentation, Cuthbertson said the 1827 Scottish born and trained engineer came to Canada in 1845 and began working as a surveyor. He designed the first Canadian stamp using an image of a beaver in 1851 and began a serious career in railway construction in 1852. His experiences here led him to design railway routes through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick before he became involved in building the Canadian Pacific Railway.

And Cuthbertson said it was the building of

the national railway that led Fleming to work toward and gain international achievement for the establishment of today's time zones. But his greatest ambition was to construct a monument to recognize the 150 anniversary of representative government in the British Empire, a project which led to him donating his own land to house the Memorial Tower which is now known as "The Dingle Tower" in Fleming Park.

Although there are many locations which remember Fleming in Canada, Federal designation of the park as an historic site will be the first government held recognition, said Cuthbertson.

The Executive of Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park Committee, HRM staff, and Councillor Mosher will review the draft report before submission to the Monuments Board for it's spring meeting



District 17 Councillor Linda Mosher used National Heritage Day as an opportunity to present information to the Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming Park which will be sent to Ottawa with a request to designate the park and its Memorial Tower a national historic site. Attending the Armdale Yacht Club event were Friends Chair Robert Hartland, Dr. Brian Cuthbertson, Councillor Mosher, and John Zuck who helped with the report.

Herring Cove breakwater *continued from pg. 1*

access to the infrastructure.

In a bit of a surprise move however, the federal department made an agreement with the Halifax Pilotage Authority. Under the agreement, the Authority would be given an \$80,000 grant to make infrastructure improvements to the breakwater to bring it up to a useable and safe level. According to Dempsey, the agreement also gives the Authority control over the government wharf for a five year period but after that the future is unsure.

He said the Association has assurances from the Authority of access to the government wharf. "We certainly don't mind working with the Authority. We would like to be able to use

the wharf in the same way as we have in the past," he said.

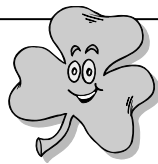
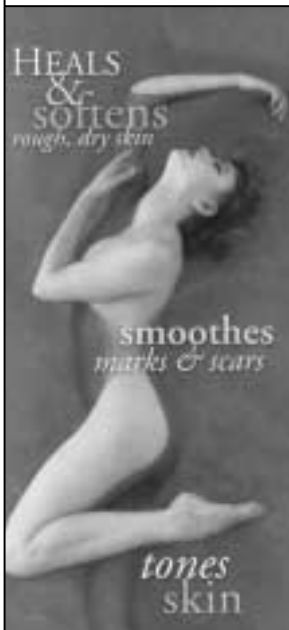
And he said the breakwater and adjacent lands have historical aspects which the community will want to preserve or even highlight at some future date. He said the breakwater once housed a "guardhouse" during war time and there is hope a provincial park designation can be gained for some of the adjoining lands.

But he said it is a little unsettling to know that the agreement in place is only for a five year period. At the end of the agreement, he said, the Authority may be able to sell the government wharf to a private operator which could have a negative impact on the community.

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Tracing the Herring Cove Dempseys' ancestry from Ireland's Wexford County

by Iris V. Shea, Historian
Mainland South Heritage Society

William Dempsey married Catherine Latter on 4 July 1820 at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Halifax. Catherine Latter (ca. 1789-1865) was born in Herring Cove, the daughter of Henry Latter and Catherine McLean. According to a series of land petitions dated 1819 and 1820, Henry Latter was born and brought up in Sussex, England and settled in Herring Cove in 1773 "having faithfully served in His Majesty's Navy from which he was formerly discharged." He was "induced to settle on and cultivate a tract of land at Herring Cove known by the name of the Salisbury Grant." Latter gave his age in 1820 as 74 years and stated he had a wife and six children. The land surveyor at the time, Charles Morris, remembered him as "the first settler to work the untilled soil of Herring Cove".

Catherine Latter Dempsey was twice widowed. As Catherine Latter, she married James Philpot on 4 July 1806 at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Halifax. Her first-born child, Ann Philpot, married Alexander Umlah and settled in Herring Cove. Umlah's forty-acre grant of land is now owned and occupied by the fibre-optics plant of 360 Networks. (A sewage treatment plant is also planned for part of this land). George Alexander Umlah, son of Alexander and Ann, settled in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia where the name became "Hemlow." Before relocating to Yarmouth in 1864, young Umlah sold the 40-acre lot to his half-cousin, William Hayes, for two hundred dollars.

Catherine's first husband died on 30 September 1819 at the age of 34 years. One month later Catherine had to bury her four-year old son, John Philpot. Three daughters survived: fifteen year old Ann, six year old Margaret and baby Catherine (who died one year later). Margaret Philpot was married twice, first to James Brackett, the son of Henry Brackett and Ellen Brackett of Bear Cove. In 1851, Margaret's second husband, a Neagle, drowned at Herring Cove, along with his brother, and left her with three young children.

Nine months after the death of her first husband, Catherine married William Dempsey. Their marriage record at St. Peter's Church in Halifax provides valuable information about this Irish fisherman, that he was the son of Patrick and Bridget Dempsey and was a native of the Parish of Castle-Ellis, County Wexford, Ireland.

Catherine and William Dempsey had three sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to adulthood and married into local families: Bridget married William Hayes, the son of Edward Hayes and Susan Pierson of Herring Cove (the Hayes and Peirson families were also from County Wexford, Ireland); James married Sarah Hayes, daughter of Edward and Susan; Catherine married Michael Lauchlin of Herring Cove; Patrick married Sarah Martin of Portuguese Cove;

and John married Jeanette Fitzgerald of Portuguese Cove.

On 9 July 1845, tragedy struck Catherine and her family again when her second husband drowned off the Portuguese shoals. Their youngest child was then fourteen years old. The Acadian Recorder, 19 July 1845, reported the following: While Mr. Dempsey was at Portuguese Shoals returning home from fishing, a gale upset his boat and before assistance could be rendered by a shallop which was close by, he sank. Mr. Dempsey was a native of Wexford, Ireland and for a number of years a much respected resident of Herring Cove.

His loss is much felt and lamented by his family and acquaintances. Neither the body

nor the boat has as yet been found." It would appear, since there was no record of a Coroner's Inquest, that William Dempsey's

Dempsey lived with her son, Patrick Dempsey, on land formerly owned by the Latter family, described in a deed of 1862

from the heirs of Ann Umlah to Patrick Dempsey as one half of a lot "bounded on the north by property occupied by Archibald Darrach, on the east by the waters of Herring Cove, on the south by the land of William Hayes, and on the west by the Main Road, containing about two acres."

Catherine Dempsey died on 31 October 1865 in Herring Cove where, in 2003, her gravestone may still be seen in old St. Paul's cemetery. Generations of the Dempsey family continued to follow the sea; as fishermen, as pilots with the Halifax Pilotage Authority, and as champion dory racers. After 182 years, the Dempsey surname lives on in Herring Cove.



View of Herring Cove, June 1948

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In the last years of her life, Catherine

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Business suffers closures because of water damage

Spryfield - In what has become a long string of "problems beyond my control," Wyatt Redmond's Beaver Enviro Depot business has been in an on again off again position since about the middle of February.

At press time this past week the business was closed once again while mall management worked to improve the working space of the bottle exchange depot located underneath the parkade of South Centre Mall.

"Do you know if the Enviro Depot is closed for good or just today," was the question posed by staff at the local drug store just before press time and that's just the problem Redmond and his business is facing.

"We were closed for a couple of days because water pipe burst and poured water into

our shop causing us to be closed through two days of cleaning," said Redmond. When that was completed, another misfortune caused the business to close once again.

South Centre Mall Manager Allan MacDonald explained that a combination of very cold weather and the open door of the business likely combined to cause the water problem. He said workers were at the site again in late February fixing problems and securing the site for the safety of staff and customers.

Because of the water Redmond, his staff and customers, were concerned about safety and a representative of the Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Environment and Labour Department made a visit in late February.

"We've been open and closed - open and closed," he said, alluding to the problem his customers are having trying to decide whether or not the business will be able to accept recyclables when they want to return them.

Redmond suggested it's "very hard on business" when customers don't know if the business will be open on any given day. One customer said they hoped the business will be open more consistently as soon as possible.

"We really need this business here. There isn't another depot anywhere near here for us to use," the customer said.

But Redmond is hoping the safety issues surrounding the business will be settled once and for all soon. He is hoping to relocate the business in the old Irving service station on Herring Cove Road and if things go well the announcement could be made by sometime in early March.



Wyatt Redmond and his Beaver Enviro business have been having trouble keeping the doors open. Flooding of the space caused some worry and concern for staff and customers resulting in the business being closed periodically during February.



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Letters To The Editor

Population more than enough to support local business

The public hearing (3 & 12 February) for the re-zoning of a large block of wilderness land between McIntosh Run and William's Lake highlighted the inadequacy of the planning process in Halifax. For the public in attendance this was yet another case of municipal officials seeming more interested in finding ways to circumvent the intent of our zoning bylaws and planning strategies, for the benefit of developers, than in protecting the public interest.

The public is almost unanimous in opposing the proposed development. Only the Spryfield business community seems to favour the re-zoning. Their rational appears to be that more houses will mean more customers but that is unlikely to be the case. Their problem is not the lack of potential customers already living in Mainland South. The population is more than enough to support a viable business district. The problem is that once those potential customers get in their cars they drive on by to the enticements of the big box stores and enterprises elsewhere.

Adding a few thousand more people living a mile away, who will do the same thing will do little for Spryfield businesses. As well, the proposed development will have its own commercial component, which will compete with existing Spryfield businesses. Consider also that, despite the addition of two thousand new housing units in the area in the last fifteen years, the population has not grown. More houses will not guarantee more customers.

Nevertheless, if the Spryfield business community really believes that building more

homes will provide more customers, they should look closer to home. All along Herring Cove Road between Glenora Ave. and Drysdale Rd. there are a great many empty, closed, derelict, abandoned and underutilized commercial properties, some of which have been closed for more than a decade, (Wendy's, Harvey's, Tim Horton's, Dairy Queen, Irving, Shell, IGA and the former Canadian Tire, to name a few). Many of these empty sites could be redeveloped for residential purposes. Their current commercial zoning allows for a variety of residential uses, except high-rise apartments.

Rather than re-zone forested wilderness areas to have them blasted and bulldozed for

apartment buildings and townhouses, and for the sewers, roads and other necessary services, the underutilized commercial lands should be developed instead. These lands already have sewers, water mains, hydrants, power lines, telephone lines, roads, sidewalks, bus routes and other services close at hand. More important, residential redevelopment of these lands would avoid the rape of untouched wilderness areas and inevitable degradation of lakes and watercourses.

Besides the underused commercial properties along Herring Cove Road, Mainland South has about 400 empty building lots which could accommodate over thirteen hundred more people.

Clearly, there is already the capability of accommodating in Mainland South, where roads and services already exist, the expected population of the proposed development.

Planners, developers and councillors should listen to the public more and should respect the intent of our Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw. They should also follow rational, efficient, effective planning concepts instead of the current free-for-all.

Graham Read
Armdale

"System" treats small business owners unfairly

I am writing because I feel the (social assistance) "system" is treating small business owners unfairly. I have a registered business which is a seasonal one and I am unable to work now because it is out of season. I have desperately been trying to make ends meet and get bills paid by working where and when I can. Because I fell into serious financial difficulty I turned to the Community of Social Services for assistance. I was turned down because in December I cashed in all my savings to pay bills. I was told to reapply later, which I did.

This time I was again rejected, ostensibly because I have a small business. The "system" made a ruling that assumes there is a monthly income of \$960.00 per month from my busi-

ness whether or not I am able to work. Apparently everyone who owns a small business receives income even if the business is not operating. I was told the only way a small business owner is able to receive assistance is to deregister their business.

I feel the decisions made for my own and likely many other cases is an unfair one for those of us who are trying to "do it on our own" before asking for help. First I was penalized because I used my savings, then again

because I am trying to establish a business. I currently have no income, there is a threat of utilities disconnection as well as eviction because the household rent is in arrears, but the government department who makes the rules has no heart or feeling for me. If one cannot turn to their government for help, who can they turn to?

Bonnie Purcell
Spryfield

Thank-you for assistance, support

Dear Editor

Terry and Maureen Flemming, the owners of the apartment building at 31 Tribune Court in Herring Cove, would like to thank the fire departments who were involved the of night our apartment fire on December 29, 2002, as this could have been a terrible disaster. We would

also like to thank the volunteers who opened the church hall and helped out our tenants and the suppliers of the food and drink. Thanks also goes out to the Red Cross for their help. We really care about our tenants. Thank you very much to everyone.

Terry and Maureen Flemming

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Spryfield Lions Club raises \$2,200 for Boys and Girls Club

Spryfield - The Spryfield Lions Club raised \$2,200 for the Chebuco Boys and Girls Club in a program geared to promote club membership and bring the community together all at the same time.
Organizer Rene Gallant said 12 teams registered for what he hopes will become the first annual "Spryfield Lions Business

Bowling Challenge" held in late February at the Spryfield Bowlarama. And he said the more than 50 bowlers had a good time on the lanes before heading to the local Lions Den at the Spryfield Lions Rink for a light lunch and prize presentations.
"Many residents working in the Business Community of Spryfield traded in their work

clothes for bowling shoes and a few smiles," said Quigley. He said each team entering the event paid a \$125 entry fee of which \$100 went directly to the Boys and Girls Club. And he said each team member was asked to complete pledge sheets in efforts to raise even more money. All told the effort reached \$2,200.

He said the idea, which included teams from Mrs. Beasley's Cookies, Clyde Paul and Associates, Blunden Construction Limited, Shoppers Drug Mart, Umlah Insurance, Crowell's Pharmasave, Spryfield Ultramar, Danielson's Water and Wine and South Centre Bowlarama, sprang from a need in the Lions Club to generate membership. "We put the project together so that we could showcase our club to business executives and their employees with the hope of generating a few new members while we as a club do what we do best, raise money for local organizations in the community," he said.

Bad weather that morning caused a couple of teams problems in having their full rosters present, he said, but all in all "it appeared everyone had a good time and it's very likely we'll bring the Challenge back again next year, but maybe in April instead of February."

Every participant received a brochure on the local Lions Club which identified the club's history and accomplishments including development of the Spryfield Lions Rink, construction of the Wavepool, scholarship and student assistance programs, sponsorship of drug and alcohol free graduation programs for high school students, the annual Speak-out Program for youth and support for the Diabetes Association, individuals, families in need and sport and recreation teams in the community.

Gallant said the club is looking for new members. "The act of volunteering to help in your community is rewarding not only for you but for the community as a whole," he said, adding that any amount of time or effort is always welcomed. "I doubt that there would be many living in this community who have not been touched by the three decades of work of the Lions Club," he said.

The South Centre Bowlarama team tied for top spot with Clyde Paul and Associates while Spryfield Ultramar finished second and Umlah Insurance third. Trophies were presented by King Lion Darrel Wentzell.



The Spryfield Lions Club hosted the International Association of Lions Clubs, District 41 N2, Nova Scotia Winter Cabinet Meetings at the local Lions Den when about 200 delegates arrived for the session. Attending were Spryfield Lions Member and Meeting Chair John Bain, Ralph Williams, Vice-District Governor; Earn Einarson, District Governor; Spryfield Lions King Lion Darrell Wentzell; and Gordon Johnson, Cabinet Secretary Treasurer.



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Local Legion hosts Dart Fundraiser

Spryfield - More than 50 shooters spent the full day at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 152, Spryfield, raising money for the War Amputations Society of Canada.

Organizer Floyd Eisan said 18 teams made up of three members each started play in a round robin event at 9:30 Saturday morning and fired darts to nearly 5 p.m. in the eighth annual Halifax and District Mens' Dart League Memorial Shoot. He said the event is held annually in honour of the league's deceased members.

Eisan said the event was initiated because of long-time dart league member Art Rodgers, a former member of the Canadian Military during the Second World War. Eisan said Rodgers, a member of the Halifax Fire Fighters Club, first located on Gottingen Street, played Darts for the Club as a charter member at the beginning of the Halifax and District Dart League which started in 1950.

Rodgers played darts in the league for the fire fighters club up until the club closed for business. After the closure Rodgers continued to play and associated himself with other teams until his death in 1991. He spent a total of 41 years playing darts in the league and introduced his two sons Tony and Billy to the game. His eldest Tony is still playing after 32 years.

Eisan said the league was looking for a way to put something back into the community and in doing so started the Art Rodgers Memorial Dart Tournament in honor of all of the players who have passed away. The profits from the day go to the War Amps of Canada Champs program, a charity that Art supported as an individual.

This year's winner, the Kevin Mitchell Team including Curtis Gould and Paul Ginn, took the title from second place finishers Tom Sampson, Dickie Veith and Fred Bell.



Organizer Floyd Eisan, Tony Rodgers and George Talbot from the Jolly Mug 2 Team pose just prior to the Halifax and District Mens' Dart League Memorial Shoot held in honour of the league's deceased members. The event was held at the local legion.



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New art showcase reaching out to students and community

Herring Cove - Herring Cove has a new art gallery and it's more than just a showcase, it's a curriculum for a number of students at Herring Cove Junior High School.

School Principal Don Reardon, students, members of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia unveiled the new and innovative "gallery" and its most recent additions during the school's annual showcase of learning event held in late February. "This a unique project in the Halifax Regional School Board," said Principal Reardon explaining that the gallery reflects the school's arts education aims.

He said the Junior High School does not have a school wide art program so art is "infused" into the regular curriculum through courses like social studies and language arts, with the assistance of art education students from NASCAD and with the help of volunteer teachers and parents.

Supported by a grant from the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, grade seven students underwent programming at the Nova Scotia Art Gallery. Called "Too Many Seagulls On The Beach" the "Art Reach" program saw students learn the workings of art gallery operation so they could incorporate an art gallery in their own school. With the support of the Arts Initiative for the J.L. Ilesley Family of Schools, an underutilized section of

the school was transformed into an art gallery where student works, including drawings and sculptures of seagulls, were displayed for a waiting public along with a few art pieces sketched, drawn and painted by local citizens.

"The students work as curatorial assistants after taking training at the AGNS," said Mr. Reardon. Once finished with the program, the

artists an opportunity to acquire their own arts leadership abilities by creating their own gallery and presenting their own works on display for the exhibition.

The school was chosen for the project because of its continuing interest in arts promotion. The school and students have developed a four-house system based on an intensive study of the history of the Vikings. "Last year," said Reardon, "a group of students worked with artist Renee Forrestal to create a magical Viking mural on the front of the school that has become a significant source of pride for everyone. The work has developed a keen interest in the development of a student led arts program. As a follow-up this year students created a tile mural with a Viking motif."

NSCAD volunteer student Dorota Forfa said she "encouraged students to combine drawing and clay in the making of their installation of Too Many Seagulls on the Beach." Through this project, she said, students were given the opportunity to act as both curators and artists, combining their own work and that of the community which also contributed artworks to the first student-curated gallery exhibition. The exhibit included a mural created by grade eight and nine students, the seagull display, photography, a performance by the school's jazz band and an auction of items.



Herring Cove Junior High School has a new art gallery thanks to a combined effort between the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. Helping to celebrate the opening are Principal Don Reardon, Sabine Fels, Dorota Forfa, NSCAD; Emily Cairns, a grade seven band member; and grade seven auctioneers Brooke Tucker and Caitlain Blanchard.

gallery was created and organized by the students he said.

"Art is good for the soul," said grade nine student John Campbell of the Art Reach program which not only saw students immersed in the workings of a gallery but gave budding



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Consumers hard hit by insurance rate hikes - Chisholm

By Robert Chisholm
Halifax Atlantic MLA

It's impossible to manage your money when you have no control over your expenses. That is why unexpected and unexplained increases in the basic necessities of life, such as home heating oil, gasoline and car insurance hit us so hard.

The recent spike in auto insurance premiums seem particularly unreasonable as they seem to be coupled with a toughening attitude by all the insurance companies to Nova Scotia drivers. The NDP offices are receiving a steady stream of calls from people who are seeing the cost of their coverage skyrocket or be withdrawn all together.

One young man, a responsible guy and a volunteer firefighter for six years, has had to take his safety inspected van off the road because no one will insure it since he painted

stripes on the side. Another driver, a woman who has not had any sort of an accident in 42 years, has had her insurance increase threefold this year, because her husband who no longer drives, has had two minor accidents. The company's argument is that it doesn't matter that her own record is clean and she is the only driver. They count the car, not the driver, as the one with the record.

This just makes no sense. In the past few years, Nova Scotia drivers have seen premiums rise between 200 to 300%. Young people and seniors have seen the highest increases. Families, particularly those on a fixed income, are taking their cars off the road.

The NDP brought this situation to the attention of the Hamm government more than a year ago. They tried to ignore us. After mounting public pressure, the Minister in charge, himself a former insurance agent, agreed to send the problem on to the Utility and Review

Board for examination.

The UARB hearings are now complete. Their decision should be released soon.

You should know that the whole time the hearings were underway the companies continued to jack up their rates. Canadian insurance companies have taken a beating in the stock market this year, and need the revenue to placate shareholders. The NDP called for a freeze on increases. It just so happens when the rates skyrocket, so does the amount of taxes collected by the government skyrocket. The government refused this request, and continued to collect their windfall from the additional taxes from rising rates.

The government even went so far as to admit that their \$8 million dollars budget sur-

plus comes almost exclusively from taxes on the higher insurance rates.

There are things that can be done to help families with insurance costs they can't handle. The NDP would like to see a consumer's advocate at hearings like the UARB's to make sure that there is someone to speak up for the average Nova Scotian.

Families need their cars to go to work and to drive their children to school. Seniors need their vehicles to maintain their independence.

The NDP is committed to making sure that the cost of running a car stays within reach. We are working on solutions. We would like to hear what your experience has been with insurance rates and your ideas about how to bring them down.

"There is something that can be done," - Steele

By Graham Steele,
Halifax Fairview MLA

My topic for this month's column was going to be auto insurance, but I see that my colleague Robert Chisholm has covered that topic nicely. So let me talk about another pocketbook issue: the cost of home heating fuel.

It has been a cold winter. The cold, combined with the high price of fuel, has put a focus on the high cost of home heating. I'm pleased that the NDP has a plan that will help my constituents with the cost of fuel. Too bad the same can't be said of John Hamm.

Did you know that nearly two-thirds of Nova Scotians heat their homes with oil? The number of homes heated with oil far exceeds homes heated with electricity, wood, or other fuels. On November 7th, I questioned the Premier in the Legislature about the government's plan to deal with the cost of home heating fuel. I was the first MLA to raise the issue. The Premier's answer: "When it's necessary for this government to intervene, it does intervene."

The price continued to climb. It wasn't until January 17th that the government announced a \$50 rebate program. It wasn't until February 3rd that application forms were ready.

There are three problems with the rebate program. First, it doesn't work. The same \$50 program has been tried twice before. The red tape was too much for most people, and the

take-up rate was low. Second, it's not enough. Fifty dollars doesn't even cover the taxes on a full tank. Third, relatively few people qualify. The income cut-off to qualify for the program is \$17,500 for a family and \$10,000 for an individual.

Meanwhile, the price of home heating oil continues to climb, and the government continues to rake in millions of unexpected dollars from the HST. The higher the price of heating oil and gasoline, the more HST the government collects.

John Hamm says nothing can be done. NDP Leader Darrell Dexter and I and our NDP colleagues say something can be done. When prices on necessities of life go out of control, we think that it's time our government stopped raking in windfall revenue from taxes on those necessities. In a climate like ours, home heating fuel is a necessity of life.

That's why an NDP government will remove the provincial portion of the HST (8%) on home heating fuel. We know the cost of this promise, and it's a cost we can afford. The cost is a fraction of John Hamm's pre-election tax cut that will disproportionately end up in the pockets of those with the very highest incomes.


John Hamm talks like he understands what's happening to your family's finances, but he doesn't. On every pocketbook issue - home heating, auto insurance, gasoline, user fees - he shrugs his shoulders and says there's nothing he can do. There is something he can do, but it's going to take an NDP government to do it.



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Inadequate snow removal a safety issue - Mosher

By Linda Mosher
Councillor, District 17

Over the past few weeks I have been representing District 18 while Councillor Adams is recovering from back surgery. Councillor Adams has brought up the issue of inadequate snow removal by the province in the Sambro loop on many occasions at both Regional and Community Council. By receiving numerous phone calls I have gained an appreciation of the issues in District 18, especially snow removal around the Sambro loop. It was taking the province 36 to 48 hours to even make one pass through a street. The difference in service between HRM and the Province is evident when you drive from HRM's boundaries into

the provincial jurisdiction. Residents indicated that they must stock up on the basic essentials during snow storms as they are often stuck in their homes for two days. This is a serious safety issue. The Beechville office of the Department of Transportation has told residents not to worry, that if an emergency occurred, a plow would be dispatched with the ambulance. This is not acceptable! If someone is having a stroke, or a heart attack, time is crucial to prevent permanent damage. This also can put residents at an employment disadvantage, as residents sometimes cannot make it to work for lack of snow removal.

At Regional Council I asked for a reasonable compromise, that secondary roads have at

least one pass by the now plow to ensure that residents can get out of their roads. I arranged for a letter to be sent to the Minister of Transportation requesting that consideration be given to contracting out the service of snow removal in the Sambro loop area to ensure that a reasonable level of service is given to residents.

I do not blame the Supervisors, nor the drivers for the inadequate service. The Province must plan and budget for appropriate service levels. In the interim, our only recourse is to contact the Beechville Depot for service requests. The number is 450-5281. The District Director is Peter Merrit at 242-5328 and the Area Manager is Paul O'Brien at 242-2178

Let's upgrade waste collection, snow removal contracts - Adams

By Stephen Adams
Councillor, District 18

If you've tried to contact me over the past month, you would have gotten a message that I was unavailable due to back surgery. I realize that residents who need help could get frustrated, however, I left Councillor Linda Mosher's cell number along with the number for the Councillors' Office in my message so that you could get help with your concerns.

Councillor Mosher and I have been working on a number of very important issues on your behalf. The first deals with waste collection in our area. It was our collective opinion and that of other Council members in Halifax that the present contractor had shortcomings in their service. The extent of this lack of service was predictable. On any given Friday I could be assured of at least five phone calls regarding missed homes and entire streets at times, and over-flowing trucks that would result in

recyclables being put in the ditch. Attempts to change the contractor were unsuccessful even though they were not the lowest bid.

Councillor Mosher and I will be asking for better service, scrutiny in the contract and additional customer service representatives.

The second issue is becoming all the too familiar, and everyone involved and ever resident who is affected is becoming impatient. Snow removal in the former County is simply atrocious. I have sent a letter to the Minister of Transportation and the Mayor has sent one as well outlining our concerns. Our intent is not to lay blame, however, we would just like a reasonable level of service. I will be contacting the Minister once again to inquire as to the possibility of using local contractors to do the work. We are fortunate to have reliable, hard working plow operators in the community. Who better to do the work than those who know the area and are concerned for the well being of their friends and families.

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Budget holds exciting, important announcements for Canadians

By Geoff Regan,
Halifax West MP

Last month John Manley, the Minister of Finance, tabled a new budget in the House of Commons. That budget contained many exciting and important announcements for people in our community.

As the number one priority among Canadians, healthcare received the bulk of new money, and the bulk of media attention. The week before the budget was tabled the Prime Minister and the provincial premiers came to an historic agreement to re-invigorate the

healthcare system. The Government of Canada has committed almost \$35 billion over the next five years, including a series of targeted funds designed to support specific needs in the immediate to medium term. Those funds include:

\$16 billion for a five-year Health Reform Fund for primary health care, home care and catastrophic drug coverage;

a new Canada Health Transfer by April 1, 2004 to enhance transparency and accountability and to ensure predictable annual increases in health transfers;

see "Budget" pg. 12



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Spryfield a "unique partnership" between community and municipality

By Linda Roberts, Multi-Service Coordinator
Captain Spry Community Centre

What we have in Spryfield is a unique partnership between the community and the municipality. As described in my column last month, many communities across Canada have identified a need for a 'resource centre' to support the work of small, non-profit agencies and organizations that provide local services. The Multi-Service Office in the Captain Spry Community Centre provides that role in the Mainland South area. Through the office on the first floor of the Community Centre, community groups are supported by the donation of free meeting space, photocopying, fax, and mailing. As well, the Multi-Service Coordinator provides information and support on organizational issues (such as running meetings, financial reports), fundraising (such as writing grant proposals, planning events) and communication (such as publicizing events and interagency networking).

While the Captain Spry Community Centre is part of the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Multi-Service feature is a partnership between the municipality and a volunteer Board of Directors. The municipality funds Multi-Service and the Board governs in cooperation with the municipality. The Board of Directors is made up of residents and representatives of community groups and agencies. Apart from supervising the multi-service activities, the Board takes on projects itself. This winter the Board has initiated two new projects: a Volunteer Recognition Thank You Pool Party and a Community Information Sharing meeting.

The Volunteer Recognition Pool Party on March 1 was a way for community organizations to thank their volunteers and to recognize all the work of community members who help out with everything from youth recreation programs to food banks. The Wave Pool donated the pool and the Board of Directors of the Community Centre organized the event.

In April the Board is organizing a community consultation with community organizations to learn about community issues and provide a forum for networking among the groups.

An ongoing project of the Board is the annual Community Services Award that is presented to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to our community. Nomination forms will be available in March. The Award is usually presented at the Annual Public Meeting of the Captain Spry Community Centre held in May.

If you would like more information on the Board of Directors or any of these projects, or you would like to join the Board of Directors

please call me, Linda Roberts, at 479-4487. Community Health Fair

Thank you to the South Centre Mall and community groups and agencies for making the Community Health Fair another success! On January 29th a wide variety of organizations and agencies set up information displays at the Mall. This was a great opportunity for local residents to learn about everything from addiction issues to mental health services to parenting programs to diabetes to immunizations and public health services. The Community Health Fair was sponsored by the Spryfield Multi-Service Roundtable with support from the Multi-Service Office.

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\$2.5 billion in the Canada Health and Social Transfer to relieve existing pressures; \$1.5 billion for a Diagnostic and Medical Equipment Fund;

\$600 million to continue development of secure electronic patient records; and \$500 million for research hospitals through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI); and the federal government will extend transfers to 2007-08 and provide an additional \$1.8 billion in new money. As a result, transfers will increase by \$9.5 billion over the next five years.

As you can see, some of these commitments will take effect immediately, while others will be phased in. During that time, the Federal Government will continue to work with the provinces to ensure that healthcare remains a national priority.


The Budget contained significant new measures in other areas as well. In particular, the Canadian Forces and young families saw important developments.

While the Department of National Defense received significant increases - \$800 million a year plus \$270 million for immediate needs this year - my colleagues and I will continue to

fight for additional funding. We need to fund our forces for anything we ask them to do. I was honoured to attend the deployment of HMCS Iroquois late last month. The sobering expressions on the faces of families watching the ship's silhouette fade only renewed my dedication to ensuring that our Canadian Forces members have everything they need to do their jobs.

On the family front, Budget 2003 saw significant increases to the National Child Benefit (CTB), the creation of a Child Disability Credit as well as the addition of a new compassionate care leave option for those caring for ill or elderly relatives. These changes bring the maximum annual benefit for a first child provided through the CCTB to \$3,243, \$3,016 for the second child, and \$3,020 for each additional child, putting real money back in your pockets.

These measures are part of the government's continued commitment to the theme of this year's budget: Building the Canada We Want. And most importantly, all of these developments are taking place on the backdrop of a continuing 5-year, \$100 billion tax cut, as well the sixth straight balanced budget - the only one expected in the G-7 this year.




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Living with an older pet

By Dr. Ross Ainsley, D.V.M.

As animals move into the geriatric phase of life, they go through changes that are similar to the aging in humans - hair turns gray, the body begins to wear out and the senses dim. Diseases that are commonly known to afflict humans also affect our furry friends - kidney, heart, liver disease, tumors, cancers, diabetes, depression, Alzheimer's and neurosis.

Since breeds and individuals have different lifestyles and different expectations, it is impossible to predict at what age you can expect to see changes. Generally, smaller breeds of dogs live longer than larger breeds, and cats live longer than dogs. Beyond that, the life span will vary with each individual and

your veterinarian will be able to help you determine what stage of life your furry friend is in.

Geriatric care, which starts with a yearly physical exam, is needed to catch and delay the onset or progress of disease and for the early detection of problems such as organ failure. A "baseline" blood and urine profile is highly recommended once your pet reaches seven years of age. This gives you an excellent indication as to your pet's current health and serves as a benchmark against which to measure future test results.

If your dog or cat has a history of serious chronic medical problems they will need to see a veterinarian for a routine examination more often.

The health and quality of your pet can be greatly enhanced by feeding premium and prescription diets. Veterinarians, receptionists and technicians all receive special training regarding nutrition. They welcome the opportunity to discuss proper feeding for your pet. When you make your regular visit to purchase pet food hospital staff will be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

There are many signs of a problem including sustained, significant increases in water consumption and/or urination; weight loss; decreases in appetite or failing to eat for more than two days; sustained increases in appetite; repeated vomiting; diarrhea lasting more than three days; difficulty in passing stool or urine; change in housebreaking; lameness lasting more than five days or lameness in more than one leg; noticeable decrease in vision; open sores or scales on the skin that persist for more than one week; foul mouth odour or drooling that lasts more than two days; increasing size of the abdomen; increasing inactivity or amount of time spent sleeping; hair loss especially if accompanied by scratching, particularly in specific areas; excessive panting; inability to chew dry food; sudden collapse or bout of weakness; a seizure; persistent coughing or gagging for dogs and breathing heav-

ily or rapidly for cats.

Recommendations for the aging pet include keep vaccinations current, frequent brushing, clipping toenails, keep plenty of fresh water available and monitor consumption, keep indoors and take your pet's weight every 60 days.

Overall each pet is different and will encounter different changes than their canine or feline companions. Not all preventative measures, such as change in diet, may be necessary or even good for your pet. Be sure to monitor behaviours and physical conditions and report anything unusual to your veterinarian who will help both of you head into the twilight years with ease.



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GALLANT - The family of Lynn and Fred O'Hearn was saddened in late January with the passing of Lynn's Mother H. Melina Gallant (Richard) of 64 St. Lawrence Street, Summerside, at the age of 75. She was the wife of the late

Vernon Gallant and of her first husband Ernest Gallant. She was the loving mother of Richard (Gail), Thunder Bay, Ont; Rena Gaudet, Summerside; Donald (Brenda), Summerside; Lynn (Fred) O'Hearn, Herring Cove; and Michael C.J. (Heather), Summerside. Also lovingly remembered by 15 grandchildren. Melina is survived by her brothers and sisters Nazaire (Sophie) Richard, Chez Nous, Wellington; Theresa (Adrien) Arsenault, Chez Nous, Wellington; and Leo (Eva) Richard, Wellington. She was predeceased by her parents Cyrus and Victoire (Gallant) Richard, and brothers Fred, Austin, Albin, Fr. Emmanuel and Adelaïd. Burial in St. Paul's Church Cemetery, Summerside. Memorial donations may be made to the Prince County Hospital Oncology Unit.

RAFTUS, Lorraine Joseph "Rainie" - On Saturday, January 18, 2003, in his 73rd year, passed quietly with his loving family at his side. Always and forever loved by his wife, Patricia (Belisle McDougall). Surviving are daughters, Denise and Diane, Halifax; sons, Alphonse (Jackie), East Uniacke; Michael (Betty), Sarnia, Ont. An angel always to his grandchildren, Rachelle, Adam, Elaine, Jaime, Charles, Michael Jr., Haley, Dylan; great-granddaughters, Qiauna and Rylee; lovingly remembered by several nieces and nephews. Born in Halifax, Rainie was employed at the National Harbors Board for 36 years. He was a son of the late John Francis and Helen (Bush) Raftus. Sisters, Carol and Evelyn were with Rainie during his passing. Brothers, Kevin, Cecil and Nelson gave him strength and courage. God Bless you! Rainie is survived by four other sisters and three brothers. He was predeceased by sister, Joan; brothers, Freddie and John. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, January 23, in J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, Herring Cove Road. Special thanks to Dr. Robert Horton and Dr. Arthur Parsons and to the nurses and volunteers in the Palliative Care Unit who took such wonderful care of our Rainie. You are the true Angels. Donations may be made to the Palliative Care Unit, VG Site, QEII.

BETTS, Jeffrey Lee - 51, Spryfield, suddenly. Born in Halifax, he was a son of Walter and Marian (Hurley) Betts. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Isnor; daughter, Melissa, both of Spryfield; sisters, Linda (George) Hartling, Spryfield; Irene (Donnie) MacDonald, Lower Sackville; Judy "J.J." Slaney, Kitchener, Ont.; Karen (Gordie) Weeks, Spryfield; brothers, Wally, Spryfield; twin Jimmy (Sheila), Dartmouth; Gary (Trudy), Lower Sackville; Mike (Diane), Herring Cove; Barry (Kim), Spryfield. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an educational trust fund for Melissa Betts, c/o Stephen Widmeyer, Secunda Marine Services, 1 Canal St., Dartmouth, NS B2Y 2W1 (902-465-3400).

HORTON, Caleb Stephen - Infant son of Genine (McPhee) and Stephen Horton, Sambro, born and died in IWK Health Centre, surrounded in love by his family. Besides his parents, Caleb is survived by his grandparents, Betty and James McPhee and Vivian and Skip Horton, all of

Sambro; great-grandparents, Guida Tough, West Pennant; Muriel Smith, Sambro Head; Cora Horton, Halifax; many aunts and uncles, Suzanne and Sonny Hart, Billy and Jennifer McPhee, and Judi McPhee, all of Sambro; Anna Slaunwhite and Chris Schnare, East Pennant; Janet and Tony Cox, Williamswood; Kim Horton and Andy Frank, Arichat; first cousins, Coady and Joshua Hart, Sambro; Christopher and Connor Cox, Williamswood; Mason Frank, Arichat. Caleb was predeceased by great-grandfather, William Tough, West Pennant; great-grandmother, Lola McPhee, Sambro; great great-aunt and uncle, Cora and Howard Gilkie, Sambro; great-grandfathers, Frank Smith and Shorty Horton. Memorial donations may be made to either the Sambro-Ketch Harbour Elementary School or to St. James United Church, Sambro.

PAYNE, Charles Albert - 69, Halifax, passed away at home. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Frederick O'Connell and Mary Brooks. He was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 152, Spryfield, and enjoyed carpentry. He is survived by his wife, Shirley (Delaney) Payne, Halifax; sons, Charles Payne Jr., Dartmouth; David Payne, Halifax; Raymond (Lorena) Payne, Halifax; daughter, Donna (Richard) Payne, Hantsport; brothers, Kenneth Payne, Toronto; Ray O'Connell, Halifax; sisters, Joanne (Ken) Smith, Calgary; Marsha O'Connell, Toronto; grandchildren, Kevin, Kimberly, Jennifer, Melissa, Matthew. Donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

SOPER, Edward Henry Sr. - 84, Halifax, passed away in the New Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late John and Minnie (Boutillier) Soper. Edward was the last

surviving member of his immediate family. He is survived by sons, James "Jim," Spryfield; William "Bill," Hubley; Edward "Teddy" (Anne), St. Margarets Bay; John (Denise), Alberta; stepson, Phillip "Phil" (Susan), Williamswood; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Ruth Lewis; brother, John; sisters, Marjorie Hill, Ethel Hurschman, Evelyn Tattrie. Donations to a charity of choice.

DAUPHINEE, Wilfred Arnold Robert - 89, Maplestone Enhanced Care, Fairview, formerly of Purcells Cove Road, Halifax, passed away in the home. Born in Lunenburg, he was a son of the late Arnold Robert and Sarah Eldora (Nauss) Dauphinee. He is survived by his son, Reginald George Albert (Barbara Louise) Dauphinee, Ottawa, Ont.; granddaughter, Heather; great-grandchildren, Mark and Leah. He was predeceased by his wife, Maxine Margaret (James); sister, Annabelle (Marriott); brothers, Bernard, Ronald and Harold. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

MANNING, Frederick Arthur - 57, Cowie Hill, Halifax, passed after a car accident and a brief illness. Born in Moncton, N.B., September 9, 1945, he was a son of the late Arthur L. Manning and Beth A. Ripley. He is survived by son, Justin, Ontario; daughter, Kelly Mae Sayward, Moncton; brothers, Robert and Artie; sisters, Brenda, Christine and Darlene, Moncton; step-mother, Maxine Manning, Bass River, N.B.; stepsisters, Gail, Julie, Jesse and Kim; grandchildren, Keenan, Brennan and Liam; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Theresa, Chris and his cat, Mekia. Donations may be made to Canadian Paraplegic Association

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Provincial Championship Fundraiser

The Chebucto Atlantics Pee Wee "A" hockey team is hosting the Provincial Championships this year from March 21 to 23 at the Spryfield Lions Arena. They hope to see you there to cheer them on! They are having an Auction on March 2 at 1:00 pm at the Jolly Mug in Bayers Lake. Please help support this great event. All proceeds to the Provincials. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their help. For tickets please call Terri Wilson at 489-1258.

Seedy Saturday

Gardeners' thoughts are turning to seeds at this time of year. Circle March 8, the 2nd Saturday in March, for the Urban Farm Museum Society's 4th Annual Seedy Saturday. This is a chance to trade and buy seeds and cuttings with other gar-

deners, 2 to 4 p.m., at Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner

Emmanuel Anglican Church will hold a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner March 4 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at its 322 Herring Cove Road Hall. The public is welcome. Adults \$5 and Children \$2.50. For information call 477-1783.

Pancake Breakfast

The staff at Sobey's on Herring Cove Road will hold a pancake breakfast Saturday March 8 from 8 to 11 a.m. in support of the Children's Wish Foundation. Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and tea will be available for a mere \$2

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.

Legion Events

Bingo- Every Sunday-Doors open at 12 p.m. - Bingo starts at 1p.m.
Senior's Day-March 3, from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring Newfie George.
February 11- General Meeting - All members welcome.
March 14 - St. Patrick's Day Dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. featuring Jukebox Live -Admission: \$5.00/person or \$8.00/Couple - Members & Guests Welcome.
March 11 - General Meeting starting at 7 p.m. - Members Welcome.

Library Puppet Shows

Captain William Spry Library has Puppet Shows for all ages Saturdays at 11a.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 Tot's'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, fingerplays, 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 and is a great way to meet new people and share in the enjoyment of good books in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. Be ready for an hour and a half of animated discussion and a lot of fun. For more information call Scott Taylor at 490-5774

duMaurier Theatre

The Dartmouth Players and the Theatre Arts Guild will present "The Black Bonspiel of Wullie MacCrimmon March 4 to 9at the du Maurier Theatre, Halifax

Alexa Homecoming

There will be a "Homecoming Dinner & Ceilidh" for Alexa McDonough on March 15th at the Lord Nelson. Alexa is "coming home" after seven years as national NDP leader. Guests include Ed Broadbent, and brilliant musicians like Terry Kelly and Dave MacIsaac. For ticket information, call 423-9217.

Fourth Annual Marks Memorial Tourney set

Spryfield - The Fourth Annual Bradley Marks Memorial Hockey Tournament is set to begin at the Spryfield Lions Rink March 8. Running through March 14, the annual event will bring 30 teams to the community to compete in a fun and fair play spirited tournament.

Organizer and Coordinator Kevin Marks says the event, which has been held in memory of his son Bradley who died in a car accident while on a hockey trip, will include ten teams each playing in the Atom, PeeWee and Bantam divisions.

Marks estimated nearly 550 players will converge on the local arena to vie for the championship and a host of other prizes. "Again this year we have received tremendous support from our sponsors and local businesses and we have much to be thankful for," he said.

Anyone wanting information should contact Kevin Marks at 477-5734 or at 497-3925 or by e-mail at Kevin.Marks@ns.sympatico.ca.

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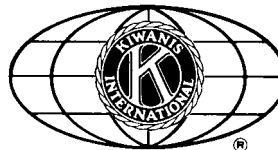
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