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Captain William Spry Library Hosts Sm'art' Attack Art Camp for Children

By Sarah and Roisin Boyle

Students under the jurisdiction of the Halifax Regional School Board had two weeks off at the end of February, and students sparked their creativity by participating in the art camp offered by

the Captain William Spry Library.

For the first time, the library hosted a four class camp for kids 6-10, and finished with a grand exhibition to showcase the childrens' creations.

Randy Engelberg, a contemporary

artist, and Ella Leving, a youth librarian, organized the camp and discovered that art classes were in demand. The classes provided the kids with an appreciation of art as well as with the desire and confidence to pursue art on their own time. The reward for the organizers, on the other hand, was simply to see the kids in the library. They felt that it was important to give the kids a fond memory of the library so that they would associate it with fun and would hopefully return.

The first class, held on February 15th, allowed the nineteen young participants to paint a horse and to learn technique. The second class, hosted on February 16th, had twenty-seven participants. These boys and girls made glass mosaics using sea-glass from the Halifax Harbour and the Bedford Basin. Ella Leving commented on the talent and creativity of the children, saying that each image told a beautiful

story of its own; however, this insider admitted that there were multiple possible interpretations of the images. She said that one child created a magnificent piece that looked exactly like a turtle. When complimented, the boy simply looked at her and replied, 'It is a man'.

The third class was held on February 22nd, and the students painted horseshoes. The horseshoes were taken from Halifax's own farms, inspected by the library staff for rust or any other problem, and distributed to the kids as safe clean bases for their creativity.

The fourth session on February 24th, allowed for the last minute hustle and bustle as kids finished their masterpieces and prepared for their grand finale; the exhibition of their work to the public.

The kids displayed their work on February 25th. They had been looking (See Sm'art Attack at Library on page 2)



Children paint horses as part of the Sm'Art camps at the Library

From Nuisance to Neighbour – Living with Wildlife

By Carrie Forbes

With recent reports in HRM citing the dangers of coyote encounters, it's easy to forget that we share our community with more creatures than people. The Chebucto peninsula is blessed with an abundance of flora and fauna, living in the forests, streams and more frequently, our residential neighbourhoods. Although development continues to change the landscape, animals don't understand zoning laws and continue to search for food and shelter in areas that were once their free domain. It can be surprising and frightening to encounter animals in our midst, but if we know

what to expect, we can coexist peacefully without the need for interventions.

The most common visitor to residential neighbourhoods is the industrious and agile raccoon. Raccoons are attracted to compost bins and garbage cans, where they can easily open the tops to get at the food source. They are excellent climbers, able to climb into chimneys and attic spaces to make dens in warm spaces. Although they appear cuddly, raccoons can carry rabies, roundworm and canine distemper. They are also destructive, so it's important to deter them from your property by making it difficult for them

to nest or feed. Keep waste bins tied tightly, or in a container that locks. During the spring, female raccoons will birth their young, and may become aggressive if approached. It's always wise to keep a distance from raccoons, including your pets.

It's not unusual to see white tailed deer in the urban part of Spryfield in addition to the rural parts of mainland south. Deer will leave tracks and droppings as evidence of their presence, but more often it's the remains of a beloved (See Nuisance on page 2)

Coyote Update

The photo that ran in last month's Chebucto News was incorrectly attributed to Ron Albert. We would like to apologize for that. However, thanks to that photo and article, DNR was inundated with phone calls updating the coyote's whereabouts. This allowed the trapper to find it and get rid of it. The coyote in question had mange and was shot to ensure the safety of all residents. Since then, there have been no further reports of coyote sightings in the Chebucto area.

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Nuisance

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flower or vegetable garden that indicate they have paid a visit. Deer will tear at flowers and leaves, as they do not have front teeth. Once they have found a treasure trove of delights, it can be difficult to discourage them from coming back. Many people use a variety

of repellents which may work to some degree, although the best defence is to plant flowers and shrubs that they dislike. Deer fences can also be constructed, for small gardens or larger areas. No matter what the deterrent, it's important to start early before the deer become comfortable in your yard.

Birdfeeders are a popular addition to many backyards, but they can also attract other animals including squirrels,

mice and rats. Look for feeders that are difficult for rodents to enter, and cannot be easily knocked down. Rodents can carry ticks or parasites that can affect pets, and rodents also attract larger predators like foxes or bobcats. Many hardware stores carry 'squirrel proof' feeders, which can prevent other small animals from developing a taste for the treats in your yard.

Preventing most animals from

becoming a neighbourhood nuisance requires a few common sense steps; keep food sources and garbage well contained, ensure yard spaces are clear of debris, and prevent nesting by closing spaces they can enter. These actions will also help protect the animals while alleviating a homeowner's frustration.

Sm'art Attack at Library

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Young artists get a lesson in mosaics

forward to it for the entire two weeks. One girl even moved her holiday around to allow for her attendance.

The camp was a success and has the staff looking forward to an encore in the summer. In the meantime,

though, children 6-11 can content themselves by participating in the Green Lamp Junior Book Club. For an hour each month, kids can get together to read short stories, play games, eat snacks, win prizes, and

have fun!

To find out about the next meeting of this club, pick up a library guide, or visit the library's website at: halifaxpubliclibraries.ca

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Irish settlers built first Roman Catholic churches along our shores

By Iris Shea

Not all communities in Mainland South had enough Roman Catholic families to warrant the building of a place of worship. Families who traced their heritage to England, Scotland and several European countries settled in Sambro, Pennant, Harrietsfield and Spryfield and were predominantly Methodists, Presbyterians or Church of England.

Prior to 1783, Roman Catholics in Nova Scotia were not permitted to own land, build a church or practice their religion. If you were Irish and Roman Catholic you had two strikes against you! The English Protestants claimed the Irish were lazy and “good for nothing.” In 1783 the laws against Catholics were relaxed and, within one year, Roman Catholics in Halifax purchased land and erected a place of worship on Barrington Street. Known as St. Peter’s, it was the predecessor of St. Mary’s Cathedral built in 1820.

During those first few years Reverend James Jones, the first priest of the Halifax church, visited the communities along the shore. The church records, however, before 1800, have not survived. After 1800, early baptisms, marriages and burials for the growing population of Irish Catholics along our shore were recorded in St. Peter’s Church, Halifax

In 1806, the Irish Catholics of Ketch



St. Michael's Church in Spryfield

Harbour built their own church, St. Peter’s, on a site that is now the oldest cemetery in that community. The Irish Catholics of Prospect had built their church in 1794 (Our Lady of Mount Carmel) and from 1823 to 1836 the communities of Ketch Harbour, Portuguese Cove and Herring Cove became part of that parish. Reverend Thomas Grace administered to their spiritual needs. The present St. Peter’s Church in Ketch Harbour was built in 1892 and pews were sold as a fundraiser for five dollars each. Anyone doing research on their Roman Catholic ancestors from

this area, the early Prospect church records are invaluable, as are the records of St. Peter’s/St. Mary’s in Halifax. The marriage records often provided the names of parents and their county of origin in Ireland. They may be viewed on microfilm at the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management in Halifax.

In 1837, Irish Catholics in Herring Cove built their church, St. Paul’s, located on the site of the old cemetery. St. Peter’s in Ketch Harbour then became part of the Herring Cove parish. When old St. Paul’s in Herring Cove

became unfit for services, a new church was built, about 1849, on its present location. In 1950, St. Paul’s was completely renovated and enlarged. Its tall, graceful spire was removed for easier maintenance.

Ferguson’s Cove was the next community to be influenced by Irish Catholics. Stella Maris was begun in 1846 on land that was owned by the Hanrahan family. It took several years to raise the funds to complete the building which served the community for nearly 150 years under the pastoral care of the priest from Herring Cove. It was designated a heritage property in 1994. Regular services have not been held here for many years and the building is deteriorating.

During the twentieth century, as the population grew in other communities, more Catholic churches were built. St. John the Baptist Church in Melville Cove was a mission of St. Agnes Church on Mumford Road in 1920 when services were held in their newly acquired building, an old Powder Magazine. The mission gained parish status in 1927 with Reverend Peter F. Martin as the parish priest. The present church was built in 1929 and included the areas of Melville Cove, Jollimore, Kline Heights and Spryfield. Father Martin served the parish until his death

(See Irish Settlers built on page 13)

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Sally's Book Club; Lessons in Diversity



By Jason Doherty

Every second Saturday, a small ethnically diverse group of people gather at the Salvation Army here in Spryfield to discuss great works of African Canadian literature and share a meal. I was fortunate enough to be invited to the February 5th meeting. This family friendly club is made possible by a grant from the Dept of Education. Limited to a group of 12, the club is focused on family literacy; giving parents an opportunity to interact with other adults, without the worry of daycare.

The Salvation Army supplies the books and food. The discussion usually takes place before the meal. The book currently being discussed was *Underground To Canada* by Barbara Smucker. I was familiar with the book having read it in school. However, sitting in on the discussion deepened my own understanding of the book and its relevance to today's society.

Lieutenants Rob and Hannah Jeffery, who organise and facilitate the meetings, encourage open communication about not only the books but the

group's personal experiences. I was particularly struck by a comment made about the treatment of slaves when they were being transported. The description reminded this person of the way refugees are being treated today in her country of origin. To know that there are people in the world today who are treated with such indignity, and to hear the quiet voice of someone who experienced some of the indignities suffered by the characters of the book really added dimension to a persons understanding of the book.

Sally's Book Club also acts as a forum for constructive discussion of the delicate topic of racism. Since this group is multi-cultural there are a variety of views on the subject. Educators would be well served by attending these kinds of discussions as they go far beyond the mere contents of the books. The lessons to be learned from this literature are still relevant.

We need more activities like this, not only for adults, but for children as well. The more we understand our past the better prepared we are for the future.

From The Editor's Desk

Welcome to the March edition of the Chebucto News.

I learned a very important lesson this month. I made an assumption about something and have spent the past few weeks trying to figure out how to rectify the situation.

We ran a photo last month of a coyote with mange that had been seen in the Chebucto area. That photo had arrived in my inbox through a third party, and this is where I made an incorrect assumption. I assumed that because the picture had been emailed to me that it was OK for me to use it in the paper. I found out after the fact that the photo had been copyrighted and that the photographer did not intend for the photo to be published.

We at the Chebucto News take copyrights very seriously and would never knowingly print anything without express permission from the author/photographer. So, in light of this issue, I am requesting that all photos that are emailed to me are done so with a permission line from the photographer. That will allow me to do two things; first, I will be able to make sure we have permission to publish the photo, and second, that the photographer is correctly identified.

As always, we welcome all submissions, feedback and letters. The deadline for the April issue is March 21st. Please keep letters under 300 words. Happy Saint Patty's Day to all our Irish readers (and in March, we are all Irish!).

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Carrolls Hit The 2011 Canadian National Taekwondo Championships

Coached by Spryfield's own Katy Pyke, local kids bring home huge results at the 2011 WTF Taekwondo Association of Canada's National Games in Winnipeg. In the female Blackbelt 7-8 year old division, Carrington Carroll brings home a gold claiming the National Title. In the male Blackbelt 12 -13 year old division, Hunter Carroll (2010 Canadian Champion in Halifax) lost in a judges' decision in overtime bringing home a silver. In Blackbelt Jr A Fly, Jackson Carroll wins the National Title and a spot on the Canadian Jr National

Team. Jackson, who is a Jr B division fighter given his age of 13, moved up and fought the Jr A division (14 to 17 year olds) only to go undefeated and straight to the gold in a double elimination 9 man division. Ms Pyke instructs the Carroll's at Woo Yong's Taekwondo Academy in Halifax.

National Governing Body link to official results:
<http://www.wtfcanda.com/eng/news/2011-canadian-national-championships-the-final-day/>

Veggie growing – is Spring really on its way?



Photo: Bigstock

By Jane Zentner – *I Grow Vegetables*
March is the best time to start slow growing vegetables such as celery and leeks indoors. If you wish to grow onions from seed, instead of sets, the seeds can be planted now too. There are also a number of herbs, such as basil, that can be started now. Grow the herbs on a sunny kitchen window sill for quick access to your herb garden. The herbs can be put outside once the weather gets better, or if they are growing well, left indoors.

Eggplant and peppers, both slower growing than tomatoes, can be started indoors in late March or early April. Because of the speed at which tomatoes grow, it is best to wait until mid April. Most vegetables grow faster than houseplants. However, if you want huge tomato plants they can be started sooner, but remember they will require larger pots and larger plants can be more difficult to transplant.

Greens can be started indoors in March. This includes: Swish chard, cress, and many varieties of lettuce. These plants will also do well planted directly in the garden in April once it is warm enough for the soil to be worked.

When starting your own plants, there is no need to start the seeds in trays and then move the tiny seedling into larger pots. The seeds can be started directly in the containers that will hold them until they are transplanted outside. Plant two seeds in place

of one, and if both come up cut out the weaker plant as soon as you can. The sooner the better to prevent it from disturbing the plant you wish to keep. Choose containers that will give the seedlings enough space to grow. This is typically larger than what you see in garden centres where chemical fertilizers may be applied. Specialized pots are not required. The bottom of milk cartons will do, as long as they have been washed out with soapy water.

When planting, follow the instructions on the seed packets. Seeds do not need light to germinate, but the seedlings sure do. Most require direct sun for more than 8 hours a day. Normal house lighting is not sufficient. If a south-facing window is not available, artificial light is required. Two (or four) 40-watt fluorescent tubes set 6 inches (15cm) above the seedlings will provide adequate light. Seedlings sometimes do better under artificial light than in a window, if the weather is very cloudy as it often is in Halifax. When seedlings do not get enough light they become spindly or leggy. Spindly seedlings do not do well when transplanted outside.

Keep the soil moist but not soggy. Seedlings will die if the soil is too wet or too dry. Check your seedlings every day. If the soil feels dry, water it. Do not let the plants or pots sit in water; drain off excess water.



Back Row: Jackson Carroll, Ms Pyke, Hunter Carroll. Front Row: Carrington Carroll

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Internet Billing and the Future of Technology

By Al Radau

I have been following with great interest the recent issue of internet billing, since a recent decision of the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission will allow telecommunication companies (internet providers) to bill consumers for usage over 25 gigahertz per month.

Some argue that such a change could severely restrict the internet so that only the rich will enjoy its full capacity and that telecoms have already made their return on investment so that all their earnings brought in is pure profit.

Fortunately for some, the government has weighed in and said no way to the CRTC decision.

In addition, technology and our habits are changing so rapidly that it is hard to keep track. The future is much more complex than we think, and changes are afoot.

Firstly, not all telecom earnings are pure profit; secondly it is not just the consumer to be concerned about here. When large Telecom corporations make profits several things happen with the profit. First, of course, are the shareholders who are always looking for greater profits. After all, if I invest \$100,000 in a company today only to get the same \$100,000 back in say 10 or 20 years or even worse, if the value drops then only \$50,000 back then I would probably have been better off with my money in some sort of savings account earning interest.

But who are these shadowy creatures called shareholders? Well believe it or not they are people just like you and me and, in some cases, the same people opposing the raise are also shareholders; where do you think the money in your pension plan or your bank account is being invested? In some cases it goes into the telecom companies.

Some of the money even goes towards the programs we have all come to love and despise (not all funding comes from government) through corporate donations, and of course some goes into development of new infrastructure and gadgets.

On the other hand, through the development of sophisticated WIFI networks, maintenance costs etc. have significantly decreased as the requirement for lines and line maintenance is replaced by WIFI.

The real story is in technological convergence. In days of yore, television was basically free with programming

controlled by networks and the tab picked up by sponsors. With the advent of cable, we began to pay telephone companies and cable companies for lines into our homes. Then came the cell phone, and the cable company moved into the phone business, and the phone company was in TV business.

With the convergence of three technologies, internet, cell phone and broadcast, we continue to receive cable programs on a scheduled basis but the internet allows us on-demand access to broadcast TV.

There is a very real danger that the

big telecoms will go the way of the music and print media, as networks and consumers make greater and greater use of WIFI as well as more and more entrepreneurs produce their own programming for Youtube (as well as other video and like websites). This wave of change is so threatening to the status quo that the giants are trying to find ways of halting or at least slowing it down. Tiered billing is one way to do so.

Other changes are afoot. In 2007, the provincial government made significant changes to the Cooperatives Act to allow investor activity similar to

that in corporations; recruiting investors and paying dividends. If this model is used in telecommunications, I have no doubt the more democratic nature of co-ops, and their ability to put shareholders and consumers on the same, level playing field could be of huge consumer benefit.

In the end, the public may pay either through higher prices for internet use, or lower returns on pension and investment income, but no matter how the telecommunications world may change, the real battle is for your time and nothing but your time.

New Concert Announced for Parkhill United Church

By Lorrie Boylen

On March 27th at 2 p.m., Parkhill United Church in Jollimore will host another concert in its "Parkhill Debut" series, followed by refreshments and a reception. Freewill donations to the church will be gratefully accepted. The concert promises to unveil an exciting new piece by a local composer. Featured will be local professional classical musicians Eileen Walsh, clarinetist with the Nova Scotia Symphony, and Jack Chen, freelance flutist who has shared the stage with Amy Grant, Bobby McFerrin and Doc Severinsen. The couple's teaching credits include Acadia, Maritime Conservatory, Dalhousie, and University of New Brunswick, among others. Each also offers private lessons in their home.

This dynamic couple met at Youth Orchestra 13 years ago and have been married for 4 years. In May of 2010 they bought their first home located in Parkhill, where they reside with their three delightful feline fur babies. As an opportunity to meet their neighbours, the couple approached the local church last year to set up a musical meet and greet, which was well received. This latest concert is part of what is hoped to be an ongoing series of recitals to bring together other talented musicians from the area. Local community-minded individuals and businesses are being sought to sponsor future concerts in the chamber series, which will allow even

more variety in the music program and therefore draw more interest. Those interested in sponsoring or donating to the series, or obtaining flute or clarinet lessons are invited to email iflutist@gmail.com for further details.

The 33 week Symphony season affords the couple ample opportunity not only to teach at summer camps, but also to pursue their hobbies, which include kayaking and gardening.

Jack appeared in 13 PBS television music specials in 2010 and toured with musicians such as Tim Janis, Finnouala

Gill, Giorgia Fumanti, Ryland Angel and "Siren." He can be heard on the recent albums "Horizons" and "Awakening."

Eileen performs regularly on the Music Room Chamber Music Series and Scotia Festival of Music, the Shattering the Silence new music festival at Acadia, and the Charlottetown Festival. For more detailed information regarding Jack and Eileen, check out their web sites at www.eileenwalshclarinet.com and www.jackchenflute.com.

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14th Annual Tea and Photographic Display



The Mainland South Heritage Society held its 14th Annual Tea and Photographic Display on Saturday February 19th at the Captain William Spry Centre. The event was very well attended and deemed a success by the organizers. On display were historic photos from many of the small communities that make up Mainland South as well as some of the replicas of historic buildings that were constructed by the late Peter Saulnier.

Women's Retreat a Spiritual Boost for All

By Lorrie Boylen

On Saturday, January 30th, the women of St. James and Parkhill United Churches and their friends were invited by Reverend Keltie van Binsbergen to attend an all day women's retreat held at Trinity United Church in Timberlea. Supervised child care was provided on site, as well as a delicious lunch and snacks. The ladies were treated to a day of spiritual renewal to explore their relationship with themselves, others, and God. Activities included songs, stories, scriptures, crafts, various meditations including the ancient sacred labyrinth, as well as free time for socializing. Over 20 ladies from age 32 to 92 spent the day laughing, singing, crying, sharing and enjoying one another's fellowship. Lively discussions were held regarding how the church can meet their needs. The retreat was very well received by those who attended, and plans for future gatherings are in the works.



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about the merits of HRM becoming home to a new stadium. I back the idea strongly and believe it's a matter of "when," not "if."

I believe that the right-sized stadium will bring numerous benefits for everyone. Let me list some of them for you:

It will confirm our position as the hub of the Maritimes by enabling us to attract a variety of events at the provincial, regional, national and international level. I'm talking big-name concerts, major sporting events, trade shows, cultural festivals and other gatherings.

A new stadium also has the potential to be much used by local groups, organizations and universities. It should be an added incentive to attract and keep newcomers, including immigrants and their families. It could also help prevent our young people from "going down the road."

Then there are the commercial opportunities that come with a major stadium. In addition to the actual construction jobs, I believe this asset will be a catalyst for new businesses and the payrolls they represent. It will also boost trade for lots of existing companies – especially hotels, bars and

restaurants - throughout HRM.

Since a final decision rests with Council, my colleagues and I have begun our due diligence by committing to a \$100,000 consultation and business planning analysis. Consultations will occur with citizens; sport and recreation groups; and potential partners. Completion date of this first phase will be June. In addition, Council will appoint a citizen-led Project Steering Committee to provide advice and direction to municipal staff.

By decision-time, Council will have examined construction costs; operating expenses; and all possible revenue streams. We will also have identified all funding sources – both public and private - and what opportunities a new stadium will generate. Rest assured, if we go forward with a new stadium, we will do so armed with a sound, sustainable business plan as well as a practical design.

If the report is positive, Council will also decide on where to locate a stadium, with input from the new steering committee. I believe two strong contenders are Shannon Park and a site in Burnside, near the two artificial-turf playing fields. Both locations are close to numerous amenities.

And finally, everything seems so quiet, now that the 2011 Canada Games are over. I took the opportunity to attend many of the events and could only marvel at the awesome sporting abilities of our nation's young people.

On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank everyone who made the Games such a resounding success: the splendid athletes; the hard-working coaches and officials; the untiring volunteers; the dedicated Canada Games Board of Directors and Management Team; and, of course, all the HRM residents who

turned out in such great numbers to cheer the performances.

Clearly, these have been the best Canada Winter Games ever and I am sure they have left a positive impression on everyone involved. I hope you share my pride in how well everything has gone and I look forward to our next opportunity to stage a national event on this scale. We have shown that, when it comes to hosting Canada, our community is second to none.

And don't forget, folks, even though all the athletes have gone, the People's Oval is still here for us all to enjoy!

Reach me here at City Hall at kellyp@halifax.ca or by phoning 490-4010. Please feel free to join me on my website www.peterkelly.ca or my Facebook or Twitter pages, or on my blog at <http://mayorpeterkelly.wordpress.com/>.

NS can be a global inspiration

By Michèle Raymond, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

It's a chilly morning in February in Halifax, but violence is raging in the heat of North Africa, and the governments of nations are falling. The people of Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Yemen have been facing down brutal regimes of many years' standing, and we hope that individual futures will now be better; at the same time, European and North American markets

are shuddering at the prospect of, yet again, insecure supplies of the oil that powers them.

Last week, Canadians discovered that hundreds of thousands of personal financial records held by the federal Finance Department are now in the hands of hackers from China; it's still far from clear what that means for anyone who's delegated access to their banking.

Closer to home, the federal government is negotiating a free-trade agreement with Europe, while fighting rearguard action in other battles arising from the North American Free Trade Agreement. One of the critical points in the European proposal is to ban governments from "buy-local"

procurement contracts. It will bind local governments of course, and, as we know too well, some provinces' local economies, and farming communities are much more fragile than others, and their citizens stand to lose the last vestiges of food security.

Meanwhile, individual mobility is decreasing. The threat of terrorism, the reality of security measures, the torrent of information coursing through the internet, and the cost of oil as the world is nearing (or has passed) peak oil production have all combined to keep people in their places, even as the pressure to move goods (and perhaps entire populations) increases. A recent study out of California suggests that

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Water and sewer services continuing issues in Purcell's Cove area

By Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 17

Over the years we have had many queries from residents regarding the feasibility of extending water and sewer to the community of Purcell's Cove. On behalf of many property owners in 2006 I presented a petition to Council asking HRM to evaluate extending services to this area. The serviceable area ends at Wenlock Grove. Many property owners did not sign the petition at all, neither for nor against; as a result we felt that the results were inconclusive. In 2007, in order to provide information and obtain feedback from residents we held a community meeting at the Purcell's Cove Social Club. HRM and Halifax Water staff were on hand to answer questions. Subsequently, additional property owners contacted HRM and indicated that they would like to explore the service extension option. When Council approved the Regional Plan and associated Halifax Harbour Functional Plan, potential Purcell's Cove service extension was included. Purcell's Cove is the last area in the plan that has holding zones in place for development

In February 2011, Regional Council unanimously approved staff recommendations from a report entitled "Purcell's Cove Road Servicing". Councillor Adams presented this on my behalf (I am on medical leave from Council meetings due to having back surgery). The staff recommendation was that Council authorize \$100,000 to initiate a Planning and Engineering Study to determine the feasibility and costs with extending central sewer and water services to Purcell's Cove. The report described that over the past decade residents in this area have expressed concerns about their well and septic systems. Specific concerns have included over flowing septic systems, salt water infiltration (requiring cisterns), dropping water table, and contaminants such as fecal coliform in wells. Some homes have completely run out of water and required water deliveries. The Saraquay Club and Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron provide food service and host major events. They host large events such as the 2014 International Federation of Disabled Sailing World Championships which will have 500 athletes, plus trainers, media and spectators at their facil-

ity. They also host smaller programs such as sailing lessons where 100's of local children use this facility. Their water is drawn from William's Lake, which is frequently contaminated so they have also expressed public health concerns. There are no fire hydrants in non-serviced areas; residents have also expressed concerns over the ability to put out fires, especially after the Armdale Yacht Club explosion/fire and the recent fires in the woods in Purcell's Cove/Spryfield areas. I should note that Halifax Fire has stringent plans in place to truck water into the area if required. There are also residents that have indicated that their wells and septic systems run perfectly and there is no need to change the existing situation. Given the divergent opinions and the fact that many properties border the harbour, it was recommended that an extensive study be conducted to evaluate all concerns.

With the successful implementation of The Harbour Solutions Project, we are now assessing opportunities where we can further improve the environmental water quality objectives. The Harbour Plan feasibility study of Purcell's Cove will ensure potential issues are assessed to maintain the integrity of water quality. There have been is-

issues regarding septic systems that are located on the harbour side and their potential impacts to the water quality results that we are attaining from our sewage treatment processes. In addition, there is a concern for possible future groundwater contamination. Many homes are located on small lots that do not conform to current requirements for on-site disposal systems and there is a concern about what will happen when a septic system fails.

It is important to note that the staff report acknowledged the unique nature and aesthetics of Purcell's Cove referring it as a "traditional historic seaside village". In addition, they included the fact that the Regional Plan does not consider this area to be a major growth area and Council designated many lands Urban Reserve – meaning there would be no significant development for 25 years. In assessing the petition results staff broke the area down into two sections: Wenlock Grove to Oceanview Drive and Oceanview Drive to Ferguson's Cove Road. The entire area will be studied from a planning perspective but it will focus on the area with the highest percentage of residents wishing to consider extending services, namely, Wenlock Grove up to an including Oceanview Drive.

We understand the environmentally sensitive issues and topography of this area and the fact that servicing must not impact the existing community character. It is agreed that this area should be maintained for relatively low growth and impact. The study will evaluate a variety of ways to service the area. There will be a Technical Project Team comprised of appropriate HRM and Halifax Water staff. The issues that residents brought forward will be investigated. We are going to consult with the community and form a Community Steering Committee which will be appointed by Chebucto Community Council. We will ask for residents to apply for the committee by means such as The Chebucto News, Halifax Herald, direct mail and on-line. HRM and the Committee will consult with the community at all appropriate stages during the study. When the study is complete the matter will come before Chebucto Community Council, then Regional Council where residents will have an opportunity to indicate whether or not they would like to proceed with servicing to their area. As with all other service extensions, if the community wishes to extend servicing, property owners will bear the total cost unless external sources of funding are secured.

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passenger travel in the Western world has peaked: in eight of the world's most developed economies (including Canada), the percentage of GDP spent on all forms of passenger travel has been declining since 2003.

So where's the good news? Perhaps it's in Nova Scotia, where centralizing forces are still not completely dominant, and concentration is still not complete or irreversible. NS has a long and unique history of competing tensions, pulling equally towards and away from a centre. In relatively recent years, it has bundled together many local institutions (schools, hospitals and small town governments) while pursuing efficiencies of scale, but the new entities (school boards, district health authorities and regional governments) are themselves now in

hot pursuit of genuinely local opinion. What's decisive though, I believe, is where the residual authority rests; when a decision can't be reached at the middle level, is it handed back down to the component bodies, or is it made at the upper level?

This distinction may seem abstract, but it plays out, over and over again. If a school board is unable to decide what schools to close, does the province say, "All small schools close", or are towns asked what they're prepared to do to keep their schools? If there's debate about where a regional municipality should put services and where to levy area rates, should there be provincial criteria, or local referenda? If a DHA can't finance blood collection in all its clinics, who decides what goes where? Who decides where to locate longterm care?

These decisions impact every

NS community, rural and urban. As passenger transportation gets more expensive, in the absence of transit, households are more and more likely to relocate, in order to follow services, education or affordable housing.

Nova Scotia has courted a long series of extraprovincial employers over the years, enticing them with payroll rebates and tax advantages, but many haven't stayed past the courtship. On the global playing field, this is an inevitable risk. Yet Nova Scotia hasn't lost a reputation for fine craftsmanship, it has a wide variety of natural power sources, and there's a determined crop of young farmers committed to rebuilding our own agricultural economy, in the simple name of food security. Interestingly, these distinctively NS products are the ones that do draw out-

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It's time to invest in families—not CEOs

There was a time when Stephen Harper claimed that his government's top priority was to create jobs, but his actions and their results tell a different story. We heard repeatedly that his economic action plan was working, but when it was reviewed for efficacy, the Parliamentary Budget Officer gave the Conservatives a failing grade for its plan to create jobs and get Canada back on track.

He found that the government's \$4-billion job stimulus plan had not stimulated anything. The good quality, full-time jobs lost during the recession have still not returned and many, many Canadians continue to struggle.

In a recession, there is nothing more important than creating full-time, family-supporting work. It gets people back on their feet and gets the economy back on track. That's why New Democrats have been calling for practical stimulus measures that create the green jobs of tomorrow and enable workers with new skills for the future. We'll continue to be leaders in pressing the Conservatives for real job creation. We know there is no economic recovery without a middle class recovery.

The Conservatives are wrong to argue that corporate tax cuts create jobs. They never have, they never will. For decades, Conservative and Liberal governments have dished out generous tax cuts to Canada's richest corporations—more than \$120 billion to date. The trouble is that money has come with no strings attached. Instead of using it to create jobs, these corporations have padded their profits, handed out lavish CEO bonuses and moved operations abroad.

Imagine what we could have done with that money instead. We could have invested in housing, infrastructure and health care—things that matter to Canadians.

We could have had a real job creation plan.

Despite having the lowest corporate tax rate among G8 countries, business investment in Canada has plummeted since 2002. In fact, investment was higher when our corporate tax rate topped 29%. That is why New Democrats have long been opposed to reckless corporate tax cuts. It's time for the government to get serious about job creation. History has shown that cor-

porate tax cuts simply don't work. It's time to invest in families—not CEOs.

On top of all that, we now have heard from Britain's House of Commons that Britain and Canada have been in serious discussions regarding the joint building of naval ships. Yet, even as it negotiates giving away Canadian jobs to other countries, the government continues to claim that it is fully committed to the national shipbuilding strategy; a strategy that we fought very hard for.

As the MP for Halifax, where the Halifax Graving Dock Company started in 1889 and the shipyard continues

on today as part of Irving shipbuilding, I am proud of the rich history of shipbuilders and shipbuilding throughout the Maritimes. It only makes sense to keep building ships in this region. We have the workers, the capacity, the history and the know-how.

Shipyards workers say they do not trust the government. The Conservatives broke their word on shipbuilding tariffs, and the people of Halifax are worried they will break their word again.

The government must stop endangering the jobs of Canadians and risk losing a century of skills. It is time to

By Megan Leslie, MP for Halifax

stand up and fight to keep these jobs in Halifax. The government needs to make assurances that the entire ship building process, from design to construction, will be completed here in Canada. As Mr. Harper continues to miss opportunity after opportunity for job creation, I will continue to push for investments in Halifax and a real job strategy that will make a real difference for our community. I encourage you to write to me with your concerns, ideas and critiques on the issue of job creation in our region at leslie.m@parl.gc.ca or 1-2207 Gottingen St., Halifax, NS B3K 3B5.

52-unit building bone of contention for Herring Cove Road residents

By Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 18

On Thursday, February 3, a Public Information Meeting was held at the Captain William Spry Centre. This meeting was called to discuss the zoning and land use for properties bounded by Herring Cove Road, Clovis Ave., and William's Lake Road. We also discussed the possible re-zoning for the property at 286-290 Herring Cove Road.

The first part of the meeting was a workshop where those in attendance were asked general questions about the area, possible uses, green spaces, and other amenities. Questionnaires were distributed outlining the options. Our staff will compile this data and present a report with the results.

It was clear from residents' reactions that most were not interested in this exercise; they were interested in the proposed 52-unit apartment building that was being suggested by the developer. The presentation showed a building that was to be located near the Herring Cove Road, with underground parking and a parking lot in the rear. Many issues were raised including, but not limited to, drainage, set-backs, rental vs. ownership and environmental protection.

Based on the comments from many residents, this did not seem to be an acceptable development. Residents appreciated that the property owner has

a right to build something; just not a 52-unit building.

HRM staff then went over the process that would be followed after the comments were summarized. Staff would compile the information gathered and then make a recommendation to Council with regard to any changes. They would then recommend that this go to a Public Hearing.

Given that there was such a negative response to this project I told our staff we wanted another Public Information meeting. My reasoning for this was

two-fold: First, I wanted everyone in attendance to know what was being proposed so that there would be no surprises, and so that everyone would be clear as to how this would proceed. Second was to illustrate that public input is important, and changes can result because of public participation. Residents will be notified when this meeting is scheduled.

The past few months have seen a significant increase in the coverage and sighting of coyotes throughout HRM; (See 52-unit building on page 13)

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Irish Settlers built first Roman Catholic churches along our shores

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in 1964. The Catholics of Portuguese Cove decided it was time to build their own church, and in August of 1935 St. Ann's Church was completed. When St. Peter's in Ketch Harbour became a separate parish in 1937, St. Ann's became part of it. It is no longer used as a church.

Catholics in Spryfield worshipped in the Kent Theatre in 1946-1947 while their church, St. Michael's Church, was being built. Originally a mission of St. John the Baptist Church in Melville Cove, the building was a Quonset hut and, through the efforts of local parishioners, opened in 1948, followed by the Glebe in 1951. The present church, of Nova Scotia Bluestone, opened in 1966.

In Purcell's Cove, Catholics celebrated mass in the community hall while St. Cecelia's was being built. The church opened for worship in 1948 under the pastoral care of the

priest from Herring Cove. St. Cecelia's closed in 1973 and is now privately owned.

St. Peter's, Ketch Harbour, St.

Paul's, Herring Cove, St. John the Baptist, Armdale, and St. Michael's, Spryfield, have survived the changes in our communities. Dwindling Roman

Catholic population and attendance have made amalgamation the way of the future for many Roman Catholic places of worship.

52-unit building

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and more recently an attack in our neighbourhood. Coyotes fall under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Department of Natural Resources (DNR). If you see a coyote, please call the Waverley DNR office at 861-2560. I also encourage you to visit for advice, should you encounter a coyote. If you do encounter a coyote, do not run. Slowly move backward to allow a way for the coyote to leave. If it becomes aggressive throw rocks, sticks, or whatever you can find nearby, and make lots of noise. I am hopeful that you will not need to utilize any of these tactics.

My sincerest thanks and appreciation goes out to our HRM snow clearing crews. This year I have had fewer issues to address on your behalf regarding snow removal, which is a testimonial to a great effort made by

all of those involved. Also, the issues that were brought to my attention were remedied in a timely manner. Should you experience snow removal issues, you can contact me or the HRM Call Centre at 490-4000.

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side attention, as do the many NS-educated young people who work around the world, showcasing real innovative abilities highly esteemed well beyond (See NS can be Global Inspiration page 13) the province's borders.

I value enormously the fact that I've been asked to act as representative for the people of Halifax Atlantic. We are

as diverse as any part of Nova Scotia, and perhaps more than most. I'm privileged to carry the suggestions and will of this remarkable area to the House of Assembly, and I know that we can help shape a province that is an example and an inspiration to the world, without losing our sovereignty, or diminishing that of others

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Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd in Jollimore) will be hosting an afternoon concert of classical music on Sunday, March 27th at 2pm. The short concert will feature professional musicians Jack Chen on flute, Eileen Walsh and clarinet and Jennifer King on piano. Admission by donation, refreshments to follow. Everyone welcome

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The Chebucto Communities Development Association (CCDA) is looking for community minded people who live in the area from Armdale right around the Sambro Loop and might be interested in joining our board. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

CCDA works on helping to connect neighbours to neighbours, residents to community groups and partnering with community groups, agencies, busi-

nesses, institutions and governments to improve the quality of our community.

If you are interested or want to check us out, please call Diane LeBlanc, the chair, at 209-3219 or email at diane.leblanc@yahoo.com. Our website is www.chebuctoconnections.ca

The UCW (United Church Women) at St. James United Church in Sambro is looking for women who like to socialize and help others. If you are interested, please call 868-2791. Keep the UCW tradition going.

Elderobics, sponsored by the YMCA, is an exercise program for older adults. Participants are encouraged to exercise at their own pace. Classes are held many HRM locations, including Emmanuel Church Hall, St. Phillip's Anglican Church Hall, St. Matthias Church Hall, and Bethany United Church Gym. Fee is \$3 per class plus an annual fee of \$5; free to Y members. Sessions are led by qualified YMCA fitness instructors and set to lively music. Each class includes a warm-up, low-impact aerobics and muscular strength exercises, followed by stretching and relaxation. Come join the fun...and get fit! For more information call Susan Theriault at 423-9622 Ext.253

Auction 45 cards – Come join us for an evening of fun every Monday at 7pm in St. James Church Hall, Sambro, playing cards. Admission \$2.50. Merchandise prizes. Light lunch included. For informa-

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St. Paul's Recycling

On the third Saturday of every month, St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield will collect your clean refundables. You can drop them at the church at 173 Old Sambro Rd. between 10:00am and 1:00 pm. If you would prefer, you may call Carolyn at 477-0187 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have your refundables picked up.

Events at the Harrietsfield-Williamswood Community Center, 1138 Old Sambro Road, Harrietsfield during March:

March 13 Crib Social, 1-4. Admission \$2.50 per person. Door prizes. Coffee, tea provided. Pop and juice, snacks available for purchase at the canteen. All ages for cribbage.

March 26 Adult Dance, DJ BMV Creativity 9:00-1:00 pm. Tickets \$5.00ea. in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Bar Service. Bring Your Own Snacks. Must be 19 years of age or older.

March 31 PreTeen Dance, recorded music. Throw down your moves from 7:00-9:00 pm \$3.00 admission. Limited to ages 9-12. Canteen available for pop, water and snacks.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Cynthia Louise "Cindy" Ferguson 1963-2011

47, Halifax, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side on Saturday, February 12, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Halifax on April 20, 1963, she was the daughter of the late Alden and Muriel (Gates) Turner. Cindy served 27 years with Sobey's in the communities of New Minas and Halifax and will be missed by her co-workers and many special customers. She was actively involved in all aspects of her children's activities and took great pride in their many accomplishments. One of Cindy's favourite pastimes was spending time with her family and many friends. All who knew her will remember her gentle kindness and zest for life. She is survived by and will be dearly missed by her loving husband Rick, daughter Shelby, son Thomas both at home, sister Wendy Turner (New Minas), brothers Kim Turner, Terry Turner both of Halifax, Chris Turner, many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place under the care of J.A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Visitation will be held at the Emmanuel Anglican Church, 322 Herring Cove Road Saturday February 19, from 12:00 to 1:30 pm with service to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the

Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. A heartfelt thank you to family, friends, community and health professionals who provided support during her brief illness.

Brenda Grady

1962-2011

Grady, Brenda Jane ... 48, of Halifax passed away on February 9, 2011. She was the daughter of the late Bernie and Nancy (Marryatt) Grady. She is survived by her loving son, Donald (Mary Anne), daughter, Chacity (Stuart), stepson Joshua, brother Michael (Heather), sisters, Julie, April (Dan) and Holly (Jeff), grandsons, Noah, Ayden and special aunt, Betty Fripps, many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place under the care of J.A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax (477-5601). In keeping with Brenda's wishes, there will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held on Monday, February 14 at 1 PM in the funeral home chapel. A reception will follow the service at the Spryfield Legion (477-0467). In lieu of flowers donations in Brenda's memory may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152, 7 Sussex Street, Halifax.

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