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Watts to join Spryfield and District Business Commission

By Rich Horner

He may be new to the job of interim Executive Director of the Spryfield and District Business commission, but Dave Watts is certainly no stranger to Spryfield. Watts has lived in Halifax for 35 years and 28 of them have been in the Spryfield area starting with his first apartment in 1973 on Herring Cove road. His association with the business

commission goes back to 1999 when Watts shared a home with Reg Horner. It was the year after Reg became the commission's Executive Director and he would often use Watts as a sounding board for his ideas and concepts to grow the organization. From there, Watts was often drawn in to assist with some of the commission's projects and events such as the annual fall golf tournament. As a result, Watts often had some inside information on

what the commission was planning. In 2005, Watts started assisting Reg with some of the commission's day-to-day activities and on the administration side. Watts pulled back a bit in the Spring of 2007 but came back again that fall to assist with the organization of the golf tournament.

Watts speaks with passion about the growth

of the Spryfield area and the opportunities that will be available to businesses as a result of new housing developments such as Ravenscraig and Governor's Brook. He says with those developments come several challenges for the commission including services and the ability

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Bona is back with the home herd

By Harv Stewart

He's a large guy doing a big job for the Halifax Mooseheads. Twenty year old Graham Bona is back in Halifax, patrolling the blue line for the Moose.

The 6' 2", 225 pound Spryfield product says keeping goals out is priority one. "My type of game is defense first, taking care of my own zone."

Halifax head coach Cam Russell agrees and has praise for the rugged rearguard. "He's a huge physical presence and also very mobile back there. He's turned into a great leader."

Russell speaks from long time NHL experience with Chicago and Colorado.

"Cam really knows his stuff," says Graham. "He's given me a lot of help in my three years here. I've also got to give credit to Jeff McLeod who works with our defense."

Bona had an eye opener to start his major junior career. He left home at the tender age of 16 to play for the QJMHL's Rimouski Oceanic alongside another HRM native, Sidney Crosby.

"I was just sort of coming along for the

ride," he says. "It was a great experience." The Oceanic went all the way to the Memorial Cup final before losing to the host London Knights. Bona remained with Rimouski until midway through the 2006-2007 season when he was dealt to the Halifax Mooseheads.

"Nothing against Rimouski," remembers Bona, "but it was nice to come home to family and friends."

Every hockey career has its ups and downs. The much-touted Mooseheads of last season had an early exit in the Q-League playoffs. This campaign has been even tougher for Graham Bona with a young squad trying to find its way.

Graham says his veteran knowledge is even more important now. "We are in most games and our work ethic is there. The guys have to learn from their early season mistakes and build on that."

Bona is already looking ahead after junior hockey and his coach Cam Russell thinks he'll have an interesting future. "Graham could be a very good minor pro or university hockey player. There has been interest."

The Moosehead admits he's had some chats with various scouts. "I do have options but haven't made any decision yet."

For now he's also been hitting the books, starting some kinesiology courses at Dalhousie University. Graham spent his holiday break at home in Spryfield with his family to get away from the game for awhile.

But it's back to work now trying to help the Halifax Mooseheads get into the playoffs with an improved second half. Big number 54 seems ready for the task.

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It was smooth sailing for Santa at this year's Spryfield Santa Claus Parade. See story on page 5.

Café expands centre's services, introduces WiFi

By Harv Stewart

Businesses change and evolve. That's the story at Martin House at 355 Herring Cove Road. One old favourite has now expanded with a couple of new additions.

Sandy Martin started a salon 25 years ago. CC's Cuts of Class was then joined recently

by a women's fitness facility, CC's Fitness. Now there's something fresh again, The Blooming Café.

Martin says the idea sprung up after conversations with her salon customers. "People would come in to get their hair done and say there was no place around for a coffee and a bite to eat. There was a community need

and I decided to make changes."

The result was a building expansion, putting the salon area in the back and opening a new café serving full breakfasts and lunches. The cozy eatery has seven tables, chandeliers and fireplace. WiFi is also provided for



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customers who want to do a little business with their coffee.

Traffic has been steady so far but Martin is hoping for more word-of-mouth activity. "The response has been wonderful. We've been receiving many e-mails and the Business Association is really behind us."

The café has also injected new employment, going up from five to thirteen people. "We'll be holding our grand opening some time in January, but we're still trying to get the kinks out. We want our staff comfortable with the menu before that. We're even taking new menu

suggestions from our customers."

There have been growing pains and inconveniences because of construction. Martin says the community has been patient through it all. "It's been nice. We've had great support over the years."

Sandy says there's even more coming up at Martin House. "We're thinking of booking small groups into The Blooming Café for parties and meetings. We may also do some catering too."

The changes have meant some long hours for Sandy Martin. "I do spend a lot of time here," she says. Spryfield will benefit from the hard work with a great new idea.



Sandy Martin and Lyudmila Pak enjoy a warm cup of coffee at the new Blooming Café, 355 Herring Cove Road

Watts is new SDBC Director

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for people to shop at home or in their own neighborhood.

Making the area accessible is one of Watt's priorities. One of the things he speaks proudly of is the Streetscape program. "Garbage receptacles, park benches, and ridding the community of graffiti are all important to help attract new people to the area."

In 2009, Watts anticipates that the Commission will meet with officials from the Halifax Regional Municipality to talk about community visioning from a commercial perspective. The New Year will begin with the first Spryfield Networking session on January 7 to bring business people from the area together

for a meet-and-greet in an informal setting. There is also talk about building an event similar to Spryfield Days, and some discussion about reviving the Trade show.

As for his future with the Commission, Watts says that is up to the board. The process to find a new permanent Executive Director will be decided by the board at their annual general meeting in April or May.

With regard to his late friend and mentor, Watts is encouraging people to donate to the Reg Horner Memorial Scholarship fund at the Royal Bank in Spryfield. Reg's family wants to continue his legacy by providing an annual scholarship to a graduating J.L. Illsley High School student who is pursuing a post-secondary education in journalism.



An appreciation dinner for the members of the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre Board of Directors was held to show thanks for their commitment and hard work. The HWCC Board of Directors is, from left to right: Diane Drake, Secretary; Michael Donovan, Director; Donna Fleming, Director; Shelly Chambers, Program Coordinator; Larry Sinclair, Chairperson; Janet Chambers, former Treasurer; Donna Frizzel, Vice Chair.

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Lt. Governor of Nova Scotia Visits Urban Farm in Spryfield

Her Honour Lieutenant-Governor Mayann Francis, O.N.S. was the special guest at the Urban Farm's 7th Annual Harvest Fair on September 13th. In October 2007, the Urban

Farm Museum Society received the Lieutenant Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Group Award for "dedication to community service through activities that encourage and inspire interaction

between younger and older generations."

In August 2008 Her Honour graciously agreed to be Honourary Patron of the Urban Farm Museum of Spryfield.

Approximately 150 adults and children attended the Fair and enjoyed a taste of the harvest, old time games, contests and the musical talents of Skippy Mardon's youth fiddlers and keyboard players. Guests included Mayor Peter Kelly, Councillor Stephen Adams,

ADC Brenda Nelson, MLA Michele Raymond, then MP Alexa McDonough, Megan Leslie, Town Crier Bob Raoul, "Sarge" the HRM horse, and his mount Cst. Chris Marinelli.

The Urban farm was pleased to have Reg taking photos and notes for the Chebucto News. With his death, they say, they lost a true "farm friend" and supporter of our programs and events. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family.



From left to right: ADC Brenda Nelson; Pat MacLean UFMS; Her Honour, Lt. Gov. Mayann Francis O.N.S. photo: Reg Horner



Santa and Mrs. Claus couldn't miss the Christmas tree lighting at the Captain Wm. Spry Community Centre. Alexandria from Katimavik filled in as Mrs. Claus



Santa Claus and Stephen Adams help light the Christmas tree at the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre



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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Spryfield loses a great memory keeper with death of Peter Saulnier

By Iris V. Shea

Peter Saulnier was one of Spryfield's proudest champions. Many people knew him as Santa Claus, a role he portrayed for 29 years, greeting children and adults at Christmas in South Centre Mall and in Spryfield's Santa Claus Parade. Members of the Mainland South Heritage Society, however, are grateful for another role he played in his community, that of collector of Spryfield's history.

Peter was born in Spryfield, attended local schools, and took a great interest in local history. He was always interested, even as a child, in hearing stories from the senior residents. He talked to many people who had memories of growing up in Spryfield, recording their stories on paper. Peter collected old photographs and spent countless hours at the Nova Scotia Archives, researching and documenting the history of our area.

Peter also took his own photographs at an early age. One photograph is of the old Pinegrove Hotel from 1959, taken shortly before the hotel was torn down. Peter was only twelve years old at the time and it may be the only photograph that exists of the hotel in its later years. (The hotel was located on the western corner of Herring Cove Road and Pinegrove Road). His interest in the old hotel was personal. He and his family had lived there after it became a boarding house.

By 1990 Peter had collected many artifacts and photographs pertaining to the history of Spryfield and surrounding communities. He began looking for a way to make his photographs and information available to the public. In 1991, at Peter's suggestion, the Mainland South Heritage Society was formed. Marjorie Swingler, one of its founding members, says, "Peter's vast collection of pictures, information gathered at the archives and quite a few books formed the basis of our archives. He had taken the trouble over the years to go out and photograph buildings that he knew were slated for demolition so that there would be a record of them."

The first project taken on by the Heritage Society after it was formed was the 1992 Heritage Calendar, Peter's pride and joy. According to those involved, Peter was an enthusiastic salesman of the calendar, which

rapidly sold out. It contained an assortment of old photographs from the Armdale to Pennant communities.

Local teachers called upon Peter to talk to their classes about the history of their communities. Peter related well to children as was evident from his role as Santa Claus.

Peter continued to collect and add to the archives over the past 15 years and for that we are grateful. Readers of the Mainland South Reporter and the first few issues of the Chebucto News will remember Peter's articles on the history of our local communities. He continued the stories until 1998 when he decided it was getting to be too much for him. His heart and lungs were creating health problems by this time.

Peter discovered at that time, however, that he had another talent. He constructed miniature replicas of the local houses and businesses past and present. For example, he built a miniature of the Pinegrove Hotel from a 1907 photograph. You may have noticed the replicas on display at the Captain William Spry Library over the past several years, 55 in total. Current renovations at the library have required that some replicas will need to be placed in storage. The library staff has a great interest in preserving Peter's work and will display 25 of the buildings once renovations are finished.

Peter's accomplishments did not go unnoticed. He received a Public Service Award and HRM's Volunteer of the Year Award. He was an honorary life member of Mainland South Heritage Society. His continued interest in history led him to become an active member of the Maritime Civil War Living History Association. This past year, however, his health prevented him from travelling with the society to participate in events. He was also a keen supporter and

member of Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield. When he made an appearance at their 2007 Harvest Fair dressed in his full Civil

Peter Saulnier died on 27 August 2008 at the age of 61 years, but his legacy lives on. The Mainland South Heritage Society has begun a memorial scholarship in Peter's name to be awarded each year to a deserving history student at JL Ilsley High School. One of the fundraisers for the scholarship will be to sell tickets for a doll house which Peter made, complete with miniature furniture.

The Heritage Society's annual Heritage Tea and Display will honour Peter Saulnier by featuring his collection of photographs and his miniature buildings. The public is invited to attend this event at the Captain William Spry Community Centre on February 21, 2009, from 1 pm to 4 pm. In the meantime, when you visit the Captain



Replica built by Peter Saulnier of Pinegrove Hotel from a 1907 photograph.

War uniform with his rifle and bayonet, the audience was delighted, especially the children.

William Spry Library, look for Peter's historic replicas.

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The parade took its normal route, starting at punch bowl and finishing at the South Center Mall.



Jubilant paraders at the end of another successful parade anticipate a warm cup of hot chocolate.

Over 40 floats, bands and different groups took part in the first real sign that the holidays are upon us.

Thousands of people braved the cool chill of the wind to watch the spectacle, most coming to see the floats and of course Santa, others for the free candy given out throughout the parade.

After the parade is over, all the hard work gets awarded by the judges.

10 awards are given out every year, one for every type of entry, best float entry, best majorette entry and best marching entry, among others.

The award that really represents the reason for doing the parade is the Peter Saulnier Santa Claus Christmas Spirit Award, which was hands down given to the singing and caroling

Rockingstone Heights Elementary School kids.

The winners were as follows: Best Overall Entry went to Rockingstone Heights Elementary, honorable mention to the Chimo Tae-Kwan Do club. The Best Community Entry went to the Enviro Depot, honorable mention to the Spryfield Boys and Girls club. The Best Commercial Entry went to Nerds on Site, honorable mention to Canadian Tire. The Halifax Sparklettes won the Best Majorette Award, honorable mention going to Nova Scotia Baton and Cheer group. The Most Original Entry went to Greyhound Pets of Atlantic Canada, honorable going to KAG Kanada. The Best Individual Entry went to 1st Spryfield Timberwolves, and Sobey's with their old car won Best Decorated Vehicle Award.

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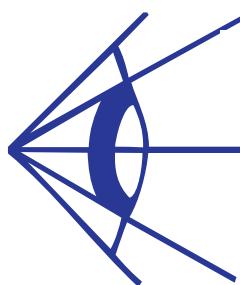
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Pre-salting and parking ban (re)introduced to aid drivers

by Stephen Adams,
HRM Councillor, District 18

Although we have not had a great number of snowfalls so far this year, those we have had have caused their share of problems. With the unpredictable nature of storms it can be difficult for our operations staff to stay ahead. As a result of these circumstances, we will be pre-salting in anticipation of storms. This allows for a brine to form and makes snow removal a little less challenging.

As well, the Parking Ban has been reintroduced to allow for more efficient clean-up after storms and easier snow removal during storms at night. It is also illegal to park on streets and roads during a snowfall. This is provincial legislation that has been in place for years, but is seldom enforced.

When the Parking Ban was initially lifted, I was supportive of the idea. My rationale was simple: it didn't make sense to ban parking if temperatures were 10° C. Moreover, some residents parked in the streets continuously, and did not respect the need for their cars to be moved during snowfalls.

The ban runs from 1 am to 7 am seven days a week, and will be in force until March 30, 2009.

Our new Spryfield signs are being installed, after much anticipation. (They should be installed by the time you have read this article.) The only exception is the sign on Herring Cove Road as you leave Armdale. We continue to look for a suitable location.

The light installation at Northwest Arm Drive and Old Sambro Road should also be

completed as you read this. The contractor was waiting for the necessary construction materials and supplies.

When the weather begins to co-operate, our works staff will be putting in new flower beds along Northwest Arm Drive. I have asked for another 50 foot bed, a round bed for a tree and two smaller beds in the 20 to 30 foot range. As was the case last year, I will ask community groups to help with the planting. We would

City Planning Strategy to protect view planes

by Linda Mosher,
HRM Councillor, District 17

The Northwest Arm is one of the most beautiful views in our municipality and can be seen from many areas, such as Cowie Hill, Fairmount, the rotary, and Peninsular Halifax. I have always felt that those views should be protected in the same manner as the views from Citadel Hill and just this past month I received unanimous support from Council to amend the applicable Municipal Planning Strategies to include protection of the view planes of the Northwest Arm. I will update residents when the public can provide input to these proposed amendments.

Over the past several years I have worked with HRM staff and residents to protect the views of the Northwest Arm by minimizing the structures that could be built on any infilled lots. Even though infilling a water lot is completely under the Federal government jurisdiction, we were able to get unanimous

love for you to come out and help.

Our Christmas parade was another success, with thousands enjoying the floats and other entries. The Halifax Regional Police horses were a special treat, especially the guy with the red one.

The J.L. Ilesley High School scholarship was another success, with many supporters buying items to support our local youth in the fund for post-secondary education. I would encourage

you all to attend or provide a prize if possible. It is a great night for all.

I attended two Christmas Tree Lightings as well. Both the Captain William Spry Centre and Harrietsfield Williamswood Community centre held wonderful events, keeping Santa busy. The looks on children's faces were priceless as Santa made his way to the tree.

As 2008 closes out I wish you and yours all the best in the New Year, and the rest of 2009.

approval by Council for amendments that establish a 9 metre (30 foot) setback and limit the use of land created by infilling of the Northwest Arm to wharves, docks, historic sites and monuments, passive recreation uses, public works and utilities. While these amendments were geared toward protecting the character of the Northwest Arm in terms of setback, subdivision control, and types of uses and structures permitted on a water lot, it is anticipated that the resulting regulations will nonetheless act as a strong disincentive to infilling itself, by preventing additional development and subdivision opportunities which would not exist had a water lot not been infilled.

It is important to keep in the mind the rising of the sea levels, the likelihood of more storms with higher waves and greater storm surge. Over the past century, sea levels have risen about two feet and we should expect approximately a two-foot rise in the water levels in the Northwest Arm over the next century, depending upon the local impact of climate change. If all these conditions converge, they can cause a considerable amount of damage and shoreline erosion.

The predicted two-foot rise in water level in the coming century, the same as that observed in the past, is due to two independent factors.

Coastal subsidence - the ground level is dropping, and water levels are rising globally because of factors such as melting of glaciers and polar ice caps.

HRM, as part of the Harbour Plan, is working closely with Natural Resources Canada and others to model, as accurately as possible, the effects of projected sea level rise/storm surge on the coast line of the Halifax Harbour, including the Northwest Arm. Once this modeling is completed, the results will be presented to Council and harbour front property owners.

It is anticipated that the information will

form the basis for the preparation of land use policy and adaptation of measures aimed at minimizing the risks associated with pending sea level rise and storm surge events. All harbour front properties, including the Yacht Clubs and parks, can use this information as a decision-making tool in their future facilities and infrastructure planning.

The seawall at both Regatta Point and at Sir Sandford Fleming Park (Dingle) is in poor shape and in some spots literally falling down. This has been assessed by HRM staff and Consultants and they estimate the optimal solution will require at least \$1 million. This will be a multi-year project that includes both short and long term phases, subject to Council approval during budget deliberations.

The short term plan for the Dingle seawall structure is a repair using the existing construction methods. \$150,000 is currently budgeted for this interim solution and the project will be implemented once Federal approval is received. Long term plans for this structure include a comprehensive engineering study leading to a new structural design, which will account for rising sea levels. We do not have an exact cost estimate, but it could exceed \$1 million; therefore, this more extensive solution will be included in the long term capital budgeting process and HRM's new asset management program.

In the Regatta Point area, the seawall was built by the initial developer of Regatta Point and it is my understanding that it was (unfortunately) under-engineered and insufficient to withstand the forces of nature, let alone any rising sea levels. Under these circumstances, instead of reconstruction or repair using a similar design or materials, the plan is to re-enforce the shoreline path using amour stone construction methods. \$50,000 is currently budgeted for this initiative and this project will also be implemented once Federal approval is received.

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Spryfield Networking

The first of what is hoped to be many Spryfield Networking Sessions will be held on Wednesday January 7 2009 at the Bloomin Cafe 355 Herring Cove Rd. An opportunity for business owners to speak with other business owners right here in our own community. The event will run from 10-11.30 and all are welcome.

Salt Savvy Label Course

Discover how to find hidden salt in foods by using labels. Thursday, January 8th, 10am-12pm. Free of charge.

Antioxidants Information

Find out which foods contain the most of these special disease fighters. Monday, January 26th, 10am-12pm. Free of charge.

Shaping Spryfield's Future Together

Imagine Spryfield at its very best! The Community Liaison Group, local citizens assisted by HRM, will be engaging residents to develop a community vision and action plan. The vision will build on previous input and initiatives to address a wide range of community hopes

and priorities, for action over the next 10, 15, 20 years. Watch for public meetings and other opportunities to have your say! The CLG is also available to meet with your group or organization. Contact us at: www.halifax.ca/visionHRM or visionhrm@halifax.ca, or 490-5857.

Tai Chi Classes

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Canada, Atlantic Region, is offering a new beginners' course in Taoist Tai Chi@ taijiquan at its Halifax location: 2029 North Park Street, starting January 15th and running Thursdays 6.30pm -

8.30pm for 12 weeks. The last date to register is January 22nd. Health Recovery classes are ongoing at this location on Tuesdays and Saturdays 2pm - 3.30pm. The centre is wheel-chair accessible and there is free parking on site. For more information, call the centre at 422-8142 or email atlantic.office@taoist.org. www.taoist.org.

Urban Farm Monthly Meeting

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 12th, @ 7 pm at the Captain Wm. Spry Centre...Everyone welcome!!

LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd.

DEBOER, Linda Louise: 60, Spryfield, NS, wife of Eddy deBoer, passed away following a battle with cancer, at the New Halifax Infirmary, on Thursday, December 11, 2008. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late John Williamson and Marion (nee Lawrence) Woodgate. Linda was a woman who loved her family dearly. She was a tremendous mother to her children and a second mother to her siblings, and was the bond that held her family together throughout the years. Before going to work at the Spryfield Bowlarama in 1989, Linda had worked at Sears in the packing room for 12 years. In 1991, Linda became the manager of the Spryfield Bowlarama, her second home, and one of her greatest passions. Over the many years, she has built many friendships within her community and her employees. Always giving, Linda is well known for organizing events such as the Annual March Break Pizza Bowl. She was an avid volunteer

with the Spryfield Business Golf Challenge and many bowling tournaments. Among many other functions, Linda was instrumental in hosting fundraisers for the Fire Fighter's Burn Unit and the Kidney Foundation. With pride, Linda also co-ordinated and dedicated herself to many bowling tournaments and trips to the USA with the Youth Bowling Program, as well as many Senior Bowling Programs. Linda was a devoted friend to many and will be sadly missed by her family, friends, colleagues, fellow bowlers, and community. She was always proud to call Spryfield home, having lived here since the age of 12. She will be fondly remembered by her husband of 43 years, Eddy, her son, Edward (Caralynn) deBoer, Spryfield, and her daughter, Tanya deBoer, Spryfield, and will be remembered as "Nanny" to her grandchildren, Brandon, Robert and Devin. She is also survived by her sisters, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn

(Arnie) Arnott, Debbie (Steve) Doucette, Wanda Woodgate, Cindy (Paul) Ross, and Shannon (Ed) Wieterman, brothers Russell Williamson (Judy), John Woodgate (Arlene), and Robert Woodgate (Shelley), 28 nieces and nephews, many great-nieces and great-nephews, and many, many friends. She was predeceased by her mother, Marion, her fathers, John Williamson and Bob Woodgate, sister, Alana, and brother, George.

Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, NS (477-5601), where visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM. A celebration of Linda's life will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 1 pm from the funeral home chapel with Fr. Gary Thorne as clergy. The family would appreciate remembrances in memory of Linda to the NS Firefighter's Burn Treatment Society. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

BETTS, Alice Marion - 78, Halifax, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 in Glades Lodge. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Maurice and Alice (Ryall) Hurley. Marion had grown up on McNab's Island, and was always proud of her memories made there as a child. She later moved to the mainland where she spent the remainder of her life with her family. Marion is survived by sons Walter Jr., Armdale; Jimmy, Sackville; Gary (Trudy) Sackville; Mike (Diane), Herring Cove; Barry (Kim), Bedford; daughters Linda (George) Hartling, Spryfield; Irene (Donnie) MacDonald, Sackville; Judy Betts, Armdale; Karen (Gordie) Weeks, Spryfield; 21 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Michael Hurley, New Waterford C.B.; daughter-in-law Lil, Spryfield; several nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Glades Lodge for all of the love and compassion given to Marion during her time in their care.

Arrangements are under the direction of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield (477-5601) where visitation will be held on Sunday, November 30 from 2-4 & 7-9. A memorial service will be held on Monday, December 1 at 2 pm from the funeral home chapel. Interment to take place at a later date. Family flowers only. Donations in Marion's memory may be made to the IWK Foundation. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

PETROSSIE, Michael Richard: 63, Falls Lake West, Windsor, NS, passed away suddenly at his residence on Sunday, December 14, 2008. Born in Halifax, he is the son of Marcel Petrossie and the late Jennie (Fleet) Petrossie. Throughout his life, Mike had owned and operated his own upholstery businesses. In his retirement, he found great enjoyment at his camp in Falls Lake West, where he liked to hunt. He is survived by his father, Marcel, two daughters, Shellie Petrossie and Sheri Petrossie (Gerard), and their mother, Jane Petrossie, his grandchildren, Myles, Robyn, Robert, and Erica, all of Halifax, his companion, Margaret Baker of Dartmouth, brothers, David, Carl, Lannie, Loni, Philip, and Jan, sisters, Donna, Janice, Kelly, Lucy, and Sharon, all of Halifax. He will be missed by his pride and joy, his dog, Sandy. He was predeceased by his mother, Jennie, and two brothers, John and Fred.

Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, NS (477.5601), where visitation will take place on Thursday from 12-2 pm, with the funeral service to follow at 2 pm from the funeral home chapel. The family would appreciate remembrances in memory of Mike to the charity of one's choice. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com.

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