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Briarwood Re-Opening Planned for Late May



Ryan and Joseph have been busy working on improving drainage on the course

Tim Bogers and his crew are working non-stop these days in hopes of

being ready to re-open the front nine at Briarwood by mid to late May and

the back nine in early June. They have been working at improving drainage all

over the course and have now changed all of the greens on the front nine. By the first week of May the first load of special bentgrass sods from Quebec will have arrived for the greens with more to follow. Tim now has three full time and two part time employees working at the course getting things ready. He has a 60 x 12 foot trailer now on site by the first hole and is in the process of turning it into a clubhouse which he hopes to be able to expand. Parking is being increased and access to the course from Bronson Avenue is being investigated. Local Real Estate Agents David Sampson and Dan Doherty with Exit Realty Citadel are sponsoring the first hole and other local businesses are being encouraged to sponsor holes. Besides being an opportunity to advertize their business, hole sponsorship by a business includes four unlimited memberships for the year as well as special tournament pricing. Memberships and Gift Certificates are available now by calling Tim at 440-2363 or at the website www.briarwood-golfclub.net or e-mail Tim at briarwood-golfclub@gmail.com. The Chebucto News Facebook page has more pictures from the course and will be updated on a regular basis as work progresses.

Rink Sale & Business Expo in June

The Spryfield and District Business Commission has announced that they will be hosting a Rink Sale and Business Expo at the Lions Rink on Drysdale Avenue on Saturday June 11th. The Lions Club will be doing a "Twoonie" Pancake Breakfast that morning with all profits going to the Lions Club projects. The Boys and Girls Club will be holding a Fund Raising Family Yard Sale at the same time.

The Business Expo is being put on by the SDBC in an effort to showcase local businesses and to encourage all of us to Shop & Buy Local. Any local businesses wishing to take part in this event should contact Bruce Holland at sdbc@eastlink.ca or at 452-7472 or Margaret Mann at mannmechanical@gmail.com or at 868-1324 to reserve space. Watch for more details in the June issue of the Chebucto News and on the Chebucto News Facebook page.

A Famine in Canada?

By Sarah Boyle

Students at J.L. Ilsley took their charity endeavors one step further as they participated in the 30 Hour Famine, an event in which 100 000 youth take part all over Canada to raise money for World Vision. As soon as the clock struck midnight on April 8th, the seventy-six registered participants stopped eating with the pledge to ignore food until thirty hours had passed.

It was a rough road as tummies grumbled throughout the school day,

but when the activities commenced in the evening, all thoughts of food and drink were quenched. The activities, organized by Kaitlyn Withers, the head of the Community Affairs section of the students' council, were executed by students, for students.

The scavenger hunt was a success, being voted as one of the most amusing activities. Students went all over the school, forced to complete little activities like a mini-scavenger hunt, or

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Famine

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a math problem before collecting their main clue.

Activities like track-down (hide and seek in the dark) soon followed. "There was a spider hiding with me," one of the people hiding commented.

The students claimed that the last hours are always the most difficult, but they faced them together. They spent the night at the school watching Glee, playing cards, talking, sleeping, and just plain having fun.

After all of their intense efforts at self-discipline, the students awoke to delicious fluffy pancakes provided by the teacher chaperone, Mr. MacLeod.

The students put in a formal request to publicly thank all of the teacher chaperones who made this event possible including Mr. Down, Ms. Curran, Mr. MacLeod, Mr. Bendle and Mr. Sarka.

Those who participated learned the valuable lesson that food is not easy to eliminate from their lives. "It is weird to think that, they don't even have the temptation for food, because they don't have anything to tempt themselves with. They just have the starving feeling with no hope of relief," responded one student when asked how this experience had helped her to understand and relate to those living in poverty. "I will definitely try to be more involved in fundraisers to help these people, because this feeling is not fun."

The seventy-six participants made up over ten percent of the school's population, breaking all of the school's previous records for participation. The ensemble impressively raised over five thousand dollars.

These funds will certainly aid in World Vision's many projects. World

Vision aids places like Japan in relief efforts after natural disasters have hit, feeds starving people, provides medical care to the sick, supplies education opportunities to those who wouldn't

have them otherwise, and advocates for those whose human rights have been overlooked. To find out more about their specific projects, please visit their website at: www.worldvision.ca.

Time To Grow The Veggies

By Jane Zentner ~ *I Grow Vegetables*
 May is a very busy month in the veggie patch. Start by planting vegetables that can withstand a touch of frost. These vegetables include: Swiss chard, lettuce, onions, radish, spinach, peas, and summer turnip. A couple of weeks later, plant the potatoes and beets. Following mid-May, wait for a warm spell before planting carrots, parsnip, cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. Carrots can take a long time to come up. They do not germinate well in cool wet weather and slugs can destroy an entire crop as it comes up. Because of how unpredictable the weather is, try staggering the planting of carrots by planting at two-week intervals.

Wait until late May before planting bush beans, pole beans and corn, as frost will damage them. Cucumber, squash, zucchini, & pumpkin can be planted outside in the last week of May if overnight lows remain above 8 degrees, otherwise wait until June.

What about the indoor bedding plants? Moving plants directly from inside to outside can put them into

shock and kill them. To prevent this, they must be "hardened off". This is done by placing the plants (still in their containers) outdoors for a progressively longer duration each day, until they can spend the entire day outside. For the first outing, choose a warm calm day and set the plants in the sun for only a few hours. Shelter them from the wind and check often if they need water. Large bedding plants in small containers will dry out very quickly in the hot sun. Over a period of a week, increase the number of outdoor (sunlit) hours until the plants can be left out all day.

The best weather for transplanting is a warm overcast day with little or no wind. When transplanting, prepare the holes before removing the seedlings from their containers to prevent the roots from drying out. Dig the holes a little larger than needed and work-in some compost. Give each plant the space required to mature. Poor spacing will result in smaller plants and poor yields. Always water after transplanting, even if the soil is moist. This set-

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Veggies

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tles the soil around the roots enabling them to take up water. Light rain or drizzle, following transplanting, will give the plants time to recover before being subjected to the direct sunlight. If you must transplant during a hot sunny spell, shade the plants during the hottest part of the day, and ensure they have plenty of water. Remove the shades after a few days.

If it is cool, it is beneficial to cover

tender plants. Use row covers or cover individual plants with large (2 litre) transparent plastic drink containers. Cut the bottom from the container and take the cap off for ventilation. Set the container over the newly transplanted plant and press it into the soil. It will protect the plant from wind, cold and cutworms. Remove the covering when the weather warms or if the plant becomes crowded.

Transplanting begins around mid-May when the leeks, celery and greens (lettuce, spinach, etc.) can be put out, but wait a week or two before trans-

planting Broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower.

Tender vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, basil, cucumber, pumpkins, squash and zucchini) can be put out the last week in May if the weather is very good, otherwise wait until June. Should a late frost be forecast, cover the tender veggies, as frost will kill them. When transplanting tomatoes, put them deeper in the soil than that in which they are currently growing. If they are leggy, lay them along the ground and cover the lower stem with soil. Roots will grow from the under-

ground stem, making the plant more stable. Space them far enough apart to allow for air movement between the mature plants to reduce fungal diseases.

Not all plants transplant easily. Cucumbers, pumpkin and squash do not like their roots disturbed. Poorly handled transplants take time to recover and will be surpassed by plants started directly out of doors a week later. Note however, that slugs will eat the first two leaves (cotyledons) of cucumber and squash seedlings but they avoid the prickly true leaves.



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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



Sir Sandford Fleming's journals reveal his love for family and the Dingle

By Iris Shea

Much has been written about Sir Sandford Fleming's life as an engineer and of the many accomplishments with which he is credited. We recognize him locally as the driving force behind the building of the Memorial Tower at the Dingle on land which he donated for that purpose. Fleming was also a family man. He kept journals and wrote letters to his family whenever he was away from them.

Sandford Fleming married Ann Jane (Jean) Hall in "Peterborough, Upper Canada" on 3 Jan. 1855. Fleming always called her "Jeanie". They had five sons and four daughters but only four sons and two daughters lived to adulthood. Fleming's journals and letters at the Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, reveal much about his personal life, especially his love for the Dingle. Frank (Francis Allen) Fleming, the oldest child, was born in 1856, followed by Sandford Hall in 1857, Minnie (Mary Ethel) in 1859, Lily in 1861, Jeanie in 1864 (died, aged nine years), a son, born in Halifax December 29, 1865 (no further record), Maud (died at the age of one year in about 1867), Walter Arthur in 1868 and Hugh Percy in 1872.

The Flemings travelled between Ottawa and Halifax by train each summer. On July 11, 1870 he wrote in his jour-

nal: "Halifax. Children delighted to be back". One day later he wrote, "Jeanie & I drove round the Head of the Arm to the Old French Prison & had a ramble over part of 260 acres recently purchased". Between January and August 1870 Fleming acquired this land, some at public auction and some through direct purchase from William Cunard, Esquire, and Frederick Jollimore.

In his journals Fleming wrote of his frequent visits to the Dingle with his wife and children during the 1870s and 1880s. Journal entry, July 29, 1874, "Arrived Halifax at the new house at the Arm". This refers to The Lodge, his large summer home on the Halifax side of the Arm (now Blenheim Terrace). Journal entry, Aug. 3, 1874, "Spent a few days very charmingly between our new house & the Dingle laying out work with the boys. Left by night train for Ottawa." The family and servants spent their summers, from July to September, at the Lodge with frequent trips to the Dingle for a picnic. Contrary to popular belief, Fleming and his family did not spend any time in the cottage on the Dingle Road. That was occupied by his caretaker, James Hutton and family, from the late 1870s until 1910. Fleming, in his journals, referred to the cottage as Hutton's house. Journal entry, Mar. 26, 1888, "Early this morning my poor dear wife

breathed her last and left me with my children...the comfort and kindness of my children which nothing will exceed".



Photograph, 1893, Sandford Fleming and grandchildren: Ethel, age 8, Noel, age 6, children of Frank Fleming, and baby Noel Exshaw, born April 14, 1893, son of Lily. Photo courtesy Library and Archives Canada.

breathed her last and left me with my children...the comfort and kindness of my children which nothing will exceed".

Fleming's daughters, Minnie and Lily, lived with their father until they were married, both in the early thirties. Fleming did everything he could to discourage their suitors but without success. When William Exshaw arrived on the scene in 1890 to ask Fleming's permission to marry Lily, a series of

letters and interviews were mentioned in Fleming's journals, none in Exshaw's favour. Journal entry, September 3, 1890, "Minnie's birthday. Wrote Mr. Exshaw. NW Arm illuminated in honour of Stairs who was with Stanley in Africa". Journal entry, February 18, 1891 "Exshaw and Lily engaged". They married in Ottawa June 9, 1891. Fleming and Exshaw became very good friends and partners in the Western Canada Cement Company in Alberta. Fleming named the town Exshaw after his son-in-law.

It was Minnie's turn next, in 1893. Thomas O. Critchley wrote to Fleming that he and Minnie were engaged. Fleming put a stop to that, telling Critchley to find an occupation. In September 1893 Fleming took Minnie to Australia, France and London, returning home to Ottawa in January 1894. Critchley did not give up. Journal entry April 16, 1894, "Got Minnie to place her money with Trustees (C.A. Eliot & S.H. Fleming). Critchley left for Toronto". On Jul. 12, 1894 "Received telegram from Bob that my daughter Minnie was married to T.O. Critchley today". Jul. 13, "Miss Minnie very much". Thomas and Minnie Critchley were the owners of the Red Lodge Ranch in the area of Olds, NWT (now Alberta). A former employee of (See Sir Sandford Fleming on page 5)

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The Events Committee of the HWCC would like to thank all of the Sambro Loop exhibitors who set up at the Centre on April 16. The Community Trade Show was the first Loopapaloosa 2011 event. We also appreciate our special guests Community Response Officers Andrew Conrad and Chris McDermott of the Halifax Regional Police Services who promoted the Citywatch Program. Warm thanks are offered to Councillor Stephen Adams who spent the afternoon visiting our booths. We are also grateful for all of the promotion provided by The Chebucto News and other media outlets.

We would like to express a heart felt thank you to the Spryfield Lion's Club for sponsoring the benefit we had for our brother Edwin. To Albert Martell and Joe McKinnon for the music, to all those who attended from near and far, the businesses who donated items and monies, to all the people that helped in any way to make his benefit a success, words cannot express our gratitude. Thank you! The brothers and sisters and families of Edwin Gray.

Card of Thanks Ray Hartlin



The family of the late Ray Hartlin would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our family, friends, neighbours, and co-workers for the beautiful cards, on-line condolences, phone calls, gifts of food and flowers and your donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association and other charities, as well as your many acts of kindness. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the funeral service to help us celebrate Ray's life. Special thanks to Rev. Russell Daye for a thoughtful service and to organist, Kevin Parks, for his music, especially the piano music played before the service. We certainly appreciated all those who assisted in preparing and providing a lovely reception. It was comforting to be with our family and friends, sharing happy memories of our dear Ray. Thanks for the wonderful nursing care Ray received in 3A ICU VG Site. We really want to express our sincere appreciation to Erin Jennings and her Staff of JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., for their genuine kindness and loving support during this difficult time. We will all miss Ray very much, but with your tremendous outpouring of love, we will push onward, always remembering his smile, his sense of humour, his warm personality and his love of life. On-line tributes can be shared at www.walkerfh.com.

Be happy. Be healthy. Enjoy Life.
Thanks
The Hartlin Family

Sir Sanford Fleming

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the Red Lodge Ranch reported "Mr. Fleming, this generous father-in-law, made the Critchleys a wedding present of about one hundred pure bred Hereford cows and the necessary sires for the herd". But homesteading was not Minnie's forte and by 1898 they sold the ranch and Critchley joined the Constabulary. Journal entry, September 3, 1899, "Oswald Francis Walter Critchley baptized at the little chapel across the Arm". Sep. 16, 1899, "Wm. Exshaw appeared with his motor car". The Halifax Daily Echo, September 11, 1899, reported the following: "The first automobile ever seen in Nova Scotia arrived on the Allan liner 'Siberian' from Liverpool this morning. It is a gasoline horseless carriage, owned by William Exshaw, son-in-law of Sir Sanford Fleming".

Journal entry, August 7, 1901, "Telegraph from Minnie "Tom left Constabulary what shall we do?" Replied "all come home draw for funds". Aug 28, "Cable from Minnie to send 30 pounds".

Fleming was happiest when his children and grandchildren were living with him. Lily and her son, Noel Exshaw, spent five months in Ottawa with him in 1901, and he frequently visited them in Scotland and in France. His journal entries show that Minnie and her family (two sons) moved into Hutton's house (the cottage on the Dingle Road) in 1911. Journal entry, Aug. 14, 1911, "At Birchdale last two weeks, now sitting under a tree looking at the Tower building now 50 or 60 feet high". Fleming was visiting Minnie at the Dingle cottage when he died there on July 22, 1915.

A Community Labeled

By Carrie Forbes

"Worst Neighbourhood." "Slum." "High Crime Area." A recent article in the weekly Halifax publication, The Coast, generated controversy with a provocative title gracing its front page. This time, the featured community was Highfield-Pinecrest in North Dartmouth. Although the article, written by Kings College journalism students, attempted to bring to light the community's challenges and root causes, it left behind something Spryfield residents are all too familiar with – a series of community labels.

The intention of the writers may have been to explain how a lack of urban planning can contribute to social issues within a community. However, this intent was lost in the sensationalism of the labels applied to Highfield-Pinecrest. This includes the term 'slum' which was uncritically used to describe the area throughout the article. Slum, by the United Nations definition, refers to "a run-down area of a city characterized by substandard housing and squalor and lacking in tenure security...most slums lack clean water, electricity, sanitation and other basic services." To apply this kind of label in a first world setting is not unusual, and is often used casually to describe areas that are inhabited by low to middle income earners living in high density neighbourhoods. It also focuses on infrastructure as a measure of a neighbourhood's worth.

As residents of Spryfield can attest, a community is more than a collection of housing units. A strong community is one rich in what is known as 'social capital'. Social capital refers to the strength of connections between the people who live in a particular area. By referring to Highfield-Pinecrest as a 'manufactured slum', the authors ignore the social networks and relationships that exist, despite direct references to community groups, leaders and personal anecdotes describing the vibrancy of the community within the article itself. Likewise, Spryfield is mentioned in direct comparison with Highfield-Pinecrest, as "another of the city's high crime neighbourhoods." A

mention of the community leadership in Spryfield is made in another paragraph, but only after describing the area as 'high crime'. No crime statistics are cited to verify this status – it's provided as a 'given'.

A 2005 study by Deborah Warr, There Goes the Neighbourhood, the Malign Effects of Stigma, shows that "when vulnerable neighbourhoods are given unwelcome and negative press coverage, they become 'peculiarly stigmatized'...Negative media attention amplifies and cements the prejudices that are experienced by people living in 'discredited' neighbourhoods." For years, residents and community groups in Spryfield have long complained that local media have chosen to highlight negative events as occurring in 'Spryfield', while using broader geography such as 'Mainland South' or 'Halifax' to describe positive developments. The effects of this are far reaching – the negative perceptions of those outside the community are often internalized by those who are stigmatized by these labels. The results can negatively impact social networks, thereby weakening a community's social capital. Without a strong social network, businesses are reluctant to invest, and it becomes more difficult for a community to attract services and infrastructure.

By amplifying a community's issues, the work of community building becomes more difficult. Both Spryfield and Highfield-Pinecrest are blessed with strong community leaders who work to build on a community's assets. The book, 'Community: The Structure of Belonging', by Peter Block describes this principle: "the context that restores community is one of possibility, generosity, and gifts, rather than one of problem solving, fear, and retribution." Too often, fear and sensationalism underscore these gifts and possibilities inherent in every community. Despite the effects of labeling, the strength of community engagement and leadership is having positive momentum. However, this momentum is at risk if we continue to stigmatize neighbourhoods and the people who live there.

Herring Cove Community Dentistry Welcomes Dr. Jonathan Logan

Dr. Logan graduated from Dalhousie Dental School in 2010, where he remains as a Part-time faculty member instructing both preclinical and clinical classes. He grew up in the Williams Lake/Spryfield area and is happy to be returning home to work in his community.

Dr. Logan will begin accepting new patients starting May 2, 2011.

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Chebucto News Sports Page

Mainland South brings home Gold, Silver and Bronze

Jr. Minis strike Gold in Bedford Classic

Mainland South Express Mixed Jr. Mini Boys Basketball Team had a very successful week-end in March when they won the "Bedford Classic" Division "C" Championship. The gold medal game was a joy to watch as every player on the team participated

in the win over the Metro Basketball League Champions, the Steelers, with a score of 30 to 26. As a result of their outstanding effort, the entire Express team, ranging in age from seven to nine years, received the Most Valuable Player Award.

Well done Mainland South Express Jr. Mini Champions.



Mainland South Express Juvenile Girls, Division 2 basketball team, following their silver medal win in Provincials.

Back row, left to right: Coach Todd Umlah, Nicole Weston, Emily MacIsaac, Rebecca Blair, Ashley Russell and assistant coach Craig Roberts. Front row, left to right: Sara Roberts, Lauren Murphy, Krysten Mannett, Alyssa Umlah, Jenna Ellis and missing from photo is Jordan Lawless.

Chebucto Connections Extends its Reach

By Marjorie Willison

Chebucto Connections continues to grow and to work towards our mission of building relationships in local communities to improve the quality of life of area residents, from Armdale to the Pennants. Whether through programs such as Time Banking, Seeds of Change, or Spryfield Pathways, it is rewarding to see more and more people being brought together to make our communities stronger, more vibrant and more resilient.

Through the generosity of the Salvation Army in Spryfield, we have been given another opportunity to continue our success by extending our presence in the community. We have felt the benefit of having our offices and programs centrally located in the Commu-

nity Wellness Centre, and now we can also operate our programs out of space provided to us at 180 Greystone Drive.

As a result, staff of Spryfield Pathways are now located in two parts of the community, and our Seeds of Change staff will have a place to hang their hat in the summer months. This will bring our education programs closer to J.L. Ilsley High School, and make it easier for students and their families to access program staff at either of our locations. Our goal is to extend our connection to the community, and multiple program and office locations is a big step in successfully meeting this goal. For more information about Chebucto Connections, please visit www.chebuctoconnections.ca.

Sambro Loop First Annual Loopapaloosa a Hit

It proved to be a busy day at the Harrietsfield/Williamstown Community Center on Saturday, April 16, 2011 (from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.). It was the much talked about and successful Sambro Loop Loopapaloosa hosted by the Events Committee of the H.W.C.C. headed up by Kirsti Tibbo and Marian Munro. There was a total of 28 exhibits displaying a number of wares from businesses hailing from Williamstown, Sambro, the Pennants, White's Lake, Spryfield, Halifax and as far away as

Middleton. The Bloomin' Cafe supplied lunch items and snacks while the many shoppers and possible future vendors meandered around the displays and conversed with their occupants.

The atmosphere was pleasant with many favorable comments for future events such as this one. The turnout and response was great from the communities and helped to show the "center" as a vibrant and accessible key component of the loop, proving it may be used for many and all venues.



Bronze Medal winners in Provincials

Mainland South Express Bantam Girls, Div. #2 Basketball Team

Coach Laurie Blades, Divine Gbeve, Anastasija Cado, Keanna Rogers, Maxi Kane, Jessica Umlah, Alexandra Blades, Alex Tarasuk, Katieann Rocheleau

St. James Church Coffee House Proceeds to Aid Japan Disaster Relief

By Lorrie Boylen

On Sunday, April 10, 2011 the St. James Church in Sambro hosted another all ages Coffee House. This time, the \$581.75 raised will go towards Japan disaster relief.

Admission was by freewill offering, with donated sweets and refreshments served up by the friendly and efficient kitchen volunteers. Marilyn Leblanc and Andrew Savard co-emceed the event, which ran smoothly throughout the evening, thanks to sound engineers Stephen Bordl and Ed Oakley.

17 performers from the Sambro Loop and beyond willingly shared their multitude of talents for this great cause, including Trever Dolhan, a recent arrival to the church community from the Yukon.

The audience was treated to sev-

eral original songs by Ed Oakley, well known local songwriter and folk-rock performer who boasts an ECMA nomination, placement in Q104's Home Grown competition, a finalist in CBC's national song writing contest and a 2010 New Talent Demo Award from FACTOR (Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent on Recordings). Ed is aiming for a fall release date for his new CD.

For more information check out www.edoakley.ca.

Coming together to help people is one of the things Sambro does best, and what better way than through music and fun?

Another coffee house is already being planned in the coming months, this time to raise money for an AIDS Hospice in Botswana.

“Horribly” Great Show at J.L. Ilsley



By Roisin Boyle

Students at J.L. Ilsley High stayed at school until well past 9:30 in the evenings leading up to the opening of this year’s musical, Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog. With an energetic cast of 16, along with makeup artists, hair stylists, a pit band made up entirely of students, and a stage crew led by managers Kaitlyn Withers and Danielle Hinds, the show was a huge success during all four performances. It ran from April 14-16 on the school’s stage, with a show each evening as well as a student matinee.

There was very nearly no musical at all this year, but Mr. Burke, the band teacher at the high school, and Mr.

Murphy, a student teacher, stepped in to make one possible.

The main roles were double cast, with Dan Abarbanel and Alex Thompson hilarious and endearing as Dr. Horrible, who has “a Ph.D. in Horribleness”, Chris Gallant and Tyler Jollimore pompous as Captain Hammer, Grace O’Hara and Sarah Boyle as the sweet and innocent Penny and Connor Booker and Paige Cameron frighteningly, uh, soggy, as Moist. Sarah Paynter, Melanie Scallion Laura Cairns, Caitlin Heimpel, Josh Gallant, Erinn Drage, Konyon Jallah and Hilary Richardson made up the rest of the fantastic cast.

Dr. Horrible’s Sing-Along blog

was originally created by Joss, Jed and Zack Whedon and Maurissa Tancha-roen during the 2007-2008 Writers Guild of America Strike. It went on to become an online sensation and won many awards, including a Creative Arts Emmy Award. As its popularity soared, it was only natural that it would be adapted to stage. Andrew Lloyd Baugh-man made it so, and his stage version came to be in the hands of the talented group of students at J.L. Ilsley.

The musical opens on Dr. Horrible himself, practicing his evil laugh. He derides the lack of standards of the super-villains without memorable

laughs. He must keep working on his, as he intends to be admitted to the Evil League of Evil. As the story continues, the audience meets Dr. Horrible’s love interest, Penny, who unfortunately falls for the lead’s nemesis, Captain Hammer. The Doctor must balance his romantic life with his continual and often thwarted attempts at evil. The result is a striking contrast of love and hate that lends itself to a powerful, yet delightful musical full of feeling and intrigue.

Doctor Horrible’s Sing-Along Blog was captivating, the villain lovable, and the finale heart-wrenching. It was beautifully presented, more than worth the \$6 cost of the tickets. There was truly nothing “Horrible” about it.

Terry Punch Tackles Scottish History

By Jason Doherty

When I was an archaeologist some of my favourite excavations were conducted on Scottish settlements in Nova Scotia. The Scots who settled here in the 18th century were very adept at building and farming and left wonderful physical evidence of their lives. From artesian wells to beautifully constructed cellars, evidence of their success abounds. Unfortunately, in terms of written records, the evidence is scarce. Some of the best data comes from ships passenger lists, but very few of these lists survived. This leaves many of the sites un-named. No one has created a comprehensive collection

of the available resources.

This is no longer the case. Terry Punch, local author and historian, has scoured census, probate, church and military records, collected information from headstones and older newspapers. And the end result is a massive record of Scottish families in Nova Scotia. There are more than 4,000 names listed in the first volume alone.

Terry will be launching his new book series entitled “Early Scots in Maritime Canada” at the Captain Spry Library at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 25th.

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- Family portrait from **Moments for a Lifetime**

The top three letters will be printed in the July issue, along with a photo of the winning Dad and his family.

Here are the rules:
 All entries must be sent electronically by June 1st.
 All Dads must live in the Chebucto area.
 All entries received become the property of the *Chebucto News* and we reserve the right to publish the entries as we see fit.
 Please send your entries to tangelene@live.com

Do Cutbacks Equal Educational Crisis?

By Jason Doherty

In this time of fiscal strife we have witnessed cutbacks to everything from medical care to childcare. One worrying trend has been the shrinking Education budget. School Boards and teachers are increasingly required to work with less and less money. One has to ask: How are the cuts affecting my child's education?

In fact a group of parents, educators and administrators met on March 29th to tackle this important question. A panel consisting of Dr. Paul Bennett - Schoolhouse Consulting, Charles Cirtwill - Atlantic Institute for Market Studies, David Finlayson - Halifax Regional School Board, Wade Brummet - Equal Education Association of Nova Scotia, and moderated by Layton Dorey - Chebucto Community Development Association, expressed their ideas and concerns and then fielded questions from the audience.

The first to speak was Dr. Paul Bennett. He focused on the meat of the matter, the money. He suggests that less money should be spent on administration and more spent on classrooms. Dr Bennett stated that we are losing more than 3000 students a year due to declining enrolment. He also pointed out that with \$17.6 million in cuts, paying out 15% of what is left to administration is unacceptable.

Next up was Wade Brummet, who is the father of a child with a learning disability. Mr. Brummet is also the volunteer chair of EEANS and has also worked with the last 4 Ministers of Education and 2 deputies. When he began looking around for help for his child he became aware of the lack of support available to him. Since then he has been fighting for more support and better education for children with learning disabilities.

Charles Cirtwill expressed concern over where the education money is being spent. He feels we should be more focused on that than how much the budget is. He suggested models that work in other provinces and are much more cost effective than Nova Scotia's current system. In particular is a program that has been running successfully in Alberta and Mr Cirtwill feels Nova Scotia should adopt a similar program. According to him, Alberta out scores Ontario and Quebec but spends less money on education.

Dave Finlayson feels we have to look at the big picture. We should be concerned about the quality of our children's education not the number of facilities each region has. We spend so much time focusing on facility upgrades that we forget about the reason for the facilities in the first place. He also feels that school boards and educators need more autonomy and freedom to improve education.

The big question raised by the group was: is the department of education still relevant? Dr Bennett suggested that Nova Scotia is so far behind other provinces that our system has become irrelevant.

Our system is like a clogged drain, Mr. Finlayson explained. New ideas can't get through the red tape and now the department is stagnant.

Mr Brommet added that the will of the politicians involved is rarely in line with the department which also prevents improvements to education.

Charles suggested that parents are also to blame for the current state of the department of education. In the 90's, parents wanted inclusion in schools and essentially forced the department to adopt inclusion into the system. Now, everyone agrees that inclusion isn't working, and in fact never worked, but since parents forced it into the system

we are stuck with it.

The overall consensus of the evening was that the department of education, in its current state, is ineffective and our children are suffering for it. It is difficult for educators to see to the needs of learning disabled children today and we are not likely to see any lull in cutbacks anytime soon. Parents, educators, communities and businesses have to start improving our education system or start fresh with a new system. We are all responsible for the education of our children and the sooner we realise this the sooner we can make the necessary changes for the sake of all our children.

Bus Service Needs Change

By Lorrie Boylen

Citizens of the Sambro Loop are less than enchanted with the level of bus service they are receiving with their Community Bus. The route was on the chopping block last fall, but citizens rallied and got a reprieve, at least for now. However, runs were cut, leaving a huge gap in the middle of the day with no bus running.

Recent discussions with riders reveal that there have been occasions where the bus did not show up at all due to mechanical difficulties. Unlike many city routes where another bus will arrive within 10-20 minutes, The Loop riders must wait 1 hour and 20 minutes until the next bus arrives, and longer at midday. In at least one instance, the mechanical breakdown happened on the last bus of the morning, with the next run being 4 hours and 10 minutes away. No replacement bus was sent, and riders were left stranded and not knowing whether a bus would ever arrive or not. Checking with Transit's web site and call centre did not provide updated information. Riders agree: this level of service is unacceptable.

This creates a Catch-22 situation. Buses need riders to make the route viable, and riders need reliable service in order to make the lifestyle change. Folks aren't willing to give up their parking spots and sell their cars only to be left standing in the cold. Literally.

Steve Adams advises that in the coming months there will be a Council motion proposing an option allow-

ing service around the complete loop, with 3 trips in the morning and 4 in the afternoon.

Riders who experience issues such as buses not showing up, being very late or not having viable connection times should call Halifax Transit at 490-4000 and follow up by contacting Steve Adams at 477-0627 or adamss@halifax.ca

so that these can be documented. While it may appear futile when it seems nothing is being done, if only one or two complaints are logged, the assumption is that most riders are content with the level of service they are receiving. With a paper trail revealing multiple complaints from various people, perhaps positive changes can be made.

Healthy Moments Retreat



PHOTOGRAPH BY HEATHER HILL

By Lorrie Boylen

Local Registered Massage Therapist Bobbi Jo Ferguson-Hill of Tranquil Moments Massage and Body Treatments has teamed up with her sister-in-law, Professional Dietician Heather Hill of Healthy Bites Nutrition to create "Healthy Moments Workshops & Retreats." This dynamic duo are dedicated to providing quality education on nutrition and stress management in an environment balanced with workshops, activity and relaxation. Their passion is to help their clients infuse each and every day with healthy practices and a positive attitude.

Heather's focus is to provide clients with personalized nutrition education. With a passion for helping others make positive changes to their lifestyle, she brings an exciting and fresh approach to her nutrition education.

Bobbi Jo is dedicated to the health and well being of her clientele, recognizing that their health can be improved not only by hands on treatments but also through changes in their daily lifestyle.

Their first fun filled retreat is scheduled for May 15th at Bayside Camp located at 1503 Ketch Harbour Road, Sambro Head, from 8:30-4:30. Topics will include nutrition label reading, grocery shopping hints and tips for healthy living, healthy substitutions for your favorite recipes, emotional eating, journal writing, stress management, negative self talk, meditation and physical activity. The \$75 per person registration fee covers the entire day long program, as well as continental breakfast, lunch and snacks.

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Raymond V. "Ray" Hartlin

Williamswood, NS. It is with great sadness that we have to announce the sudden passing of Raymond Vincent Hartlin, 67, of Williamswood on Monday, February 21st at the QEII, Halifax. Born on July 15th, 1943, he was a son of the late Earl and Ellen Hartlin of Jollimore. He was predeceased by his older brother, Robert Earl Hartlin. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years and best friend, Judith Anne, his two sons Mark Raymond (Roseann) and Brad Earl (Angela Bryden), his daughter, Christie Hogan (Jeff Knight), his four grandchildren, Summer Rose, Jacob, Carly and Aidan, his brothers Carl (Moncton) and Bernard (Ottawa), as well as his many cousins, nieces and nephews. Ray spent his younger years sailing in Armdale with so many friends, who will affectionately remember him as "Horsey", and on the ice where he was a great hockey player. He settled in Williamswood with wife Judy in 1973, and built his home over looking beautiful Moody Lake, where he had so many memorable moments on his favorite pontoon boat while sailing with the "Captain". Over his lifetime, Ray maintained a strong relationship in the community through his close ties with local hockey, and charity and business organizations. He took over his most successful business, "Ray Hartlin Painting and Decorating", over 40 years ago from his father, Earl, and he now leaves it in the well guided and trusted hands of his son, Mark. Ray also owned and operated "Hartlin Hardware" on the Herring Cove Road, later moving the business to the Bayer's Road Shopping Centre. After 20 years he decided to move on from the retail business and focus all his efforts on the painting company. In the last few years he ventured into the Restaurant/Hospitality Industry with his son, Brad, by creating "Bubba Ray's Sports Bar", which proudly bares his name and has become a Halifax Landmark. He enjoyed life to the fullest and was proud of everyone that came into it. He will be sadly missed by all co-workers, customers, family and friends.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, February 24th, 2011 from St. Andrews United Church, 6036 Coburg Road (corner of Robie Street and Coburg Road), Halifax, NS, with Rev. Russell Daye as officiant. Donations in memory of Ray may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association or to a charity of your choice. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

Anne Strickland

97, Halifax, passed away March 8, 2011 surrounded by her family, in Arbourstone Enhanced Care. Born in Piccarie, NL, she was a daughter of the late Benjamin and Susan (Pickett) Coombs. She was a member of the Emmanuel Anglican Church, and a past member of the ACW and had been employed with the School for the blind for years. She loved to knit and watch her favourite Toronto Maple Leafs. She is survived by sons; Matthew (Barbara), Bedford; Jimmy (Alma), Sackville; William "Bill", Halifax; Russell (Mary Sue), Moncton; daughters; Donna Marchand (Douglas) and Susan Boutilier (Edward) both of Halifax; grandchildren Lena, Denise, Darrin, Cathy, Jeff, Russell, Dougie, Jason, Joey, Katie, Spencer, Mark; step grandchildren Stephanie, Denise, Malory; great grandchildren Allyssa, Tara Lyn, Carly, Shelby, Brendon, Gavin, Lauryn, Reid and several nieces and nephews. Annie was predeceased by husband Matthew; brother Albert, William "Bill"; sisters Bertha, Jane and Lilly. Arrangements under the care of J.A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. 149 Herring Cove Rd. (477-5601). Funeral service was held Saturday March 12 from Emmanuel Anglican Church Spryfield, Rev. Dianna Frye officiated.

Interment took place in the spring in Emmanuel Anglican Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. A special heartfelt thank you to Anne's niece Sharon Kenny and her daughter Hailey and the staff of the 3rd floor of Arbourstone Enhanced Care

Mary Belair

Belair (Sheridan) Mary Theresa Bernadette, 72, Spryfield, passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit of the VG Site, QEII on March 12, 2011. Born in Halifax February 22, 1939, she was the youngest of five children of the late Michael and Ethel (Ling) Sheridan and was very proud of her parents many achievements. Educated in Halifax, Mary graduated from St. Patrick's High School and received her Commercial Diploma from Mount Saint Vincent Academy. She worked for a number of law firms in Halifax before joining McInnes Cooper and Robertson, where she dedicated herself as a most loyal administrative assistant. It was during that time that she became interested in politics and worked with the likes of Robert Stanfield, Joe Clark and Kim Campbell during their visits to Halifax and was deeply involved in the political careers of George Cooper and her friend, John Buchanan. After her retirement Mary enjoyed looking after and spending time with her grand-daughter whom she adored. She was a dedicated volunteer visiting the sick and elderly in their homes and hospitals. She enjoyed walking and shopping which she did most everyday. She especially loved the socializing and fun she had with her many friends at elderobics and held a special place in her heart for her nephew, Mark Belair. She also dabbled in the art of painting on occasion and had a great love of music

and classic movies. She is survived by daughter, Andrea Belair (Steve Treleaven); son, Crag Belair (Doris Martell); granddaughters, Maurice and Sheridan; sister, Joan Kelly (Granville); brothers, Bill Sheridan (Joyce), Jimmy Sheridan, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving husband and soul mate Maurice Edward Belair; infant son, Stephen; sister, Ann Flinn (Errol); siter-in-law, Helen Belair (Allan); brother/sister-in-law, Leo and Helen Belair and John Golden (Cathy). Special thanks to all the wonderful nurses staff of palliative care unit for their understanding, compassion, love and support- you are truly special people! Arrangements were entrusted to J.A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. The funeral service was held in the chapel on Friday, March 18, with interment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Donations may be made in mom's name to the charity of choice. Words of comfort to the family may be sent to www.walkerfh.com.

Raymond Hutchinson

Halifax, NS. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Raymond Hutchinson on March 17, 2011 at age 42. He was a son of Douglas and the late Shirley Hutchinson. Ray is survived by sister, Cheryl, brothers,

Harley, Scott (Paula) and niece Jacqueline, and nephews Mitchell and Douglas. Ray graduated from J.L. Ilesley high school and Compu College and served in the Canadian Armed Forces - Artillery Division. Active in sports, he was a long time player and coach of Chebucto Minor Hockey. Ray was a volunteer at the IWK Health Centre and an active member of West End Baptist Church. His generous and gracious spirit touched many lives. Ray had many good friends and a kind word for everyone. His smile will be with us forever. Visitation took place at JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., on Friday, March 25. The funeral was held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 in the West End Baptist Church, 1986 Preston St. Halifax, NS, with Rev. Nolan Lee officiating. Interment will take place at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Deborah Steeves

57, Lanesville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 25, 2011 in the QE II Palliative Care Unit. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Frank and Irene (Drysdale) Hallett. Deborah is survived by loving husband Stephen, sons; Stephen (Andrea), Sandy both of (See Obituaries on page 13)

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There's no easy way to tell you this this so I'll just come out and say it: if you own a house or a business in HRM (or anywhere else in Nova

Scotia), you'll eventually be paying more in property taxes than you should – because the Province has walked away from an agreement it made with municipalities.

Let's say you own a home in HRM that's valued at \$200,000. By the year 2014, you'll have paid approximately \$100 more in taxes, thanks to the Province. If you're a business owner assessed at, say, a million dollars; you'll have paid approximately \$400 more. This is an unfair burden on the shoulders of local taxpayers through no fault of mayors and councillors.

In 2007, the Provincial Government signed a seven-year deal with the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. The Province accepted gradual responsibility for \$100 million in provincial costs for corrections, assessment services and public housing; it also agreed to cap municipal contributions for education.

If you are an HRM taxpayer, you'll have noticed that your annual bill is basically divided into two sections:

- One part details your contribution to keep HRM operating with core services like fire and police, recreation, water and sewer, roads, transit and other services and infrastructures.

- The other part is your share of the Province's costs for those three services I just mentioned. It's a mandatory bill over which HRM has no control and which consumes up to 25% of your local property taxes. This is the burden that the Province had agreed to take over gradually.

Shockingly, the Province decided in March – without any discussion – that it was no longer going to honour the deal. As a result, between now and 2014, HRM taxpayers will have to come up with the \$45 million that the Province had agreed to absorb as well as \$20 million annually thereafter. This is a blow because we only have that

one main source of revenue, namely property owners – some of whom are seniors, single parents and those on low incomes.

By contrast, the Province has numerous revenue streams. Not only can it count on the mandatory contributions from municipalities, it has income tax, sales tax, user fees and federal transfers. By tearing up our agreement, clearly it plans to balance its books on the backs of local property owners, leaving municipalities with few alternatives.

A number of you have expressed shock at the Province's decision and are rightly concerned at the damage this has done to public confidence in

government.

I have written to the Premier on behalf of Council, stating our dismay at the lack of respect his government has shown for Nova Scotians. We have also visited the Legislature with dozens of other mayors, wardens and councillors in an unprecedented show of concern on behalf of property owners everywhere.

We'll continue to pressure the Province to honour our agreement however, our voices will be even stronger if you join us. I urge you to contact Premier Darrell Dexter (424-6600 or 462-5300); Finance Minister Graham Steele (424-5720 or 453-5556); and local MLA, Michele Raymond (477-4100).

You could also share your opinion with the NDP Caucus (424-4134); the PC Caucus (424-2731); and the Liberal caucus (424-8637).

I urge you to get informed, get engaged and get moving, before it's too late. To find out more and to learn how to join the social media conversation, go to Halifax.ca and check out A Deal is A Deal.

Taxpayers everywhere need to get involved!

Reach me at kellyp@halifax.ca or www.peterkelly.ca or by phoning 490-4010. Join me on my Twitter page or my blog <http://mayorpeterkelly.wordpress.com/>.

Access-A Bus service will be improving

By Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 17

Recently, I met with Metro Transit managers to discuss their plan to meet Council's request for expanded service in 2011/2012. Residents have made it very clear to Council and staff that they want more efficient and effective transit service. They are continuing to expand the accessible low floor service and, as such, five more existing routes will be converted. The one that covers part of District 17 is the 23 Timberlea-Mumford that travels on the St. Margaret's Bay Road. This will increase the total number of accessible bus and ferry routes to 67% of all routes. All accessible low floor buses can carry bicycles as well.

Metro Transit is conducting research to expand local transit to smaller communities. In addition, the highly successful MetroX service will be expanding and adding park and ride lots outside the urban core such as in Porters Lake. New routes are planned to meet the demand in growing communities such as Royal Hemlocks, service to the Airport/Fall River, and a new enhanced bus route will service the Dockyard. There have been some routing adjustments to pick up passengers in high traffic areas. The Urban Express service is being expanded as well which will provide limited stop service to the Halifax Peninsula from outlying areas.

A major improvement will be our Access-A-Bus program. Previously

residents had to book seven days in advance to get the service. This necessitated long range planning. Often the buses were full as some people booked a couple different times to hedge their bets to get on a bus. As of July 1st, the booking window will be reduced to 48 hours. With the addition of four new buses we will be able to pick up passengers that live within 1000m of community transit. Previously many people in outlying areas such as Harriestfield had to take a taxi to the Spryfield Mall in order to receive HRM's Access-A-Bus. These residents will now be within the service area. Accessible landing pads will be installed to pick up passengers.

In order to appropriately meet service demands and changing transit usage by residents, we need to have accurate information on how many people are using the service on each route. Currently we have people manually counting passengers on each bus at least once per year. Pending Council's budget approval, we will be installing automated passenger counters on a portion of the fleet. The counters can be moved to other buses whenever data is required.

There are also major capital upgrades planned for the next year, including but not limited to, new terminals such as Dartmouth and Lacewood and the design and construction of a fourth ferry for the Woodside-Halifax

route. In order to accommodate the service increases, we will be hiring 30 new Transit Drivers.

Although it has not been in the media, the province of Nova Scotia has new legislation that will start on May 1, 2011. The legislation will require all vehicles to yield to buses when they are re-entering traffic. Rather than the current practise of it being a courtesy to let the bus back into the traffic stream, it will now be law. This is positive for Metro Transit and passengers as it will improve the timeliness of the service.

If you have any customer service enquiries for Metro Transit please call our call centre at 490-4000. They have a process in place to assign a customer service number and initiate follow up.

On another note, the restoration work that is being done at the Memorial (Dingle) Tower is continuing to become far more extensive than originally anticipated. Since we had the tower designated a National Historic Site we were able to obtain a cost sharing grant of \$425,000 from both HRM and the federal government. The \$850,000 has been expended and HRM has budgeted another \$425,000 for the 2011/2012 year. We had requested a second grant of \$425,000 from the federal government but as the election was called unfortunately we could not get confirmation for funding. Hopefully whichever party forms the government will

(See Access-A Bus on page 13)

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Central Spryfield School under review for closure

By Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 18

In early April, we held two community meetings to discuss potential paving projects throughout Harrietsfield, Williamswood and a road to Portuguese Cove. These meetings were held to gauge the interest in having other streets paved.

Options were laid out with regard to costs, payment options and terms. Our past practice was to simply send out a petition, asking if residents were in favour or opposed to paving. Very little additional information was provided.

I must make it perfectly clear that the intent of these meetings was not to convince residents to have their streets paved. These meetings were designed to ensure that residents had all of the necessary information to make an informed decision.

This is a provincial program, which is administered by HRM. The province pays 50% of the costs and residents pay the other 50% of the costs. As of the writing of this article, we are waiting to see how many of these roads the province is willing to fund.

On Thursday, April 14th the AGM was held for the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre. The annual reports were read by members of the executive and the manager of the Centre.

There was confusion and some rather heated discussion when the election of officers and voter eligibility came forward. At issue was the question of who could offer in this election, and who was able to participate in the vote. There were numerous interpretations of the by-laws and also opinions as to which rules should be followed for the vote. It was clear that we were not going to be able to come to a resolution. Given that, I suggested that we forward this to our Legal Department to render a decision.

When this decision becomes available, we will hold another meeting for the election of officers and move forward.

On Saturday, April 16, I visited the Centre, which hosted a Community Trade Show. This event was nothing short of a huge success. In speaking with many participants, they were pleased with the turnout and were

anxious to do it again. I would encourage all residents to drop by any future Community Trade Shows in District 18; you will not be disappointed.

It seems that not a year goes by that we as a community do not have to deal with potential school closures. At the end of March, both Central Spryfield and Sambro Elementary School were being considered for review. The School Board decided not to review Sambro Elementary School. However, the Board decided to put Central Spryfield forward for review.

This decision did not make sense to me, given the amount of development that is occurring and the amount approved. Apparently, the consultant hired by the Board suggested there

would be a decline in enrolment. This is confusing, to say the least.

You may recall we went through a similar process with the "Imagine our Schools" project a few years ago. The document that was produced clearly showed that Central School was only one of two schools that showed growth through 2008-09. I have forwarded this information to School Board Representative, Cheryl Blumenthal, and Irvine Carvery, Board Chair, for their information. Given this data I have asked Cheryl to put forward a Notice of Reconsideration for the review. Should this not be successful, I will work with the school staff and concerned parents to fight for review; and possible closure.

Obituaries

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Bedford, Robert (Paula), Sackville, brothers; Ronald "Jeep" (Heather), Halifax, Robert (Kathy), Sackville, Frank "Sam" (Susan), Oshawa, ON., sisters; Donna Hallett, Frances Hallett-Bennett both of Halifax, Carolyn Benoit (Arthur), White's Lake, Valerie Cameron (Steve), Dartmouth, Dianne Leigh Boutilier (Eric), Queensland, grandchildren; Zack, Haley, Ryan, Johnathan, Kyle, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sister Geraldine Hallett-MacDonald and granddaughter Kylie Dawn. Arrangements under the care of J.A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. where visitation was held Tuesday March 29. The funeral service took place on Thursday March 31 from the funeral home chapel, Rev. Russell Saulnier officiated. Interment tookplace in Fairview Lawn Cemetery Halifax. Memorial donations in Deborah's name may be made to the QE II Palliative Care Unit.

Keith Gray

78, Sambro, passed away peacefully with his loving wife of 57 years by his side on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the QEII Halifax Infirmary. Born in Sambro, he was a son of the late Austin and Gertrude (Findlay) Gray.

Keith was a retired fisherman

having been on the water from the age of 13. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed spending time in the outdoors camping with his family and friends. "Doc" was well known among friends and throughout the community for his "unique" sense of humor, which remained with him until the very end. He will be forever missed by wife, Margaret "Nanny Marg"; daughters, Glenda (Ian), Vicki (John), Shelly (Brent); son, Blaine (Kevin); grandchildren, John, Roy, Andrew, Lisa, Greg, Krista, Brad, Brittany, Chad and Meghan; great-grandchildren, Skyler, Grayson, Brittany, Lauren, Jason, Chasity and Rylee. He is survived by sister, Nancy Marryatt (Hughie); sister in-law, Carol Gray; several nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by nephew and lifetime neighbors Victor, Kim, Bobby and Mark. He was predeceased by his brother, Granville.

Cremation has taken place under the care of J. A. Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Respecting his wishes, a graveside service was held on Tuesday, April 19 in St. James United Church Cemetery, Sambro, Rev. Keltie van Binsbergen officiated accompanied by a Prayer from The Salvation Army. Donations may be made to a charity of choice.

Special thanks go out to Anne Marie and the staff of 7.2 for their wonderful care and compassion during Dad's extended hospital stay.

Access-A-Bus service will be improving

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that restoration of the Memorial Tower and what it stands for is critical and we will be able to move to Phase 2 of the restoration. On a positive note, originally we thought that we may have to move the lions to restore them but it has been determined that the wax treatments that we have done in the past are sufficient and that they are very solid. The only other work that will be performed is to address the patina (colour that has aged) so it will have a common appearance. Certainly many residents want to once again sit on the lions and enjoy the beautiful North West Arm.

St. David's Church to be Deconsecrated

By Jason Doherty

Down in the heart of Portuguese Cove is a little white church with a lot of history and not much future. In 1944, a small group of families got together and built St. David's Church on land donated by Captain Lloyd Jenkins. It took 8 years to build but when it was finished the church was not only debt free but a symbol of what can be accomplished by a small group of dedicated individuals. Right Reverend Robert H. Waterman, Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia, consecrated the church in 1953 and the church has been in use until now.

On May 29th, 2011, the church will be deconsecrated and then torn down in June. Attendance at the church has declined and staff cannot raise the funds to maintain the building. This is an unfortunate trend these days as churches are closing all over Canada due to these same reasons.

Once the demolition is complete the land will be given over to the existing cemetery. The deconsecrating service will be conducted by the Right Reverend Sue Moxley at 10:30 am and all are welcome to attend.

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Chebucto News Community Events

To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 477-NEWS or send e-mail to tangelene@live.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MAY

The PTA of William King Elementary School would like to invite you to our Spring Fair.

On May 14, 10am - 1pm at 91 St. Pauls Ave., Herring Cove. This event is sure to be fun for the whole family!

St. James' Anglican Church in Herring Cove

(1 Harrigans Road) are having their Annual Lobster Supper on Saturday, June 11 from 3:00 – 6:00pm. Dinner choices are lobster or scallops or 1/2 & 1/2. There is a ham dinner and a childrens menu available for those who prefer a non-seafood dish. Tickets are sold in ADVANCE ONLY. For more information or to order tickets, please call 477-0398 or 446-8168 or 477-1051.

S.A.I.L. (Starting Again in Life) starts their fall season off with their first meeting September 8th. They meet at St. Agnes Parish, 6903 Mumford Rd. Meetings begin at 7pm and are the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For further information, please contact Marilyn Marcon at 469-3839.

The Chebucto Communities Development Association (CCDA) is looking for community minded people who live in the area from Arm-dale 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, businesses, 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.

LEGION: Bingo every Sunday at 1PM. Mini Bingo at 6 P.M. and Superstat Bingo at 7 P.M

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.

"Mystical McIntosh Run" Performances-Friday June 3 & Saturday June 4. \$25.00 ticket price includes a delicious three-course meal (salad, roast beef with veggies & dessert-wine available). Emmanuel Church Hall 322 Herring Cove Rd. Halifax. Doors open at 6:15pm (Reserved ticket seating) Tickets/Information available by contacting: Alecta 477-7870 Reserve tickets early!!!!

Encore is a free exercise and education program for women who have survived breast cancer held at the Cpt. Spry Centre for 8 weeks offered seasonally. The program runs from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and includes both land and pool exercises designed specifically for women who have had breast surgery and/or treatments. To register or for more information, please call Carolyn at the Cpt. Spry Centre, 479-1111.

URBAN FARM MEETING: "The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will meet on Monday, May 9th, 2011, 7pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. Volunteers and new members welcome. For further information please contact Pat @ 477-6087 or e mail jamac@ns.sympatico.ca."

UFMSS 15th Birthday Party "The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will be celebrating its 15th birthday on Saturday, June 11th, 2011. Everyone is invited to help celebrate this milestone in our community. Special guests, entertainment and birthday cake! The event will be held at the Urban Farm, Rockingstone Road from 2 to 4pm. In case of rain, we will celebrate at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre on 10 Kidston Road. For further information, please call Pat @ 477-6087 or e mail jamac@ns.sympatico.ca."

Plant Sale, Saturday May 28 Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield, 10 am to 12 Noon at Captain William Spry Community Centre, 10 Kidston Rd. (Drop off plants Friday evening at 6:30 to 7 :30 pm)

Plant and Pantry Sale and More Parkhill United Church, corner Parkhill and Kirk Roads, Jollimore, Sat. May 14, from 9 am to 12 noon. Contact Regine Maass, 477-1469

Sambro Sou'Wester Days are scheduled for the weekend of August 12-14, 2011. Kim MacKay has agreed to head the organization committee for 2011. Kim will no doubt continue to build on the work done over the past three years. Leslie Harnish will stay on to assist with paperwork and accounting. Many volunteers are required to make an event like this happen. The first planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 51 View Point Road, Williamswood. Come on out and see how you can become involved! Please contact Kim at 475-1583 for more information

The Victoria General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association is celebrating 91 years of service, the oldest continuous Nursing Alumni in Canada. An Open House and Birthday Party will be held Saturday, May 28th from 2 – 4 pm in the Ballroom of the Bethune Building, University Ave. Tour our Nursing Archives, enjoy a display of historic photographs and artifacts over tea and cake. Donations accepted for Save the Nursing Archives Fund.

Iris Shea will be guest speaker at the **Annual General Meeting of Mainland South Heritage Society**, Thursday, June 2nd at 7 pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. Her presentation is entitled "Pool House in Jollimore: Uncovering the mystery of this 19th century house, its original location and owners". Admission free.

Upcoming Events at the Harriotsfield Williamswood Community Centre May 12, 7-9. PreTeen Dance. All your favourite dance tunes, throw down the moves! Canteen open with snacks and drinks to purchase. \$3.00 admission. Jun 4 Annual Fishing Derby. Adult Dance to follow with live music provided by the Gordie Duggan Band, playing the dance classics. 9-1AM. Cash bar. Snacks optional. Tickets \$15.00 available now. Phone 404-

7838 or abrine@eastlink.ca **Please note that you must be 19 years of age or older.**

The HWCC is located at 1138 Old Sambro Road, Harriotsfield.

Harriotsfield Elementary School, 1150 Old Sambro Rd, will be holding its annual Spring Fair on Saturday, May 28th from 11-2. Bouncy games, BBQ, games, bake table, pony rides, flea market, canteen. All welcome. \$.50 admittance at the door.

The following dates are for community news for the **Young at Heart Club** held at the Golden Age Social Center, 212 Herring Cove Rd. May 1st. Ecumenical Service. 2pm all welcome. May 3rd, monthly meeting, 1:30pm - new members welcome. May 5th, penny auction – 7pm – all welcome. May 6th Bingo, 7pm – all welcome.

Also – meeting of the Golden Age Social Clubs Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, May 4th at 3:15pm. Anyone interested in joining the board of directors are most welcome to join us at the meeting. 212 Herring Cove Rd

St. James United Church UCW, Sambro (3811 Old Sambro Road) will be having a Dinner Theatre "You Feel the Same Way Too" musical based on music made popular by the Rankins. May 6, 7 13 and 14 @ 6:30 and May 8 @ 4:30. Tickets are \$30 each and are on sale Sundays 12:45-3pm, Monday and Wednesdays 6:30-8pm at St. James United in Sambro. Also our box office can be reached by email at sambrodinnertheatre@gmail.com and by phone at 868-2791

For one week in the summer, kids 7-12 can spend a fun week at The Salvation Army's, award winning, **Scotian Glen Camp**, in Sutherland's River, Nova Scotia. If a child puts in an application and is selected to go (based on the number of applications received, etc), The Army will transport the children to and from camp. The camp is absolutely free.

Applications for Spryfield/Sambro Loop children, can be picked up at The Salvation Army 328 Herring Cove Road. Thank you

Mental Health and Addiction Strategy Public Consultations Halifax, Tuesday, May 3, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Saint Mary's University, Burke Building, Burke Theatre B (Entrance off Inglis Street). Bridgewater, Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., South Shore Regional Hospital, Lecture rooms 1-3 (Third Floor)

The French consultation will be held in Halifax, Monday, May 16, 8 a.m. - noon at the Université Sainte-Anne, Campus de Halifax, 1589 Walnut St.

Healthy Kidz, a program of Family SOS, is

currently looking for volunteers to help at their Greystone, Spryfield location. For more information If interested, please forward all resumes to: Angela Jeffrey, BSW, MSW Healthy Kidz Coordinator, Family SOS 7071 Bayers Road Ste. 337, Halifax, NS B3L 2C2 Phone: 902-455-5515 Fax: 902-455-7190 hkzcoordinator@familysos.ca

Mother's Day Buffet Luncheon Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, Sunday, May 8th 12:00 Noon To 2:00 pm. Adults \$8.00, Child Under 12, \$5.00

Dance Emmanuel Church Hall, 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield, Saturday, May 14, 2011, 8:00 pm to 12:00 am, \$7.00 per person. Music by Port & Starboard. Light lunch served at intermission

Girls' Club now up in running at St. Paul's United Church, for girls in grades 2-6. We are looking for volunteers for our programs. If you would like to volunteer or if you have children or grandchildren who like to participate for more information contact 404-9177 or email csgabriel@eastlink.ca

Parents of children with ADD, ADHD, Adults with ADHD Support Meetings Support meetings are informal and a great place to come and get answers on advocacy & support, resource material, referrals, and meet others affected by ADHD.

We meet the 1st Sunday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Captain William Spry Community Centre 10 Kidston Rd. For more information call 404-9177 or email csgabriel@eastlink.ca

The Captain William Spry Library is offering the students of Rockingstone School an on-site Reading Support Program to help students who would thrive with one on one reading time and relationship building.

Adult volunteers (18+) are needed who are interested in helping children with reading. Volunteer support, student reading selections, and activities are provided by program coordinator, Suzanne Bebbington. We are also looking for children age 5-13 who would like help with reading, spaces are available at the Library or at Rockingstone school. Please contact at 490-5714, or email bebbins@halifax.ca

Come join us for our **3rd Annual Free Spryfield Book Bonanza**. Everyone is welcome! There will be free books to take home for all ages!! Meet Maritime authors and illustrators. Repair books with the "Book Doctor." Write and illustrate your own book. Story time. Local celebrities. Children's activities. All FREE!! Saturday May 28, 2011 from 10:00-2:00 at Captain William Spry Community Centre.

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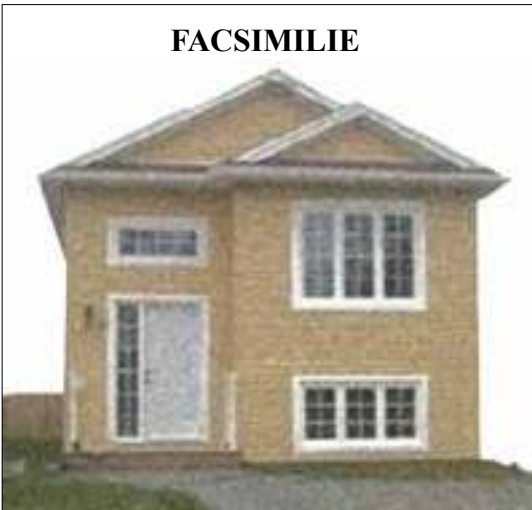


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This may be the perfect home for those starting out or downsizing for retirement living. Located within an easy walk to all levels of school, library, pool, fitness center, shopping and on a major bus route with just minutes to downtown you could not find a more convenient location. The area has gone through dramatic changes over the past few years and is now one of the best investments in HRM so act fast. The house itself is very well appointed with ceramic, hardwood and a very impressive trim package. All this and under 200K, this could well be the best deal around so don't hesitate call David Sampson 483-8761 or Dan Doherty 478-4023

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