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Stella Maris Catholic Church not only donated a lot of food, there were also a lot of volunteers from there

# St. Paul's United Church (FRI) thanks the community

by Carolyn Mont

As we begin a new year, it is sometimes helpful to look back. Due to the presence of Covid and the fallout from the virus, looking back at 2021 does not necessarily make us feel good. However, I would like to focus on one of the highlights of December 2021 at St. Paul's United Church. Our community ministry, the Family

Resources Institute (FRI), had their busiest time of year at Christmas. They sorted and stored the food donations that come in through November and early December. Then on the 13th of December, they started organizing the hampers to go. For some of you, that may seem like a simple task but it is huge and takes days to complete.

As the volunteers did the heavy work

of sorting and packing food, they were entertained by our organist, Skippy Mardon playing her accordion for

This is way too much to be done by our staff, Kristen Hollery and Rena Eldershaw. The community rallies to help with this. It may be assistance in the form of food, toys, or cash

(See St. Paul's on page 2)

# **Stella Maris Parish hosting Emergency** Winter **Shelters**

Stella Maris Parish, in collaboration with Good Shepherd Parish of west end Halifax, is participating in the Archdiocese Emergency Shelters project. There are currently two HRM approved shelters in place at the St Michael's Church location. The units are temporary 8' x 8' pre-fabricated, insulated shelters, with steel siding and roof. Inside each is a built-in bed, a heater, a single light fixture, a smoke detector and USB charge ports. Each parish will cover the costs of one shelter; between ten and eleven thousand dollars each. The total cost to the Archdiocese is estimated to be in the range of \$230,000.

Initiated by the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, the project received approval from HRM to move forward in late fall. The shelters are designed and constructed by the firm of Well Engineered, Inc. to meet provincial safety and city building code requirements, and can be easily transported to and from site by boom truck. Intended as a rapid, but temporary stop-gap measure in response to the growing problem of homelessness in HRM this winter, they will be in place until the end of May.

A link to design details and more information on this outreach ministry initiative can be found at https:// halifaxyarmouth.org/shelters/item/ emergency-shelters-project



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## St. Paul's

(continued from page 1) donations; all much appreciated. It may be in the form of people coming to help fill the hampers and to make sure that one hamper is as well filled as the others. Special thanks go to the communities around the Loop for the tremendous help they gave.

The Williamswood Fire Station, Station 62, had a huge food and toy drive, the proceeds of which were donated to FRI. Feed Nova Scotia provided frozen poultry and Hunt's Refrigeration of Harrietsfield stored them for us as we don't have that space. Stella Maris Catholic Church not only donated a lot of food, there were also a lot of volunteers from there. I must say, I love the ecumenical collaboration here with the different faith groups. It was also wonderful to see a group of students from J.L.Ilsley High School helping to fill the hampers. Thanks to all the individuals and organizations who helped with this event. That certainly speaks well of our community as a whole.

Thanks also to our staff, Rena and Kristen, for the work organizing all of these resources and volunteers This project runs smoothly thanks to their efforts.

As the Covid restrictions change, we often have to react to them at church. At the time of writing, the regulations say that we must socially distance, wear masks indoors and we are going back to the time when there is no singing in church, even while wearing a mask. At St. Paul's we also ask for proof of vaccination before entering the sanctuary.

In the new year, our popular

Soup's On program returns on Tuesday, January 11. This is a program of FRI and is a free lunch of soup and

sandwich. All Covid protocols will be followed.



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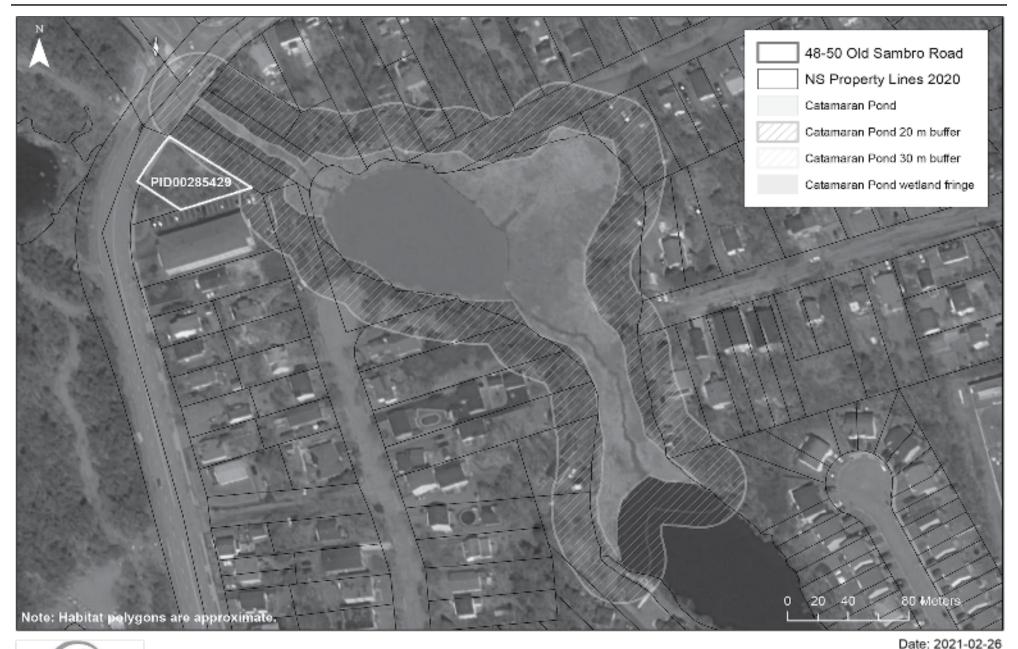


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## Catamaran Pond Buffer Widths

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# 48-50 Old Sambro Road rezoning application rejected! Residents relieved!

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by Cathy Vaughan
Rejected! The application to rezone 48-50 Old Sambro Road, from
R-2P to R-3P in Spryfield was rejected by the Halifax and West Community
Council on Tuesday, November 16,
2021. The Staff Report to Council addressed the required parameters of the proposed re-zoning to accommodate a 4-story, 13-unit apartment building. It fell short of presenting the severe impact on the environment, the opinions of local residents and the increased traffic at the busy intersection in Spryfield.

"No environmental implications are identified," stated the staff report and with this one sentence, dismissed a key concern of many residents and environmental groups in Spryfield.

"The most inaccurate and distressing part of the Staff Report was the statement that "No environmental implications are identified," said Dr. Melanie Dobson, molecular biologist with Dalhousie University.

"Over the past 20 years, I have been studying and recording water levels and quality in the Williams Lake watershed. The properties at 48-50 Old Sambro Road are situated high above, and adjacent to, a key stream that feeds into Catamaran Ponds and a major wetland area that in turn delivers water to Colpitt and Williams

Lake. The 13-vehicle underground carpark proposed for the development will require extensive blasting and site disturbance during the construction and subsequently change water flow from the properties into the wetlands," reports Dr. Dobson.

Martha Leary, resident and long-time volunteer in Spryfield, expressed her disappointment with the staff report. "After almost nine months of consideration, this Staff Report ignores our urban wetlands and environmental concerns of our watershed. The Catamaran Ponds and the marshes that surround them are an integral component of water quality and quantity for Governor's Brook, Colpitt and Williams Lake watershed."

Voices not heard! Public opinions and vision for the future of Spryfield were not referenced or recognized in the report. The neighbourhood was not accurately reflected as there was no mention of tax increases because of the new apartment building. No mention of how extensive digging and blasting will affect residents and alter water flow to adjacent properties with potential flooding. The increase in traffic into the busy intersection, just meters from the entrance to the site, is a serious issue for locals.

The traffic analyses focused on the number of trips apartment residents

would make to and from the city. It did not mention the increased numbers of vehicles in the heavily used intersection and major artery that connects Spryfield with HRM.

The report reads "To prevent any traffic from queuing on the street, Development Engineering is recommending right-in right-out access and egress to the property, to reduce the impact that the development will have on the intersection, which would be further reviewed during the permitting process." The traffic report was completed by a consultant who was hired by the developer.

Relieved! Spryfield Defenders is a citizen-action group who are dedicated to protecting nature in Spryfield and, via Facebook, provides a voice for the community. The site is designed and managed by Dana Oakley, long time resident of Spryfield and vocal advocate of stopping the rezoning of the property. There are 500 signatures on her petition against rezoning the small lot.

"We are a close community, with opinions of how we want our area to grow and thrive. I don't feel our voices, concerns and opinions were heard or given any credibility in this rezoning process. We value nature. We want to protect it. This apartment building will block a wildlife corridor,

add to the already heavy volume of traffic at this dangerous intersection, increase our property taxes and destroy the Catamaran Ponds. Folks will be relieved that the council rejected the rezoning application."

Author: Emma Bocking

Councillor Patty Cuttell spoke to the motion and questioned whether the land could accommodate such a building given the extreme slope down to the brook and Catamaran Ponds. Joining her in voting against the rezoning were Councillors Iona Stoddard and Kathryn Morse.

What's next? According to Jennifer Chapman, the HRM Planner on this file, the Clerk's department has 7 days to notify the applicant of Council's refusal to accept their application, after which point the applicant has 2 weeks to appeal Council's decision. If the applicant chooses not to appeal they can develop the land under the existing R-2P zoning.

Kathleen Hall, a director with the Williams Lake Conservation Company, felt that "Our work to protect wetlands, wildlife, Governors Brook and Colpitt and Williams Lakes' watershed continues. A big thank you to our Councillor Patty Cuttell and all Spryfield Defenders!"

As of December, the developer plans to appeal!

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



## Jollimores, Slaunwhites and Boutiliers at the North West Arm

by Iris Shea The term North West Arm (three separate words) was used during the 1800s and referred to the early settlement on the western side of the Northwest Arm (two words). The term Jollimore Village became popular after 1900, and Jollimore is now the accepted name for this community. The original three families, Jollimores, Slaunwhites and Boutiliers, came to Halifax, Nova Scotia, from Europe in 1751 and were referred to as Foreign Protestants. They settled in Lunenburg in 1753. The Schlagentweits (Slaunwhites) were from Germany;

the Jolimois (Jollimore) family came from Montbeliard which, at the time, was part of Germany but later became part of France; the Boutiliers were from Montbeliard.

John George Jollimore with his wife, Sophia Slaunwhite, residents of the Head of St. Margaret's Bay, purchased a 50 acre lot on the western side of the Northwest Arm in 1826. Known as Lot #2 in the division of George McIntosh lots, the Jollimores settled there with the youngest of their 17 children. This 50 acres today would include all of Boscobel and Boulderwood, as far as Boulderwood Drive, stretching from the shores of the Northwest Arm into Williams Lake. The Jollimores lost their land in a mortgage foreclosure in the late 1840s and relocated to Terence Bay where they received a 50 acre grant of land at Sandy Cove. Two of their sons, Frederick Jollimore (his wife, Lucy Westhaver) and John Jollimore (his wife, Elizabeth Boutilier) purchased two adjoining 50 acre lots at the North West Arm in 1845 from the estate of John Howe, Jr. Known as numbers three and four in the Mc-Intosh division, the lots later made up the village of Jollimore.and part of Fleming Park. A third son, John George Jollimore, Jr. (and his wife Julia Boutilier) settled on one acre of the shoreline of Frederick's lot. The three families, even before arriving at the North West Arm, had established a close connection.

Prior to 1826, John Martin Slaunwhite, a brother to John George Jollimore's wife, Sophia, travelled with his family on a seasonal basis between the Head of St. Margaret's Bay and the North West Arm. Quarrying was his main occupation, a skill that was passed down through future generations of his family. He and his wife, Mary Ann Garrison, baptized a child in 1823 at St. Paul's Church Halifax. The baptism record gave their residence as North West Arm. By



Skating on Frog Pond, ca. 1914: George Jollimore, Fred Boutilier, Francis (Tiny) Slaunwhite, Eli Slaunwhite (father of Tiny), and Joe Boutilier (father of Fred)

Photo courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society

1835 Martin Slaunwhite and his large family were living in Terence Bay. His children and grandchildren, however, married members of the Jollimore family and the Slaunwhite surname continued at the North West Arm.

George Boutilier and his wife, Suzanna Westhaver, arrived from the Head of St. Margaret's Bay in 1829 when they purchased two acres of lot number two from John George and Sophia Jollimore. Boutilier's land stretched from the shore of the Northwest Arm into Williams Lake, following the line of present day Boulderwood Road.

In 1838, although no transaction was found for purchase, Slaunwhite sold his 50 acre lot to John Howe, Jr., the same lot #3 purchased by John Jollimore in 1845. Lot #3 would have included Martin's Pond. The pond (or

what is left of it) beside Cunard Junior High School on the Williams Lake Road which was named for Martin Slaunwhite. There was evidence of quarrying at Martin's Pond long before Pine Bluff Subdivision was built. The pond was renamed Cunard Pond in later years and was separated from Williams Lake by a causeway.

Generations of these three families continued to live at the North West Arm, supporting their families as stone cutters, fishermen and farmers. Experienced stonecutters were in demand at the quarries in Purcell's Cove and around Williams Lake. Work was also available at Hosterman's mill at the head of the Northwest Arm and at one of the many industries at the mouth of the Northwest Arm.

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Amos Slaunwhite (ca. 1852-

1928) was making a name for himself as an entrepreneur. His mother, Mary Ann Jollimore, was the daughter of John George and Sophia (Slaunwhite) Jollimore, the original settlers of lot #2. Following his marriage to Louisa Jollimore, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Boutilier) Jollimore, Amos was given land by his inlaws, part of lot #3 at the North West Arm. He purchased more of this valuable shoreline property and built summer cottages which he sold to Halifax merchants, medical doctors and lawyers.

Josiah (Joe) Boutil-

ier (1872-1964) was a descendant of the aforementioned George Boutilier of the North West Arm and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Boutilier Westhaver. He married Lucy Jollimore, the grand-daughter of Frederick and Lucy (Westhaver) Jollimore who owned lot #4 at the North West Arm. Joe Boutilier, like Amos Slaunwhite, was an entrepreneur. He owned a boat rental business at the Dingle and ran the ferry to Oakland Road. Two of his three sons, Fred and Foster, continued to operate the Oakland Road ferry after their father retired.

Descendants of the Jollimores, Slaunwhites and Boutiliers of the North West Arm are found in most provinces of Canada, several of the United States, and throughout Nova Scotia. There are also descendants still living in Jollimore.

May 2022 bring you peace, prosperity and good health

from the Management and Staff

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Eileen Laura (Clayton) Campbell It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Eileen Campbell at home on Nov 19, 2021.

Born in Halifax she was the daughter of the Late Clyde and Mary Clayton.

Eileen loved her family more than anything and family gatherings were always so special to her. She was a hockey lover and was an athlete in her younger years; playing basketball and in her teenage years becoming Doubles badminton champion for the province of Nova Scotia. She was even a "Chebucto Hockey Mom" when we played.

When mom was 10 she took off on a motorized mini-bike and took off down the driveway. Grand-dad was in pursuit, hanging out of the passenger's window in an attempt to grab her; instead mom bailed off the bike. From the fall she was bandaged from her waist up to and around her arms; with the bandages changed often to apply ointments. She was tough, even then!

Along with loving her two sons Eileen also loved her animals; with many cats over the years including Prince, Huey, and Leon as well as her beloved dog Sultan.

Eileen worked for the HRM for 20 years before her retirement. Since then she did not slow down, but enjoyed gardening, going for drives with



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Clarence and spending time at the Herring Cove Look-off.

Mom had dementia, and the family would like to thank the in-home nurses from Closing the Gap for all of their dedicated work over the last several years.

Eileen is survived by sons Ian Webster and Colin Andrew Campbell. Siblings, Jan (Ken) Prince Albert Saskatchewan, Jim (Roseen) Dartmouth, Jerry (Brenda) St. John New Brunswick, Estelle and special friend Lois Hartnett, Steven (Kim) Riverview New Brunswick and special friend Lois Hartnett as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Eileen was predeceased by her parents, Clyde and Mary Clayton, siblings, Barbara, Clyde, Ray and John as well as special friend Clarence Cottreau.

As a way of honouring Eileen's memory, spend time with your loved

Messages and memorials may be directed to Eileen's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

#### **Brian William Gorman**

Brian William Gorman, age 67, passed away suddenly on November 26th, 2021 in the QEII Hospital, Halifax. Born December 13th, 1953 in Halifax, he was the son of the late Benjamin (Jean) Gorman and Doris (Delbert) Doucette.

Brian enjoyed his family and especially loved the time he got to spend with his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his beloved children, son, Brian (Tia) Gorman; daughter, Carole (Tommy) Gorman; his cherished grandchildren, Anthony, Devlin and Alicia; and greatgrandchildren, Jayson, Adalynn and Elias. He is also survived by his sisters; Cheryl (Gary) Warren and Barbara (Terry) Crouse and brothers; John (Bernadette) Gorman and Daryl (Louise) Gorman. As well as close lifelong friends and cousins, Davy and Lynn Kidd. He was predeceased by his sister, Cecilia Doucette.

Brian had a passion for bowling, playing darts, playing crib and he enjoyed the "occasional" Keith's beer. His loyal, caring and dedicated character led to him excelling in all he set out to do.

You may know him from his earlier days tending bar at the LBR in the Lord Nelson hotel. He also worked for a time at Armdale Taxi as a dispatcher and from there went on to become a cleaner at the Superstore in Spryfield for many years. He retired after tending bar at Mickey's in the Spryfield Bowlarama after almost a decade.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. Messages and memorials may be directed to Brian's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

### **Dereck Charles Day**

January 2, 1954 - November 27, 2021 Herring Cove, Spryfield and beyond are mourning the sudden and tragic loss of our dear friend, Dereck. Known to all as "Rick".

Rick had a quiet and charismatic charm. Known for his kindness, he was a consummate gentleman and a disarming and engaging conversationalist. He was an avid reader, a gifted wordsmith, hiker, nature/animal lover, musician and a ground-breaking graphic designer in the Halifax print media scene – well before the era of desktop publishing. Rick was a valuable and reliable software user, trainer and trouble-shooter for his colleagues as the print and design industry transitioned into digital media. He was a graduate of J.L. Ilsley High School and studied graphic design and photography at The Nova Scotia College of Art and Design where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Design Communication. He was a founding member of the firm, Graphic Design Associates, where he designed print and exhibition media for the music industry, government and corporate clients throughout the Atlantic Region. He subsequently worked for several years at E.O.A. Scientific where he applied his skills making digital educational materials. Before retirement Rick was employed for several years at the NSLC where his advice on wine was in demand.

A music lover with broad eclectic taste, his music playing began when he and colleagues, none of whom were musicians, decided to rent all of the equipment needed for a weekend of noise. Rick went on to play electric bass and acoustic guitar and recorded many musician friends over the years in his home studio. He did album covers for some big acts but he also was very generous to budding musicians, often providing them with free post-

To spend time with Rick was to know that he was humble, compassionate, intelligent, generous and funny. As serious as he was about technical matters at hand, this did not outweigh his enthusiasm for 'Monty Python's', 'Codco', 'Kids in the Hall', 'The Far Side', 'The Trailer Park Boys', many comics and puzzles, etc. He truly lived, loved and laughed.

Rick was predeceased by his father, Charles "Bucky" Day and mother Lorraine (Young) Day (Halifax) and brother Ronnie. He is survived by brother Gary Day (Jackie) and nieces Taylor and Cleanne, nephew Dylan Day (Adrienne), sister-in-law Gennine, cousin and close family friend Theresa Miller as well as extended

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Bide Awhile Animal Shelter.

Messages and memorials may be directed to Ricks's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

## **Neil Joseph Gillis**

June 23, 1937 - November 27, 2021 It is with great sadness the family of Neil J. Gillis of Halifax, announce the passing of their father, brother and uncle.

Neil leaves to mourn his passing, former wife Elizabeth Claire (Vancouver); daughter, Lisa Marie Gillis (Van-

couver) and son Daryl Lorette (Halifax); granddaughters: Christina Mould and Natalia Kerr (Vancouver); sisters: Hughina Parmiter (Halifax), Mary Jane Barkhouse (Chester), Donna Methot (Dartmouth), Monica Gillis, Ave Miceli, Lee Rumowicz, Marian Frazer (all of Florida), brothers: John (California) and Ronald (Halifax).

Predeceased by parents, Hugh and Elizabeth Gillis; brothers: Thomas, Michael, James; sisters: Jane, Joan, Theresa, Nora and Elizabeth.

After serving in the Air Force, Neil worked from the Yukon to the Bahamas. He spent 30 plus years in the hospitality industry. His long list of successes included lounges such as Dina's, The Network, Alexanders, Churchill's and Boomers. He volunteered many hours at Hand in Hand Thrift Store and Veritas Catholic Bookstore. Neil believed in hard work and rarely took time for himself.

Neil loved hosting family gatherings. He always offered help without question, expecting nothing in return, to family, friends, strangers, even the odd undocumented soul. Neil believed in keeping life simple and being kind to others.

Neil was well known, much admired and loved. He has left us with many fond memories and extraordinary stories. Neil will be sorely

Neil had many original sayings, but often quoted:

"Que Sera, Sera..."

Donations in memory of Neil J. Gillis may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Messages and memorials may be directed to Neil's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

### Erna Elizabeth Gray

86, Halifax, formerly of Sambro, NS, passed away peacefully with her dedicated and beloved son by her side on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the Halifax Infirmary, Halifax, NS. Born in Sambro, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Maude (Smith) Findley. In her youth, Erna had worked for Simpsons, and as a waitress at Pine Hill Hall. She met the love of her life, Vernon, at a very young age, to whom she was happily married until his passing in 1989. Erna was a very social lady, who enjoyed cards, Bingo, and dancing. She loved to spend time with her friends, especially at Halloween, her favorite day of the year. Erna was a dedicated wife and mother, and family meant everything to her. Erna will be remembered for being a lady.

She is survived by her loving son, Kevin, a sister, Doreen "Emily" Findley (Leslie), as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, greatnieces, great-nephews, and greatgreat-nieces and nephews. She will also be sadly missed by her closest friends, Gale, Theresa and Vivian.

Erna was predeceased by her husband, Vernon Wilbert Gray, her parents, a beloved granddaughter, Donna Sharmaine (Gray) Ward, a sister, Anita Molly Kelly, and brothers, Ivan, Brenton and Bernard. Special thanks to our amazing neighbours for all their

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## **OBITUARIES**

(continued from page 5) support for Mum and I, especially Tieneke. A special thank you to Sonya for all her support and care for mum in her last months of her journey.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Erna may be sent to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Liver Foundation or to St. James' United Church, Sambro, NS. Messages and memorials may be directed to Erna's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

"Love you, Mum"

#### **Gloria Stoner**

It is with deep sorrow that we mourn the peaceful passing of Gloria Jean Stoner (nee Gray), age 81, on December 3rd, 2021, surrounded by family after courageously battling multiple medical issues. Gloria was born on April 29th, 1940 at her family home in Sambro, Nova Scotia. She married her love, James in 1962 while he was in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and they relocated to Ontario in 1968 prior to returning to Sambro in 1988.

Gloria is survived by her husband James, her children Kelly (Brian) Uberig of Ontario, and Bill (Joanne) Stoner of Massachusetts, her grandchildren Jenny (Chris) Handy and Anna (Joven) McDonald of Ontario, Matthew (Annette) Stoner and Michelle (Waylon) Stoner of California, as well as her many siblings - Helen (Doug) Smith, Margaret (Keith) Grey and Gladys (Don) Ashford, Glen (Chrystal) Gray, Marshall (Dolly) Gray and Wallace (Winnie) Gray. Gloria is predeceased by her parents George and Helen (Jollimore) Gray as well as siblings Arthur (Maisie) Gray, Herman (Joan) Gray, Marie (Cecil) Billard, Verna (Clyde) Myatt, Gordon (Olive) Gray and Dora.

Gloria was a caring and loving wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister and friend who enjoyed her family, women's barbershop singing, her family gospel singing group, playing guitar, playing piano for the church, her many flowers and plants, traveling with Jim and the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, and more recently "surfing the internet". She was very proud of her children and grandchildren and had a great outlook on life along with a great sense of humour - Gloria will be forever remembered with love.

Gloria was a long standing member of St. James United Church, Sambro - a member of the choir and music director.

The family would like to extend a special heartfelt thanks to Chrystal and Glen Gray, and the wonderful staff of the QEII Hospital. Messages and memorials may be directed to Gloria's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

## Robert 'Bobby" Michael Briand

It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Robert Briand at Halifax Infirmary, on December 11th 2021. Born in Halifax he was the son of the Late Michael and Clara (MacDoland) Briand.

Bobby was an avid hockey lover

and in his younger years he was a goalie. He enjoyed watching old movies (Turner Classics) as well as collecting antique model cars, trucks, and airplanes. Bobby also enjoyed trips out with his sister Kathleen, whether it was eating out, going to the movies or to see the tall ships. He was also an active and faithful member of the City Church of Halifax.

Robert is survived by his sister Kathleen Rankin, niece Tabitha (Jeff) Lynds and nephews Michael James and Andrew Campbell Rankin.

Aside from his parents he is predeceased by brothers Gerald Kenneth Dean, Albert Percy Dean; and sister Dorothy Dean.

Donations in memory of Robert may be made to Muscular Dystrophy. Messages and memorials may be directed to Bobby's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

**Tony Leroy "Bones" Rafuse** age 59, of the Forties, passed away on December 5, 2021 in the QEII, VG site.

Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Garnet and Margaret (Bowers) Rafuse.

Tony worked for many years as a baker for Sobeys in various locations. He was a chef who truly enjoyed cooking. In his early years, he worked as a chef at Thackery's. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and going to his camp which eventually became his home. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, and taking them on 4-wheel rides. They treasured the time they spent with their "Papa".

Tony is survived by his daughter Ashten (Kevin) Orr, of Winnipeg, Manitoba; son Adam (Sarah), Harrietsfield; grandchildren, Aria, Brooklyn, Kayden and Cali.

He is also survived by his sister, Cindy (Jeff) Priske, Beaver Bank, and one niece and five nephews.

He was predeceased by his son Anthony; brother, Kevin and sister Chrissy.

Cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will be held

at 1pm on Thursday December 9th in Oakridge Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada.



In Memory of William G. Pope of Spryfield
Dec 18, 1935 to Dec 13, 2018

In memory of my beloved husband Bill Pope.
It's been 3 long and lonely years since we had to say goodbye. It's still hard to look at your picture without crying. I will hold you in my heart until I can hold you again in heaven.
Greatly missed, your loving wife, Noreen

## Stay safe on our lakes this winter

Reprinted from January 2021, and well worth repeating

January in Nova Scotia is a great time to enjoy winter sports, many of which take place on a lake. Ice skating, hockey, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing are all fantastic ways of enjoying our lakes this winter. But, where there is ice, there can be danger. Keeping these simple things in mind can help keep you and your family safe this winter as you enjoy our local lakes.

Ice thickness is probably the most important thing to know before venturing out on the ice. Throughout the winter, Halifax tracks the ice thickness at many of the lakes around the municipality. Go to https://www. halifax.ca/recreation/programs-activities/skating/ice-thickness to find out when your favourite lake is safe to venture out on. If you want to check it yourself, here are some guidelines to thickness safety. If the ice is less than 8cm thick, avoid going out on it. It isn't safe. Once it has reached 10cm, it is safe enough for skating, skiing, walking, or ice fishing. If you are thinking about snowmobiling, the ice needs to be at least 12cm thick. That thickness is good for a single snowmobile or ATV. Anything larger should be kept onshore until the ice

is much thicker. A minimum of 20cm is required before a small vehicle can be safely driven across the lake. Keep in mind that ice thickness is not a uniform thing. It may be 10cm thick in one spot, but only 6 or 7 in another.

It is always good to take the previous week's weather into account before venturing out, as well. Snow acts as an insulator, which will warm the ice and weaken it, so if you have an area you like to frequent, clearing it as soon as possible after a snow event is a good idea. Contrary to popular belief, cold snaps are not good for ice. They actually weaken it. If the ice is cloudy, it is likely to have soft spots that will make it more dangerous. Only venture out on clear, thick ice.

When planning a trip to your local lake this winter, it is always a good idea to have a few extra things with you, just in case. Warm blankets, an extra hat and mitts (not gloves), as well as an extra pair of socks are good to have on hand. If you are snowmobiling, a waterproof suit or PDF is a good idea. A throw rope that you know how to use can mean the difference between life and death if someone falls through a thin spot on the ice. And, finally, an ice pick. One that is small enough to fit into your pocket so it will be within reach if neces-

sary. Should someone break through the ice, getting them warm and dry as soon as possible is vitally important; especially when the weather is extremely cold.

Should you fall through, it is important not to panic. Your clothes will trap air and help keep you buoyant. Turn towards the direction from which you just came and place your hands and arms flat on the solid ice. Kick your feet to try to push yourself up on the solid surface and slide your body across it. At this point, instinct is to stand up, but don't. The more you spread yourself out across the surface of the ice, the less likely you are to break it further. Roll yourself away from the break until you are sure you are back on thick ice.

Should someone else fall through, you will need to stay calm and think the situation over. Do not run up to the hole, as you will increase the chances of falling through yourself. Find something you can throw to the submerged person, preferably a proper throw rope. If you don't have a throw rope, improvise. A set of jumper cables, a ski, a good sized branch, can all be a lifeline to safety. If you are unable to rescue the person immediately, call 911.

Once you have rescued the person, getting them dry and warm is vital. Once a person falls through the ice, they have about 10 minutes to get out and start warming up before hypothermia starts to take hold. Getting them out of their wet clothes should be the first priority. A good winter hat on their head will help their body conserve heat; as will mitts and dry socks. The extremities are the first to develop frostbite in this situation. Wrap them in blankets and get them to a vehicle as soon as possible.

With just a little preparation and some knowledge, our local lakes can be a fantastic, and inexpensive, place to get some exercise and have some fun with friends and family this winter.



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# A Rotary moment

From The Rotary Club of Halifax North West

Welcome to our newsletter, where we share the club's news with the community we serve. This issue highlights our Christmas Wishes success, and unabashedly promotes our Rotary club!



Our Christmas Wishes project has been a tremendous success! We sincerely thank the Joseph Howe Atlantic Superstore, who hosted

our Christmas tree, and the many kind people who purchased items, which we distributed to the following charitable organizations:

- Adsum for Women and Children
- Phoenix Youth Programs
- Family SOS
- Shelter Nova Scotia
- Mi'kmaw Friendship Centre
- Salvation Army

We thank you for embracing Rotary's Service Above Self calling and brightening Christmas for the many less-advantaged members of our community!



Speaking of Rotary's calling, are you looking for a New Year's resolution that you can

keep and that will make a difference? Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbours, leaders and problem-solvers who see a world where like-minded people unite and take action to create lasting change – one project at a time. When a Rotarian is asked why he or she is in Rotary, they respond with "it feels great to belong to an organization that exists solely to do good", or "I'm in Rotary because of the great people with whom I collaborate on worthwhile projects" or "everyone in Rotary parks their ego at the door" or "Rotary is my way to give back to the community". And by "community" we mean the globe (eradicating polio), a third world country (providing clean water for a remote village) or local (funding daily hot meals for adult men at risk).

Our Rotary Club of Halifax North West welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclu-



Brendan McDonald and Debra Eisen of the Mi'kmaw Friendship Centre receive a donation from the Rotary Club

sive – and we're friendly! Corporate members from the business community are welcome as well. We meet every Tuesday from noon to 1 pm at Freeman's on Dutch Village Road in Fairview. Join us for lunch to meet the members and share the camaraderie and networking. For more information contact Roger Chiasson at rogerchiasson305@gmail.com or 782 234 9408.

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For more information, email: dan@dandoherty.ca



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# What's happening at the Urban Farm

by Joshua Barss Donham
In the woods at the Urban Farm, the evergreen wood ferns are still bright green and peaking out here and there through the snow. The Hobblebush, which starts developing leaves for next year in September, is already showing signs of being browsed; the tender leaflets are irresistible to the deer. In the southeast corner of the wood the mourning doves have taken up their roost in the birch. Tiny golden-crowned kinglets, scarcely larger than hummingbirds, visit the cluster

of spruce behind the shed, sending

off the branches as they flit about.

little showers of snow trickling down

The woods are the winter refuge for red-backed salamanders. During the clean-up this fall we came across many salamanders in the garden where they found beetles and grubs to eat. Red-backed Salamanders have no lungs, but rather breath through their skin which must be kept moist. The humid, shady parts of the wood provide the perfect habitat for them, and if one overturns a large branch there are usually several salamanders underneath. In the fall the salamanders begin searching for a place to hibernate, under deep piles of leaves, within old animal burrows, and deep in rock crevices in the rows of rocks that run through the woods.

The forest is also the overwintering spot for two of the earliest spring butterflies. The mourning cloak is a large velvety black-purple butterfly with yellow and blue markings along the

edges of its wings that overwinters as an adult tucked away beneath a sheet of bark or in a tree cavity. The spring azure is a tiny sky-blue butterfly that overwinters as a larva, insulated deep in the leaf litter and vegetation accumulated on the ground. Mourning cloaks can be seen feeding on the lilacs in the spring.

The woods, which take up well over half the area of the farm, provide protection through the winter for a multitude of pollinating insects that are essential for the vegetable gardens. Solitary bees, like the leafcutter bees, nest and overwinter in holes in wood that have been made by beetles. The bright jewel-like green metallic sweat bees that feed on cosmos and calendula in the gardens, overwinter in the ground and in logs. Mason bees, the most abundant of the solitary bees, use woodpecker cavities and holes to nest and overwinter.

Bumble bees are social bees, nesting in colonies in the ground or in the base of tussocks of grass that grow along the edges of the woods. In the fall, mated females (queens) find a place to overwinter burrowing into the ground. The goldenrod and asters, late blooming flowers that grow along the edges of the woods and along the path, provide nectar for these overwintering bees which must store fats to make it through the cold. In the early spring it is a common sight to see a sluggish bumble bee crawling along the ground up a wooded path or over a tree root; a female just emerging from hibernation who will go on to create a new colony.

The woods are a wonderful place after a heavy snowfall when all is still except for the cries of blue jays and the cheerful call of chickadees. Beneath the snow and frost, beneath the ground under our very feet, there is life just waiting for spring. Wishing you all a Happy New Year from the Urban Farm!

Farm Memberships are due in January: Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups/Organizations \$25.00. For info: urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com, Pat MacLean: 902-497-3683



Woodpecker holes provide shelter for overwintering solitary bees.

Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



An evergreen wood fern shows green through the snow along the main path through the woods.



A red-backed salamander found in the garden.

Photo: Marie Salah



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# Religious Services Directory for January

\*\*To have your church/synagogue/ mosque added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com by January 21 for February's issue\*\*

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO COVID-19, MANY OF THESE SERVICES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED.

CALL AHEAD TO CHECK WITH YOUR CHURCH.

**St. Augustine's Anglican Church** (2010 Purcell's Cove Rd) Service of Holy Communion every Sunday at 10 am

**City Church** (276 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Family Services: 9:30am and

Nursery and Children's ministry: 11am

Wed. morning prayer: 10:30am

Spryfield Christian Community Church (91 Thornhill Dr) Church services Sunday 11-12 am

### **Oromo Gospel Church**

Sunday worship service: 3 pm and Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd.)

emmanuelanglicanchurch.net, 902-477-1783.

All our services are subject to Covid protocols and could change with Covid restrictions. Please check our website for up-to-date information. Sunday worship:

8:00 am quiet, contemplative, traditional service of Holy Communion.

10:00 am lively, contemporary communion service with music. This service is livestreamed and can be found on our website or facebook page.

January 2, the 10 am service will be Carols and Devotions.

We are an affirming church. All are welcome. If you are sick, please join us online.

St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)

Now open for in person worship on Sunday morning. Service is at 11:00 am. Masks and social distancing is required but you do not have to preregister.

## Stella Maris Church at St Michael's Catholic Church

All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey!

Saturdays 4:00 pm at St Paul's Church, Herring Cove

Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 am at St Michael's, Spryfield

All current COVID protocols will be followed.

Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) and St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd)

Parkhill United Church inperson Sunday worship at 9:30 am. St. James United Church in-person Sunday worship at 11:15 am. Proof of Vaccination & ID are mandatory. Both churches access worship services on St James United Church Sambro NS Facebook and YouTube. Bulletins at www.sambrojollimorepc. com, 902-868-2791. We follow NS Public Health protocols of wearing face masks, physical distancing and gathering limits.

## **Open Door Community Church** (11 Aldergrove)

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am for a time of contemporary worship, bible based teaching, relevant to today and fellowship. Our weekly message is recorded and uploaded to our Youtube channel afterward.

Please see http://opendoorhalifax/for more information and links.

# **The Maguire Report**

### by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

2021 has come to an end and we now usher in 2022

2021 has been a year of many challenges, it has been difficult for all of us, but I feel we have come out of this stronger.

For me it was a year where I went to the polls and I am thankful that you had faith in me to send me back to the Nova Scotia Legislature to represent you; it has been the honour of my life.

The 2021 was a difficult one for me, it was the most negative local election I had ever experienced. A handful of individuals choose to go negative and work the rumour and whisper mill, but my team and all of you choose to rise above it and show that elections are not about misleading voters and nasty rumours, but about the truth.

I will continue to work with everyone and anyone because in the end this is not about me or personal gains, it is about YOU and our friends, families and community.

Minister Rushton, the Minister of Natural Resources, has committed to meeting with me in January and doing a tour of Williams Lake. The Department has committed to me to finding funding to replace our dam and conserve the natural ecosystem of Williams Lake. Working with the residents of our communities and Housing Nova Scotia, we were able to start several projects this year, including fencing and driveways in the Greystone Community and upgrades to the Capt Spry and Margaret Latter Manor in Herring Cove.

There is much more to be done for our communities and I will continue to work to bring more resources to The Loop.

I want to recognize all of the amazing associations and nonprofits who do incredible work all year long; without them so many people would go without. You are an invaluable part of our community.

I want you all to know that we all struggle, especially this time of the year. I personally deal with anxiety and depression. Please know that you are not alone, that there are people out there who love you and there are always resources available to get help.

My office is always open to each and every one of you.

I hope all of you had a great Christmas, Holiday season and a Happy New Year.

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# Win some cash to kick off the New Year

TAG is excited to launch another online 50/50 raffle fundraiser in support of the theatre! The winner will receive 50% of all the money raised. Tickets go on sale December 20, 2021 with the final day for ticket sales being January 28, 2022. The draw date will be January 29, 2022, during the TAG's Trivia Night at the Pond Playhouse. The winner does not need to be in attendance to win and will be contacted directly to claim their prize. Good luck to all our TAG supporters and thank you!

Watch the TAG Facebook page for ticket information!

## CALL FOR SUBMISSION for TAG June 2022 production

Are you ready to return to live theatre? We are looking for submissions from Directors for a show to run in June 2022. Please submit shows you would like to direct by January 10, 2022, to Jennifer Robbins, tag Artistic Director by emailing Jennifer at artistic-director@tagtheatre.com

## TAG Trivia Night!

It's back! Saturday January 29, 2022 at 7pm. Gather your group of 4-5 people and come out for a night of fun and brain busting. The bar will be open! Those who wish to participate but don't have groups can be placed. There will be a maximum of 42 participants to allow for space between groups. Please register ahead of time by emailing your request to artistic-director@tagtheatre.com by January 27. This event is FREE for members, \$10 for non-members.

\*\*Masks and proof of vaccine are mandatory\*\*.

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# **The Jason Doherty Memorial** COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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

**Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals** 

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR JANUARY** Food Banks:

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled with pickup on Wed. between 9:30 and 10:30 am
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.
- Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd) Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:30 am. Orders may be called in up to 10:00 am Tuesday each week. Call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. We are grateful to our volunteer staff for their faithful work for the food bank and its clients. Our website: emmanuelanglicanchurch.net

#### Free meals for those in need:

- Salvation Army offers Breakfast To-Go Bags Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am-10:00am
- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd) Our Tuesday lunch program, Soup's On, is still operational but as takeout only
- Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield
- Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 5:30 and 6:30 PM, out of the St Michael's Church Hall site. (while supplies last).

#### Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Open for rentals. Contact Cara at 902-446-4847 for information
- Currently looking for board members and volunteers

## **Spryfield Lions Club events:**

Regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd and fourth Tuesday evenings, 7 pm at the Lions Rink Den. We are encouraging anyone who might be interested in attending to call ahead so we can ensure COVID health code regulations are met - 902-479-2917. We will also be starting up our bingos in the future but need more time to work out details. We want to thank the community for their support and wish everyone the best of health.

## **Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield events:**

- To fund much needed repairs to our gardens and Urban Farm site, our draws each month. More information at https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/ ufms - your support is greatly appreciated.
- 2022 we welcome back all our pres-
- Student and Senior memberships are \$5.00, Individual \$10.00, Families \$15.00, Groups and organizations \$25.00. Payment can be made by E-transfer or a cheque mailed to our UFMSS at 211-339
- Herring Cove Rd. Halifax, NS. B3R 1V5. Charitable receipts are issued for membership fees & donations over \$10.00 For further information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email patriciabmaclean@gmail.com
- Our first event of 2022 will be Seedy

2pm - hope to see you there!

## **City Church (276 Herring Cove Road)** events:

- City Church Telephone #: 902-479-248 c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca www.citychurchhalifax.ca
- · City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

## **Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd.) events:**

- Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:30 am. Orders may be called in up to 10:00 am Tuesday each week. Call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. We are grateful to our volunteer staff for their faithful work for the food bank and its clients. Our website: emmanuelanglicanchurch.net
- Grief Support Group: We will be hosting a grief support group on Tuesday afternoons in our hall from January 18 - March 15. Our aim is to create a safe space where we can share our experiences of loss and support each other as we journey through our grief. If you are interested, you must call Rev. Michelle in advance, at 902-809-9371. Limit of 10 people. Proof of vaccination required.

#### Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd) Events:

- Family Services by phone call or walk in 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226

## Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish

• Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 5:30 and 6:30 PM. out of the St Michael's Church Hall site. (while supplies last). For further information contact Stella Maris Parish office at 902 477-3530 or stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com

### St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road) Events:

The outside tap has now been turned off for the winter. You can come inside to get water Monday 9-4, Wednesday 10-1, Thursday 9-4 & Friday 9-11:30

#### **Developmental Pickup Hockey**

Looking for players 40+ years old. Spryfield Lions Rink Fridays 12-1pm. Starts Friday, Oct 16. Skills sessions first week, next 3 weeks pickup. We call it Developmental Pickup Hockey. Skills to increase puck time on your stick and improve your game. Pickup at a bit slower pace.

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#### **Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia** Ave.) Events:

 Free Lunch 2 Go every Wednesday at noon, Chebucto Family Centre, 3 Sylvia Avenue, Spryfield

### Chase the Ace Returns: The Spryfield **Legion** and **Forever Young Seniors**

**Club** are resuming their Chase the Ace. Tickets available at the Legion bar during bar hours and at the Chase the Ace Legion booth on Mondays 5 pm to 6:45 pm.

Chebucto News looks forward to returning to a robust community events page when the current crisis ends. In the meantime, we will endeavour to keep you informed.

# **Events:**

- UFMSS is now part of Rafflebox 50/50
- Membership fees are now due for ent members and invite new ones to join our UFMSS for the coming year.

Saturday / Plant Sale at the Urban Farm on Saturday, May 28th, Noon -

## **SPECIAL NOTICE: March Break Camps**

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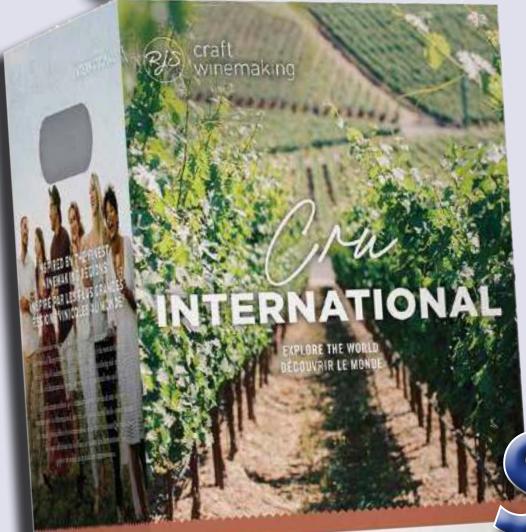


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## **Australian Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Red Wine:** The warm southern sun produces a bold Cabernet Sauvignon with the varietal's signature nose: blackcurrants, dark chocolate and subtle toasty notes. Fermentation on GenuWine Winery Dried Grape Skins and toasted American oak produces a full-bodied wine with hints of coffee and vanilla notes.

## **OR**

## **Ontario Sauvignon Blanc**

**White Wine:** This medium-bodied and expressive wine presents bold herbal tones and fresh citrus flavours. Straw in colour with a refreshing grassy nose, it delights with a long and fruity finish.

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