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New businesses coming to Spryfield



Construction of new Veterinary Hospital on the former Lumbermart property

While Lumbermart has now been gone from Spryfield and surrounding communities for 3 years, the original owners, Fred & Jason O'Hearn remain active in the community with other endeavours. Their Home Improvement business continues to thrive from their Burnside location and they have been very busy with their former Herring Cove location, by turning it into a community business centre, now home to 15 new tenants. We will be welcoming a

new convenience store, a hair salon/day spa, an arts and crafts studio, an exotic plant store, several construction companies, a plumber, a concrete company and a tofu manufacturing facility. The site is a vibrant buzzing hub of activity every day.

The O'Hearn's newest venture is the construction of yet another new building at their Herring Cove Property to house a brand new Vet Hospital! In addition to the 3500 sq Ft clinic, there is another space avail-



able for lease of about 1200 sq ft. which would lend itself to many uses. We look forward to welcoming Dr. Heather & David Allan to their new facility when it opens late spring. Herring Cove and Spryfield as a whole, is a happening place, and very desirable area to work and live.

MLAs are loving our trails

MLAs across Nova Scotia are loving our trails, according to Hike Nova Scotia. The provincial organization issued the #LoveOurTrailsNS challenge to MLAs at the beginning of February. It asked them to get out onto a local trail, snap a photo and share on social media with the #LoveOurTrailsNS hashtag to show that they support trails.

"It was slow to get started because we had some challenging weather in the first half of February," says Hike NS executive director Janet Barlow. "But after this beautiful weekend, we'll be adding several more MLAs to the map who have committed to take the challenge."

The #LoveOurTrailsNS map, showing which MLAs have taken the challenge, is starting to fill up with hearts representing MLAs. Click on a heart to view the name and constituency of an MLA along with the photo they posted on social media. All parties are represented, including one party leader. The entire PC party caucus was recently challenged by one of its own to take the challenge.

During the pandemic, Nova Scotians flocked to the trails in record numbers to hike. Hike NS says the government has a role to play in better supporting trails and hiking. Trails are a place where we go for physical activity, to relieve stress, to support our mental health and to commune with nature. Walking is the top physical activity of Nova Scotians. Hiking is one of the top three outdoor tourist

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Sammy says

The Sambro Area Community Association (“SACA”) Executive has some good news and bad news.

First, the good news. We are planning to host the Annual Shay & MacKay Memorial Fishing Derby this year on Sunday, May 29th, 2022 from 8 am to 3 pm at Grand Lake at its usual location in Williamswood. We should be in Phase 3 by then and we are hopeful that most restrictions will be lifted.

In addition to fishing and prizes, there will be a barbeque, raffle baskets and a 50/50 draw. All funds raised from this family friendly event will support the Shay & MacKay Memo-

rial Scholarship at J.L. Ilsley High School, a wheelchair accessible gazebo, fishing wharf and picnic area, and SACA.

Mark your calendars now. If you or your business would like to volunteer, donate a prize or contribute financially, please get in touch with Kim MacKay at 902-475-1583

The bad news is that the Sou’Wester Days festival will not be taking place this year. Even if all the restrictions get lifted, the former fire station has been torn down and the status of the land is in limbo. Although we’re confident that the land will eventually be ours, it’s a time consuming process and it will probably not be handed over to us before August.

Even if we could obtain permission from the Province to use the site, we’d need a temporary power mast, adding significant cost and we’re not sure if that could provide us enough power to run all our equipment.

A lot of work goes into the festival, and it has a lot of moving parts. With all the potential issues of Covid, the status of the land and the power issues, this was the decision that made the most sense. It was not made lightly, and we realize this is disappointing. We’re very much looking forward to hosting Sou’Wester Days in 2023.

In the meantime, the Board is hoping to host a smaller scale event for the fall, so stay tuned for more details on that.

Sammy Sambro is SACA’s mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter and Facebook.

MLAs

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activities.

Hike NS says MLAs can act within government to increase funding for community volunteer trail groups, increase funding for trails in provincial parks and protected areas, protect more wilderness areas and support the provincial Trail Strategy. Hike NS represents the largest group of trail users in the province. There are more hikers using trails than all other trail users combined.

The group is asking each Nova Scotian who loves trails to personally invite their own MLA to take the #LoveOurTrailsNS challenge found at www.hikenovascotia.ca/news-and-events-love-our-trails.

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Speeding concerns on Leiblin Drive

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In February, a group of residents from Leiblin Park formed a committee to address the ongoing speeding concerns on Leiblin Drive. They have been active in offering possible solutions to this important issue, as they are concerned for the safety of residents and those travelling at high speeds. Local residents are well-aware of the history of accidents in the neighbourhood, with a brief summary of the more significant event outlined below.

On Sunday January 9th, a car carrying 4 occupants left the road and ended up in the woods. One was taken to hospital and the remaining 3 were treated at the scene. This brought residents together as a group to develop a strategy.

They began with a virtual meeting amongst themselves, which morphed into a presentation to HRM when the Transportation and Public Works’ budget was on the agenda. Due to the timelines given to them, they politely requested additional staff to address the back log for traffic calming and for temporary traffic calming measures to be considered until a more permanent solution is found.

An assessment for traffic calming measures was requested in April of 2020; however, this is subject to the obligatory studies, and could take upwards of 30 years to come to fruition. The committee has also learned that a request was made to flatten the hills while the underground infrastruc-



ture (water pipes) was being replaced. However, driveways and the configuration of the crescents did not allow for this to be done.

The following shows a brief history of accidents in the Leiblin Park area:

In 1990, four boys, aged 14-18, were killed. Two teens, a boy and a girl, survived. Police reported that speed was a factor.

In 1992 one man was injured after a three-car accident on Leiblin Drive. In 1999: Six children and one adult were taken to the hospital after their car flipped and landed on its roof in a wooded area on Leiblin Drive. In a media report, witnesses said the car was travelling more than 80 km/h

before the crash.

In 2015: A vehicle landed in a ditch on Leiblin Drive leaving three young women with injuries.

Aug. 30, 2020: A car headed eastbound left the road and hit a tree. A man and woman were taken to the hospital and a third woman was treated at the scene.

Leiblin Drive is a popular area for sports at Graves-Oakley Field, walkers on the sidewalk which stretches from one end to the other, and for cyclists. Cars enter and exit from the parking lot and buses frequent the street. It is a very busy road.

The committee says they witness, on a daily basis, speeding, illegal

passing, racing and other extremely unsafe activities. They believe is only a matter of time before they have another tragedy as what they had in 1990, or a pedestrian is injured or killed. The committee says they are scared and on edge every time they hear an engine rev.

They will continue to work to find solutions to make Leiblin Drive safer for all.

The committee asks all those reading this to respectfully consider the implications of speeding and the ‘thrill’ of the going over the hills on Leiblin Drive. No one wants to witness or read about another tragedy in their neighbourhood.



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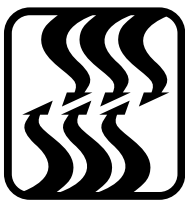
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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Food played many roles in the lives of early settlers

by Iris V. Shea

Throughout Mainland South early families depended on fishing and farming to help support their large families. Food often served as a source of profit and pleasure. In the early 1800s farmers produced grain which they sold to Hosterman's Mill at the head of the Northwest Arm or to Lawson's Mill at the mouth of the Arm (now the site of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron).

The 1827 census records for the communities from Armdale to Pen-nant show Farming as the occupation of the families in Harrietsfield and Spryfield. Nine families in Harriets-field produced potatoes and grain on their cultivated acres. Their land supported a few horned cattle and swine. Peter Marriott was the most prosperous farmer in that community. In Spryfield that same year eight of ten families owned cultivated acres and, like Harrietsfield, produced potatoes and grain and supported a few animals. William Kidston's 30 cultivated acres produced 500 bush-els of potatoes and supported 14 sheep, three horses, four swine and 12 horned cattle. The Fisheries employed all families living in the communities along the shore, 27 in Sambro, 26 in Ketch Harbour, as well as all six in Bear Cove and Halibut Bay. Twenty five of the 27 families in Herring Cove were fishermen. Each family in the fishing communities owned cultivated acres which, like the farm-ing communities, produced bushels of potatoes and grain, and supported a few horned cattle and swine.

The Acadian Recorder, 17 October 1863, carried this advertisement: For Sale by R.L. Fraser and Co., Fresh Ground Halifax Flour, 500 BbIs choice Superfine flour suitable for bakers, now landing from the Sandwich Mills (Henry Lawson's) North West Arm.

The following paragraph is from the Halifax Herald, Oct. 5, 1897: Mackerel are here. They have struck at last. The fish came inshore Sunday morning and all the fisherman from Ketch Harbour to Ferguson's Cove made hauls. Estimated over 7000 Mackerel were taken in Herring Cove, and had the fishermen used seines instead of ordinary nets, immense stops would have been made. Few of the fishermen along the shore have seines. Thomas Renner made a stop of over forty barrels with a drag seine. The Johnsons and Dempseys of Herring Cove brought their catches to the city this morning. The fish will be shipped to Boston. They were retailing from boats at ten cents each. Michael Lynch, the oarsman, made a small stop which he sold for twenty dollars. Edward Ryan also made a good stop. Several big schools were seen off Point Pleasant yesterday.

Trout fishing in the fresh water lakes and streams between Harrietsfield and Sambro produced catches that may or may not have been exag-

The image shows a two-page spread from a 1910 yearbook. The left page is a menu titled "Menu." with a decorative border. The right page is titled "Annual Sleigh Drive" and also has a decorative border. The menu lists various dishes including Tomato Soup, Lobsters, Haddock, Roast Beef, Plum Pudding, etc. The right page mentions "Non-Commissioned Officers 1st Regt. Canadian Artillery" and "JANUARY 26th, 1910." The yearbook is from Pinegrove Hotel.

The photograph accompanying this article is of a colourful menu and invitation, dated 26 January 1910, for the “Annual Sleigh Drive to the Pinegrove Hotel in Spryfield of the Non-Commissioned Officers, 1st Regt. Canadian Artillery.” Photograph courtesy of Mainland South Heritage Society

gerated. From the Acadian Recorder, 23 May 1885: The trout and the trout stories are coming in thick and fast, and this appears to be a good year for both. George Gregoire was out Sambro way this week and got seventeen. He says "You can drive right up to where the fishing is, Sheehan's Pond first and then bigger waters beyond." Hubley at Belle Aire Grocery got seven dozen at TwoLakes, "they were so thick the hook hadn't a chance to stand up in the water for a second." Merlins on the Sambro Road or Allens in the vicinity of the fishing are favourite stopping places for anglers.

It was also a common practice for families to share their food with friends and neighbours. While teaching school in Terence Bay in the 1880s, Elizabeth Sutherland wrote letters to her mother in Spryfield describing the generosity of others ...“this morning the river people sent me a large bunch of rhubarb, one bunch of smelts and a half pound of butter. Mrs. Yeadon sent me some Dahlia Roots, Mrs. Bishop one fresh haddock, Mrs. Penny three fresh mackerel, Mrs. Harry one Turnip and a pitcher of sour milk to bake with, Mr. Cox a parcel of seed beans corn peas and flower seed and tonight the mail man brought me a large box from an unknown friend containing bread onions cake doughnuts tarts sugar plumbs beef steak and radishes.”

Berry picking was another source of food. In the 1890s, the Inspector of Schools for this area expressed concern that the school children living along the shores spent the good weather berry picking and lobster packing instead of attending classes. Foxberries were plentiful at Coot

Cove; cranberries in the bogs at Pennant Point, William's Lake and Long Lake; and blueberries in the barrens at Sambro, William's Lake, Colpitt Lake and Whimsical (Target/Tiger's) Lake.

The dining room of the Pinegrove Hotel in Spryfield offered locally pro-

duced food. The photograph accompanying this article is of a colourful menu and invitation, dated 26 January 1910, for the “Annual Sleigh Drive to the Pinegrove Hotel in Spryfield of the Non-Commissioned Officers, 1st Regt. Canadian Artillery.”

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What’s happening at the Urban Farm



Tartan Bridge into the Farm by Ann Hart
by Ann Hart

I am sitting here looking out at more snow after two nice spring-like days of promise. What does March bring to the Urban Farm on the hill? March is a time of waiting and looking forward with pleasant anticipation!

We start the season by planning the events schedule, and sending out the 2021 newsletter with membership forms for 2022. The schedule and forms are on the Facebook Group page and can be downloaded. We welcome new members! The Urban Farm is a teaching society, so much of our activities are sharing gardening information, developing techniques, practices, and skills with each other.

We research and communicate with other gardening groups far and wide and celebrate the love of growing and learning about nature and food and the rhythms of the seasons.

Michèle Raymond envisioned that, “The benefits of Farm membership include: a place to garden, a place to learn, a place to sit, a place to play; a place to talk to a friend, a place to

teach, a place to make art, a place to make friends, a place to give back to the community, and a place to belong.” Michèle inspired the whole idea of the Urban Farm.

Members of the UF do not take on specific responsibilities unless they want to. We have nine seasonal events that members help organize and facilitate. There are creative projects and garden plots and learning programs available to members. The greatest advantage to being an annual member is the feeling of inclusion and access to the farm grounds, as well as helping out. Meeting with other gardeners, planting your own little patch of ground, walking in the woods and listening to the birds, discovering the many forms of life who make it their home, and being outside in a special environment are an enhancement to daily life. Butterflies, humming birds, flowers galore, green growing vegetables, deer, and apple trees: ah, March is full of memories and plans!

Children love the Urban Farm and many of our events are planned around

their participation. The climbing tree is often filled with eager climbers. Come Grow With Us plots are specifically for children and parents to plant, tend, harvest and eat their own food. The Strawberry Social, School Farm Day, Harvest Fair, and Evenings in the Gar-

den always have happy children running around. We even have an animal petting attraction during some events. According to Janet Kidston, “A lot of us are old fashioned souls. You can enter our field and go back in time and into the woods where you see more of the old stone walls, and lots of flora and fauna. As the spring flows into summer with all the tree leaves back, it is a special field. I like to visit with the other gardeners, have pleasant chats about veggies, and show people a few weeds to eat. The area is such a special and a happy place to be. That is why I hug the trees and talk to the flowers and bees.” Janet is the land owner of the farm and grew up there.

Since an annual membership is renewed each season, new people can come in and see what they like about the group. Many members have stayed for years, or come and go as life dictates. The Farm is a place to enjoy and explore and participate in as one wishes. Come join us! What will spring bring us? Wait and see!

Seedy Saturday / Plant Sale will be held at the Urban Farm Saturday, May 28, Noon- 2 pm. Rain date, Sunday, May 29. Everyone welcome, please bring some seeds/plants for us to sell to support the UFMSS. Farm Memberships are due for 2022. Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups/Organizations \$25.00. For info: urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com, Pat MacLean: 902-497-3683. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117594394923932/>



“Spring’s Rhythm” by Ann Hart

Urban Farm 2022

Seedy Saturday Plant Sale
Saturday, May 28, Noon - 2 pm ~ Urban Farm
Rain date: Sunday, May 29

Come Grow With Us
Tuesday, May 31, 6 - 7:30 pm ~ Urban Farm

School Farm Day
Thursday, June 9, 1:30 - 3 pm
Rain date: Friday, June 10 ~ Urban Farm

Strawberry Shortcake Social
Sunday, June 10, 2 - 4 pm ~ Urban Farm

Evenings in the Garden
Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 - 8pm ~ Urban Farm
Tuesday, August 23, 6:30 - 8 pm ~ Urban Farm

Harvest Fair
Saturday, September 17, 2 - 4 pm ~ Urban Farm
Rain date: Sunday, September 18

Volunteer Recognition
Monday, October 17, 6:30 – 9 pm ~ Spry Centre

Annual General Meeting
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A Rotary moment

From The Rotary Club of Halifax North West



Welcome to the newsletter from the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest, where we share the club’s and Rotary’s news and activities with the communities we serve. In keeping with our aim to feature Rotary’s seven Areas of Focus, this issue highlights the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Area of Focus.

March is Rotary Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month. Water means life. In Canada, clean water, sanitation and hygiene rarely enter into our consciousness – we just take them for granted. However, in many countries in the world, these essential aspects for health and prosperity are out of reach in many communities. Rotary therefore supports projects that encourage the management and protection of freshwater resources and provides universal and equitable access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water systems. Projects are supported through the Rotary Foundation, which provides District grants to

empower governments, institutions, and communities to manage their water, sanitation, and hygiene services through environmentally sound, measurable, and sustainable interventions.

A few years ago our club and our district were involved with several clubs in Africa and other Canadian clubs, in the “Water for The Gambia” project. The objective was to fund the drilling of 6 clean water wells in different districts and several villages of The Gambia, one of the most poverty-stricken countries in the World. An estimated 18,000 people benefited directly as a result of the project, including a large decrease in child deaths.

Prior to the pandemic, our club had committed to a project to support “Help 2 Overcome”, whose vision is a world where all children will have access to clean water and sanitation in schools. Ben John, an immigrant from South Africa, is H2O’s Executive Director. H2O have completed 3 projects in Serra Leone, providing water and sanitation for girls in schools. The success of these projects is measured by the attendance, which



has increased by 30%. Subject to the state of the pandemic, the next project, in which our club will be involved, will be in Kigali, Rwanda, in the fall of 2022. The project will provide washrooms with compostable toilets, cubicles with doors, and hand basins for 200 children with mental and physical disabilities.

For more information, please go to: <https://www.help2overcome.org/>
Our Rotary Club of Halifax North-

west welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclusive – and we’re friendly! We currently meet virtually (in person when pandemic circumstances allow) every Tuesday from 1145 to 1 pm. at Freeman’s on Dutch Village Road in Fairview. For more information contact Roger Chiasson at rogerchiasson305@gmail.com or 782 234 9408.

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Happy 60th Anniversary to UCW

by Carolyn Mont
In many churches there are various groups which gather to celebrate the mission of their church. One such group within the United Church of Canada is the United Church Women, or the UCW as they are known. At St. Paul’s United Church, the UCW has long been a pillar of the church, so much so that when the current church was built, in 1990, there was a room set aside as the UCW Parlour.

The role of the United Church Women is to further their mission within the church and beyond into the community. They gather for worship, study, fellowship and service. Of course, Covid has impacted the gathering for the past two years but 2022 is the 60th Anniversary of the UCW. The national celebration will be held in Sydney, Nova Scotia at the Membertou Convention Centre. Delegates from across Canada, including those from the Halifax, Dartmouth area will be gathering for this special event. Certainly, the ladies will look forward to receiving and wearing their 60th Anniversary pin. If you are

interested in learning more about the UCW, call Valerie Connors, our current UCW president, at 902-423-2441.
Most of you are aware that every Tuesday our community ministry, St. Paul’s Family Resources Institute (FRI), provides a free lunch of soup, sandwiches, tea/coffee and dessert. This is our very successful Soup’s On program. Throughout much of Covid, this has been a take-out service but they are now serving lunch to people seated at tables. Please feel free to drop in for lunch. The amazing volunteers who run this program are dedicated workers. Thanks to them for continuing to do this important work.
We are all very pleased that as of February 20, we are back to in person Sunday worship. Our service is at 11:00am. With Rev. Carol Smith conducting the service. We will be following Covid protocols and will require proof of Covid vaccination. We would love to have you join us.
It should be said that over the past two years, our activities are subject to change the Covid protocols change.



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Williams Lake Dam – traction and action!

by Cathy Vaughan

Petitions, politicians and persistence have ultimately positioned the deteriorating Williams Lake dam on HRM Regional Council’s agenda! We have traction!

The Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee (ESSC) a sub-group of the Regional Council, has recommended that the city ask the province to take urgent action to fix Williams Lake dam by assuming a strong leadership role to move on this dam situation. We have action!

In December 2020, Regional Council approved Councillor Shawn Cleary’s motion to have city staff prepare a report that investigated the declining water levels in Williams Lake and recommend actions related to repairing and/or replacing the dam. This staff report was to address the influences of climate change, housing developments and other relevant factors that impact lake levels and water quality of this Spryfield Lake. The staff report, which was prepared by experts at HRM’s Parks and Recreation department, was finally reviewed at the recent February meeting. But the resulting 5-page report was anti-climactic.

“The ESSC lake report underemphasized damage to the local ecosystem, recreational and community access, the natural beauty and the sense of urgency to fix the dam. We hope our mayor will show strong leadership as a start, until a project commitment to remediate the dam is in place. It is easier to save Williams Lake and surrounding treasured parks than replace them,” said Margo Kerr, founder of the Williams Lake Dam Association (WLDA), a vocal, citizen-action group advocating for saving this recreational lake.

Richard Harvey and the team from HRM’s Parks and Recreation authored the report. He says that “There was quite a bit of extensive work looking into this particular matter.” Harvey reported that “What we emphasized in the report is that the dam is very leaky. The dam is, in fact, leaking to such an extent that it is undoubtedly causing the immediate problem.”

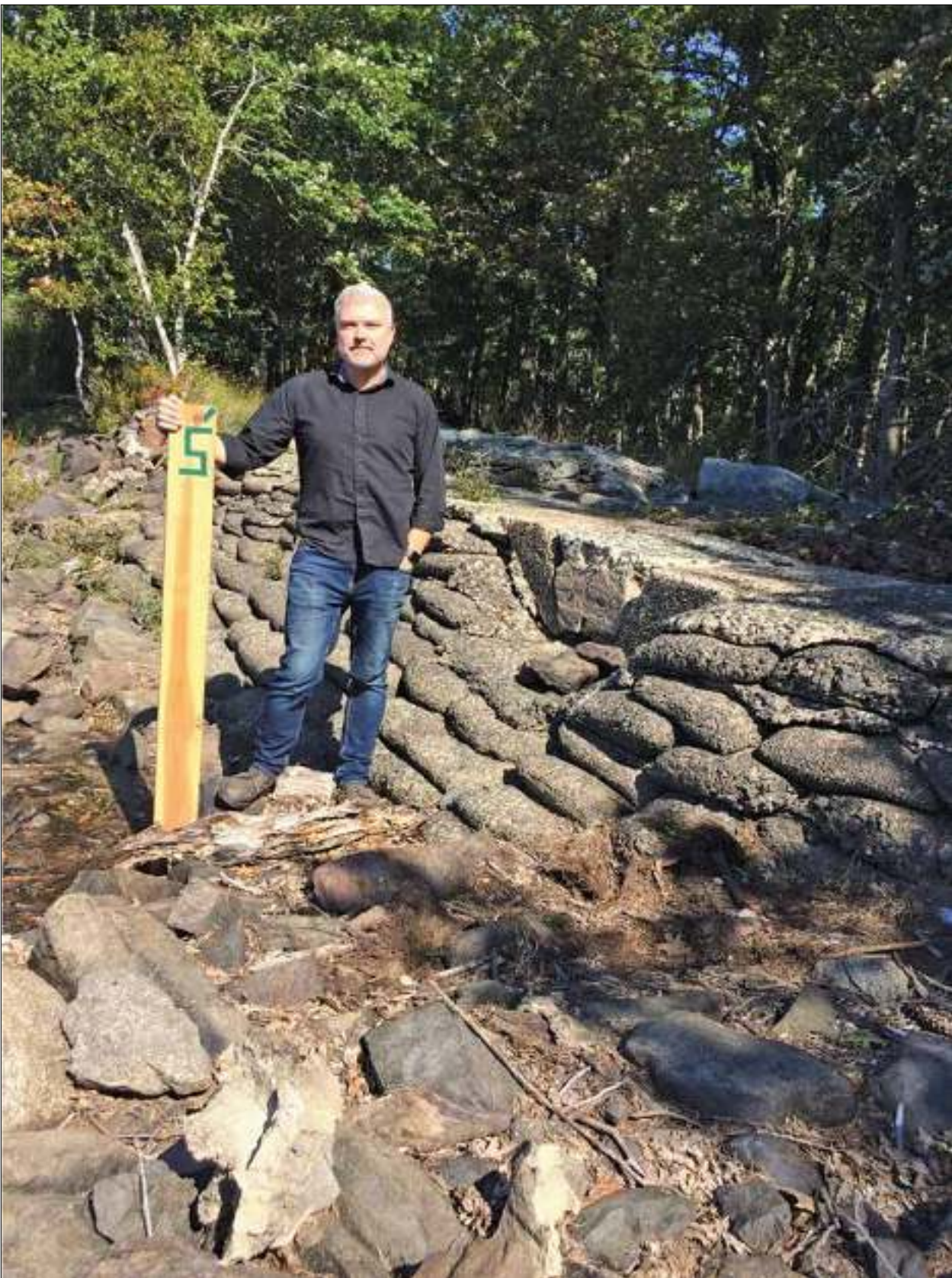
Murray Coolican, president of the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) submitted a comprehensive response to the thin staff

report and said, “While we were disappointed that key elements affecting water levels were not accepted in the report, we are very supportive of the key recommendation of HRM asking the province to take the leadership role in fixing the dam.”

Councillor Cleary added to the recommendations of the staff report by suggesting that the city consider making a financial contribution to the province for this project. “Because we own the Shaw Wilderness Park and the land on either side of the dam, we have ‘skin in the game,” said Cleary.

There is now a sense of urgency to getting some traction on this recommendation. ESSC member, Deputy Mayor Pam Lovelace stressed that action was urgent and stated, “I do think we do want to move this along faster if possible. There is a lot of complexity in moving forward. I do agree with the motion and we need the province to make a decision on it.”

In 2005, the YMCL Engineering firm of Halifax inspected the Williams Lake dam and concluded that “...the current dam is not designed to be a structure that can withstand overtopping of the crest.” That was 17 years ago and there has been a whole lot of lake water under that dam since! A



Councillor Shawn Cleary at the Williams Lake dam showing 5 foot drop in lake levels, 2021. Photo: Cathy Vaughan

recent inspection of the dam in January 2021 by local company Meco Engineering included a concerning caveat of a ‘dam-failure-model’ in their report. The simulation presented the potential consequences downstream if the dam were to completely rupture and breach. There is certainly a sense of urgency for action on the failing dam for the Shaw Wilderness Park, property owners, boat club and the Purcell’s Cove Road should the disintegrating dam fail. Currently, the dam is submerged under extremely

high, lake levels and overtopping the crest!

Councillor Shawn Cleary summarized the recommendations of the staff report on Williams Lake to the ESSC by saying, “Colleagues, I look forward to you supporting this; to get a letter to the province; to get a response back; to move this forward and finally to get a resolution.”

The ESSC’s recommendation will now go on the agenda of the March meeting of HRM Council for their action!

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Cuttell Community Update

by **Patty Cuttell, HRM Councillor, District 11, Spryfield-Sambro Loop-Prospect Road**

And just like that spring is here! Sunday, March 20th marks the spring equinox, when the northern hemisphere begins to tilt more toward the sun, resulting in increasing daylight hours and warming temperatures. Daylight Saving Time happens on Sunday, March 13th when we all turn the clocks forward one hour from 2 am to 3 am. As much as I love skating on frozen ponds and cross-country skiing on the great groomed trails around our municipality, there really is nothing better than feeling the spring sun on one’s face. Bring it on!

WORK ON TRAFFIC CALMING CONTINUES I am very excited to announce that HRM’s request to reduce speed limits from 50km to 40km has been approved for all the streets within Governor’s Brook, as well as all the streets on the other side of Drysdale including Pine Grove, Hartlen, Abrams Way, St Michaels, Lois Ln, Theakston, Keyworth, Danforth, Emerald Cres, River Rd, and Granby Ct. This is the first application in Spryfield to be approved for speed limit reductions. Work has started on making these changes and residents can expect new speed signage to be installed sometime this spring. Additional applications have been made for speed reduction, including an application for Thornhill Park, which I hope will be approved this next fiscal year.

Speeding and pedestrian safety issues exist throughout District 11. HRM is only able to request speed reductions and put in traffic calming on HRM owned streets. I continue to work on traffic calming initiatives, such as speed bumps, curb extensions, and crosswalk tables, throughout the Spryfield area. Recently the Leiblin Park Traffic Calming Committee made an excellent presentation to Regional Council Committee of the Whole (Budget) requesting action be taken to address speeding issues on Leiblin Drive. Leiblin Drive is currently being assessed for traffic calming and I am advocating for action here.

IT IS ALSO BUDGET SEASON at City Hall. In January Regional Council voted to adjust the proposed tax increase from 5.9 percent to 4.6 percent. Included in the 4.6 percent is a 3 percent Climate Action Tax and a 1.6 percent residential and commercial property tax increase. The Climate Action Tax is being proposed to ensure the objectives of HalifACT, HRM’s climate action plan, are advanced. Taking action now is critical if HRM is going to do its part in meeting Canada’s commitment to reach its 2030 goal of reducing greenhouse gases 30% below 2005 levels, as well as mitigate impacts of climate change and sea level rise on our communities. Costs related to climate change are only going to increase with time. Spending \$1 today is estimated to save \$6 in future impact costs. There are many challenges and demands facing our municipality right now from housing affordability to increasing service needs. Over 80 percent of the municipality’s revenues come from property taxes. Your property taxes pay for things like policing, solid waste,

recreation programs, planning, libraries, sports fields, playgrounds, administration, fire suppression, street lighting, recreational and community facilities, sidewalk, snow plowing, and more! Detailed discussions about the budget including where adjustments can made to lower rates will be ongoing till the end of March. A full schedule of budget meetings and topics, as well as more information on the process and how you can provide input, can be found at www.halifax.ca/budget

HOW ARE YOUR TAXES CALCULATED? Property taxes take into account a) the assessed value of your

property, and b) the tax rate which is applied to the assessed value. Property assessments are determined by Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC), an independent, not-for-profit organization responsible for assessing all property in Nova Scotia as mandated under the Nova Scotia Assessment Act. For homeowners, your Property Assessment Notice is mailed in January and shows your property’s assessed value, your capped assessment (if eligible) and your taxable assessed value (used to calculate your property taxes). For more information on how your property is assessed please contact PVSC. Tax rates are determined by Regional Council, based on decisions made through the budget process, and taking into account increases in assessments and other

sources of revenue. The rate is determined by dividing the total money required by HRM to deliver business plan by the total taxable assessment. There is a general rate for urban, suburban, and rural areas, as well as other area rates. When considering a “rate increase” of 4.6%, that refers to the increase a property owner would be expected to pay over what they paid last year (i.e., if you paid \$1,000 last year, a 4.6% increase would mean you pay \$1,046). More information about tax rates is available on Halifax.ca

I’M HERE FOR YOU! If you have an issue or question please email me at patty.cuttell@halifax.ca. To report standard municipal issues call 311. You can also follow me on social @pattycuttell11. Stay safe and be well everyone!

The Maguire Report

by **Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic**

I would like to take some time this month to talk about community, compassion, and coming together.

With the recent events in Ottawa, Alberta, and at our own border crossings, social media has become a den of hostility.

People with all differences of opinions feel that their views are the “right” ones and others are ill-informed.

The right blames the left, the left blames the right and others are there to take advantage of the situation for personal and professional gain.

Some have turned against media sources claiming they are fake news and are quick to try and delegitimize the media because they do not agree with what is being said.

We live in a democracy, not a fascist

or communist state, and our country is strong because of freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

Let me be very clear, Covid has been hard on ALL of us.

Our frontline workers are exhausted and stretched thin.

We have missed out on many things for the greater good.

Now is the time to come together and, as restrictions start to lift, we need to stop and listen to each other.

We need to embrace each other and respect others’ views and opinions, even if we do not agree.

I see the posts and comments on Facebook. These comments are being made by friends and, sometimes, family members. We are better than this; we were not raised this way and as Nova

Scotians we still take pride in how we treat one another.

I just want all of us to remember that there is a person on the other end and they too have struggles and feelings.

I have personally received many hateful and threatening emails and messages, but in the end, I remember that I am doing this to make our community the best place in all of Nova Scotia to live. I remember that people are tired and worn out and sometimes, me a public figure is their only outlet.

Know that I give my heart and soul to this community every day. I love all of you and will continue to fight hard for all of you.

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Religious Services Directory for March

*****To have your religious services added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com by March 18 for April’s issue. Please note that due to Covid-19, many of these services may be postponed or cancelled.*****

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 11am
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 communion service.
10:00 am: Lively, contemporary communion service with music. This service is also livestreamed on our website and Facebook page.

Midweek Worship:
Ash Wednesday, March 2: 11:00 am and 7:00 pm: Communion service with Imposition of Ashes. Music at 7 pm.
Wednesdays in Lent (March 9, 16, 23, 30): 11:00 am communion service followed by a study.

We have gone back to in person worship, following Covid protocols. Everyone is welcome to come. If you are sick, please join us online instead. Up to date information can be found on our website.

St. Paul’s United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)
Sunday worship, led by Rev. Carol Smith, via Zoom. If you wish to join us, please call the church at 902-477-3937 or email at stpaulsunitedchurchspryfield.ca. and a Zoom invitation will be sent to you. You can also find us on YouTube. Worship is at 11:00 On Sunday morning.

Stella Maris Church at St Michael’s Catholic Church
Weekend Masses:
Saturdays 4:00 pm at St Michael’s Church, Spryfield and
6:00 pm at St Paul’s Church, Herring Cove
Sundays 9:00 and 11:00 am at St Michael’s Church, Spryfield
Weekday Masses at St Michael’s Church, Spryfield:
Monday and Tuesday 12 Noon
Wednesday 7 pm
Thursday and Friday 9 am
All current COVID protocols will be followed.
All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey!

Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) and **St. James United Church** (3811 Old Sambro Rd)
We are happy to offer in-person Sunday worship services in March! Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) at 9:30 am St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro) at 11:15 am. It is mandatory to wear facemasks, observe physical distancing and show proof of double vaccination with ID. We offer online Sunday worship on St James United Church Sambro NS Facebook Page and YouTube. Bulletins are found at *(See Directory on page 10)*

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 MARCH

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).

Captain William Spry Library March Break Events:

- Tuesday, March 15 / 10:30 am - Family Drop-in / ages 0-5
 - Thursday, March 17 / 2:30 pm - St. Partick's Day Bingo / ages 6-12
 - Thursday, March 17 / 6 pm - Teen Zone
 - Friday, March 18 / 3:30 pm - Magic Performance All Ages
- Triple S food series: Simple, Speedy & Savory!**
- March 25 / 2:30 - 4 pm / Adults
- Captain William Spry Library
- The Triple S food series will explore quick and useful ways to enjoy what your garden has to offer.

You will learn how to take advantage of the shoulder seasons to grow your own food and speedy tricks to cook with your produce. Our interactive workshops will offer cooking and gardening demonstrations, food tastings as well as take-home kits with instructions so you are ready to get growing AND cooking at home.

In this session: Planting herbs tips and a soda bread and pesto making demonstration.

With host Melissa Boucher-Guilbert, a gardening advocate from Life.School.House - Spryfield

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:

- Membership fees are now due for 2022 - we welcome back all our present members and invite new ones to join our UFMSS for the coming year.
- 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 patriaciabmaclean@gmail.com
- Our first event of 2022 will be Seedy Saturday / Plant Sale at the Urban Farm on Saturday, May 28th, Noon - 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: This has been postponed until the Covid situation stabilizes. If you are interested, call the church, 902-477-1783, and leave a message for Rev. Michelle Bull, and we'll let you know when it starts.
- Lenten Study: Following our Wednesday morning service, at approximately 11:45, we will be hosting a study: It's Time to Stop, Pray, Work, Play & Love. We will explore how we use our time. Is it a blessing or a curse? How can we recapture time as a gift. Daily videos, workbook and discussion on Wednesdays. Bring lunch if you wish. Call 902-477-1783 and leave a message if you would like to join us.

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 Events:

- 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.

Let me know if you're interested. 902-497-2068 or ronaldbulmer@gmail.com

Improve your reading, writing and math skills, work toward the GED in person or from home. The Halifax Community Learning Network is here to help! We offer free adult learning programs in several locations. COVID protocols are in place for your safety. Call 902-422-7648 for more information. Let's get learning together!

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.

TAG Theatre: Our next production, Dracula - The Bloody Truth (a comedy) is looking for a volunteer backstage person. This is an unusual opportunity. We need a fit person who can handle heavy set pieces, highly organized, comfortable on-stage with some acting participation. Interested?

Contact Director Nick Jupp ncjupp@gmail.com or Stage Manager Esther VanGorder ervangorder@gmail.com

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.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Leona Lorraine (Hart) Doubleday

It is with deepest sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. Leona Lorraine Doubleday (Hart) passed away peacefully on Friday, January 21st, 2022, at the QEII hospital in Halifax at the age of 77. Leona was born in Sambro, NS, but lived in Herring Cove for the majority of her life with her husband and life partner of 62 years.

Leona was predeceased by her mother and father, Lyle and Alfreda Hart (Hart), brothers John, James, and Harvey Hart, and sisters Theora Harnish, Una Weagle, Avadna Bookholt, and Diana Harnish, as well as two sisters in infancy. Leona was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was also predeceased by her grandson, Brennan Richardson.

Left with fond memories of Leona are her husband, Carl, her son, Patrick Doubleday (Elizabeth), her daughter Carol Richardson (John), grandchildren Tyler Doubleday (Jen), Jennifer Doubleday (Kyle), and Hilary Richardson-Murphy (Justin). She is also survived by her great-grandson, Theodore Doubleday, whom she loved and adored. Leona also leaves behind her great-

grandchild on-the-way, news that helped keep her so positive in her last days with us. Leona will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Leona had many hobbies, interests, and things that she loved. The most important of those were her grandchildren. Leona's grandchildren were her whole world and she loved to spoil them whenever she could. She always looked forward to their visits. Leona loved to knit and made countless handmade dishcloths, ornaments, and other crafts. Leona loved to bake, and her love of baking was a huge part of her life, such as making pies for church suppers (which were crowd favourites), ladies guild meetings, and for her husband and family, especially making homemade birthday cakes. She was always trying out new recipes. One of the ways she bonded with others was through this love of baking and passed this down to her family. Leona loved camping. She and her family went on many adventures together and loved to spend time at their camps in Bridgewater and Walton. On their many family trips, you could often find Leona swinging on a set of swings with a giant smile on her face, followed by a meal at a local restaurant. Leona loved dogs. She and her husband had many dogs over the years, but a few special pups, Boomer, Snuggles and Princess, stole her heart. After losing her own fur-babies, she formed an extra-special bond with her daughter's dog, Dakota. Dakota accompanied Leona and Carl on many drives to Bridgewater, a time all three loved and cherished together.

Leona was an incredible mother, grandmother, friend, and more. Her kindness, generosity, and love in our life will be irreplaceable, but her light will continue to shine through all who knew and loved her. Leona will be so dearly missed and our memories of our mom and nanny will live on forever.

The family sends a very sincere thank you to all of the doctors, nurses, and healthcare staff at the QEII who provided care for Leona while she was in hospital, especially those in the emergency department and 3IMCU.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Leona can be made to St. James Anglican Church, in Herring Cove.

Obituary can be viewed at www.walkerfh.com with condolence under the 'Tribute Wall'.

Fidelle MacDonald

With gratitude for her life and love, we share the news of Fidelle's death at home on January 25, 2022.

Sarah Fidelis (Fidelle) was born April 24, 1939 at her parents' farm-

house in Creignish, Cape Breton. She was the youngest of Hector Hugh and Mary Kate (MacEachern) MacDonald's seven children.

She graduated from Mount Saint Bernard College (St. Francis Xavier University) in 1959 with a diploma in Secretarial Studies. She worked at Stora Forest Industries in Point Tupper and Province House in Halifax. After her children were in school, she became a real estate agent before returning to her secretarial career at NSLC Head Office until her retirement.

She was a lifelong supporter of charitable causes, lending her compassion and organizational skills to food, clothing and furniture collections, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the CNIB.

To meet Fidelle was to be drawn in by her gentle charm and graceful style. To know her was to learn of her humility, fortitude and steadfast good nature through all of life's challenges, qualities we will always recall and hold dear.

She was predeceased by her parents Hector Hugh and Mary Kate (MacEachern) MacDonald of Creignish, and all of her siblings (Charlotte, Angus, Mary, Alexander, Marguerite and Floyd); and by her dear friend Nola Mahon by only a few days.

She is survived by her daughter Mary Elizabeth; son Rhett, daughter-in-law Tracy, grandchildren Sophia and Caden; sisters-in-law Gerri (Voerman) and Joanne (Rankin) MacDonald; brother-in-law Robert Mazzocca; former husband Dennis and his family (brother Lewis, sister-in-law Maureen, sons Jamie, Alex Joe and Calum), who remember her with love and admiration.

She will be deeply missed by her cherished nieces and nephews and their families – the Steeles, MacNeils, Mazzoccas, Martins, Burridges and MacDonalds. She held a special place in her heart for her many godchildren and dear friends.

We deeply appreciate the compassionate care she received from her family physician Dr. Teliki, her oncologists Dr. Morzycki and Dr. Ddamba, and her palliative care team.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the CNIB or a charity of your choice.

Obituary can be viewed at www.walkerfh.com with condolence under the 'Tribute Wall'

Eleanor Grant Gallant

It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Eleanor Gallant, at Northwood Care, on January 27, 2022. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of Robert and Matilda Doubleday.

Eleanor was a voracious reader and was especially fond of the biography genre. Although an unlucky bingo player, she enjoyed it nonetheless and always had her dabber at the ready. Her grandchildren gave her great joy and she was the master

of hide and seek. Her short career in the Air Force took her across Canada and always had fond memories of friends made.

Surviving are her son David (his spouse Beverly), her grandchildren Christopher and Stephanie and their mother Amanda, her brothers Clarence and Carl and, her sisters Geraldine, Carol and Lorraine.

Predeceased by her son Ronald; brother Clifford; sisters Jean, Doris, Margaret, Eileen and Elizabeth.

Donations in memory of Eleanor may be made to St James Anglican Church.

Obituary can be viewed at www.walkerfh.com with condolence under the 'Tribute Wall'

Xavier Alexander Deveau

It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Xavier at the IWK Halifax on February 10th, 2022. Born in Halifax he was the son of Rebecca and Gary.

Xavier was a student at William King Elementary. He was a very social kid; he would spark up a conversation with anyone! He loved boat rides, jacked-up trucks, cars, four-wheelers, and heavy machines. He loved tacos, pasta and tomatoes. He was born with HLHS, so every day was a blessing. He lived life to the fullest. He worked hard to earn those wings. He was truly a warrior. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and anyone that met him.

Besides his parents, Xavier is also survived by his Sisters, Faith Franklin and Emily Saunders; Brother Hayden Deveau; Aunt Jillian Deveau; Cousin Gabby Deveau; Grandparents Wayne and Joanne Deveau, Gennie Forrest and Great-Grandparents Alphonse and Phyllis Deveau, Hayden Hardy.

Xavier was predeceased by Great-Nan Glenda Williams, Uncle Andrew Forrest, Grand-Dad Gary Franklin; as well as his hamster, Daisy.

Donations in Xavier's memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Obituary can be viewed at www.walkerfh.com with condolence under the 'Tribute Wall'.

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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.


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The Nova Scotia Association of Realtors statistics for January 2022 in Spryfield!

• **Average sale price of single family homes in January last year: \$383,680; this January: \$476,583, an increase of 22.6%**

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