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munity led water quality monitoring is one way for community members to take action and contribute. Water quality monitoring programs are an important tool to help improve local

\$145,000 raised

Loblaw customers in Nova Scotia raise \$145,000 to help support local school and community meal programs

Eight organizations in Spryfield area benefit from program funding

A recent Loblaw fundraising campaign raised \$1.86 million nationally, and \$145,000 here in Nova Scotia, in support of President's Choice Children's Charity. The Charity is Canada's largest charitable provider of school meal programs, reaching 10 per cent of all school-age children across the country, as well as operating the Power Full KidsTM program, which combines daily meals and snacks with new food skills education.

The strong support by Nova Scotians during the Feeding Hungry Minds campaign highlights the incredible generosity in the province. Funds raised over two weeks from February 10 to 27 will help President's Choice Children's Charity deliver food programs across Nova Scotia.

In 2021, the charity reached more than 23.000 children in Nova Scotia at more than 120 schools and other program locations. "We know that hungry kids experience more anxiety, miss more school, and disrupt their class more often," said Lisa Battistelli, executive director, President's Choice Children's Charity. "A child should never have to carry the burden caused (See \$145,000 on page 2)

Every drop counts

MRWA Volunteer Jenna Penny holds the YSI probe for participants to view

McIntosh Run Watershed Association volunteers Rebecca Teddiman and Jenna Penny shared a presentation on water quality monitoring along with Emma Wattie and Aislin Livingstone from the Atlantic Water Network to mark World Water Day (March 22nd). The workshop was presented at the Captain William Spry Centre to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our fresh water and encourage community uptake of water quality monitoring. The presentation was opened by Mi'kmaw Elder Marlene

Companion who offered a prayer after which participants enjoyed a slice of pizza, graciously donated by Alexandra's Pizza.

Rebecca discussed what water quality monitoring is and why it is important. "Water is the most life sustaining gift on Earth and is the interconnection among all living beings". Participants were then asked to think about what water means to them. Some of the responses included "water connects us with the earth and each other", "for agriculture and food", and "for fun activities like swimming, and canoeing".

Photo credit Stephen Dunn

Jenna walked participants through how to monitor water quality including what parameters to test, how often to sample, and where to sample. Emma provided information on how to operate the YSI WetPro water probe after which participants had the opportunity to the use probe and practice gathering and analysing data.

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by hunger, so we're working to reach vulnerable children with food - wherever they're learning."

In the immediate area, PCCC funds nutrition programs at six local schools, including Central Spryfield Elementary, Chebucto Heights Elementary, Elizabeth Sutherland School, Harrietsfield Elementary, William King Elementary (Herring Cove) and Cunard Junior High, as well as the Spryfield branches of Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Halifax and Pathways to Education. Well over 750 Spryfield-area children are currently benefiting from these programs.

Schools across Nova Scotia can apply to participate in the charity's Power Full Kids meal program between May 1 and June 24, 2022. Program requirements and application information can be found on the PCCC website (pcchildrenscharity.ca).

About President's Choice Children's Charity

For 32 years, President's Choice Children's Charity has been dedicated to helping children across Canada, and in that time, has nurtured the wellbeing of more than 6 million children. Since 2018, the charity has been committed to the fight against childhood hunger to ensure all Canadian children can live the life they choose.

President's Choice Children's Charity is the nation's largest charitable provider of school meal programs and also reaches children after school and throughout the summer with Power Full KidsTM programming - combining regular meals and snacks with new food skills education. The

charity's ambition is to feed one million children every year, by 2025.

The charity's founder, Loblaw Companies Ltd., committed to raise \$150 million by 2028 through its

network of more than 1,100 grocery stores, 200,000 employees and millions of customers, and generously covers the cost of administration so every dollar raised helps kids.

Lions Rink 50th Anniversary



In the picture above, featured are members of the Board of Management and Building Committee -Lion Frank Martin, Contractor Victor Oland, Lion Hans Nilsson, Lion John Buchanan (MLA) and Lion

April 16th 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the sod turning ceremony for the construction of the Spryfield Lions Rink. In April 1972, with the culmination of the Spryfield Lions Members, Politicians and Businessmen, along with members of the community of Spryfield, a 'Think Rink' campaign had targeted a fundraising goal of \$225,000. It was believed this was a worthwhile project and could be brought to successful achievement with the support and dedication of so many. In November of the same year the opening of the Spryfield Lions Rink, known then as the 'Lions Club

of Spryfield Community Rink', took place.

It was a proud day in November and was felt at the time that the Spryfield Lions Rink would long be remembered. The rink was a wonderful addition to the recreation facilities in this part of the city and was heralded as a healthy development for our young people. As it aged, it became popular as a hub of activity for so many families and members of the community and continues to be a monument to what can happen when we all get together and push in the same direction.

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Religious Services Directory for April

To have your religious services added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail. com by April 15 for May'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

Nursery and Children's ministry:

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 in person and also some are livestreamed. Please note, we will still be following Covid protocols with gradual loosening of restrictions, so you may be asked to wear a mask and distance. If you are ill, please join us online.

Sunday Worship 8:00am Quiet, traditional communion service

10:00am Lively, contemporary communion service with choir.

Wednesdays in Lent, April 6, 11:00 am. Communion.

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: April 10, communion and liturgy of palms and passion Monday, April 11, 11:00am: Sta-

tions of the Cross Tuesday, April 12, 11:00am: Stations of the Earth

Wednesday, April 13, 11:00 am:
Great Litany and healing service
Maundy Thursday, April 14,
7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Good Friday, April 15, 9:30: Good
Friday Prayer Walk, beginning at
Emmanuel 1:30: Good Friday Liturgy

Great Vigil of Easter
Easter Sunday, April 17, 8:00 &
10:00am: Celebration of the

Holy Saturday, April 16, 8:30pm:

Resurrection.

We are an affirming church. Everyone is welcome.

Good Friday Prayer Walk: This year the Spryfield Ministerial Association is sponsoring our 2nd annual Good Friday Prayer walk. We will meet at Emmanuel Anglican Church, 322 Herring Cove Rd. at 9:30am on Good Friday, April 15. We will spend

an hour or two walking together around downtown Spryfield and stopping along the way to pray for our community. Anyone is welcome to ioin us.

For more information contact Rev. Michelle Bull at 902-477-1783.

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 stpaulsunitedchurch-spryfield.ca. and a Zoom invitation will be sent to you. You can also find us on YouTube. Worship is at 11:00 0n 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)

In-person Sunday worship services Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) at 9:30 am St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro) at 11:15 am. April 10 Palm Sunday Intergenerational Services; April 15 Good Friday 7 pm Service at St. James; April 17 Easter Sunday Services at regular times. We ask that people wear facemasks and observe physical distancing. We offer online Sunday worship on St James United Church Sambro NS Facebook Page and YouTube. Bulletins at www.sambrojollimorepc.com, 902-868-2791.

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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DISCOVERING OUR PAST



by Iris V. Shea

The next time you visit the Captain William Spry Community Centre in Spryfield, be sure to look at the large boulder beside an interpretative sign on the left as you approach the main entrance. The directions inscribed on the stone are still legible, more than a century after they were carved. This old road sign has found a permanent home thanks to the efforts of the Mainland South Heritage Society and former HRM Councillor Linda Mosher. The stone's original location was on Old Sambro Road at Dart's Forks, near the south entrance to Long Lake Provincial Park and the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road. During the 1980s, however, when road widening was taking place, the Mills family moved it for safe keeping to their yard in Harrietsfield. The purpose of the sign at Dart's Forks was to direct visitors to and from their intended destinations -namely Sambro, Harrietsfield, the Micmac Club, Spryfield, Halifax and Prospect Road—at a time when the horse-drawn carriage was a popular method of transportation.

In order to identify the type of stone, Edison Yeadon (now deceased), a stone engraver who descended from generations of Spryfield stonecutters and quarrymen, was consulted. He identified the road marker as ironstone which was more popular as a building stone than for lettering. The foundation of the Old Town Clock in Halifax is of ironstone, as is the building that houses the Adventure Earth Centre (formerly St. Augustine's Church) in Jollimore. There were ironstone quarries on William's Lake Road (at "the Crusher", now Ravenscraig) and in Purcell's Cove, but this particular stone does not appear to be quarried. Stone experts describe ironstone as the local name for the metamorphosed slate, "originally clay sediment that has been altered as a result of the heat that emanated from the intrusion of the great masses of granite in the vicinity."

It was obvious, according to Mr. Yeadon, that the stonemason who carved this stone was experienced in lettering. On close inspection, several dates and letters on the stone are visible but are not part of the original lettering. The top of the stone, now

Historic road Sign from Dart's Forks



Photo of visitors to MicMac Club during early 1900s. Courtesy of Mainland South Heritage Society missing, contained the carved profile of Chief Lonecloud in full headdress. Lonecloud, according to oral history, was a frequent visitor to the Dart farm at Dart's Forks.

The need for a road sign at Dart's Forks coincided with the increase in the number of visitors travelling along Old Sambro Road to Harrietsfield. At the turn of the 20th century, sportsmen from Halifax and other areas were just beginning to discover the abundant fish and game in our lakes and forests. Local inhabitants had been taking advantage of this since the late 1700s. In1900 a group of prominent businessmen from Halifax established the "Micmac Game and Fish Club Limited", located off Old Sambro Road in Harrietsfield and accessed from an uphill trail at the end of Club Road.

Two of the 14 founding members of the Micmac Club, William B. Ross and Edward J. Longard, Jr., purchased land from the heirs of William Brunt and James Bennet and leased it to the club. Ross was a well-known Halifax lawyer who was appointed to the Senate in 1912. Another prominent member was Henry Bauld who, in 1915, was co-founder of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children and served as president until his death in 1948. These men, in addition to serving as directors in a number of companies, all had an interest in the preservation and conservation of native game and fish. Their mandate

was to breed native and exotic game and fish, stocking the club's land with game and its waters with fish. French Lake, Bennet's Lake and Dryhill Lake were among those that received attention. Caribou were kept in a fenced corral beside the club. A caretaker lived on the premises, usually with his family, until the clubhouse burned down. Assessment records show the value of the club in 1919 as \$1700. One year later, in 1920, the value of the property was reduced to \$800, an indication that the fire occurred sometime within that year. Henry G. Bauld converted the barn on the property into a dwelling house and used it as a summer residence for many years.

Visitors to the area continued to flow past Dart's Forks for several years. The Rod and Gun Club was formed in 1926 by another group of Halifax sportsmen who established a clubhouse on Harry's Lake, just west of the former Micmac Club. Sam Jollimore of Jollimore established Big Trout Camp, later called "Number 12 Camp," next to the Rod and Gun Club. At the end of Club Road in Harrietsfield one may still walk uphill along the old road to Harry's Lake. Remnants of a stone foundation, part of the Micmac Game and Fish Club, may still be seen. Several other paths along the way lead to lakes that continue to attract local fisherman.

In its day, the stone road sign at Dart's Forks saw some grand sights when well-dressed businessmen and their lady friends made their way to Harrietsfield by horse and carriage, spending the day socializing at the Micmac Club. Oral history, passed down by previous generations of Spryfield residents, has revealed that William Dart of Dart's Forks carved and erected the road sign to deter visitors from ending up on the Prospect Road instead of at the Micmac Club in Harrietsfield.

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Spryfield Legion activities gaining momentum

Activities at the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion are slowly returning to their pre-pandemic levels.

Live entertainment and sporting events are being scheduled and hall rentals are now available.

It is expected that opening hours from Monday to Friday will be changing soon.

Information on upcoming events will be made available on the Royal Canadian Spryfield Legion Facebook page and on the legion sign.

The legion is always seeking new members, and newcomers to the Spryfield area are invited to stop by the branch at 7 Sussex St. to see what the legion has to offer.

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Sailing with a Broader Reach



Armdale Yacht Club Photo credit Cody Field

by Anthony Rosborough, Armdale Yacht Club

I believe that sailing is something for everyone. It should be an activity that everyone can experience and participate in. After all, we Nova Scotians lay claim to a rich maritime tradition of hearty sailors. Our credentials on this front are represented by the Bluenose's imprint on Canada's dime. Yet, for many of us, sailing and boating are perceived as activities for only the very wealthy – guarded by exclusive 'clubs'.

When I was elected as Sail Train-

ing Officer at the Armdale Yacht Club in 2019, I made it my goal to change these dynamics and challenge these assumptions about sailing. I envisioned a program that broadens participation in sailing to new audiences, increases educational activity at our club, and benefits our community. The result is Broader Reach (www. broaderreach.ca)

Broader Reach is a project of the Learn to Sail program at the Armdale Yacht Club that offers a no-cost Learn to Sail opportunity for members groups who are historically underrepresented in the sport of sailing. Through the support of Sport Nova Scotia, the Canada Summer Jobs program, corporate sponsorship, and private (charitable) donations, we reserve at least 25% of the spaces in our Learn to Sail programs for folks referred to us by our community partners.

For our Adult & Family Keelboating program, we work with the YMCA Halifax to offer a Learn to Sail experience for new Canadians. For our Junior Sailing summer daytime programs, we are working with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Halifax (Spryfield) to offer sailing programs for kids aged 8-16. These opportunities are entirely at no cost to participants, and we provide everything they need to get on the water and Learn to Sail.

Broader Reach is made possible not only through financial support, but also the volunteer work of AYC members, and committed community volunteers. We encourage folks with experience in sailing instruction, sailboat rigging and repair, and youth programming to contact us for volunteer opportunities. We are extraordinarily humbled by the support and enthusiasm we have received so far, including the volunteer coaching time of former Olympian Jacob Saunders.

On a personal note, providing a no-cost sailing experience in our community has a special meaning. I was fortunate to be raised by a family with a rich nautical history. And though this made sailing feel like a natural activity to be involved in, the registration fees were beyond the means of my single mother. My ability to learn to sail came through the generosity of my aunt and uncle. My personal motivation for Broader Reach is to offer the same opportunity to others in our community. Let's make sailing for everyone.

For more information on Broader Reach: www.broaderreach.ca And for more information on our Learn to Sail programs: www.armdaleyachtclub.ns.ca/learn-to-sail

TAG (Theatre Arts Guild) News

Dracula – the Bloody Truth - A Comedy is back in rehearsal! By Le Navet Bete and John Nicholson, directed by Nick Jupp, produced by Geraldine Dowling, Stage Manager Esther VanGorder; opens May 12th, 2022

Dracula - the Bloody Truth: Is it a comedy? Absolutely! A comedy the likes of which you have never seen. It's a mixture Monty Python, adult panto and The Play That Goes Wrong. Irish author Bram Stoker wrote the original Dracula novel However, in our production Dracula's nemesis Professor Van Helsing visits TAG in order to tell you, the audience, what actually happened and the real ending to the story.

Bandcamp: TAG is now on Bandcamp, where you can download all of our audio content for however much you wish. Featuring:

- The Sun by John Galsworthy, starring Skylar Sullivan, Evan Toth-Martinez, and Justin Mozel
- The Poetry Nebula, series 1 and 2 featuring new, lost, and classic pieces of poetry, featuring the works of Melinda Antle, Jacob Wilson, Cheryl Theriault, Sappho, Lord Byron, Michael Ardenne, and more, including extra poems in the bonus content
- He Said/She Said by Judy Reade, starring Tony Marshall and Cheryl Theriault

- Thought, Word, and Deed by J. Clayton Law, starring Jacob Wilson, Eileen Wooley, Jennifer Robbins, Noel Guscott, Skylar Sullivan, and Justin Mozel and
- The Telescope Theatre Project Proudly Presents, featuring the radio plays by J. Clayton Law before the merger, and dissolution of the company, including:
- Living the Cave, Telescope's 2nd piece, starring Ayla-Monic McKay, Mathew Tufts, Kiri Laing, Melinda Antle, and Joshua Law
- Fishing: The Mermaid, starring Rayna Smith-Camp and Joshua Law
- First Date, a rewrite of Telescope's first radio play, starring Eileen Wooley, and Evan Toth-Martinez.
- Bonus content includes Blind Date, the first radio play back in 2014, starring Alex Gatto, Colin Oulton, and Tris Healy, and outtakes from Living the Cave and First Date

Behind the Beyond

Rehearsals have begun with our 5th audio play, Behind the Beyond. Humorist Stephen Leacock created a night at the theatre, featuring a production of Behind the Beyond. Lady Cicely is deprived of life, and seeking a way out of her stagnant existence with her husband, Sir John Trevor, a politician in the House of Commons. With Sir John's secretary, Jack Harding, she devises a way to es-

cape it all and run. Meanwhile Margaret Harding, Jack's mother, has written Sir John saying she is on her way, reminding him of past deeds. How long can one run from reality? Can one truly hide from truths and revelations behind the beyond? Coming this summer Starring Mark DeWolf as Sir John Trevor, Hannah Blizzard as Lady Cicely, Charles Bull as Jack Harding, and Heather Mills as Margaret Harding. With Bill VanGorder, Joshua Law, and Jen Martynyshyn. Featuring Phil Reid as Stephen Leacock

Village Wooing

Release date: March 31, 2022
From the deck of the H.M.S. Patagonia to the village shop, a telephone operator pursues a travel writer for marriage in TAG's first interprovincial production. Starring Tamara Shortt and Chris Clarke of Cochrane, Ontario. Directed by J. Clayton Law and produced by Anne-Marie Law.

Stay tuned to our social media, and tagtheatre.com for the premiere.

Theatre Arts Guild Pond Playhouse is located at 6 Parkhill Road Halifax



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Loblaw Spring Food Drive tackles growing need at local food banks

Dylan's No Frills in Spryfield supporting Spryfield

Salvation Army

Across Canada, the rising cost of living means more people are having to turn to food banks to help keep themselves and their families fed. At the same time, food banks are also coping with rising costs in many key aspects of their operations. On top of two years of pandemic and a long winter, this means many local food banks are now in dire need of community support in order to continue to help feed growing numbers of hungry Canadians.

Loblaw Companies Limited is stepping up to help through the annual Spring Food Drive. Loblaw stores across Canada, including local Atlantic Superstore, No Frills and Your Independent Grocer locations throughout Nova Scotia, will be collecting donations of food and funds for two weeksbeginning March 31 through to the Easter weekend.

During the food drive, Atlantic Superstore locations throughout the Halifax region are collecting food and cash donations for Feed Nova Scotia, while Dylan's No Frills in Spryfield is supporting the Spryfield Salvation Army.

One hundred per cent of donations made locally go directly to these local food banks to benefit community members in need.

"As we look forward to warmer days ahead, the reality is that the need for food banks remains high coming out of the winter months, especially given the challenges of the current economic environment," says Kirstin Beardsley, CEO of Food Banks Canada. "That's why we are so grateful for generous partners like Loblaw Companies Ltd. who step forward year after year to support our neighbours in need with initiatives like the Spring Food Drive."

We know how much of an impact food drives can have. The company's 2021 Holiday Food Drive last December generated over \$2.1 million in in-store cash donations and more than 2 million pounds of food for food banks across the country. In Nova Scotia, \$83,994, and more than 70,000pounds of food were donated to Feed Nova Scotia and local food banks in all parts of the province.

For those who are unsure of what to give, monetary donations are an easy and highly effective option. Cash provides the most flexibility for food banks to fill gaps in their operations wherever they are most needed.

"Nova Scotians are very communityminded. Giving even a loonie or a toonie at the checkout goes a long way when many people contribute," says Mark Boudreau, director of corporate affairs with Loblaw Atlantic. "Similarly, just one or two items added to your cart for the in-store donation bin generates



Store owner Dylan Dunbar stands next to the food donation bin at Dylan's No Frills in Spryfield. The store's Spring Food Drive runs March 31-April 14 in support of the Spryfield Salvation Army

hundreds of pounds of food when the entire community gets involved."

Along with monetary donations, food banks are most in need of healthy non-perishable items – the same items you would buy to stock your own pantry – such as wholegrain cereals, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauces, canned fish, meat, vegetables and fruits, baby

formula and shelf-stable milk products.

"It's a hard reality that many Nova Scotians are in need this spring. Loblaw and our local stores are committed to helping ease food insecurity across the province by mobilizing our customers and colleagues," says Boudreau. "If you are in a position to donate to the food drive, thank you in advance for your generosity."

New program at Urban Farm

submitted by Samantha Snow Come Grow With Us is a family gardening program at the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield. The days are getting longer, and the sun is shining brighter every passing day. With the turn of the clocks, we here at the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield (UFMSS) are getting excited at warm thoughts of our summer gardens, abundant harvests, and family and community involvement in our farm. As the Program Coordinator of the Come Grow With Us (CGWU) program I am getting especially excited to meet new families and help them grow, nurture and harvest their gardens.

CGWU is a family-oriented garden learning program that began at the UFMSS in 2004. Annually, twelve families (and/or community organizations) participate in this rewarding program. For an affordable fee of \$40.00 families/organizations become farm members, are given the use of a 40 square foot raised garden bed (filled with soil), receive a copy of the "Come Grow With Us Family Guide to Growing Vegetables," and have exclusive access to the CGWU weekly workshops with yours truly.

Families meet for workshops once a week on Tuesday evenings beginning in early June and wrap up in late August, but families have access to their garden all season long. Every Tuesday evening an instructor will lead a small workshop to help guide families on their next steps, learn new gardening skills and applicable knowledge so that one's mind grows with one's garden. There is also an interactive learning activity for children and youth, which parents are encouraged to participate in as well.

Weekly workshops include:

- Compositing Indoors & Outdoors
- Planting Times, Crop Rotation &

Companion Planting

- Seeding Indoors & Outdoors
- Transplanting & Construction
- Weeding, Thinning & Mulching
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- Flora & Fauna
- Nutrition
- Food Storage & Preservation
- Saving Seeds

Last summer the CGWU program had a variety of participants involved in our garden. From small and large families to community groups and youth seeking a safe space to learn and grow a vegetable garden for the first time. Our families planted a diversity of vegetables such as tomatoes, cucumber, pumpkin (for their leaves), beans, beets, peas, basil, zucchini, and kale to name a few.

This year we are eagerly preparing for what hopefully will be a summer with very light COVID-19 restrictions. Program organizers are recruiting for new family participants and spring registration will be taking place at the UFMSS's annual Seedy Saturday Plant Sale on Saturday, May 28 at the Urban Farm from 12:00PM – 2:00PM. There is a rain date set for Sunday, May 29.

Pending approval of our Canada Summer Jobs application, our CGWU program will be looking for a youth under 30 years old interested in the position of Assistant Program Coordinator at our Urban Farm. The position will be 30 hours a week for 9 - 12 weeks. If you or someone you know are interested in teaching garden workshops from our CGWU curriculum for families and youth, gardening and research, please contact Pat at patriciabmaclean@gmail. com or 902-497-3683.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our Come Grow With Us program please reach out to myself, Samantha at urbanfarmprogrammer@gmail.com.

See you in the garden!



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Cheep, Chirp, Twitter, Tweet-not social media apps!

by Cathy Vaughan

Cheep, chirp, twitter, tweet – bird talk, not social media apps! Wouldn't you like to know what they are squawking about? Birds are all around us especially in our local Purcell's Cove Backlands and Shaw Wilderness Park. These local parks are the ideal habitats for birds as they migrate to, and nest in, our wetlands, forests and rocky barrens around Spryfield.

Birds help keep our environment healthy through their "ecosystem services." They pollinate plants, disperse seeds, fertilize new growth, control insects and are the super sanitation team for road-kill. Learning about birds not only connects us to nature, it helps us to understand how the health of our ecosystems, waterways, and forests rely not only on our conservation efforts, but also on our feathered friends.

Several conservation-oriented groups in Spryfield have partnered to promote the appreciation and tradition of bird watching in the wilderness parks and community trails of Spryfield. The Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) designed the "Sparrows Hawks Doves" (SHD) project and was awarded funding from the HRM Community Project Grants Program. A key goal for WLCC was to build new local alliances and to invite members of the Purcell's Cove Backlands Coalition and the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield to join in the field trips for the SHD's bird survey.

Martha Leary, WLCC's coordinator of the SHD project explains that "In addition to an important bird survey in the Backlands and around the Williams Lake area, we want to promote the understanding and the value of bird watching and to welcome new people to the hobby in our Spryfield area. We also want folks to experience the value of our local parks through field trips into the Purcell's Cove Backlands and the Shaw Wilderness Park."

As part of the SHD project, volunteers developed a trail map with a nature guide featuring unique plants and trees as well as the frequent-flyers in the Shaw Wilderness Park. These educational materials will be available to hiking and birding enthusiasts this spring on the WLCC's website (williamslakecc.org).

The SHD group also approached the Captain William Spry Library



Williams Lake Conservation Company donates bird books to Captain William Spry Library. Martha Leary, WLCC Project Coordinator, Fulton Lavender, bird identification-expert and Joshua Barss Donham, Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield.

Photo: Cathy Vaughan

with the idea of a specific collection of educational books and materials on birds. They gathered a wide range of informative resources to be donated to, and housed at, the library in Spryfield and should be available to borrow in time for summer hiking and bird watching.

Community Librarians at the Spryfield library created a bird-theme activity package for kids and families interested in birds, which is available now at the library. Community Librarian, Ella Leving supported the bird theme in her spring programming and offered a "Spring Time Colouring Night: Birds" activity for all ages.

"My role as a community librarian is to listen to, and engage, my community, ultimately creating programs to meet its needs. It was a natural and organic fit to support WLCC's bird project. Our Spryfield library is known for its vibrant programs and I am excited to add to our repertoire by introducing bird-themed events," said Leving.

Books can connect us to the environmental importance of all the

essential services that birds provide that keep our natural biodiversity healthy. Colourful illustrations of our Maritime birds plug us into the natural world right outside our windows, on our local streets, trails, and in the nature parks in our Spryfield neighbourhoods.

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(continued from page 10) usual destination, Bridgewater, for treats at the bakery, and lunch at the Wave; thrift shopping to the valley with Emily to see what treasures they could find; road trips with Ginger to their fave destinations of Evangeline Beach, Crescent Beach and Conrad's Beach. Quieter things that Annie enjoyed were reading, knitting and jigsaw puzzles.

Annie loved being out in nature. She enjoyed watching the seasonal changes with wildlife, especially bird watching, following the evening sky as the seasons changed, following the cycles of the moon and its effects on the tides. She spent many hours kayaking with her dogs at home in the Creek and at Ragged Lake North. Kevin and Annie's camp at Ragged was a place she loved. Enjoying

In the future, the WLCC hopes to offer guided walking tours and bird watching skills-development opportunities in the Purcell's Cove Backlands and Shaw Wilderness Park to promote the importance of conserving and protecting natural and unique areas in Spryfield.

"Data from our spring and summer field trips last year covered a lot of ground in the Backlands. Fulton Lavender, our local bird identification-expert with the project, conducted field trips and identified about 95 different species of birds living in the Backlands at different times of the year and at various points in their migrations," said Leary, WLCC's project coordinator.

Some of the more exotic and colourful birds sighted in the Shaw Wilderness Park and the Purcell's Cove Backlands that you may want to read about are the very showy Wood Duck, evil-looking New World Vultures, colourful Red-eyed Vireos and the majestic Bald Eagle. Amazing sights!

Community librarian Leving summed up the library's connection to WLCC's bird project by saying "This season it's all about fun times, connecting and engaging with our Spryfield community and experiencing and appreciating the magical gifts of nature all around us!"

Explore these useful links:
Bird programs: halifax public
libraries.ca
Nature advocacy: williamslakecc.org
Save Williams Lake: williamslakedamassociation—Facebook
Spryfield farm museum: urbanfarmspryfield.com
Bird stories: chebuctonews.ca

its quiet surroundings, walking with the dogs on the trails, trying to catch a bass, swimming, boating around the lake with Ginger and Auggie were all such happy times for Annie.

Besides Kevin and Emily, Annie is survived by stepchildren Celine Francis (Darryl), Kyle Purcell (Nicole) grand-children Dakota, Kinsley and Wynter; siblings Mary Elizabeth ("Beth") Kelly (George), David Alexander Drew, Bernard ("Bernie") Harris Drew (Trudy Clole), Alan Richard Drew (Anne), Paul Douglas Drew (Trisha); nieces Sonja Drew (Goddaughter) and Lucy Drew; nephews Christian Drew, Jordan Drew, Ryan Drew and Charlie Drew.

Online condolences may be sent to the Purcell family by visiting www.walkerfh.com





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Cuttell Community Update

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

Well folks, we did it. We survived another winter. Although many of our roads did not.

I am hearing from many of you about pothole issues. HRM road operations crews identify and address potholes all year. They rely heavily on residents to report potholes so they can be logged into the system for repair. More than 5,200 potholes are repaired each year. The time to fix a pothole can range anywhere from 7 to 30 business days depending on the pothole and priority. Crews aim to repair priority potholes on main roads within 7 business days. To report potholes on municipal roads, please call 311 or email contactus@311.halifax.ca. It is important to note that within HRM the province is responsible for highways, many rural roads, and highway on-ramps. To report a pothole on provincially-owned roads, please call the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 511 or email dpw-occ@novascotia. ca. Did you know you can also call 311 if your car was damaged by a pothole? Visit Halifax.ca for more information.

Residents are invited to provide feedback on phase 3 of the regional plan review. Feedback and questions will be accepted until Monday, April 18, 2022 via email at regionalplan@halifax. ca or by phone at (902.233.2501). The Regional Plan sets out a vision, as well as principles and long-range, region-wide planning policies outlining where, when, and how future development should take place between now and 2031.

Phase 3 includes consideration of many site-specific amendment requests. These requests were submitted in Phase 2 of the Regional Plan Review. Sitespecific requests are from property owners looking for zoning or service boundary changes. Over 53 requests were received, including a number in District 11. HRM staff reviewed each request and made recommendations on how to proceed for each request. You can find this information in the table on Regional Plan Review's Shape Your City Halifax webpage (shapeyourcityhalifax.ca). Site-specific requests to date within District 11

Purcell's Cove Road C005 – Request from Gina Stick to include the subject lands in the Urban Service Area, to allow for water services to be extended to service an existing residential dwelling.

Lands on Purcell's Cove Road C025 – Request from ZZap Consulting Inc., on behalf of Tony Maskine, to redesignate the property to permit an unserviced subdivision.

Exhibition Park C086 – Request by Fathom Studio, on behalf of BANC Developments, to consider a 1,016 residential unit development.

Herring Cove Holding Zone, Spryfield

C070-A – A Request from Armco Capital Inc. to include the subject lands in the Urban Service Area to permit a 1,047-lot serviced development.

C071 – The Holding Zone request will be considered under Phase 3.

Planning for future development will occur under Phase 5.

C074 – Request from Stephen Adams, on behalf of the property owners, to include the subject lands in the Urban Service Area to permit a 2,974 unit serviced development.

C333 *NEW* Request (March 2, 2022) from Stephen Adams, on behalf of several property owners to rezone properties to R-2.

Some of these requests could result in a substantial number of new units. Public engagement for Phase 3 of the Regional Plan Review will inform policy to address the current demand for housing, as well as support the municipality's priority plans including the Halifax Green Network Plan, HalifACT and Integrated Mobility Plan. Feedback received by April 18 will be reflected in the Phase 3 report

to Regional Council (expected in May 2022). The municipality wishes to hear from residents with diverse viewpoints and backgrounds, so please share your thoughts.

Do you have a bird feeder placed outside your home? HRM staff are encouraging residents to remove bird feeders from their property to help stop the spread of avian flu and protect our local bird population. Nova Scotia is dealing with a deadly strain of avian flu, and backyard bird feeders can facilitate the spread of it amongst wild birds. If you encounter a sick or dead bird do not touch it. Please report it to the provincial Natural Resources Department at 1-800-565-2224. While there is a very low risk of humans getting sick from avian flu, it's common sense not to handle sick or dead birds at any time.

I am seeing lots of blue and yellow throughout our city, displaying support for the people of Ukraine. You will see Halifax Transit showing support on our buses and ferries, and at City Hall



we are discussing what more can be done. I see there have also been local initiatives raising funds and sending essential items to those in need. This attack on Ukraine's independence and sovereignty is something we should all be concerned about.

To everyone who celebrates, I wish you a Happy Easter and a Happy Nowruz. I can be reached by email at patty.cuttell@halifax.ca or by phone at 902-221-6893.

The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Spring has finally arrived, the weather is warming up and the snow is melting, which means a time change and as they say, Spring forward, Fall back. There is always a lot of conversation around time change, and during the last legislative session we introduced a bill to abolish daylight savings; unfortunately, it did not pass. We will be reintroducing the bill again this Spring Legislative session in the hope that it finally passes.

Speaking of the upcoming Spring session, this session is the Conservatives' first provincial budget. There are many issues that are facing Nova Scotians from one end of this province to the other. The cost of living, affordability, and the skyrocketing cost of fuel is choking our family, friends, and communities. I am hoping that this budget reflects the needs of Nova Scotians and

gives them the break they need. The Conservatives have pledged to run one of the biggest deficits in Nova Scotia history. They have said that spending more money will help solve the problems we face. Some of that money needs to go directly into the pockets of Nova Scotians. That is the best, and most direct, way to give all of you a break.

Williams Lake dam

Over the last several months, I have tried to pin down the Minister of Natural Resources to come to our community to meet with the volunteers and community members around the very serious issue of Williams Lake dam. We have been booked several times but, unfortunately, he had to cancel for various reasons. During the last provincial campaign, the Conservatives promised

they would invest the money needed to rebuild the dam. I will be holding them to their word; as they say, a promise made is a promise kept.

People have reached out to me about the conditions of the roads, and I have updated the Department of Transportation about the condition of Provincial roads. I also pass the information on to HRM around their roads. I am always paying attention and listening.

As the weather gets better, I hope you take some time to enjoy everything our community has to offer. From Long Lake, to Crystal, Crescent beach, our trails, coastlines, playgrounds and parks offer us so much to see and do; we are truly blessed to live in this community.

Enjoy April and stay safe Proud to be your MLA Brendan Maguire brendan@brendanmaguire.ca 902 444 0147

We continue to adapt at St. Paul's United

By Carolyn Mont

As we transition into spring and the lifting of Covid restrictions, it is, in some ways, hard to remember how things "used to be". Like most organizations, at St. Paul's United Church, we tried new ways of doing the old things. We closed the doors of the church and learned a new skill, meeting for worship on Zoom. We stopped having our regular fundraisers like our very popular dinners; our monthly bottle drive has been changed to a drop-off of refundables, in St. Paul's United Church's name, at Beaver Enviro Depot, 251 Herring Cove Rd.

At our Family Resources Institute, (FRI) Soup's On, our Tuesday free lunch of soup and sandwiches became a takeout meal; our Food Bank clients came to the side door to get their groceries rather than gathering inside for a snack and time to chat. FRI is happy to say that both of these programs are now welcoming people indoors, in a more social setting.

All of those things have meant that we haven't been able to social-

ize in our usual way, with our church friends. In the summers, we had several "picnics in the parking lot", where we brought our own chairs and picnics, socially distanced in the parking lot and thoroughly enjoyed our sort of picnics. In the past year, we have tried indoor Fellowship Teas. We socially distanced, served tea and coffee to those who came and had a real opportunity to catch up with friends. We plan to do this monthly, especially as the restrictions are reduced and we won't have to be so distant from our friends.

Our fundraising dinners have changed and are now takeout. Our next Turkey Dinner is on Saturday, April 30. The cost for dinner, including a homemade dessert, hasn't changed. It remains at \$15.00, no tax, no tip. These take out dinners have been very popular and they always sell out. They must be preordered by calling Valerie at 902-423-2441. When you call, Valerie will tell you what time your dinner will be ready for pick up. Call early so you won't be

disappointed.

As the restrictions changed, due to changes in the spread of the virus, increased vaccinations and more knowledge, our worship location has undergone changes. We are now back in the sanctuary, wearing masks, socially distancing and hope that we won't have to go back to Zoom. Our services are recorded and available on our Facebook page.

With the government reducing the Covid protocols on March 21, the Unified Board at St. Paul's United decided that we will continue to require masking for several weeks. We have room in the sanctuary to designate a section for those people who wish to continue practicing socially distancing and we will also continue that designation for several weeks.

Throughout this time of Covid, we have all made adjustments and no doubt, some of these adjustments will continue to be with us as we consider the well being not just ourselves but those around us.

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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 APRIL 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, 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:

- 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 patriciabmaclean@ amail.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. 902-477-1783, emmanuelanglicanchurch.net) events:

Grief Support Group: We will be starting up a grief support group on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:30, beginning April 26 and running approximately 8 weeks. If you are interested in being part of this, please call 902-477-1783 and leave a message for Rev. Michelle Bull, with your phone number. Maximum number is 10. Our aim is to create a safe space where we can share our experiences of loss, and support one another as we journey

through grief and all the emotions that are part of that process. Anyone is welcome.

Good Friday Prayer Walk: This year the Spryfield Ministerial Association is sponsoring our 2nd annual Good Friday Prayer walk. We will meet at Emmanuel Anglican Church, 322 Herring Cove Rd. at 9:30am on Good Friday, April 15. We will spend an hour or two walking together around downtown Spryfield and stopping along the way to pray for our community. Anyone is welcome to join us.

For more information contact Rev. Michelle Bull at 902-477-1783.

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 Van-Gorder ervangorder@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed

The Chebucto West Community Health Board is seeking volunteers (Youth and Adult) for a 3-year term on the Board.

A Community Health Board is a committed group of recognized Nova Scotia Health Authority volunteers from the community working together in an advisory capacity to improve the health of the community it serves.

Community Health Planning

Community Health Boards gather ideas and share information about how to improve and promote health & wellness close to home.

Health and Wellness Promotion

Community Health Boards advocate for actions to promote and improve health & wellness based on what communities say is most important. Guided by their Community Health Plans, they develop partnerships with local community groups, and they award Wellness Fund grants to local community projects.

What is involved

The Chebucto West Community Health Board meets at least once per month on the first Tuesday of the month (@6pm). The term is for three years (can be extended one more term) and potentially up to 10 hours per month if there are other meetings or training sessions.

For our youth members, this would look great if you are building a resume and community experience opportunities.

Where to get more info: Check out our Web Page: https://www.communityhealth-boards.ns.ca/

Or, if this sounds like it may interest you, but you have questions, please contact your local coordinator, Penny Henneberry.

Penny.henneberry@nshealth.ca or 902-889-7555

Women For Music Society spring book sale. Runs Saturday April 9th from 8:30am to 5:30pm and Sunday April 10th from 9am to 3pm. At the Halifax Forum. Books, CDs, and DVDs. For more information, check out www.womenformusic.com

Women for Music Society's meeting, April 7, 1-3pm. Sibylle Marquardt, Dean of Music at the Conservatory will join us to share some of her story and play her flute. Refreshments, tea, and social. No admission charge. New members welcome. Judith Grant room, Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Road, Halifax, B3L 1K7. www.womenformusic. 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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Elaine Joan Wells (nee Purcell)

Halifax Age 87, formally of Purcell's Cove, slipped away peacefully on March 3, 2022 at Arborstone Enhanced Care after a long battle with Dementia.

She is now in heaven with Dad (Wally), Jim and Tim.

She is survived by her daughter Kim Conway and son-in-law Steve Conway; Daughter-in-law Elaine Wells-Drake; Grandchildren Brandon and Brenda Wells, Scott and Chris Conway; Brother Mike (Marilyn) Purcell Halifax; Sister Celee Dryden, Langley BC, and many nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents Alice (Innes) and Stanley Purcell; Sisters Dot Goodman, Trudy Purcell, Lillian (Bing) Thomas, Jackie Popek, Edie Ross, Margie MacIntosh and Brothers Steve Purcell and Allen Purcell.

Mom always had something in her hands while watching baseball on TV whether it was knitting, crocheting or plastic canvas. She loved spending time at her trailer during the summers in the early years at Brule Beach, to Klahanie Kamping to finally at Wayside Campground.

Mom was a very active senior enjoying time spent bowling at the Spryfield Bowlarama, past member of the Young at Heart Club, and the Royal Canadian Legion, Spryfield Branch.

A special thanks to the staff of the 3rd Floor Arborstone Enhanced Care for taking such great care of Mom and especially to Jeff, Donna, Carol Ann, Tammy and Rose. Also, thank you to Diana Mc-



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Neil who was a dear friend to Mom and visited her often at Arborstone.

Mom, I know you are at peace now and not tormented by Dementia anymore. You are now dancing away with Dad in heaven with Jim and Tim by your side. You are with your boys.

Online condolences and memories can be shared with the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

Madeline (Flemming) Gray

We are saddened to announce the peaceful passing of Mary "Madeline" Gray, 87, of Ketch Harbour, which occurred at Maplestone Enhanced Care on March 5, 2022. She was the youngest of three children, and only daughter born to the late Albert and Alice (Kirby) Flemming.

She met the love of her life, Bernard (Bernie) Gray of West Pennant. When they dated, Mom would take great joy in playing "Tea for Two" on the piano for him. They married in 1953 and together they built their home in Ketch Harbour.

In her younger years, Mom worked for Sears, a job that she spoke very fondly of and enjoyed very much. In addition to raising a family, Mom was the bookkeeper for Dad's fishing boat, the "Verna Ann". Her records were "second to none" with her beautiful penmanship and every detail meticulously documented, a talent which she maintained throughout her life.

Mom and Dad loved to spend their free time at their cottage at Lower Lake Sixty in Annapolis County. Regardless of the season, there was always something to do there, whether it was hunting, swimming, snowmobiling or spending time with their family and friends. Mom continued to spend time at the cottage up until the last few years when her health prevented her from doing so. Reading, gardening, bingo and card games were some of her favorite pastimes. She was almost unbeatable at crib!

Mom was widowed at the age of 46, when she lost her beloved husband, Bernie to cancer. She returned to work at Sears and was grateful to have her sevenyear-old grandson, Jason with her to help give her a focus after Dad's death. Mom was also an animal lover. She regularly fed her "yard pets" and would be seen walking her dog Muffy, who was well trained at fetching her newspaper in the

Mom was an active and life-long member of St. Peter's Parish in Ketch Harbour. At a very young age, she was asked to become the organist for the parish, a position that she proudly held for many years. She was also a member of the CWL and a Eucharistic Minister. Mom's faith was very important to her and was a source of strength during some of the challenges she faced during her life.

In 2018, Mom became a resident of Maplestone Enhanced Care in Halifax where she remained up until her death. She quickly became known as "Nanny G" and it warmed our hearts to hear staff refer to her in that way. Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff and volunteers of Maplestone who treated Mom with kindness and compassion during her years there and made her feel truly "at home".

Madeline is survived by her children, Debbie, Darlene (Murray Purcell), Danny (Janice McNenly) and David. She is also survived by her four grandsons; Jason

Gray (Lynn Reierson), Brad Purcell (Cindy), Ian Purcell (Cindy Harnish) and Devin Gray (Jaime Minichiello) and three great-grandsons, Leland, Trent and Stanton Purcell. Mom is also survived by her brother, Gordon (Gordie) Flemming, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Bernie, Mom was pre-deceased by her brother, Gerald Flemming.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you make a donation to a charity of your choice. Messages and memorials may be directed to Madeline's family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

Sandra Marie Anne Graves

It is with great sadness we announce the death of Sandra Marie Anne Graves, 69, of Halifax, NS. Sandra passed at Dartmouth General Hospital in the presence of her sister, Barbara Anne Graves, daughter Lisa Marie (nee Graves Dunford), and son-in-law William Kuhn, all also of Halifax. In her final moments, she found peace through prayer and being held, hugged, and sung to.

Sandra was the daughter of Pvt. Earl Charles Graves (d. 1995) and Anna Josephine (Hickey) Graves (d. 2010) of Halifax. Along with her two older siblings, the late Carolyn Lorette and her surviving sister, Barbara Graves, their family grew up in the Spryfield area of Halifax. Sandra attended J.L. Ilsley High School and spoke of social studies and home economics classes being among her favorites. In her adolescence was a big fan of The Beach Boys – which she enjoyed her entire life. One of her fondest memories was near front-row seating at the 50th Anniversary Pet Sounds concert featuring Brian Wilson with her daughter in September 2017. Sandra loved to listen to "oldies" but also enjoyed many contemporary artists as well such as Pink, Nate Reuss, and Green Day. She and her daughter spent many hours a week listening to the music of a wide variety of genres together.

Though never married, she had a special relationship with James W. Dunford of Port Hood, later of Port Alberni, BC. Sandra's only child, Lisa Marie, came from this blessed relationship in September 1976. Sandra was a wonderful mother. She was fun-loving, had a great sense of humor, and remembers her years working as a professional nanny very fondly. She raised Lisa in a modest home as with her parents to whom she was a full-time caregiver. Sandra had a great number of special experiences in her adult life, including a trip to several of the eastern United States which she spoke very excitedly about. She loved her time visiting Washington, DC, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Sandra loved simple things. Playing Bingo, flowers, and gardening, drinking Maxwell House instant coffee, telling stories, doing trivia quizzes on YouTube, watching music videos, using Facebook to connect with friends and family, and playing Word Search and Crossword games. She liked to watch soap operas, reality TV shows and she adored Tyler Perry and watched and re-watched the "Madea" movies many times over. Sandra was always seen wearing a cardigan with pockets. She insisted her sweaters must have pockets! On a more serious note, Sandra was a devout Roman Catholic and prayed often. Long discussions of Biblical texts and theology were not uncommon between her and her daughter. She loved God and knew Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit as her personal Savior.

Sandra held so much love and admira-

tion for her close and extended family members. She adored her four grandchildren: Julia (20), Jess (a.k.a. Katie 19), Carly Rose (17), and Amy-Leigh (14). Mom lived with her grandchildren throughout their entire lives, always being available to them for company, a shoulder to cry on and whenever she could, she would give them gifts and money whether she could truly afford to or not. She was always present for their major milestones, birthdays, and special occasions. She will be very much missed by her grandkids.

Mom was a sensitive, emotional, and empathic person who would quickly identify with anyone having a difficult time and in response would want to do whatever she could to help. She would spend hours on the telephone with her cousin, Linda Harnish, with whom she considered one of her best friends. Sandra was especially affected by the passing of her eldest sister, Carolyn in 2010, as they had been life-long friends as well. She recalled her many friends in youth and adulthood. She adored her grandparents, uncles, aunts, and many cousins. Her four nieces and one grand niece meant a lot to her and she prayed regularly for all of her loved ones.

Along with the aforementioned sister Barbara Anne Graves, daughter Lisa Marie (Graves-Dunford) Kuhn, and sonin-law William P. Kuhn, she is survived by four grandchildren: Julia, Jess, Carly Rose, and Amy-Leigh Kuhn, and her four nieces, and one grandniece.

Memoriam notes may be directed to Sandra's family by visiting www.walk-

In life, Sandra requested donations to be made to the IWK Health Foundation for the Nephrology Unit at the IWK Health Centre at 5585 Spring Garden Rd, Suite B220, Halifax, NS, B3H4S2.

Annie Rosalie Drew-Purcell

Sambro

We are deeply saddened to share the news of the passing of Annie Rosalie (Drew) Purcell on March 13th 2022 with her loving family by her side. Annie, a lifelong resident of Sambro, was born July 8th 1960 to parents Cecil James Drew and Elsie Aileen (Cooke) Drew, both

She is survived by her best friend and partner in crime, husband Kevin Alexander Purcell and their loving daughter, the light of her life, Emily Drew Purcell. Annie was so proud of Emily's courageous and adventurous spirit. There are no words to describe how heartbroken Kevin and Emily are to lose their wife and mother, the steadfast champion in their lives. Annie will also be missed by her great companions, her dogs Ginger and Augg (Aug the dog) and grand-doggie Iris.

Annie, known for her hard work, spent 32 years at Nova Scotia Health, the latter part of her career at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, retiring in 2019. She finally had the time to sit on the veranda and literally watch the tide rise and fall.

That was the thing about Annie, she appreciated the really big things in life. These were a few of her favourite things: spending time with friends and family ensuring everyone was well fed; visits with Emily at her home with lots of snuggles from Iris; keeping a well-kept home and yard. Eating healthy was a large focus of Annie's life and she loved the many hours spent in her veggie gardens, annual trips to the valley garden centres, and most especially making preserves from her garden. She loved to cook and bake with Emily; road trips with Kevin to their

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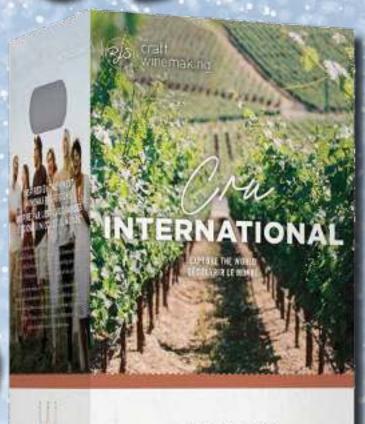
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