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First Annual Spryfield Village Harvest Festival off to a great start

by Marjorie Willison

What a day we had for the kickoff to Spryfield Village Harvest Festival! Folks gathered in the Urban Farm's sunny field for all kinds of fun. Children and adults got dressed up in funny clothes to have their photos taken.

They enjoyed rides on the Farm wagon, pulled by Don Auby's antique tractor. People tapped their toes to the lively tunes poured out by Spryfield's own Second Chance Band. Children got a kick out of the Fish Pond, where they could drop a line and pull out a prize.

People enjoyed strolling through the vegetable and herb gardens at Spryfield's Urban Farm, and every one en-

joyed a taste of the harvest. There were savoury zucchini pies, crunchy cabbage and carrot slaw, yummy hodge podge, and fresh green salads with dressings compliments of Epicure Selections. Mike's No Frills kindly provided apple juice, and a host of volunteers provided home-made cookies.

Another highlight was the Harvest Festival's mascot, Scotty the Scarecrow. People were astonished when they saw him move! There were other, more standard scarecrows around, and Ace Lumber sponsored the Festival's decorating challenge by providing lumber for scarecrows at a reduced cost.

It was a glorious day and wonderful fun for the kickoff to the first annual



Children enjoying a ride on the farm wagon, pulled by Don Auby's antique tractor

Spryfield Village Harvest Festival, made possible with hours and hours of

volunteer time, and the generous support of local businesses.

Candidates' Forum Oct 3rd.

The *Chebucto News* will host a Halifax Atlantic Candidates Forum on Thursday evening October 3rd at 7 pm at the Captain William Spry Centre. Come join us and learn your candidate's views on issues important to all of us in the Halifax Atlantic riding. **AND REMEMBER TO GET OUT AND VOTE ON OCTOBER 8TH!**

Spay Day celebrates 500 snips

by Carrie Forbes

In what began as a weekend project to spay and neuter fifty cats, Spay Day HRM has celebrated 500 'snips' over two and a half years of effort – and counting. Begun by Linda Felix, Spay Day HRM was borne out of the growing population of cats within HRM, and now, Nova Scotia. The program provides the service to cats owned by those with lower incomes who cannot afford veterinary services. On Sunday September 15th, a

celebration to honour this achievement and organized by Sarah Fraser and Pat Lee, took place with over 40 volunteers and supporters at the Captain William Spry Centre.

The 'lucky' cat to receive the historic snip was Champ – a black and white male who received his neuter from veterinarian, Dr. Hugh Chisholm. Dr. Chisholm was also at the celebration representing the legacy of Tuxedo Stan along

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J.L. Ilsley's stance on Frosh Week

by Anastasija Cado

As we all know, initiation has been a huge part of joining a sports team or coming to a new school for a long time. At J.L. Ilsley, the initiation process began with froshing, where you got sprayed with shaving cream. In the beginning froshing was a nice normal thing. Every year it seems to get worse, except for the past two years.

This year there were only about 12 people in a school with 300 grade ten students who were subject to the offence. J.L. Ilsley has been working on minimizing the chance of students getting froshed and so far they are doing a great job. Mr. Johnston, one of the vice principals at our school, is taking all of this very seriously. He has teachers set

up at almost all the corners outside of the school in the morning, during lunch and after school. It is very unlikely you will be able to frosh someone without getting caught. Froshing rarely ever happens in the school, therefore when the grade tens stay inside for lunch and don't leave the school until three o'clock, it minimizes the chances even more.

If you do get caught froshing you will be suspended for 5 days, which will eliminate the chance for exemptions. Students feel safer knowing they will not get chased home from school with a shaving cream can. Constable Saunders has been working on eliminating froshing completely, and he is very strict

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Frosh Week

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when it comes to froshing; there are no excuses. If you are caught with a shaving cream can it will be confiscated and there is a chance of further consequences. Froshing will result in an immediate termination from any sports team or extracurricular school activities, and with so many students participating in sports teams or other activities, it is very rare any of them would frosh. With all the consequences that tag along with the offence, students seem to think it is not worth it and are rapidly putting a stop to it all together.

Froshing also tends to happen at night, and when it does there is nothing the school can do. Older siblings also like to fool around with their brothers and sisters who are entering grade 10, which is slightly less harmful, but can

still cause problems. Instead of having frosh week which is a negative thing they have replaced it with 5 different activities (one a day) for the week, so you may get involved with the school and with students council, to make you feel more welcome. J.L. Ilsley is all about getting the students involved and making them feel welcome, they are a very close and supportive school and would like to keep it that way.

Sports writer

The *Chebucto News* needs a new reporter to cover sports events in Spryfield! If you have an interest in writing, the time to cover and report on at least one event a month, and are interested in this volunteer position, please email the editor at tangelene@live.com

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Senior's Beat: Oh, get over yourselves!

by Beverley Clarkson

I have a gripe and this seems like a good place to air it. It's actually a bold move these days when seniors are, let's face it, not as popular as we used to be. Even Joan Rivers hates old people. Times are tough; young people aren't getting the deal most of us had, and they are not happy about that. They would rather we step back and pipe down for a change while they get on with sorting the mess.

Personally, I think they have a case, although honestly, we tried to make their lives better than ours; not worse. We scored some big wins too. But since the turn of the millennium or so, someone has dropped the ball for young people struggling to build a family and make a career or two, and pay for their educations; never mind owning a house and keeping up with all these technical innovations whipping along past the speed of light. We are all riding a time warp and hanging on for dear life.

But back to the point, we seniors are being dissed. That's short for "disrespected" for those who have been too busy to keep up. A very bad thing to be these days and we are getting vocal about it. I am. Cranky old lady in Aisle 9 here: watch out!

An example: Everybody knows old ladies keep company with cats. I am one, as are most seniors of any gender I know. I would have thought that everyone also knows that old ladies, like old gentlemen, grow weak and arthritic. So why, in the name of all that is profitable, would the storekeepers put the 7kg. kitty litter on the top shelf? Quick- what is the formula of force required to pull a 15 plus pound weight to the cart from the top of an extended arm? How many muscles does old Jane need to bang the thing on a store manager's head?

Do they not figure we will seek out a provider who has accessible shelving? Believe me, Local Supermarket, I am making a list of who carries such heavy products and who stocks accessibly. I have complained to you and your flip reply is "ask for help". Has that been well thought out?

This is only the beginning. Ladies, have any of you been bra shopping lately? It was never fun, and apparently 87.43% of us never got it right anyway, but now? Do they actually use the figure of anyone over 20 as a model?

Or shoes? I hope you've hung on to those elegant pumps from the 90s for weddings and funerals (do they even do those anymore?) because I m

telling you, 6 inch heels on top of 2 inch platforms or whatever their metric equivalents, are begging for broken hip time. And really folks, not pretty to watch stumbling down the mall. Is there an appealing choice however? Old lady clodhoppers anyone? Under duress, I sacrifice vanity for comfort but if I had a choice, what's wrong with both?

Also, and I'd like to hear from others on this one, is there an age when we become invisible? Not just for sex appeal, but visible, viable human beings? My mother used to wear a lot of gold. Said it

made people pay attention. Is that not sad?

Recently, I cut my foot open on a cat food can and went to emergency. Was gushing away at the wicket trying to attract the receptionist glued to her computer while three hospital staff tutted over the messy trail of blood down the hall to my invisible old feet. Thankfully another senior in the waiting room made a fuss before I bled out. True story.

Well, entrepreneurs and managers, here's a tip. While you are still riding that bronco of a youth market we estab-

lished long ago, go check out futurist Faith Popcorn: there's an age wave happening and from what we seniors experience, you are not getting it. The past year, 2012, was a major transition point to a new demographic bulge. Money and power, coming at you.

Boomers have been shaping market forces since they started in 1946 and will continue for another 20 years or so, for better or worse. Back then we wanted, and fought for, a better world. We still do. With the free time of retirement on our hands, we are looking at new inequities and preparing to go to bat. Not just for ourselves but for our children and grandchildren. Look out!

Spay Day

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with several members of the Tuxedo Stan Party. Now campaigning as Earl's Army on behalf of provincial candidate Earl Grey, Dr. Chisholm described the importance of Spay Day for the 'constituents' they represent: "Neglect is still not working. We've had success at the local level, and now we are looking to do the same across the province. Earl Grey will continue on as Tuxedo Stan's blood brother to continue the fight." Dr. Chisholm also presented Linda Felix with the very first Tuxedo Stan Dogooder Award, in recognition for the work that Stan would have approved of. In addition, all proceeds from that day's sales of Earl Grey campaign merchandise was donated to Spay Day.

Local councillor Steve Adams also participated in the celebration, including a special surprise presentation to Linda Felix for her efforts in helping to control the feline population and making life better for cats. Though the municipality has helped a little, Adams says, "All the groups here do this through their own resources and efforts, because they care about the critters. It's the care of all these volunteers that makes this possible, and that's the cool part." Many of these rescue groups, such as Mischief's Memory Cat Rescue, Kit 'n Kaboodle, Spry Cats, Second Chance Charity, Peers Alley Cat Society and Pick of the Litter were present in full support, which also demonstrated the close knit network between these citizen led efforts.

Somewhat overwhelmed by the accolades, Linda Felix expressed her appreciation for the positive turnout and support: "Just, wow. I'm feeling pretty good! It's so nice to celebrate something positive for cats in this city. This event shows the need is just a drop in the bucket." That need continues to



Linda Felix receives surprise award from Councillor Stephen Adams

be more than Spay Day can accommodate with their current resources. At this time, over three hundred applications for cat spaying and neutering have been received, and with so much need, Spay Day posted this on their website: "Requests are coming in for help with kittens, abandoned and starving cats, cats in need of rescue and large colonies

of cats. We receive dozens of requests daily and can no longer keep up, even with the correspondence."

Linda hopes for a day where she won't be needed to run Spay Day anymore. You can find out more about Spay Day HRM by visiting their Facebook page, or their website at <http://spayday-novascotia.wordpress.com>.

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Most Halifax Harbour pilots came from local fishing communities

by Iris V. Shea

The role of the harbour pilot has always been to secure “the safe movement of shipping while assuring the protection of the marine environment”. Throughout the history of Halifax Harbour, members of the fishing communities along our shore contributed greatly to the safe arrival and departure of vessels. By 2004, and dating back to 1830 when an Act to regulate the pilotage of vessels at the Port of Halifax was passed by the provincial legislature, a total of 171 pilots had been licensed. Appearing in the “Halifax Journal” on 10 Aug. 1829, was this list of persons to whom certificates were given to act as pilots for the Harbour of Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated 27 July 1829:

- John Frizzle, residing in Halifax
- Caleb Walker, residing in Halifax
- Joseph Martin, Portuguese Cove
- Andrew Hennebury, Barry’s Beach
- John Lynch, Ferguson’s Cove
- William Scoles, Ferguson’s Cove
- Benjamin Brown, Ferguson’s Cove
- Daniel Gallagher, Ketch Harbour
- John Flemming, Ketch Harbour
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- John Fitzgerald, Portuguese Cove
- Michael Lynch, Ferguson’s Cove
- Moses Smith, Sambro
- William Cartile, Portuguese Cove
- George Sadler, Portuguese Cove
- Edward Hays, Herring Cove
- William McDaniel, Ketch Harbour
- William Power, Herring Cove
- William Martin, Sambro



Pilot Boat Hebridean off Herring Cove, about 1935. Photo by W.R. MacAskill, courtesy Nova Scotia Archives

- Caleb Nickerson, Sambro
- Elijah Smith, Sambro
- Charles Gray, Sambro
- Patrick Ronayne, Ketch Harbour
- Edward Bowers, Portuguese Cove
- Richard Wilson, Sambro
- William Gray, Sambro
- John Quan, Portuguese Cove
- William Osborne, Red Head
- William Pryor, James H. Tidmarsh and Edward Cunard were appointed commissioners to examine and select pilots for the Port of Halifax. In 1826 an inexperienced pilot attempted to guide a Cunard ship carrying tea into Halifax but the ship went aground. The residents of Halifax were not pleased to lose their supply of tea and the incident brought about the need to license pilots.

Certificates were registered and renewed each year for a sum of 10 shillings. The rates in 1831 to which pilots were entitled were as follows: Vessels of 200 tons and under, £2; Vessels of 200 to 300 tons, £2.10; Vessels of 300 tons and upwards, £3. On vessels entering the port, if boarded to the northward of Herring Cove and Thrum Cap Island, one-fourth less than the above rates was charged. The Act stated “Each and every pilot who shall take charge of any ship or vessel having on board Emmigrant passengers shall cause said ship to come to anchor between

McNab’s and George’s Island, that vessel shall there remain with her ensign hoisted as a signal for a Health Officer to examine her.” Any pilot who ignored this law was required to pay a fine of £5 and forfeit his license.

When a new system of piloting was inaugurated in 1874, the following licensed pilots were listed: James Fitzgerald, Patrick Hayes, John Flemming, Bernard Gallagher, Thomas Holland, Timothy Saul, James Hanrahan, William Martin, Archibald Daragh, Geoffrey Gorman, Thomas Beazley, John Simmonds, Joseph Ryno, Jeremiah Holland, Edward Byers (most likely Bowers), Daniel Martin, James Holland, Joseph Gray, Hugh Munro, William Baker, John Johnson, William Beazley, John Hayes and Charles Martin. Again, the majority of the harbour pilots were from the local fishing communities, from Ferguson’s Cove to Sambro. Timothy Saul and John Simmonds were from Prospect.

The greatest tragedy in the history of

the Halifax Pilotage Authority was when the pilot boat Hebridean sank in deep water outside Halifax in 1940. Neither the pilot boat nor the bodies of its nine crewmen, most from Herring Cove, were ever found.

Several pilots received the Order of the British Empire for their dedication and service: John Bracket in 1945, and Wallace Bracket, Emmett Delouchry, Nicholas Power and Edward Renner, in 1946. John Bracket, after whom John Bracket Drive in Herring Cove was named, is credited with saving the city from what might have been one of the world’s worst disasters. During World War II, Mr. Bracket guided the burning United States freighter “Volunteer” out of the harbour to McNab’s Island. The ship was carrying enough explosives to flatten Halifax. Mr. Bracket remained at his post until the ship’s holds were flooded and the danger no longer existed. John Bracket was a pilot for 40 years and died in Herring Cove in 1958 at the age 68 years.

Justin Trudeau in Spryfield



Justin Trudeau and Stephen McNeil had the Liberal campaign on a big roll. Justin was welcomed by a warm fall sun and even warmer well-wishers at the South Centre Mall in Spryfield. By the time the bus left the Mall, there was a sea of smiling faces. Residents, many of whom got to shake hands and chat with Trudeau, had big smiles on. Many people old enough to remember Pierre Trudeau came out to see if the son shared the father’s charisma. By all accounts, he does. One fan came with a photograph taken of her and the father, Pierre Elliott Trudeau, and signed by him, in 1980. This time, she got the son to sign the photograph.

Spryfield was one of only five stops Justin Trudeau made on a short visit to

Nova Scotia on this beautiful fall afternoon on September 23. The Liberal candidate for Halifax Atlantic, Brendan Maguire, said he couldn’t have been prouder to welcome Justin Trudeau and Stephen McNeil on behalf of all the citizens of Halifax Atlantic. Maguire told the crowd that he and the Liberal Party believe that “we can be a better community with a bright future.” Stephen McNeil, with Brendan on one side and Justin Trudeau on the other, concurred: “It is the people of communities like these who are the backbone of this province and this country. We need to take care of all our citizens.” Other stops on Trudeau’s whirlwind tour were Elmsdale, Timberlea, Hammonds Plains and Fall River.

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A very special salon

by Beverley Clarkson

My neighbour, Whitney, needed her hair done and really didn't want the bother of going all the way in to town. Among the many wonderful — too often unheralded — treasures that we have out on the Sambro Loop, salons are few and far between. Fortunately, there is an ad for a local one in this very paper, and she followed up on it. When next I saw her, on the salon doorstep as it happened, her raven tresses were lustrous and her radiant smile bespoke a grand experience.

Oh, did I mention that Whit is a very discerning, long haired black lab? Neither of us really thinks of her that way. Independent spirit that she is, we share many tastes and affections, and I trust her judgment. Her best pal is my young companion, Peggy, and we are all chuffed to have discovered a friendly place to have hair and nails looked after. It's called

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Jonathan McGuire and his partner Ron Delaney, and their dog family, Fergus and Elli Mae (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers), Chicklet and Dudley (dogs of the world) have opened a dog "spaw" in Ketch Harbour. All breeds, full service grooming, and, without so much as an ad outside this paper which serves the Chebucto Community, they are booked up, sometimes weeks ahead, on word of mouth and reputation.

They've been in business out here a year now, having moved from another location in town where Jonathan had established a reputation for happy, beautiful dogs, and they followed him in droves. I asked him how he got started. He was working in the natural resources industry which faced major layoffs a few years ago. That event, coupled with the untimely loss of his

father, caused him to reflect on what he really wanted to do with his life.

He knew he loved animals, dogs especially; checked out a grooming course, and was hooked. He worked several years in town, always upgrading his qualifications and business credentials, and one day an opportunity to buy land in Ketch Harbour opened up. There was room for a horse barn where two elderly horses now live in the lap of luxury, and equestrian jumper Ron can ride them about the community. So here they came, and built a house which includes a spacious, appointed bathing room and fenced green yard.

When I went to meet Jonathan, he was preparing a big dog and a little one for a nuptial portrait with their human family and the tiny Yorkie was a bit concerned about the procedure, smiling nervously as he lifted her front paw. As he gently calmed her, she allowed him to shape and feather her lovely tiny legs, and gave him a kiss on the nose even though she was scared. Probably someone gave her a too-enthusiastic nail clipping one day and got the quick. "I'll take the time they need," says Jonathan "and space out appointments so the dog is comfortable".

Afterwards she leapt up to my lap, thence to my shoulder where she perched as if she owned me, while Fergus, clearly the canine lord and master of the home, burst on the scene to make me welcome and see that all was in order. He bounded up beside me on the couch, thrust his shoulders under my other arm for a hug, and surveyed his territory with a wide grin and musical burble. Try taking notes like that.

How do they find living out here? Says Jonathan, "some people thought we were nuts to come way out here but it's the best move we could have made. The local community is terrifically supportive and we love living here." What makes a business so successful they haven't really advertised much? I bet their mission, "our customers' needs are of the utmost importance" has a lot to do with it. They'll welcome your business too: 9 Mountain Hill Road, Ketch Harbour, NS B3V 1K8, 902-346-2038. Will I take Peggy there? You betcha!

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Ryan Brennan



On October 8th – Vote for Ryan He's one of US!



Ryan is a respected lawyer and dedicated community volunteer who has delivered results for many years in our communities, but Ryan believes more must be done. That is why he has sought to become your MLA in Halifax Atlantic.

The NDP have not made Halifax Atlantic a priority when it comes to provincial matters such as schools, affordable housing and rent control, local roads, recreation services, economic development, the Sambro Island lighthouse and infrastructure investment.



Ryan has a track record of delivering results through Chebucto Connections, Spryfield and District Business Commission, Cunard Junior High School Advisory Committee, and Lion's Rink Board of Directors.

Here is what people are saying about Ryan:

"Ryan is a truly amazing individual of outstanding character, dedicated to his family, his work, and to the entire community in which he lives and works, giving unselfishly of his time and invaluable experience."
—Clyde Paul, Spryfield

"Ryan grew up in this community, he lives in this community, and he works in this community. He has been and is a volunteer from this community. Ryan believes in Halifax Atlantic. Halifax Atlantic needs Ryan Brennan."
—Tony Burbridge, Leiblin Park

"I have been friends with Ryan since high school at JL Ilsley. Ryan was always genuine and down to earth, a stand-up guy. He always worked hard at whatever he was involved in, whether it was school or sports. I know Ryan will be an MLA who works with our best interests in mind and delivers on his promises."
—Harold "Hally" Henneberry, Sambro

"Ryan is someone who really cares about our area. Ryan is truly a dedicated family man and community volunteer, who has been active in our community for many years; he is no Johnny come lately. I know Ryan would be a great MLA and would be a great asset to our area."
—Gina Gray, Harrietsfield

"Ryan is a man of integrity and vision, a volunteer, well-educated and a concerned citizen. A vote for Ryan would be a vote for progress, which has been lacking in Halifax Atlantic for the past 20 years."
—Brian Dempsey, Herring Cove

"Ryan was educated in the local schools, graduated from law school, and practices in the local community. Ryan's local knowledge makes him the best candidate to represent us in the legislature."
—George Archibald, Former MLA & Cabinet Minister, Williams Lake/Purcells Cove

"For the past two elections I did all I could to assist Michelle Raymond. This election I had to decide who to support other than the NDP. My wife taught Ryan in Junior High and regarded him as an excellent student. He believes in his community and he will do his best to represent us. When he offered as the PC Candidate for Halifax Atlantic under the leadership of Jamie Baillie, who is a very clever person with a very successful background in business and the person that should be premier, my mind was made up."
—Aubrey & Joan Gladwyn, Herring Cove

"I've known Ryan and his family for a long time. Ryan's Father was a great family man and he certainly instilled that in Ryan. They both were always involved in the community, especially hockey at the Lion's Rink in Spryfield. As Ryan grew up I would call on him to "fix a problem" and Ryan was always there to resolve it, no questions asked. I think Ryan is a great guy and that he will do a great job as our MLA!"
—Terry Bobbitt, Spryfield

"I am very pleased to endorse the candidacy of Ryan Brennan as the next MLA for Halifax Atlantic. I have known Ryan for the past 7 years personally and in the practice of law. Ryan was born in Halifax Atlantic, educated here. He has participated actively in many organizations in the area and knows the problems that must be addressed. I was MLA for Halifax Atlantic for 23 years and have every confidence that Ryan will represent this area with dedication, honesty, and integrity."
—Hon. John M. Buchanan, PC QC, Leiblin Park

What Ryan is Saying about Our Issues:

Education

- Have funding approved for JL Ilsley High School renovation and other local schools.
- Support our community schools such as Central Spryfield and Sambro Ketch Harbour Elementary schools.
- Allow for community access to schools – putting the community back into schools.

Recreation and Economic Development

- We must develop Long Lake into a four season recreational area. Hiking and boating, paddling and rowing, fishing and outdoor education.
- Open up Halifax Atlantic to the rest of the outdoor community. Partner with private business to develop Long Lake as an outdoor destination.

Sambro Island Lighthouse

- The PC Party is the only party with a platform commitment to help fund in order to protect lighthouses.
- We will work with the residents of Sambro and area with a real plan, not rhetoric, that will protect this cultural and heritage icon.

Fisheries:

- We will work with partners to market the fishing industry to become vibrant, independent, and sustainable.
- Ryan is committed to being a strong voice for the fishing community with the provincial and federal governments.

Seniors:

- We will shorten wait-lists, shorten long-term care spaces.
- Increase investment in independent care options for seniors in our community.
- Leadership and answers that provide solutions for families, not slogans, at times of uncertainty is what Nova Scotians are looking for to the everyday challenges we face.

Social Programs:

- Review overhead and administrative costs of program delivery. Make every dollar count.

Reduce MLA Compensation – set an example:

- PC Leader Jamie Baillie is the only political leader who has said he would forgo his MLA pension.
- It is a privilege to serve Halifax Atlantic and our province. It is not a career as some politicians see it. Practise what is preached. Reduce the overhead, in our legislature, in our health and school boards.

On October 8th – Vote for Ryan

"I want to build a better future for everyone in Halifax Atlantic. I know by working with you, as your voice, we can accomplish much together. I ask for your vote on October 8th." —Ryan

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Sambro Island Lighthouse funding commitment

On Thursday, September 19th, at the Blooming Café, a meeting was held to discuss the future of the Sambro Island Lighthouse. Considered by many to be “Nova Scotia’s Statue of Liberty” and the oldest lighthouse in North America, there was a lively and interesting discussion on the future of the Sambro Light and many of the historic lighthouses that dot the Nova Scotia coastline.

Invited to the meeting were members of the Sambro Island Lighthouse Heritage Society, numerous local residents, P.C. Party leader Jamie Baillie, Councillor Stephen Adams, Halifax Atlantic P.C. candidate Ryan Brennan and Barry MacDonald, President of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Barry MacDonald, an expert in Nova Scotia lighthouses, spoke of the importance of the Sambro Island Lighthouse to Nova Scotia’s history. Mr. MacDonald said, “The Sambro Island light is a very unique lighthouse steeped not only in local history, but the history of Nova Scotia. The opportunity is there to make it a focal point for tourism in the community and to create local jobs and strengthen the local economy”.

The main purpose of the meeting was to allow interested residents to hear firsthand the policy of Mr. Baillie and Mr. Brennan relating to the Sambro Island Lighthouse and lighthouses around the province.

P.C. leader Jamie Baillie said, “We are the only party that has committed to funding for these historic icons and the only party to have it written in its platform.” He went on to say, “when we were developing the platform, Ryan was insistent that we commit to protecting the Sambro Island Lighthouse and that we make that clear by stating we will provide funding in our election platform.” When asked why he was so insistent, Mr. Brennan said, “it became clear



Pictured at the recent Sambro Island Lighthouse meeting are, Skip Horton (resident of Sambro), Barry MacDonald (President of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society), Jamie Baillie (Nova Scotia P.C. Party Leader), Ryan Brennan (P.C. Candidate in Halifax Atlantic) and Councillor Stephen Adams (District 11, Spryfield-Sambro Loop-Prospect Road)

to me months ago from listening to people that this was important to the people of Sambro, so I made it a priority.” Mr. Baillie

also committed to set up a meeting between the Honourable Peter MacKay, the Minister responsible for Nova Scotia in the Federal

Government, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Brennan, and Councillor Adams.

Councillor Adams also made a commitment to the Sambro Island Lighthouse at the meeting. In addition to moving a motion at HRM council to work with all levels of government to find a way to ensure access and to preserve all of the Lighthouses in his district, Councillor Adams committed \$5000.00 toward the sustainable preservation of the Sambro Island Lighthouse. “It’s people like Ryan, Mr. MacDonald and the dedicated people of Sambro that will ensure these icons of our communities are preserved” said Councillor Adams.

In closing the meeting Mr. Brennan said, “I look forward to working with the people of Sambro, Councillor Adams, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Baillie to preserve the Sambro Island Lighthouse”.

Licensed home based daycare now possible

by Carrie Forbes

Access to quality childcare is an ongoing need within HRM, particularly within the Chebucto Loop. For many parents, the desire to have licensed care within their own community is one that appears out of reach with few options. To help with this growing need, the Chebucto Family Centre is now offering supports and licensing for local care providers through their new service the Chebucto Family Center Home Daycare Agency (CFCHDA).

The Home Daycare Agency is a new program with the goal of providing quality, accessible, and affordable childcare for families within their own community. Home based child care providers can take advantage of the benefits of the program, which can lead them to be licensed as an approved ‘Family

Day Home’. Once licensed, a provider will be able to offer subsidized spaces, which opens up many new spaces for parents who require them. Subsidized care remains an area of great need.

The program prepares home care providers to be licensed. This includes attaining requirements like a criminal record check, child abuse registry check, and gaining commercial liability insurance. Likewise, the program also helps to work through the red tape involved in coordinating subsidized spaces. This kind of support is the core of the Home Daycare Agency, designed to help home care providers with the barriers that may prevent them from becoming licensed. Most home based care providers are parents, often looking to supplement income while they also take care of their own

children. With limited resources and access to development opportunities, becoming licensed can be difficult.

To help remove these barriers, the program offers free training and development opportunities for providers to continue growing in their roles. Business support is also available to help owners manage the basics of running a home based business, such as dealing with taxes. A consultant is available to home providers to assist in developing personalized approaches based on their individual needs. This can include administrative support, nutrition, behaviour guidance or even dealing with parents. Resources such as a lending library, activity ideas, and meal plans are also available to those participating in the program.

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Happy 10th Birthday Chimo Taekwondo

On August 6, 2003, Chimo Taekwondo opened its doors for its first class. The saga of the club since that day has been unexpected and filled with all the drama, and joy, sadness, heartbreak and elation that any great story must have to be real and believable.

I have been thinking a lot over the past few weeks about what to say that would summarize these ten years in the life of the club. Do I describe the first space, the renovations, the trials and tribulations, the successes and failures? Do I thank people for their loyalty and congratulate them on their achievements over the years?

Chimo Taekwondo has become far more than a list of people to thank and events to recount. Chimo is best seen in the eyes of a child when they learn that they have a left leg and can actually make it do what they want. The club is found in the friendships and in some cases the lifelong relationships that spring up instantaneously between two people who have never met and will forever be drawn to one another. The story of the club is retold in the effect a Chimo experience has on the lives of those who have walked through the doors.

The success of the club can't be best measured in medals and trophies and accolades but rather in the life changing acts that result in a new belt, a new confidence, increased fitness, peace of mind, friendship and laughter — always the laughter.

Chimo Taekwondo has seen thousands of people walk through the doors over the past ten years to give Taekwondo a try. Many have succeeded in achieving fitness and social goals. A few, a very few by comparison, have achieved a Chimo Taekwondo Black Belt. To many, earning a black belt in a martial art is a goal worth working towards.

Earning a Chimo Black Belt has always been a difficult and extremely challenging goal. But doing so has become more than bragging rights about boards broken or bricks smashed and techniques learned. Many Chimo Black Belts become lifelong martial artists, branching into other disciplines and learning other techniques and in doing so continue to live the principles of respect and self discipline, of honour and humility that are the cornerstones of every true martial art.

In some way, great or small, many who have spent any amount of time and effort at Chimo Taekwondo have seen a shift in themselves that has led to better and more fulfilling lives. Chimo alumni have become champions and superstars whether in Taekwondo or other sports, in their homes, work, relationships, as students and as parents. Achieving goals great and small at Chimo have lead many to carry on busy, active lives where fitness is important and where challenges are to be faced and overcome rather than avoided.

I wish to thank from the bottom of my heart all those who have played a role in the life of the club over the first ten years. No matter your role, friend or foe, supporter or detractor, your influence has shaped Chimo Taekwondo into the club it is today. The last ten years of my life have been an unexpected joy and far more complex a journey than I had ever hoped. But a journey I would not have traded for anything.

When I was first contemplating opening the club I did so because I never wanted to look back and say "I wish I had done that".

Now I can look back and say with pride "I'm happy I did it".

So what follows the first ten years? We will continue to teach that achievements need to be earned and that the greatest accomplishments come with practise and hard work. We will continue to challenge ourselves and others to be better people and more disciplined in our approach to life. We will continue to teach peace over aggression and to temper strength with the wisdom to use it to protect rather than hurt. We will continue to welcome all who wish to learn and accept that we all do so differently. The club will continue to be a family, with all its shared successes and setbacks, its faults and frictions, and strive to care for one another as family always must.

Chimo Taekwondo is much more than a collection of people who get together to learn and practise Taekwondo. It has become a community, a family and just like family, has been a flawed experiment in social interaction. But despite the flaws, Chimo Taekwondo is still here and still a strong and vibrant family. Chimo has earned a place in the Spryfield community and continues to grow and thrive.

So Happy Birthday Chimo Taekwondo. Here's to 10 wonderful years! And here's to 10 more wonderful years to come.

Thank you all

Master Doug Large

Chimo Taekwondo is located at 91 Thornhill Dr., Spryfield, in the Calvary Baptist Church. For more information and class schedules go to: www.chimotaekwondo.com or call Master Large at 477-0538.

Home based daycare

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Isolation can be an issue for those running a home daycare. One of the great benefits of the Home Daycare Agency is the access to a network of other home based providers. This network can work together to provide peer support, share ideas, and even coverage for times of sickness or absence. Being able to discuss challenges and to share experiences helps those operating a home daycare to get the emotional and community support often absent in this field.

For parents, the benefits of the Home Daycare program are also significant. Many families prefer smaller child care settings, but are also looking for a licensed program. This program makes this kind of care possible, including subsidized spaces in a home setting. Because home based providers can set a variety of hours, parents also can find more flexible arrangements, including part time care, all within their own community. The Agency also provides resources for parents, including referrals to licensed caregivers which helps give them peace of mind.

The Chebucto Family Centre is currently seeking home child care providers within the Chebucto Loop area to be part of the Home Daycare Agency program. For more information, contact Jane Hall by phone at 479-3031, or by email jane@hgahfx.ca - 3 Sylvia Avenue www.homeoftheguardianangel.com. An information session will also be held at the Chebucto Family Centre on Wednesday, October 23, from 6-7 pm with refreshments provided.

Spryfield Jr. C 2013-14 Schedule for October

Friday Oct. 4	Spryfield	vs.	Truro	Truro	7:30 pm
Saturday Oct. 5	Truro	vs.	Spryfield	Home	8 pm
Friday Oct. 11	Spryfield	vs.	South Shore	Liverpool	8 pm
Saturday Oct. 12	Barrington	vs.	Spryfield	Home	8 pm
Saturday Oct. 26	Clare	vs.	Spryfield	Home	8 pm

Schedule dates are subject to change. Check website spryfieldattack.com for up to date information.

West Hants Thunder PeeWee Boys bring home Silver!



The boys competed in the U-14 Boys Eastern Canadian Championships Aug. 23-25 in Fredericton NB. Representing Nova Scotia they had 5 wins & 2 losses bringing home the silver medal, losing out to the Ont.1 team in the championship game. Thanks to all who supported the team.

Ryan Kidson Slo-pitch Tournament An open letter to our community

Raising children is one of the most exciting times in a person's life. In the passing of our son an enormous heartache ensued and although it has been over seven years since his death, he has never left our thoughts. Ron and I have been fortunate to have family, friends and members of the community to see us through. This devotion has helped us try to move on from his death and celebrate his life.

With many years of laughter and fun under our belt, it is time to end this chapter in our lives. I, Charleen and my husband Ron, truly regret to inform you that as of 2013, we will no longer be holding the Ryan Kid-



son Slo-pitch Tournament.

For those of you who have dedicated yourselves to the tournament year after year, Ron and I would like to thank you with deep sincerity for all of your hard work and commitment. This tournament was meant to help us get through the loss of our son, and it is because of people like you that Ryan will never be forgotten.

I would also like to mention, that during the seven years of slo-pitch, we raised over 13,000 dollars for many different charities and organizations in our community. There are no words to describe the strength that a community has. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated community and for this reason it has been a hard decision for Ron and I to make.

Again we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kidson

Rogers Raising the Grade year 2!

Rogers Raising the Grade, a collaborative program between Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and by Rogers Youth Fund, will provide youth with the skills, tools and opportunities necessary to excel academically and secure their future success as productive, independent and contributing members of society. It is an interactive after-school program that allows youth to explore their personal interests, receive homework support, connect with mentors and/or tutors, interact with peers, increase their digital literacy, and plan for post-secondary education.

The Boys and Girls Club of Spryfield is proud to have been selected as one of 25

Clubs in the inaugural year of the program receiving a brand new Rogers Raising the Grade Technology Centre which allows easy access to the program portal (www.raisingthegrade.ca). For the 2013-2014 school year, we are looking for new students! Rogers Raising the Grade is open to students in grades 8-12 and runs Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 6-8 pm and Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 pm.

For more information and to learn how to register for Rogers Raising the Grade program, contact the Education Manager-Amanda Langille, Amanda@bgcspryfield.org or 477-9840.

Meeting our transportation needs by Linda Mosher, HRM Councillor, District 9

In 2007, Council approved an aggressive five year public transportation plan. The resulting initiatives — new transit terminals, new maintenance facilities and new routes — have been completed. To continue building public transportation, we need to develop a new strategic plan. The new plan will determine how we can best deliver transit services to our communities. The key question is this: what service do residents want? To obtain public feedback, we held six public engagement sessions with a focus on four areas: What role should transit priority measures play in the Metro Transit network- and what impact could they have on other road users? How should Metro Transit split its resources between the existing system and providing new service? What role should transfers play in the Metro Transit network? What should be the goal of the Metro Transit network and how should competing priorities be balanced?

In addition to the public information meetings on this important issue, we also have a public engagement portal called “Shape your City.” Through this hub, you can easily find information and comment on a broad range of municipal initiatives. It’s a new way for residents to provide input, and nicely complements traditional consultation activities like open houses and town halls. It is also part of our commitment to making engagement programs more inclusive, accessible and user-friendly.

If you have something to say about the future of transportation, please don’t keep it to yourself! Log on to shapeyourcityhalifax.ca and watch short videos about the issue. Then, post a comment to our discussion board, fill out our quick polls, or complete our surveys. Take this opportunity to get involved, read what people are saying and tell us what you think to help Council make better informed decisions for our shared benefit. The transit survey will be live until October 15th.

We are also working with specific communities to encourage active and sustainable transportation. As part of a pilot project, HRM will be contacting 2,000 households in West-End Halifax to better understand and respond to transportation needs. The survey will only be available to the targeted house-

holds. The goal is to help make the area neighbourhoods an even better place to live and raise a family. Currently, HRM is planning a number of new bike routes on the Peninsula in addition to the upcoming Windsor-Vernon Street bikeway. We will also be engaging with residents on what else we can do to make sustainable transportation options more convenient.

Unlike many other cities, HRM’s public transportation is funded completely by users and municipal subsidies. The Province does not provide any funding. In fact, Nova Scotia is one of only two provinces in Canada to contribute neither capital nor operating funds for public transit. At HRM, we have continued demands for enhanced public transportation – not just for buses, but also for ferries, possibly future high speed ferries or commuter rail, and active transportation corridors such as the Chain of Lakes Trail. Transit is our biggest operational expense and is 10%

of our budget which is funded primarily through the property tax. Public transportation has positive environmental and health benefits. We need the Province to partner with HRM and move forward together. We must keep pace with our expanded economy and increased demands for improved service. As we are in the midst of a provincial election, now is the time to make our provincial government and candidates aware of this important issue and make them accountable. We need sustainable funding, one option being that the Province allocate a portion of their gas tax revenues to public transportation.

There are many transportation stakeholders in HRM: Metro Transit, HRM’s Traffic Services, the provincial 100 series highways and the Harbour Bridges. I support having an integrated Regional Transportation Authority. Having an independent Regional Transportation Authority would enable stakeholders to continually work on transportation

priorities together instead of separately, thereby eliminating confusion and duplication. As an added bonus, this type of structure may be able to leverage external funds that are inaccessible to the existing organizations.

For almost a decade, the Province and HRM have discussed setting up this body which would allow for more effective management, planning, and fiscal control of traffic and transportation systems. The time is right to reactivate this proposal as we are working on a new plan and vision for Metro Transit, and because there is a provincial election with a renewed focus on public transportation. In addition, we had a recent Auditor General report on cost pressures and inefficiencies of Metro Transit. We can implement the recommendations from the Auditor General report to provide “a business-like approach to providing social benefits” with greater accountability and efficiencies and economies of scale.

Lighthouses, transit fares, solid waste and coyotes by Stephen Adams, HRM Councillor, District 11

As some of you may have read in my Community Herald column of September 19th, I recently put forward a motion at Regional Council requesting a staff report outlining options and implications of the Federal Government divesting itself from federal lighthouses and lighthouse maintenance and access. This motion was passed unanimously.

The intent of the motion is to explore options for funding the preservation of lighthouses and look to creating partnerships with all levels of government and community groups. This will fit well with our Community Champions Group’s mandate which has in part been developed to address these issues.

There are a number of groups throughout HRM working diligently to preserve and protect these iconic structures. By bringing all groups together, we will be able to co-ordinate any plans and pool our resources.

I also plan to meet Richard Butts, our Chief Administrative Officer, to discuss the challenges we have had to date, and how best to address them.

As you are aware, effective September 30, 2013, Metro Transit increased transit fares by \$0.25 per trip, from \$2.25 to \$2.50, as part of the 2013-2014 budget approved by Regional Council on April 30, 2013. This is the first fare increase since 2009.

Although the increase is only \$0.25 per trip, I do understand that any increase may adversely impact household budgets. If it is any consolation to you, this increase should eliminate the need to increase the transit tax during the next three years.

The fare increase will help to invest in transit technology and infrastructure that will help to improve the overall transit system. New technology such as an Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) system, will significantly improve Metro Transit’s ability to offer real time bus location information, make data driven decisions on transit planning and scheduling, and in later years add such capabilities as automated transit stop announcement (electronic announcement of a bus stop).

The budget will also allow for the expansion and maintenance of transit infrastructure, including nine new conventional expansion buses, 13 replacement buses, a new passenger ferry to be placed into service in May 2014, and updates to transit terminals and shelters. Residents will see expansion of the Woodside Ferry service, along with new bus routes, improvements to existing routes and Access-A-Bus expansion.

A recommendation going to Regional Council from the Audit and Finance Standing Committee is for Gas Tax Funds of \$2,885,800 to be allocated to Metro Transit for new transit technology. During the 2013/14 budget discussions, Council agreed to allocate part of the GTF for 2013/14 to Metro Transit. The GTF is to be used for such sustainable projects as transit, water, wastewater, solid waste, and community energy programs. The 2013/14 Project Budget was the first budget that included an allocation of the Gas Tax Funding to individual projects. Prior to this, a separate


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report was presented after the budget was adopted to comply with the Gas Tax Funding Program requirements.

An estimate of the Gas Tax Funding, in the amount of \$25,150,000, is included in the 2013/14 Reserve Budget and within the Project Budget. Approximately \$19,000,000 of this funding has been allocated to Metro Transit and the remaining balance of approximately \$6,000,000 to street recapitalization projects.

Regional Council has requested a review of the solid waste system. In light of the recommendations of the Stantec Report and the impact of any decisions on our Municipality, HRM staff has scheduled Community Engagement Sessions to discuss the future of our solid waste services.

I encourage you to take part in the HRM Solid Waste Strategy Review Community Engagement Sessions. The first two sessions were held on September 18th and 19th at Exhibition Park. Meetings will continue throughout HRM up to October 23rd. Additional session dates and locations can be found on the HRM website at: www.halifax.ca/wrms/WasteStrategy/index.html

This is an important issue for our community; if you cannot make it to one of the meetings, please express your ideas or concerns online at www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca.

Once again it's time for the semi-annual HRM Curbside Give Away event. This is an opportunity to practice the three "R's" - Reduce your home's clutter and give someone the chance to Reuse things you no longer need by Recycling clean and working-condition goods.

The Curbside Give Away weekend is a great incentive to clean out your garage, basement, attic or storage rooms of any outgrown or under-used items; something you have but no longer need, or use, may be exactly what someone else is seeking.

The aim of this weekend event is to reduce the amount of garbage ending up in HRM's landfill by diverting unwanted items to be re-used. Reusing and recycling household items instead of discarding them reduces pressures on our municipal facilities, and is a great way to not only get rid of your under-used items, but to find some great treasures of your own.

Your participation in the event will help maximize landfill space by extending the lifecycle of items and making them available for reuse.

Coyotes have recently been sighted in the Herring Cove area. Mr. Butch Galvez, Forestry Technician, with the regional office of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), explained that two coyotes were removed from the area. Information pamphlets were distributed to residents in the immediate vicinity and also to the local elementary school.

Mr. Galvez noted that attractants such as meat-based garbage, food left out for pets and the presence of feral cats is part of what attracts coyotes to an area. He encourages residents to follow the advice provided on the DNR website entitled BE COYOTE SMART at: www.gov.ns.ca/natr

The DNR website noted that attacks

on humans are very rare. Coyotes are normally shy and fearful of people; however, if that behavior changes and they become less fearful of people then there is cause for concern.

If you happen to see a coyote in your area, please contact the local office of the provincial Department of Natural Resources at 865-2560 or call 1-800-565-2224 immediately if you have been bitten or attacked.

You may also report a coyote sighting online via the Department of Natural Resources website at: <http://novascotia.ca/natr/wildlife/living-with-wildlife/be-coyote-smart.asp>

LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Diana Marie Drysdale

62, Halifax, passed away peacefully surrounded by family August 26, 2013, in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of Ruth (Brewer) and the late Chesley Hynes. She is survived by son, Greg Drysdale (Darcy); daughter Gail Pearson (Mike); brothers, Reg Hynes (Carol); Dave Hynes (Dawnelda); Glen Hynes (Claire); Kevin Hynes (Trish); Gary Hynes (Shelly); Wade Hynes; sisters, Gail Arnold (Richard); Deborah Martin (Israel); Cathy MacGillivray (Ray); Lana Beaver (Joe); mother-in-law, Marion Drysdale; brother-in-law, Gary Drysdale (Evelyn); sister-in-laws, Gail Hall (Trevor); Margaret Sullivan (Gary); grandchildren, Bailey Rachel Drysdale, Tyler Gregory Pearson, Katelyn Diana Dorothy Pearson, and several nieces and nephews. Diana was predeceased by her husband, Garnet Drysdale and father-in-law, Benjamin Drysdale. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. A Service of Remembrance was held on Saturday, August 31, from St. Paul's United Church, Old Sambro Rd., Reverend Jeannie Manning-Stright officiating. Interment to take place at a later date. Donations in memory, may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Jeannie Amelia Wournell

45, Halifax, passed away unexpectedly on August 28, 2013. Born September 22, 1967 in Halifax, NS, she was a daughter of the late Patricia and Stanley Wournell Sr. Jeannie was born and raised in Spryfield, NS, where she had many friends. Her joy for life and positive attitude affected many people, as Jean was a very happy-go-lucky person who loved to make people around her laugh. She loved music, singing, dancing, and drawing, at which she was very talented. Jean loved to work with children, spending almost a decade assisting handicapped school children with the Access-A-Bus program. Jeannie's kind soul is and will continue to be missed by her friends and family. She is survived by sisters, Karen Jollimore (Scott), Susan Ross (Brian), and Cathy Wournell-Towill (Rosie), brother, Stanley Wournell Jr., nieces, Jamie and Jessica, great-niece, Emma, and nephews, Gary and John. She was predeceased by her parents. Arrangements were under the care and direction of JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. A memorial service was held in memory of Jeannie in the chapel, with Rev. John denHollander as officiant. Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

John Thomas Cook

Harrietsfield. It is with deep sadness that the family of John Thomas Cook announce his passing on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born November 19, 1964 in Halifax, just 48 years old, John is the son of John and Mary Cook (Welcher), Newcombville. John spent his time being instrumental as an advocate for medicinal marijuana having co-founded the Maritimers Unite for Medical Marijuana (MUMM). He was also Director of the Halifax outlet, Cannabis Buyers Club of

As we approach "thanksgiving" I am reminded of all that I am thankful for; mostly, I am thankful for the volunteers who work so tirelessly in our communities to provide us with fun-filled activities that instill "life" into every sector of our district. Happy Thanksgiving!

I have mentioned previously how overwhelmed I am at times with the dedication and commitment our volunteers have in "doing" for their community.

A recent example of volunteer commitment is the recognition of Linda Felix for her tireless efforts to assist with the cat population in HRM by pursuing the issue of a spay and neuter

program through an initiative she called "Spay Day". Ms. Felix was recently recognized for the success of Spay Day when the 500th cat was spayed. Over a two-year period, 500 cats were spayed which has prevented approximately 1,000 kittens from being introduced to areas of the HRM only to be left homeless and vulnerable.

Thank you can never truly say enough for how much we value our volunteers; yet, I will continue to thank all who help in whatever manner, from fundraising for sports groups, to community fun-days to building community parks and playgrounds. Thank you all.

(Adam) both of Halifax; brothers, Bobby Keating, Williamswood; David Keating; sisters, Mildred Clark, Ruby Slaunwhite, Susan Langille, all of Halifax; Judy Keating, Glen Haven; grandchildren, Seretha, Celese, Sereena; great grandson, Kyle; former husband Robert Langille and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home(2005) Ltd., with Service of Remembrance held from the funeral home chapel, Rev. Gordon Relf officiating. Interment to take place in St. John's Cemetery Halifax. Donations in memory may be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Muriel Hazel May Loxdale

88, Halifax, NS, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 16, 2013 at Melville Heights. Born in Justice, Manitoba, she was a daughter of the late Reginald and Rabenna (Johnston) Keddy. In 1953, Muriel married the love of her life, Harold, the man she fell in love with at first sight. She was a proud lady who was very dedicated to Emmanuel Anglican Church, where she served for many years on the choir. She loved dancing, singing, reading, listening

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George Albert Maynard

81, Halifax, passed away peacefully at home on September 6, 2013. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Mary Theresa Maynard. George was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the P.P.C.L.I and Black Watch. He worked until retirement as a boilermaker with Local 73. George enjoyed carpentry and was an avid outdoorsman with interests in hunting and fishing. He is survived by sons, David (Joanne), Spry Bay; Robert (Maddie), Herring Cove; Pat (Krista), Spryfield; Mike (Colette), Dover Center, Ont.; daughter, Terry-Ann Escobar (Victor), Calgary, Alta.; grandchildren, Colleen, Caitlin, Jenna, Carley, Ashley and Bryce. He was predeceased by his wife Shirley (Kenney) Maynard. Arrangements were under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. Interment in Oakridge Memory Gardens, Lower Sackville. Donations in his memory may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia or Canadian Diabetes Association.

Alberta Beverly Langille (Keating)

66, Halifax, passed away suddenly at home September 11, 2013. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Albert and Mildred (Cox) Keating. She is survived by son, Steven Baigent; daughter, Yvette Langille

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 tangelene@live.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS OCTOBER

LEGION: Bingo every Sunday at 1 pm. Mini Bingo at 6 pm and Superstat Bingo at 7 pm

St. Paul's Recycling

On the third Saturday of every month, St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield will collect your clean refundables. You can drop them at the church at 173 Old Sambro Rd. between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. If you would prefer, you may call Carolyn at 477-0187 or Jackie at 477-3776 to have your refundables picked up.

There is plenty room for more at **Elderobics-Forever Fit** (sponsored by the YMCA) at both Emmanuel Church Hall and Captain William Spry Community Centre. This is a fitness program for adults which includes low impact aerobics, working with weights, stretching and relaxation exercises. The classes @ Emmanuel are Mon, Wed & Fri at 10:00 - 11:00 am; and the classes at Captain William Spry are Mon, Wed & Fri at 9:00 - 10:00 am. No pre-registration is necessary, just come along, have fun and get fit! Pay as you go, \$4.00 per class, plus annual fee of \$10.00.

Chebucto Connections are looking for **volunteer board members** who want to be part of a team that is actively engaged in making our community a healthy and vibrant place to live and work. We are inviting people to express their interest in being part of our Board of Directors team so that we can set up a time to talk to you about what being a Board Member would entail. This will give you a chance to see if it is a good fit for you. We are looking for engaged community members to join us in this work of nurturing the rich capacity of the community. If this sounds interesting to you please contact: ccda.stecroix@gmail.com or 477-0964 for more information.

Captain William Spry Library **Free Puppet Shows** Every Saturday at 11 am! All Ages Welcome!

WestJet & Boys & Girls Club of Spryfield **Gift of Flight** is back again to help raise funds to support the Boys & Girls Club of Spryfield. YOU could win airfare for two anywhere WestJet flies! Tickets are only \$2 each! If you are interested in purchasing tickets and/or helping us sell tickets please contact Darlene or Samantha at 477-9840. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Boys and Girls Club Spryfield is looking for volunteers for their **Rogers Raising the Grade** program. This one evening a week program will run from September 2013 to June 2014 and is a great opportunity to give back to the community and make a difference in the lives of our youth. For more information, or to submit your resume, email Amanda@bgcspryfield.org

Spryfield Legion will be hosting **2 Seniors Dances** this month. One on the 7th and one on the 21st. As always, dances run from 12:30 pm to 4 pm with door prizes and 50/50 draw. \$3.00 per person. Light lunch served. Music by Albert Martell.

Quarter Note Singers, based at the Captain William Spry Community Centre, is looking for new members, especially "a few good men" to help balance our mixed choir. We rehearse once a week and there is no audition or requirement to read music. Our approach is to have fun while working to present interesting programs in a coffee house setting. If interested please contact Steve Trussoni @ 477-2664 for details.

Harrietsfield/Williamswood Community Centre is having it's monthly **Preteen Dance** with adult supervision, music, canteen. \$3.00 admission. September 19 at 6:30-8:30 on 1138 Old Sambro Rd.

Get Your GED! FREE 10 week course offered by the Halifax Community Learning Network at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. If you are available weekdays, Monday through Thursday, and pass the entrance requirements, this class is for you! Please call 422-7648 or 490-5715 for more information.

Attention: Volunteers Needed! The Halifax Community Learning Network is seeking volunteer tutors for the Captain William Spry Library Adult

Learning Program. Adult learners are varied in their skills and goals. Many want to improve their communications, math and computer skills or work toward passing the GED test. Volunteers who can tutor basic and / or high school math are especially needed.

Training and support are provided. If you are willing to dedicate two hours per week for at least 6 months as an adult literacy tutor, please call Pat at 490-5715.

Spryfield Village Fall Festival Events to be held at HWCCA, 1138 Old Sambro Road, Harrietsfield: On October 5th is the Family Fun Day Washer Toss Tournament, B.B.Q., Face Painting, and Balloon Art. The format will be teams open to adults, teens, and entrants, but pre-registration is preferred. Cash prizes will be given. Registration time is 10:00 am with games starting approximately 11:00 am. Come and help our centre celebrate the Fall Festival Events!

Bethany United Church, 2669 Joseph Howe Drive, is hosting a **Fall Fair**. Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to 1 pm. \$1 admission. Pony rides, flea market, crafts, BBQ and more

St. Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Rd. Spryfield, is hosting a **Roast Pork Dinner** including dessert, Saturday Oct 26 4-6 pm Adults: \$12.00 Child: \$5.00 Child under 5 are free. Family of 4 (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$30.00 Tickets at the door. Take-out available

St. Michael's Parish in Spryfield is hosting a **Fall Fair** on Friday October 25 from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday October 26 from 11 am to 5 pm. Featuring St. Michael's Cafe, flea market, games, cake walk, fish pond, baked goods, and lots more. Also, Sunday, October 27 there will be muffin breakfast at 11am.

Chebucto Community Health Team is offering the following programs for October:

Building Better Sleep Wednesday October 9th 1:30-3:30 pm

Introduction to Making the Most of Your Food Dollar October 16th 7:00-8:30pm Keshen Goodman Library (330 Lacewood Drive)

Building Better Healthy Relationships Wednesday October 23rd 2:00-4:00 pm Girl Guides of Canada (3581 Dutch Village Road)

PLEASE NOTE: People eligible for the programs are anyone who lives, works or has a family doctor in the communities of Clayton Park,

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to music, doing her aerobics, painting and acting, and in her youth, modeling. She was a person who loved to help others and was a friend to many. She is survived by her only daughter, Jean Holland (Andrew), Edmonton, AB, two grandchildren, Zachary and Jillian (Tyler), brothers, James Keddy (Elizabeth), Cambridge, NS, and Hugh Keddy (Gwendolyn), Riverview, NB, a sister, Eva Olgivie, Albert County, NB, as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Harold in 1991, a brother, Oliver, and a brother-in-law, Gerald Olgivie. Arrangements were under the care of JA Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. A memorial service was celebrated from Emmanuel Anglican Church, Herring Cove Road, Halifax, NS. Interment will take place in Emmanuel Anglican Church Cemetery, where Muriel will be united once again with Harold. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. Words of comfort may be sent to the family by visiting www.walkerfh.com

Gary Wayne Raftus

It is with great sadness that the family announce Gary's passing on Sunday, August 25th, 2013, at the age of 64. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Howard and Dinah (Rogers) Raftus. Gary started his career with CNR/VIA as a brakeman and

Fairview, Rockingham Larry Uteck, Fairmount, Springvale, Armdale, Purcell's Cove, Spryfield and around the Sambro Loop

Please call 487-0690 or drop-in to register. Unless specified programs are offered at the: Chebucto Community Health Team Spryfield Shopping Centre 16 Dentith Rd. Halifax

Parkhill United Church, 5 Kirk Road, Jollimore. **Indoor Yard Sale**. Saturday, 2 November from 9:00 am to 12 noon

Harrietsfield/Williamswood Community Centre, 1138 Old Sambro Road, **Preteen Dance** will be on October 24 at 6:30 till 8:30 with the usual adult supervision, canteen and "great music" and \$3.00 admission, open to ages grade 3 to grade 6.

Spryfield Legion is hosting a **Halloween Dance** on Saturday, Oct. 26th from 9 pm to 1 am. Cost \$8 per person or \$15 per couple. Gordie Duggan band playing. Prize money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Dance at Emmanuel Church Hall Oct. 5th from 8pm to midnight. 322 Herring Cove Road, Spryfield \$7.00 per person Music by Bay City Band

Emmanuel Players present the musical "Sprytown Records" as their **Dinner Theatre** offering for the fall! Oct 25, 26, and 27 with roast pork dinner and Nov 1 and 2 with a roast beef dinner. \$25 reserved ticket seating. Contact Brenda 477-2356

26th Annual **Cunard Christmas Craft Fair** at Cunard Junior High School (121 Williams Lake Road). Saturday, November 16th from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm Drop by for our famous Chicken Burgers and have a cup of tea and a delicious treat in our Tea Room. Admission - \$2. Crafters interested in renting space are asked to contact Carly Campbell at carlytraves@hotmail.ca or Ashley Matthews at ashleymatthews1@hotmail.com or call the school at 479-4418.

St. James United Church, Sambro (3811 Old Sambro Road) will be having a **Coffee House** on Sunday, Oct 6 at 6:30 - 9 pm. An evening of song by talented local musicians. All welcome.

St. James United Church, Sambro (3811 Old Sambro Road) will be having a **Swordfish Supper** on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Adult Portion \$13.00. Child portion \$7.00. Come join us for an amazing meal and great fellowship. Everyone Welcome

ticket agent. Later, he moved out west and did various jobs and returned back home and went into retail sales. Gary was very passionate about Oceans Essence Products and devoted a lot of his time promoting it. He enjoyed music, dancing and could strike up a conversation with anyone. He was well-respected and loved by many in his Spryfield community; he will be missed. Left to cherish his memory are daughters, Christina Anderson of Antigonish; Tracy Raftus of Halifax; son, Corey Raftus of Carleton Place, Ont; step-daughter, Amanda Zwicker; long-time companion, Gloria Zwicker of Calgary, Alta; sisters, Norma (Harry) Royale, Nancy (Barry) McDonald, both of Sackville, and brother, Donald (Annette) of Halifax. Gary had many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly and they all have their own special memories of him. He was predeceased by sister, Audrey Redmond; brothers, Ronald, Robert and sister, Catherine in infancy. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Donald K. Walker Funeral Directors Ltd. Funeral service was held at Calais Branch 162 Royal Canadian Legion, Lower Sackville. Burial followed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lower Sackville. Donations may be made to Canadian Cancer Society. The family wish to thank 6A nursing staff and doctors, especially Kim and Tara at the VG Site, QEII for their compassionate care of our brother. A very special thank you to Henry Sadeghi from Bayshore Home Health, who was so caring and supportive during Gary's long stay in the hospital.

McNabs Island Fall Foliage Tours

Sunday October 20 (rain date October 27)
Time 10 am - 5:00 pm

Join the Friends of McNabs Island Society for the annual Fall Foliage Tour of McNabs Island Provincial Park. See the island in its autumn splendour and participate in guided history and nature tours.

Cost: \$12 (members and children under 16) \$15 (non-members), babies under 2 free. Tickets are limited and available ONLY through Ticket Atlantic at (902) 451-1221, the Halifax Metro Centre Box Office and kiosk, the 27 participating Atlantic Superstore customer service counters or online at www.ticketatlantic.com.

For more information, www.mcnabsisland.ca, <https://www.facebook.com/McNabsIsland>, Twitter @mcnabsisland, mcnabs@chebucto.ns.ca, or call Faye at 443-1749 or Cathy at 434-2254.

The Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, October 21st @ 7 pm (due to Thanksgiving holiday) at the Captain Spry Centre. New members, volunteers welcome! For further information please call Pat at 477-6087 or email jamac@ns.sympatico.ca.

PARENTING COURSES: Parenting Teenagers Course starts Wednesday October 9th at 6:30 pm at St Paul's Hall in Herring Cove. Parenting Children Course starts Thursday October 10th at 6:30 pm at St Peter's Hall in Ketch Harbour. Both courses are free, five weeks long and involve a nice meal to start, an informative film and guided discussion. To register send an email to Cathy at sanderc@eastlink.ca. All are welcome.

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