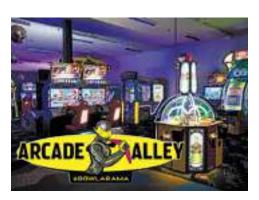




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Vince and Bear—a man and his best friend



by Carolyn Mont

As we walk around our community, we pass many strangers. We don't chat with them unless there is a specific reason. If they are pushing a baby carriage, we may stop and admire the baby. Another icebreaker to neighbourhood conversation is to admire a dog. It is even better if you carry dog treats; the dog will then admire you.

If you live in Spryfield, you may very well have seen Vince Golden

walking with his friendly old dog, Bear. I say old because Vince recently told me that Bear has turned 19, a great age for a dog. You may very well have seen them around Spryfield as Vince see that Bear gets lots of

A word of advice, however. If you are greeting a dog you don't know, always ask the owner if you may pat the dog. Some dogs just don't like to be touched and you don't want to offend either the dog or the owner.

Remembrance Day at **Spryfield** Legion

With the annual Poppy Campaign well underway, the Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion is finalizing plans for a return to its pre-pandemic outdoor Remembrance Day Ceremony in front of the legion cenotaph.

On November 11, a parade will form in the lower parking lot of Shoppers Drug Mart on Herring Cove Road, and at approximately 10:40 am will begin a march to the legion. The traditional Remembrance ceremony will be held followed by the laying of

Following the ceremony, a light lunch will be provided for adults and young people with entertainment to take place about 2 pm.

For those wishing to purchase wreaths and have them laid at the cenotaph, it would be appreciated if this could be done prior to the 10th of November so that the wreath laying schedule may be finalized.

The legion is open daily at 1 pm Monday to Friday and at 11am on Saturday and noon on Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers are still needed to assist with accepting Poppy Campaign donations at the 3 in-store venues in the Spryfield area. Volunteers do not have to be uniformed legion members as anyone from the community can take part and help support our veterans.

Interested participants can contact the legion at (902) 477-0467 or the scheduler, Connie Bambury at (902) 477-3057.

Sammy says

Could you use some extra cash for Christmas? (Of course! Who couldn't!!)

The Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") is once again running a 50/50 Christmas Cash draw. You'll be able to get your tickets at www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/Sambro starting on November 10th and running through to December 10. Tickets prices are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10, 7 for



Tickets are available for purchase online only. If you're having difficulty making your purchase online, you can

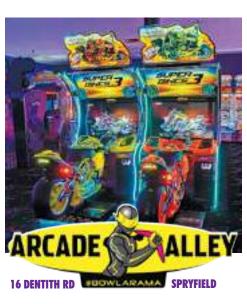
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Sammy says

(continued from page 1) reach out to SACA on social media and Lorrie Boylen can assist you.

Funds raised will be put towards SACA's plans for a future community centre and a mobility accessible wharf and picnic area. This will enable those elderly or infirmed to enjoy Grand Lake and the beauty and fishing opportunities it offers.

Be a part of our community's future, plus get a chance to win money to make your festive season jollier!

Our friends at the Spryfield Business Commission are hosting the 49th Annual Spryfield Santa Claus Parade on Sunday, November 27 beginning at 2pm from Punch Bowl and proceeding through to the Spryfield Mall on Dentith Road. Don't miss out on the family fun!

SACA will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday, November 28 from 7-8 pm at the Ketch Harbour Community Hall. Come find out what we've got planned for 2023 and beyond.

We've got two Christmas Craft Shows happening in our community on November 19th:

The Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre, located at 1138 Old Sambro Road, runs from 9am to 1pm. Admission at the door is \$2 or a canned Food Bank donation. There will be 50/50 tickets and the canteen will serve chips, pop, water, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, hotdogs and cookies.

Bayside Camp will host Christmas At The Cove Annual Christmas Brunch and Craft Show at 1503 Ketch Harbour Rd, Sambro Head. The Craft and Gift Show runs from 9am to 2pm. Brunch seatings are at 10am and 1pm. \$20 per seat, \$10 for ages 5-10, free under 5.

Reserve brunch seats today at www. baysidecamp.org/christmasatthecove

Come one out and support our local craftspeople and get some of your holi-

day shopping done at the same time! Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter and Facebook.

Free sports programs for children in Spryfield

Nova Scotians Helping Nova Scotians Association (NSHNSA) is a nonprofit organization which plans community services, activities and meals in low-income communities. One of these activities is a free basketball program for students in grades 7 through 12 in Spryfield.

Our free sports program, called ONE, was created to remove the economic and social barriers for children to participate in sports through camps, clubs, tournaments, and a recreation league. ONE programs are free and open to the public. The top priority is to see the children out being active with no financial stress on the family. This is our effort towards reducing poverty in Nova Scotia in underrepresented communities.

Our primary purpose is increasing participation and encouraging physical fitness through fun social interactions. Participant families do not have to apply for funding and there is no minimum session requirement to qualify for this free program.

This basketball program is ideal for someone who has very little to no experience playing basketball, or someone who wants a little extra practice throughout the year.

We have Rockingstone Heights Gym booked for our basketball program for grades 7-12. You can find the registration form online at https://form.jotform.com/222715996411258

Our schedule, running from October through May is as follows:

Mondays: Full court scrimmage, alternating weekly between female and male teams

Tuesdays: female practice Wednesdays: Male practice Fridays: 3v3 scrimmages for all genders, with two nets for females and two for males

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St. Augustine's Anglican Church Jollimore (2010 Purcell's Cove Road) is closing its doors and selling the property.

On July 7, 1963 the first sod for the new church was turned by The Reverend Bishop Davis on the site located at what is now 2010 Purcell's Cove Road. On March 21, 1964 Bishop Davis dedicated the new St. Augustine's and the first service was conducted by the rector. Rev. T.R.B. Anderson.

Now 58 years later the church doors will soon close and the property is changing hands. This is a sad occasion for the remaining few parishioners of the parish that has seen many years of activity in the community. (Sunday School, Turkey Dinners, Art Shows, Pancake Suppers, Yard Sales, Card Nights, Gospel Concerts etc.) Stay tuned to welcome your new neighbours into our community; we will update you as soon as we can.



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Busy times at St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

I suspect that there are a few of you who have all your Christmas shopping done and the gifts are wrapped. I also suspect that there are many of you who are thinking, "What? Christmas is coming? I have lots of time to think about that".

At St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield, we fall somewhere behind those two positions. Certainly, there is a lot of thought going into Christmas. In speaking with Kristen Hollery, the Executive Director of our Family Resources Institute, (FRI), I learned that she is most certainly thinking ahead to the huge Christmas event FRI sponsors. That is support for individuals and families for Christmas hampers. The big day this year is on Wednesday, December 14. The final tally of orders is, of course, not available until after the big day but in the past approximately 200 huge Christmas hampers are prepared and handed out on the given date. There is also a toy store on site where families can choose age-appropriate new gifts for their children. If you wish to register for this service, please call our Food Bank line at 902-477-5090 and leave a message. Food and new toy donations are welcome.

If you purchased a fresh Christmas wreath from St. Paul's United in the past few years, you probably remember what a great buy it was. The wreaths are made in New Ross and come with a large bow. That means you can decorate them to your own taste. Unlike almost everything you might purchase this year, the price has not gone up. They cost \$25.00 and you can order yours by calling Valerie Keddy at 902-456-3568. They are to be picked up at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 27th, at 12:00 pm. These do sell out so don't delay.

Something else we have not raised the price on is our turkey dinner. We will be offering our very successful turkey dinner takeout on Saturday, December 5. We are very pleased that, for now, we can hold the price at \$15.00. The dinner is a full turkey dinner with vegetables, dressing and gravy. It also comes with a roll and dessert. Like our Christmas wreaths, this will sell out so please order soon to avoid disappointment. Call Valerie Conners at 902-423-2441.

Are you a fan of big band music? Would you like to know more about what it is? On Thursday, December 1, the Tuesday Night Band, so named because they practice on Tuesday nights, is doing a benefit concert for St. Paul's United. The concert begins at 7:30 and there will be a free will offering; that is, you pay what you wish. This very talented group of musicians are regular performers at venues such as the Halifax Jazz Festival. You can learn more at their website, https:// tuesdaynightbandns.wixsite.com/ tuesday-night-band, or Google Tuesday Night Band. Consider this part of your Christmas festivities as they have promised Christmas music at the concert. We recognize that Covid is still around and we would ask that you wear a mask.

Many of you will remember that for many years, we collected your refundable once a month. Since Covid, Beaver Enviro Depot at 251 Herring Cove Rd., has opened an account for

us and you can drop your refundable there at any time, label them for St. Paul's United Church and a deposit will go into our account there. Please remember to remove the caps off all bottles.

The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

For the past month, the Nova Scotia Legislature has been in session. Premier Houston has decided to call working hours from 9 am to midnight. While I don't mind working long hours, the Premier, who called these hours, doesn't show up for his entire workday. The Premier comes in before question period to answer 6 of the dozens of questions put to him by the opposition, then leaves, sometimes refusing to answer the simplest of questions from the media. This is not the way democracy is supposed to work.

This session, we are working on many pieces of Legislation on behalf of Nova Scotians including:

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I will keep fighting for all of you. It is strange to say this, but Christmas is quickly approaching, which means lots of community events.

Our Sunday worship service, led by our minister, Max Martin, is at 11:00 am. We ask that people wear a mask, but we do have an area for those who would prefer to not wear a mask. Please feel free to drop in and get to know us.

Keep an eye on social media for posts about local events, including Christmas fairs. These fairs are significant local events which help small businesses stay afloat while giving you the opportunity purchase locally made holiday gifts.

Just a reminder to get your snow tires on and drive safe; the roads will be slick.

Once the Nova Scotia Legislature concludes for the Fall session, I plan on returning to the doors, so don't be surprised if you see me on your doorstep.

Have a wonderful November I am so proud to be your MLA Brendan Maguire 349 Herring Cove Road 902 444 0147

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Merchant Navy and civilian ships attacked by German submarines in World War II

by Iris V. Shea

My thanks to local resident Captain Earle Wagner for bringing this topic to my attention and providing the information for this article. Captain Wagner will celebrate his 99th birthday on Christmas Day, 2022. Read more about Captain Wagner's life at http://www.alliedmerchantnavy.com/mnctp/membership/captain-earle-wagner.html

You may have seen Captain Wagner on one of his daily walks around Frog Pond, at the Dingle, or walking up the steep incline of Ramsgate Drive

In 1943, nineteen-year-old Wagner served on the Merchant Vessel "Nipiwan Park" as it made its first trip from Montreal to Saint John, N.B. He has been active for many years since World War II in his efforts to bring attention to all those men and women who served in the Canadian Merchant Navy.

On April 16, 2004, Captain Wagner, on behalf of the Canadian Merchant Navy Veterans' Association, presented a ship model of "M.V. Nipiwan Park" to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, Ontario. Years of fundraising across the country, spearheaded by Wagner, helped bring about

this event. The original ship was built in 1943 in Collingwood, Ontario. The model of the ship was built by Port Hawkesbury native, Mark Boudreau, and honours all Merchant Navy veterans who served in the Battle of the Atlantic. The Merchant Navy's role, as pointed out by Captain Wagner in his speech that day, was "to transport troops, equipment, materials, munitions, supplies, fuel, etc. to support the fighting forces throughout the world. A secondary role, not well known, was the use of armament in self defense against enemy attack."

Of the merchant vessels torpedoed by German submarines between 1939 and 1945, one was the "M.V. Nipiwan Park." On January 4, 1945, in convoy with two other ships, the vessel was torpedoed off Halifax by U-1232. Two of the crew were killed, and "HMCS Kentville" rescued the 29 survivors. The merchant ship was not completely destroyed, and eventually received a new bow. It was sold after the war to Irving Oil and renamed "Irvinglake." The tragic event was not made public when it happened because of the secrecy surrounding wartime activities in our coastal waters. In fact, when the death was reported of Halifax native Captain John H. Carroll, the chief





Top: Model of M.V. Nipiwan Park Bottom: Captain Earle Wagner, speaking to veterans at Pier 21, November 2005

officer and one of the two men killed aboard "M.V. Nipiwan Park," the caption beneath his picture in the Halifax Herald on January 8, 1945, said "died at sea." No other cause of death was given.

During World War II, Nova Scotian waters were being watched carefully by German submarines in their

attempt to prevent merchant vessels from delivering supplies and munitions to our troops. The ship "S.S. Angelus," owned by the Canadian government, was damaged on 19 May 1942 by U-161, north of Bermuda. She was carrying molasses from Barbados to Halifax. Only two members of the nine-man crew were rescued by "U.S.S. Turner" and taken to Portland, Maine. The "S.S. Angelus" had been a former French barquentine captured as a prize on the Grand Banks one week prior to the attack, and sent to Sydney, Cape Breton where she was turned over to the Canadian Government.

On 30 May 1942, the "S.S. Liverpool Packet" owned by Markland Shipping, was on its way from New York to St. John's, Newfoundland, via Halifax, when attacked off Nova Scotia. Two persons were killed and the 19 survivors managed to row to Seal Island; the "S.S. Waterton," owned by Bowater, was on a voyage from Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, to Sydney, Cape Breton. On 11 Oct. 1942, she was torpedoed in the Cabot Strait by U-106. There was no loss of life. Three days later in the Cabot Strait the Newfoundland car ferry "Caribou," escorted by a mine sweeper,

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Messy Church starts at Emmanuel



Messy Church Dinner: Some of the kids at Messy Church enjoy their mac and cheese dinner while volunteers prepare the dessert.

by Rev. Michelle Bull
Messy Church is an informal church
gathering geared to kids and their
significant adults. Emmanuel Anglican church had its first Messy Church
and we had so much fun we plan to
continue.

After gathering activities and ice breakers/getting to know you activities, we start with a delicious dinner, complete with dessert. We are making every effort to take dietary needs into consideration and do offer vegetarian and gluten free options. We can accommodate almost anything if we get a bit of notice.

After dinner we move to a craft. Kids (and adults) have their choice of a number of crafts, geared to different ages. Though at our first one the younger kids were more attracted to a craft we thought older kids would enjoy more. They had a blast. That's our main goal.

At the end, we gather in a circle,

Merchant Navy

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was carrying 238 passengers and crew
from Sydney, Cape Breton, to Port
Aux Basques, Newfoundland when it
was struck by a torpedo from U-69.
The lifeboats were badly damaged, a
significant factor in the outcome; 106
passengers and 31 crewmembers lost
their lives.

On 25 Mar. 1944, "S.S. Watuka," owned by N.S. Steel and Coal, with 26 men on board, was torpedoed off Halifax by U-802 while carrying coal from Louisburg to Halifax. "HMCS Anticosti" picked up 25 of the crew.

"Of the 12,000 volunteers who served aboard Canadian, British and Allied merchant ships, one seafarer in eight was lost. It was the highest ratio of loss for any active service"

light a candle, and begin a time of informal worship, including some great songs. We tell a story, usually about Jesus, and discuss it and then we have a time of prayer where everyone has a chance to ask for God's help or say thank you for some of the many blessings of our lives. Everyone is sent out with a rousing song and a blessing.

We had our first Messy Church on October 1 and plan to meet the first Saturday of each month from 5 pm to about 7 pm. Doors open around 4:45. This is free, but we will accept donations. Anyone is welcome to come. Kids should be accompanied by a trusted adult (parent, grandparent, babysitter, whoever).

Our next Messy Church gatherings will be Saturday, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough food and craft supplies. If you would like more information or to register, call Rev. Michelle Bull, 902-809-9371.

states Captain Wagner. Canada did not recognize the valued service of the Merchant Marines, and all but ignored them following the war. Finally, in June 2003, after much lobbying, our government declared September 3rd as Merchant Navy Veterans Day. In Halifax, a memorial to the Merchant Navy was unveiled on Nov. 11, 1993 and may be seen at Sackville Landing on the waterfront. The monument bears the names of Canadian merchant vessels on which many Canadians lost their lives while serving on board them. Captain Wagner designed the memorial; local artists Horst Deppe, Commander Tony Law (now deceased) and Jane Law, provided the expertise in creating Captain Wagner's design.



Messy Church crafts: Rev. Michelle helps Natalia and Naomi with their flowerpot craft at Messy Church on Oct. 1.



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Rugged. Rich. Rare. Protect Purcell's Cove Backlands



Nationally unique, globally rare Jack Pine/Broom Crowberry communities in Purcell's Cove Backlands, Spryfield. Photo: David G. Patriquin

by Cathy Vaughan

Rugged granite barrens, rich ecosystems, and rare glacially sculpted landscapes are tucked among Spryfield's historical villages, fishing communities, commercial businesses and the urban crush of scattered housing developments, sprawling subdivisions and impending building projects.

Purcell's Cove Backlands covers 1,350 hectares of lands between Purcell's Cove Road and Herring Cove Road, and from Power's Pond in Herring Cove to the shores of Williams Lake. Hiking and biking trails twist and wind through scrub brush, rich woodlands, and rare Jack Pine/Broom Crowberry on rugged barrens next to vibrant neighbourhoods and

busy communities in Spryfield.

The Purcell's Cove Backlands Coalition wants to protect these rare lands, their important natural services and access to nature. The Coalition is grassroots, citizen-action group of 12 local conservation groups, fueled by dedicated naturalists, citizenscientists, biologists, birders, hikers, cyclists, conservationists, business owners, residents and neighbours. The 12 groups are strong vocal advocates for preserving access, for all residents and visitors, to publicly owned lands in the Backlands. These tracts of undeveloped lands are important scientifically, environmentally and biologically.

The rich terrain in the Backlands

acts like a busy science laboratory delivering important 'natural services' for all of HRM. This large tract of land absorbs carbon, rejuvenates ecosystems, regenerates burnt forests, and filters H₂O which then supplies clean water to the massive watershed in the Spryfield area. The glacial-sculpted rocks and outcroppings of granite are flyway-zones for 95 species of birds that use the expansive wilderness in HRM as sheltered nesting areas and a regular migration route through Nova Scotia. Active wildlife corridors allow for safe habitats, the movement of animals and pollinators, and support the continued propagation of rare native Nova Scotia plants, lichens and wild vegetation.

The problem is that the Backlands is a mashup of public and private lands with various zoning designations. There are federal and provincial Crown lands, HRM protected areas, lands with conservation easements to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust and the Nature Conservancy of Canada, as well as private property. For the most part, the privately owned lands are zoned Urban Reserve, which prohibits development. But an application to rezone can always be made, creating some uncertainty for protection.

Kathleen Hall, Co-Chair of the Backlands Coalition, summarized the zoning process: "For several reasons HRM Planning staff want to rezone the Urban Reserve lands. Over the next few months, as Phase 4 of the Regional Plan Review takes place, input from the Backlands Coalition will be ongoing. Then a staff report will be

presented to HRM Regional Council with a recommendation from staff. A public hearing will then take place in spring 2023."

At this point it is not clear what staff will recommend about zoning in the Backlands. In the last staff report released this past July staff recommended the following approach to zoning: "Acknowledge that an urban form of serviced development is no longer envisioned in this location and consider re-designating and rezoning the remaining privately-owned lands currently zoned and designated Urban Reserve to an alternative designation, a zone that recognizes the environmental and cultural importance of the Purcell's Cove Backlands."

A new zoning designation that protects the environmental and cultural aspects of the Backlands is really progressive, and an approach welcomed by the Backlands Coalition. Martha Leary, of the Coalition, reports "As members of the Backlands Coalition, we have been sharing information with the Halifax Planners about the unique places within the Backlands. They are asking for as much concrete information as we can provide that highlights unique and special features and ways in which people use the Backlands." Leary is leading the Coalition's team gathering information to be submitted to HRM Planners to support protecting these extraordinary lands in the middle of Spryfield.

"It is really important that we get this zoning right to protect as much of these lands as possible," stated

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Purcell's Cove Backlands Boundaries. Map produced by Parks and Recreation Policy and Planning

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Hike Purcell's Cove Backlands with Ecology Action Centre

by Cathy Vaughan Hiking in the Purcell's Cove Backlands can have some interesting sideeffects. They may include, but are not limited to: strengthened quadriceps while scampering over glacier-sculpted granite barrens; increased awareness of the importance of wetlands; sharpened ability to identify globally rare Jack Pine/Broom Crowberry communities; and heightened appreciation of magnificent vistas while experiencing a natural sense of wellness. Long term effects are linked to a sensation of peace while being engaged in the awesomeness of nature.

This summer and fall, the Ecology Action Centre (EAC) organized and led three hikes in specifically chosen 'greenbelt' areas within HRM. Through the hiking series, EAC is promoting the idea of an HRM greenbelt on their website, social media, and to their 6.000+ members to raise awareness of the benefits of protecting urban wild lands. According to their website "Urban Halifax has a fledging greenbelt - areas that should stay undeveloped for all the benefits they provide, including supporting a healthy, vibrant city. We're hosting hikes this fall at 3 key spots in the greenbelt: Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes, Sandy Lake - Sackville River, and the Purcells Cove Backlands."

EAC's Wilderness Outreach
Coordinator Karen McKendry, and
Kortney Dunsby, Sustainable Cities
Coordinator, led the hike and presented several informative talks on the
distinctive features in the Backlands.
The hike is described as "a relatively
easy hike that will guide you through
the fascinating, rare Jack Pine barrens
ecosystem of the Backlands. The trail
terrain is uneven and requires good
footwear. The hike involves lots of
small slopes up and down on exposed
bedrock."

Besides the stunning vistas, the best part of the hike were the ECA guides' descriptions of the particular features of this rugged and rare landscape. McKendry described how active these 1,350 hectares of urban wild lands are in providing wildlife corridors for native animals, flyway zones for migrating birds through HRM, and wetlands that supply water to lakes and ponds in Spryfield. The Backlands support globally rare Jack Pine trees which can grow in challenging conditions where other trees can't grow. The tough terrain also supports many species of lichen, moss and a few rare arctic-alpine plant species.

Dunsby explained how the Ecology Action Centre provides leadership on critical environmental issues from biodiversity protection to climate change. She also outlined the importance of protecting the Backlands and reported on what is currently being done to address rezoning of much of the Backlands to protect it and preserve public access to these amazing lands in the heart of Spryfield.

"We're at a critical time in the history of the growth of Halifax. But this moment has not been unanticipated. Our HRM Alliance has been advocating for years for complete communities - neighbourhoods that include nature, and housing, and transit, and more elements that make for truly sustainable cities. Key moments are coming up this year and the next to put in place the laws and policies we need to shape a more sustainable HRM for years to come" emphasizes McKendry.

The Ecology Action Centre, the Backlands Coalition and the Williams Lake Conservation Company are working in tandem with politicians and government departments to protect these amazing lands and form a greenbelt area around HRM for you to engage with the awesomeness of nature. You don't need a USB port to connect to nature. It's in your backyard.

Learn More:
Backlands coalition.ca
Williamslakecc.ca
Ecology action.ca
HRM Alliance



Hikers at a trail head in Governor's Brook to the Purcell's Cove Backlands – Spryfield. Photo: Cathy Vaughan, October 15, 2022

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Coalition member Dr. David
Patriquin, a retired professor from
Dalhousie's Biology Department.
Patriquin feels that a key factor in rezoning these rare landscapes is public accessibility and the tourism-value.
"The area has fantastic eco-tourism potential, but only if we can maintain the natural vistas."

The Purcell's Cove Backlands feature amazing vistas for public consumption; a natural science lab; a recreation centre of lands and lakes; wildlife sanctuaries; and ideal conditions for native plants. All of these natural services, coupled with the fervor of 12-citizen-action groups collaborating with politicians and government departments, could net a priceless gift of nature for our children's children.

You can contribute to protecting

these natural gifts in the Purcell's Cove Backlands with your stories and photos. The Backlands Coalition website has examples and suggestions for how you can support the protection of the rugged, rich and rare lands of the Purcell's Cove Backlands in Spryfield.

Learn More: http://backlandscoalition.ca **Backlands Coalition Members:** Ferguson's Cove Neighbourhood Association, Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust, Halifax Field Naturalists, McIntosh Run Watershed Association, Nova Scotia Wild Flora Society, Oceanview Drive Residents, Purcell's Cove Area Residents Action Committee, Purcell's Cove Neighbourhood Committee, Ravenscraig Neighbours, Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield, Williams Lake Conservation Company and the Woodens River Watershed Environmental Organization.

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What's Happening at the Urban Farm

by Joshua Barss Donham

As the gardening season draws to a close, and there is less human activity at the Farm, the wildlife is moving in closer. Mourning Doves feeding in the gravel patch in front of the shed door erupt and make for the cover of the trees. Crows take off from where they have been feeding in the Come Grow With Us plots and groups of sparrows fly up reluctantly and perch only a few feet away from where they have been picking up seeds in the garden plots. Squirrels abound scampering and leaping from branch to branch carrying walnuts and apples to stash away near the edge of the woods. The deer make their way lazily across the lower field to the apple trees in search of ground fruit fall. Wildlife is settling in at the Farm for the off season.

The weather brought by Fiona and rain that followed resulted in the sudden explosion of mushrooms in the woods; clumps of common mycena grow in little villages on logs, festive red capped and white gilled russula, and bright orange witch's butter mushrooms add colour to the Fairy door trail. The moist conditions were also appreciated by red-backed salamanders who, after the storm, could be found under every rock or large branch along the wooded paths. Monarchs began emerging days after the storm as well, as they did in many places around Halifax, and, with the warm weather, continued to emerge into early October before disappearing, making their way south.

Many dragonflies showed up at the farm this fall; large blue and green darner dragonflies from the pond across the road, along with the smaller bright red and rusty orange autumn meadowhawk dragonflies. The autumn meadowhawks are the last dragonflies to be seen before winter. They lay their eggs, which overwinter and hatch in the spring, in slow moving water like the eddies in Kidston brook that run past the Farm late in the season. The nymphs emerge and metamorphose into adult dragonflies in the late summer. Even this month on warm clear days we may see still see the occasional meadowhawk perched at the tip of a bamboo pole in the pollinator bed or resting in a sunny spot on a wood beam in the gardens.

Four species of woodpeckers nest on the farm or are regular visitors. Last month a fifth species was seen, a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker that has taken a liking to the small apple tree near the compost boxes. Sapsuckers, as the name suggests, feed largely on tree sap, boring diagonal rows of small holes in tree branches called sap wells and lapping up the liquid. Often insects are attracted to the oozing sap and become food for the sapsuckers. It may stick around into this month, but it can be a long-distance migrator with some sapsuckers migrating as far as Central America, and before long will soon be on its way south.

Everyone is welcome to join us for our Annual General Meeting on Monday, Nov. 14th at 7pm at the Capt. Wm. Spry Center. Our UFMSS Board is in need of additional board members. If you are interested in the future of our Urban Farm, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email patriciabmaclean@gmail.com for more information.

Farm Memberships available:

Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups/Organizations \$25.00. For info: urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com, Pat MacLean: 902-497-3683. https://www.facebook.com/groups/117594394923932/ Website: urbanfarmmuseumspryfield.org



A bright red male autumn meadowhawk rests in the sun at the edge of the wood. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



The Yellow-bellied Sapsucker perched in his favourite apple tree at the Farm. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



Asters keep blooming well into November. Photo: Ann Hart



Hardy flowering kale in the main garden after a November frost. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



Meadowhawks are territorial and often return to land in the same spot over and over. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



Deer comb the grass looking for fallen apples. Photo: Ann Hart



Autumn leaves in the field at the Farm, edged with frost. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



Calendula after a November frost. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

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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 NOVEMBER Food Banks:

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled with pickup on Wed. between 9:30 and 10:30 am
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.
- Emmanuel Anglican Church Hall (322 Herring Cove Rd) Food bank is open, with pick up on Wednesday, 9:30 to 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 being offered as eat in or takeout
- 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:

- Christmas Craft Fair November 19 from 9am-1pm, \$30 per table Contact Natasha 902-293-7427 Email hwcc@outlook.com
- Annual Tree Lighting will be December 6th at 7pm. This is a Free Community Event and Santa will light the tree! There will also be Cookie decorating and face painting. Our After School Program children will perform a song!
- Currently taking bookings. Please

call, email or message us through our FB page (902) 446-4847 email hwcc@outlook.com

• We are always looking for new 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.

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 (322 Herring Cove Rd) events: emmanuelanglican-church.net, 902-477-1783.

Messy Church: An informal, fun time of crafts, worship and dinner for children and their adults. A good introduction to the community of faith. Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 5-7 pm. Please let us know by phone or email if you plan to come.

• Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (Nov. 10, 24) for an hour of prayer for each other, the world and the church. All welcome.

Parkhill United Church, Kirk Road, Halifax events:

Used Book Bonanza Book lovers take note! We have hundreds of excellent books in all categories available for sale at low, low prices on Saturday, November 19 from 10 am - noon. everything must go. See you

there

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:

Our outdoor tap is now turned on for the season. This is to allow the people in Harrietsfield who do not have access to clean drinking water to help themselves to our water.

SACA (Spryfield Area Community Association) events:

Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday, November 28th from 7pm to 8pm at the Ketch Harbour Community Hall. Come find out what we have planned for 2023 and beyond

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!

Urban Farm Museum of Spryfield events: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday, November 14, 2022 7pm at the Capt. Wm.

Spry Community Centre. Our UFMSS Board needs additional board members! If you are interested in the future of our Urban Farm, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email patriciabmaclean@gmail.com

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Tuesdays from 6 to 7pm at the Golden Age Centre, 212 Herring Cove Rd. Call for information: Colleen 902-868-2214 or Bev 902-477-4335 or check us out on the web at www.tops.org

The Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre, located at 1138 Old Sambro Road, runs it's Christmas Craft Show on November 19th from 9am to 1pm. Admission at the door is \$2 or a canned Food Bank donation. There will be 50/50 tickets and the canteen will serve chips, pop, water, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, hotdogs and cookies.

Bayside Camp will host Christmas At The Cove Annual Christmas Brunch and Craft Show at 1503 Ketch Harbour Rd, Sambro Head. The Craft and Gift Show runs from 9am to 2pm on November 19th. Brunch seatings are at 10am and 1pm. \$20 per seat, \$10 for ages 5-10, free under 5. Reserve brunch seats today at www.baysidecamp.org/christmasatthecove

Mark your calendars now for TAG's Annual Pantomime Red Riding's In the Hood by Cheryl Theriault November 24-December 10, 2022

Tickets will go on sale in mid-October. Here is what you can look forward to: It's someday, sometime deep in the dark lush woods of Haligonia and there's a rumour of a rumble. Red Riding is reluctantly helping her mother, The Widow R, sell the family wares but Red has plans to launch herself in a more creative direction. When two tiny strangers enter the woods and decide to hang around for a bit they find themselves.

Religious Services Directory for November

**To have your religious services added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail. com by November 19 for December's

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 service: 10:30am Nursery and Children's ministry: 10:30am

Wednesday night prayer: 7-8pm

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.

8:00 am: Quiet traditional service of Holy Communion.

10:00 am: Lively, contemporary service of Holy Communion with choir. This service is livestreamed.

Nov. 6: Remembrance Sunday Nov. 20: Anniversary service followed by potluck lunch

Nov. 27: Advent 1

Saturday, Nov. 5: 5 - 7 pm, Messy Church in the hall. Informal worship, crafts and dinner, designed for children and their adults. Please call or email and let us know if you plan to come.

Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (Nov. 10, 24) for an hour of prayer for each other, the world and the church. All welcome.

We are an affirming church. Everyone is welcome to all our services.

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

Worship at St. Paul's United Church is now in person, at 11am on Sunday

mornings. Masks are still required, however. One will be provided if you have forgotten yours.

Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish at St Michael's Catholic Church

Weekend Masses:

Saturdays 4:00 pm Sundays at 10:00 am

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday 9 am

Monthly Tuesday Night Prayer 7 PM each month

First Tuesday: Healing Mass Second Tuesday: Upper Room Praise and Worship

Third Tuesday: Mass and Adoration Last Tuesday (Sept-May): Eventide Candlelight Prayer

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) Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge consists of Parkhill United Church (5 Kirk Rd, Jollimore) and St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro). Sunday services at 9:30 am at Parkhill and 11:15 am at St. James. We may ask that people wear face masks. Our 11:15 am service is live-streamed on St James United Church Sambro NS Facebook Page. Bulletins at www.sambrojollimorepc.com, 902-868-2791.

On Nov. 27, the first Sunday of Advent, Parkhill United will hold the Hanging of the Greens service and celebrate its ministry in the Jollimore community.

Open Door Community Church (11 Aldergrove)

You are invited to fellowship with us weekly for a time of contemporary worship and Bible based teaching, relevant to your life in today's world. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30am

Please see http://opendoorhalifax. ca for more information and announcements about our midweek meetings and other events.

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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Georgina Charlotte (Oldham) Adams

Halifax. It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Georgina Charlotte Adams at the Victoria General Hospital on October 14, 2022. Born in Halifax, NS, she was the daughter of the late Henry Neil Oldham and Ann Rene Oldham.

Georgina was an entrepreneur and owner of Pizza Delight with husband Glenn Adams in Spryfield / Almond Street. She was a loving care aid who loved to take care of seniors and had received a Governor General Award. She loved to garden, make flower arrangements and make crafts of all kinds for everyone. She also adored her cat Missy, her ever faithful friend.

Surviving are her Sons, Larry Adams, Glenn Adams; Daughters, Annette Adams, Darlene Rice. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; Sisters, Jeannie O'Quinn; Brothers, Victor Oldham, Bernard Oldham, Darrell Oldham, Clearence Oldham.

Predeceased by her parents Henry Neil Oldham and Ann Rene Oldham; Husband, Glenn Lloyd Adams; Sons Clearance (Clay) Francis Adams, Todd Lewis Adams, David Allen Adams; Elizabeth Tanner, Anita Oldham; Brother Gordon Oldham.



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Everett Raymond Murphy

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Age 85, Herring Cove, passed away at home on Thursday October 6, 2022. He was the son of the late James Leo and Margaret (Barkhouse) Murphy. Raymond is survived by his four children: Paula Doncaster (Ken) Huntsville. ON, Heather Murphy, Pictou, NS, Dawn and Scott (Shelley) Murphy both of Hatchett Lake, NS; Grandchildren Benjamin, Logan, Molly and Anna. Sisters, Betty Blom (Gerald) Pat Connors, Mary Sutherland. Brothers, Donald (Sandra) and David (Donna) as well as many nieces and nephews.

Raymond was predeceased by his wife Susan (McNeil) and brother Leo Murphy. Raymond had many achievements in his life of which we are very proud of. He was a founding member of the Herring Cove Volunteer Fire Department in 1967, serving many years as it's Fire Chief, and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Third and Fourth Degree. As a selfemployed person, he passed on his solid work ethic to us all but always ensured to balance life with making loving memories with his wife, children and friends through figure skating, travelling and scuba diving, although his greatest joys were hunting and fishing with his son Scott and having his whole family together to celebrate every special occasion.

Raymond was a man of patience, strength, kindness and gentle spirit. He was a man of few words but when he spoke, people listened. He will remain forever in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Everett's name can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or The Alzheimer's Society of Canada.

Bruce Dennis Crowe

Age 88 of Harrietsfield.

It is with great sadness and broken hearts that we announce the passing of Bruce D Crowe, age 88 from Harrietsfield. He is survived by his wife of 55yrs, Shirley (Hum); daughters Victoria and Suzanne (Shaun); 3 grand-children Brittney, Makhi and Chyna: many nieces and nephews.

He was pre-deceased by his son Michael; parents, Sidney Earl Crowe and Mary Belle Dalton; his brothers Gordon, Sidney (Karl), Ronald and Kenneth.

Bruce was born in Truro, February 23, 1934. He was a Seaman on the H.M.C.S Sackville and sailed on the great lakes, deep sea and coastal. He worked in Goose Bay Labrador, Toronto and Halifax as a Checker in the I.L.A 1341. Bruce retired after 37 years in 1996.

Bruce loved gardening, bird watching and playing cards with his family. He enjoyed relaxing afternoons with his wife Shirley and dog Koko taking

in some good movies on tv.

Many thanks to all the doctors, nurses and staff at the QEII and especially on 7.4 in the infirmary.

Douglas Ross Feltmate

Age 82 of Halifax.

It is with great sadness and broken hearts that we, the family, announce the peaceful passing of Douglas Ross Feltmate on September 22, 2022 at Parkstone Enhanced Care (Clayton Park) where he had resided for nine months.

Douglas was born in Antigonish, NS on July 2, 1940 and was the son of the late Roland Sr and Martha (Randall) Feltmate.

Douglas is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Evelyn (Sabean) Feltmate; daughter, Colleen, Halifax, NS; twin sons, Jason (Kimberly), Lake Echo, NS and Trevor (Pamela), Halifax, NS; and treasured grandsons, Travis, Halifax, NS, Joshua and Lucas, Lake Echo, NS.

The oldest of seven children, Douglas is survived by brothers, Roland Jr (Linda) Feltmate, Calgary, AB; Harold (Sharon) Feltmate, Frontier, SK; sisters, Rosalie (Gerry) Denouden, Grand Lake, NS; Lillian (Winston) Sangster, New Harbour, NS; Sylvia Prouty, Camlachie, ON; sisters-in-law, Margaret Sabean, Halifax, NS; Clara Sabean, London, ON; June Luce Sabean, London, ON; and brother-in-law, Allan Sabean (Doris), St. Albert, AB; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Douglas was predeceased by his parents, as well as his infant sister Helen and brothers-in-law Elliott Prouty, Wilfred (Bill) Sabean, Perry Sabean, Curtis (Max) Sabean, Keith Sabean, and Wesley Sabean.

He retired from MT&T (Bell Aliant) in December 1999 after 35 years of service. Douglas enjoyed fishing, old cars, gardening, and working around his property, tending to what needed to be done. He attended and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Spryfield, NS for close to 37 years until health issues prevented him from doing so. Douglas will be lovingly remembered as a kind, patient and caring man who was always there for his family. We love you and will greatly miss you!

The family would like to thank Dr. Terrance Higgins, Dr. Kailee Sutherland, and Dr. David King for their many years of professional care and kindness. The family also wishes to express gratitude to the nurses, care workers, and other staff on Garden Court (Parkstone) who provided their excellent care while Douglas was a resident there.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Douglas' name to Parkinson Society Nova Scotia or to a charity of your choosing.

David William Harnish

Age 69 of Harrietsfield passed away peacefully on September 23rd on 6.1 at the Infirmary site surrounded

by his loved ones. He was the son of the late Zenes and Florence (Goodall) Harnish. Being partially sighted, Dave attended the School for the Blind where he spent a lot of his early years. He worked for his uncle at Bill Goodall Trucking and then the Cake Box before accepting a full-time position at the old Camp Hill Site in the Mail Room, then the Escort Service and then Occupational Therapy as an Occupational Therapy Aide and later moved into the Veterans Memorial Hospital when it was built and his job title was upgraded to Occupational Therapy Assistant, where he retired at the end of March in 2013 after 39 years of service. He played crib with the Veterans and finally had the perfect hand in 2012 which he proudly spoke about through the years. He also assisted Recreation with the Veterans fishing trips, Nova Scotia Tattoo, bingo games and bowling. He created and held Shuffleboard and Crib Tournaments. Over the years he enjoyed Bingos on Sunday Nights with Donny and Therese and caning chairs. Dave was a member of The King Fishers CB Club along with his brother-in law Edward. Dave's handle was Evil Eagle (aka Double E). Dave enjoyed Deer Hunting with members of his family. He enjoyed long drives and camping and driving his 4-wheel-

His greatest and proudest achievements are his girls and grandchildren. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife Dorothy (nee Flemming) of 40 years. His daughters Melanie (Jason), Amy (Doug), grandchildren Aiden, Dominic, Hannah, Valerie, and Cornell.

He is also survived by his sister Nancy (Jim), brothers Donny (Therese), George (Sheila), Danny, Randy (Jane) and many nieces and nephews. Also, special sister-in-law Geraldine and best friend Margie.

He was predeceased by his sisters Margaret, Iris, June, Barbara, Brenda, Marie, and Pearl. His brothers Jasper, Albert, Raymond, and Harry.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke, Kidney, or Diabetes Association.

Harold Frederick Swindells

passed away at home Monday, October 10th, 2022 at the age of 85. Harold is survived by his son Gregory, sonin-law Brian King, grandson Declan Iain King and sister-in-law Patricia Whitman (David Lemon). Harold was predeceased by his wife Irene in July of this year and their daughter Karen-Michael King in September 2008.

Harold's life was full of people... as Manager of The Cove Grocery, Birch Cove followed by Suburban Hardware in Rockingham and with Irene, he had a successful career with Remax Real Estate. He was a member of the Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department, a founding member of Maskwa Aquatic Club and a member of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Party.

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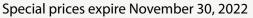
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