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## Dinner Theatre is back at St. James United Church



(Back Row) Barry Pike, Isaac Crossman, Bill Stewart, Pat Thomas, Rylie Moore, Brad Lowes, Langley Tibbo, Sara Scarfe, Lindy Weilgart; (Front Row) Izzy Laing, Crystal Gilkie, Ray Laing, Nick Garrison Photo credit Theresa Pickart

by Lorrie Boylen

After a three year Covid-induced hiatus, St. James United Church in Sambro is pleased to announce the return of their annual Dinner Theatre.

This year's show, "Up Sambro Creek", the 21st dinner theatre, is written by Susan Feltmate and directed by Shawn Woodard. "As the world emerges from the global pandemic, the fishing village of Sambro is also experiencing changes. A hot real estate market is bringing more people into the community and tempting others to sell their land and find their fortunes elsewhere. Follow the antics of the Greyrock family and friends as they meet their mysterious and charming new neighbours from 'South of the Border' and discover that not everything is as it seems, and Sambro may never be the same."

The show promises lots of laughter, with some "larger than life" characters thrown in for good measure and will feature classic Canadian rock, pop, folk and country music, with themes of community, acceptance, environment and family.

The St. James Dinner Theatre was launched in 1990 by retired Sambro School teacher Eva Mae Gray, whose vision and imagination launched this favourite annual tradition. Others have taken up the yoke and it has become a favourite with fans from near and afar.

Shows are May 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13. The May 7th show starts at 4:30, and all other shows start at 6:30pm at St. James United Church, 3811 Old Sambro Road in Sambro.

Megan Stewart is Producer, Carolyn Langlands is Stage Manager, with music by John Stewart on guitar, James Jackson on bass, Stephen Moore on drums, and Music Director Susan Feltmate on the piano. The Kitchen Crew is once again headed up by Barb Reyno and Aronda Garrison. In addition to the team of dedicate volunteers, actors and crew who work tirelessly to make this production succeed, thanks go to the many supporters who donate auction items,

food and other goods and services. A special shout out goes out to the fishermen of Sambro who donate lobster for the meal.

The Dinner Theatre is not only a fundraiser for St. James United Church, but also a popular community event that brings people together and reaches out to new friends and families.

Your \$50 ticket includes a show filled with laughter and music, a three course lobster dinner with salad, homemade rolls, lobster, baby potatoes, peas and carrots, homemade carrot cake, coffee and tea. Following each performance they will auction off some locally hand-crafted nautical

Get your tickets at: www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-james-united-dinnergroup-59935269473 or go to www. eventbrite.ca and search for Up Sambro Creek.

(Lorrie Boylen is a Freelance Writer, Administrative and Communications Professional and CBC Radio's Community Contact for Sambro)

## **Funding for Community Initiatives**

Each year, Nova Scotia Health designates funds for each Community Health Board (CHB) in the province to distribute as Wellness Funds (WF). In February, Chebucto West Commu nity Health Board awarded fourteen not-for-profit organizations wellness

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Community Health Boards work with partners to build healthier communities. The boards are comprised of volunteers from neighbourhoods who work with Nova Scotia Health to support community-based projects and address issues such as housing, poverty, food insecurity, early childhood education and social isolation, just to name a few.

Wellness Funds are for groups working to improve health in their communities and must address the health priorities identified by the CHB in their current community health plan. Wellness Funds support a health promotion or population health-based approach to wellness. This model seeks to maintain and improve the health of people and the communities in which they live through partnerships, and by addressing those aspects of a person's life that determine their health.

The Central Region Zone consists of seven Community Health Boards. Chebucto West Community Health Board covers an area that includes the Sambro and Prospect loops, Armdale, part of Fairview-Clayton Park-Larry Uteck and the area south of the 103 to Hubbards. Between all central health boards there were 170 applications. Fourteen of those applications were approved under the Chebucto West board. The recipient organizations were provided a cheque by Dustin Boudreau (Co-Chair for the Chebucto West Community Health Board) at an awarding event in Spryfield on February 16, 2023.

Yvonne Noel with Square Roots Fairview/Clayton Park said "For us it

is not just about the food, it is about the community. These funds will allow us to expand the food support we offer to more people and provide more opportunities".

The Wellness Funds Grant will reopen for applications on March 6th of this year. Organizations who wish to apply for funding can access information on the Nova Scotia Health website. Those who wish to be on one of the seven boards in their community can contact a board coordinator through contact information also provided on the Nova Scotia Health website.

## Thank you for your support

The Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion, Branch 152, wishes to take this opportunity to thank all citizens, businesses, schools, churches, and organizations who participated in, and contributed to the Poppy Campaign of 2022.

Because of the generosity of the community, this most recent campaign helped to raise more than \$29,000.

As previously reported, money raised through the Poppy Campaign and Remembrance Wreaths is placed In Trust and is used only to provide assistance to veterans, their families, and descendants.

This assistance can be in the form of providing financial support, purchasing medical equipment or supplies, or renovating residences to allow veterans to continue living at home, among other things.

In addition, the fund can be used to provide educational bursaries to students who qualify for aid.

Without the support of the community, the annual Poppy Campaign would not be able to provide much needed assistance in the above manner.



In Appreciation, The Executive, RCL Branch 152

#### Legion elections coming in April

A Branch 152 Executive Committee election is scheduled to be held in April, 2023.

The committee will be responsible for overseeing the everyday operations of the legion, ensuring that our veterans, as well as community members, have a safe, secure space in which to interact.

It is also hoped that the executive will be able to provide entertainment and social opportunities which provide support to all members.

At present the branch is encouraging members in good standing who are interested in serving on the executive to put their names forward. Information on what each position entails is available at the legion.

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## **Volunteerism is alive and well**

by Carolyn Mont

Many of you regularly drive by the sign on Old Sambro Rd. that tells us that Spryfield won the Volunteer Community of the Year in 2002. You may not have paid any attention to that but even though the award is 21 years old, it certainly rings true today.

I'm certain that you all remember the incredibly cold weekend we had in February. The cold was predicted early in the week and Max Martin, the minister at St. Paul's United Church, contacted the Unified Board at the church to suggest that we open our doors on the coming Saturday as a Warming Centre for those who needed to get out of the cold. Not quite knowing what that entailed but aware of the need, members of the congregation stepped up to fill in the various time slots for the day.

Many of you will be thinking, "Well, that's nice; that's what churches do, isn't it?"

Perhaps it is but we were humbled by the amount of support we received from people in the greater community; people who truly cared for those who might be facing horrific challenges in that phenomenal cold.

Mike and Carol Lavoie rent space in our church hall for their Judo Kai program. On that cold day, they arrived with hot soup, homemade cookies and young people from their club who were there to offer any assistance they could. One of them even came with his guitar and provided music.

Search and Rescue arrived to let us know that they were out looking for people who might be in need and would direct them to us. Volunteers from Stella Maris Church came by with individually wrapped sandwiches to be given out and someone else dropped by to let us know that she had filled her gas tank and if someone came to our site in need of a drive to a shelter, she would be happy to provide it. Many others came to drop off food.

As it happened, we had no one in need come our door. You might think that meant that all that effort was wasted but that would be far from

## TAG updates

TAG Volunteer Orientation Session. We have casual positions available for both Bar and Front of House roles at the Theatre Arts Guild. Why volunteer with us? Well, you get to hang out with some pretty amazing folks, meet the cast and crew of various performances, engage with the public, and learn more about the arts community here in Halifax! Interested in learning more? Join us for an orientation session Saturday, March 4th from 10am to 12noon. RSVP to tagvolunteer@gmail.com and we shall roll out the red carpet for your arrival.

the truth. We are a small congregation but were able to have our doors open and we now know that, with the help of those who came to support us, we could, and would, be able to offer that type of service again. That tremendous support was unsolicited and very much appreciated. Spryfield indeed deserves to be recognized for its volunteerism.

Since St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (FRI) offers a free lunch every Tuesday at noon, the food would not go to waste. Also, on Wednesdays we have a food bank and any food left over (there was a lot of packaged food) could be put to use there.

Some you have been asking when

Nunsense, a Musical Comedy coming soon.

Mark your calendars for Nunsense, a Musical Comedy, running from June 8th through the 24th. Directed by Jocelyn LeBlanc, Produced by Geraldine MacDonald, with Musical director Ralph Walton Bone Urquhart, and Stage Manager Eileen de Boer this show promises to be filled with laughs and songs!

Become a member today.

TAG membership is the ideal way to help your community theatre thrive while developing your own theatrical skills, interests, and making new friends. As a member, you can be involved in every facet of theatre

our next turkey dinner will be held. This is a fundraiser and the next one will be on April 1. The cost is \$15.00, and all meals must be preordered. The dinner always sells out so if you want the great deal, call Valerie at 902-423-2441. There is no sit in service; all meals are takeout.

If you are interested in supporting St. Paul's United Church, you can drop your refundable containers at Beaver Enviro Depot, 251 Herring Cove Rd. Tell them that you wish to donate your items to St. Paul's as we have an account there. Please remember to remove all caps from the bottles when you drop them off. Thanks to those who have regularly been doing just that.

production and management, from the box office to the stage, and have an opportunity to have your voice heard at the Board level by getting involved in committees and voting at our Annual General Meeting. Become a Member Today! All memberships are \$15. Join online by going to tagtheatre.com/membership.html

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



### Wills and Estate Papers are often overlooked when researching family history

by Iris V. Shea

When researching our ancestors, Court of Probate records can produce some very valuable information. In the Nova Scotia Archives on University Avenue in Halifax, NS, check out the alphabetical indexes, filed by surname, on microfilm in the RG 48 files for references to these records. Probate records are often an indication of how successful the person was in his lifetime. Included below from Probate Records are wills and estate papers of some early settlers in this area who fished for a living.

Estate Papers of Benjamin Purcell of Purcell's Cove, 1855

Benjamin Purcell, son of Samuel Purcell, Jr., died in Island Cove (later called Purcell's Cove) 19 May 1855 and an extensive inventory was listed in his Estate Papers: three lots of land and a house, four outhouses and a wharf, one large and one small mackerel seine, ten mackerel nets, five herring nets, three salmon nets, 86 fathoms of rope, eight inspecting irons, one bark pot, two oil pots, two seine boats, two Flats, two anchors, two cows, one heifer, a large supply of carpentry tools, three guns, 12 chairs, one looking glass, one clock, one mahogany table, one bedstead, two tables and another 12 chairs. Benjamin bequeathed everything, following the death or remarriage of his widow, Elizabeth, to his five sons, Samuel,



Spectacle Island, Purcell's Cove, Courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society

John, Benjamin, James and William. An amount of 10 pounds was given to each of his six daughters, namely Elizabeth, Isabell, Hannah, Mary, Sarah and Annie. Spectacle Island had been divided into five equal parts by Benjamin's father, Samuel, one of which was owned by Benjamin and bequeathed to his wife.

Court of Probate Record, Richard Hanrahan, Ferguson's Cove, December 1866

Richard Hanrahan bequeathed the following: To wife Marguerite Jane Hanrahan, all of his estate which included his homestead and 60 acres, his house, buildings, furniture, pictures, cattle, stock and all personal property; also a certain Fishing Lot adjoining Beazley's land at Ferguson's Cove bounded north on Beazley's land, together with the landing place fronting on the water. Following his wife's death, said 60 acre lot was to be divided into six equal parts: lot #1 to daughter Catherine, wife of Francis Henrion, lot #2 to son, Richard, lot #3 to son James, lot #4 to daughter Margaret, the wife of Charles Mc-Carty, lot #5 to son William, lot #6 to son Thomas. The Fishing Lot was also to be divided into six equal shares for the above named children.

Court of Probate Record, John Purcell of Portuguese Cove, September 1844

John Purcell had inherited a portion of his father Samuel's 500-acre Crown Land Grant from 1770 in Portuguese Cove. In his will, John listed his surviving children as George Purcell; James Purcell; Elizabeth Bowers, wife of Edward Bowers; John Purcell, Nancy Burke, wife of John Burke; Catherine Kingston, wife of William Kingston; Sarah Purcell, Maurice Purcell, Charles Purcell and Eleanor Purcell. He instructed his sons, John and George, to look after their mother during her natural life. He bequeathed his fenced-in cleared field of 5-6 acres at Portuguese Cove and part of his 300 acres of land to his sons, George and James. To his son, James, he left his house and the parcel of land on which it stood in Portuguese Cove. George received the house he was then building and the parcel of land on 1827, and included the island which

Elizabeth Bowers, he left one half acre of cleared land on the east side of the road at Portuguese Cove, the field being enclosed by a stone wall. His fishing lots went to his two sons, James and George; the residue of his property was divided equally among his seven other children.

Estate Papers of Richard Fleming of Ketch Harbour, 1859

Richard Fleming, a fisherman, died in Ketch Harbour in 1859, leaving most of his property to his three sons, Richard, John and James, and to his son-in-law John Young. To his daughters, Ann Drummond, Sarah O'Neal, Susan Young, Margaret Murphy and Mary Murphy, he left \$10 each. His estate consisted of a lot of land at Ketch Harbour; a fishing lot and cultivated land at Ketch Harbour with a store, house, flake, stage and barn thereon; one-half of a sailboat and gear, whale boats, seine boat, Flats, one half of three seines, 16 nets, fishing gear, household furniture and 50 pounds, total value 395 pounds.

Estate Papers of Joseph Smith of Sambro, 1827

When Joseph Smith of Sambro died in 1827, he left everything to his widow, Elizabeth. Upon her death, his sons Gideon and Joseph were to receive the bulk of his property. To his son-in-law John Thomas, he left his ox. He specifically mentioned his sonin-law, Benjamin Bears, leaving him 20 shillings "this being all I can give him in conscience." Listed in the inventory of valuables were five feather beds, one chest of drawers, one small trunk, books, pictures, tools, a bible, one looking glass, dishes and plates, "glasweir," one gun, one watch, one whipsaw, pots and kettles, knives, forks and spoons, one ox, one cow, clothes and labouring clothes, one hat and shaving materials. The estate was appraised at a value of 62 pounds by William Gray, Caleb Nickerson and Elkanah Smith.

This photograph of Purcell's Cove, taken about 1900, is part of the land purchased by Samuel Purcell, Jr. which it was situated. To his daughter, we now call Spectacle Island.

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## Sambro Jollimore Pastoral **Charge update**

As of January 1,2023, Parkhill United Church, Jollimore and St. James United Church, Sambro formally known as the Sambro Jollimore Pastoral Charge have amalgamated into one congregation and will be known as St. James United Church. Sunday morning services and Sunday School will be held at St. James United,3811 Old Sambro Rd. at 11am each week. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals can be arranged by calling 902-868-2791 or by emailing office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com. Our Website is www.sambrojollimorepc.com and our Facebook page is St. James United Church, Sambro, NS. Our Sunday morning services are live-streamed on the Facebook page or can be seen on YouTube. This is a very exciting time for all of us; everyone is welcome to worship or attend events at St. James. You can find upcoming events on both the web page and the Facebook page. Offerings or other donations can be arranged on the web page.

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## Healthy birds = healthy backlands in Spryfield

by Cathy Vaughan

The canary in the coal mine was a method of warning miners to evacuate the mine. Although much more sophisticated instruments for early warnings of potential dangers are in place now for our miners, the bright yellow dead canary is still a poignant image that something isn't quite right underground.

Above ground, bird populations are also used as early-warning-signals of the impact of climate change, global warming, weather abnormalities, and loss of ecosystems. Birds are sensitive to changes in their habitat, and because they are highly visible and countable, scientists use statistics on birds to help measure the health of our environments.

The Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) and their partner organizations in the Backlands Coalition are local environmental stewardship groups of enthusiastic volunteers and citizen-scientists who are collaborating with the government to survey and record bird populations around the Spryfield area.

Sparrows, Hawks & Doves (SHD) is a WLCC project with the Backlands Coalition, along with the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield, and is funded by an HRM Community Project Grant. Bird-enthusiasts tromp through Spryfield forests, wetlands, and rugged terrain to collect data on resident birds and their habitats.

Collecting data in the Purcells Cove Backlands and Williams Lake watershed on our local bird population also provides evidence-based science on the health of ecosystems and the environment. This scientific data can be used by conservation groups to advocate for protecting the natural habitats that provide nesting areas and a protective tree canopy for resident bird populations.

The Backlands and the Williams Lake watershed area appear to be rugged terrain, but the SHD's final report suggests that the health and survival of wildlife depends on a robust resilient habitat. Whenever there are threats to the stability of this area, we need to be proactive by advocating



Red-breasted nuthatches nest in mature pines near the Williams Lake Dam. Photo: Joshua Barss

strongly for the protection of the wildlife and land; establishing corridors for the movement of plants and animals between habitats; and conserving the waterways, bogs and wetlands that promote the health and survival of the Backlands and Williams Lake.

According to Birds Canada, our national organization dedicated to bird conservation, there are several major threats to the health of bird populations. The loss of bird habitat has severely impacted many bird species in recent decades. Urban development, chemical pesticides, bright lights and collisions with windows, wind turbines, and power lines were also listed.

The good news is that the Backlands and its watershed are alive with birds. "We have very exciting data from our field trips into the Backlands and the Williams Lake area. From April to August of 2021 our data, plus eBird recordings, estimate a minimum of 97 different species of birds call the Backlands home at various time of the year and at various points in their migrations," reported Martha Leary, coordinator of the WLCC bird survey project. "This is a strong indicator that our conservation and protection efforts are significant and necessary. We need to keep track of the diversity of our local bird species. We must stay vigilant and continue to protect and improve these key habitats of the Backlands and Williams Lake watershed."

It does take a collective effort to

be vigilant in continuing to protect rugged Backlands and important watersheds in our Spryfield community. Locally led citizen action-groups, government agencies, environmentally conscious landowners, our local politicians, and the public at large are

all part of the protection of the natural wild lands and their bird inhabitants around Spryfield.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sparrows, Hawks & Doves project check them out online at backlandscoalition.ca





Business leader Dan Doherty celebrated the 30th Anniversary of his Water 'n' Wine Spryfield location in February. The business has grown a lot since its original location in what was then South Centre Mall, now known as the Spryfield Mall. His beautiful big building at 2 Mont Street has ample room for beer and wine kits, supplies, and they also offer onsite winemaking if you don't have the space or the inclination to do it at home.

Dan graciously hosted our February Business Networking Breakfast, where local business people mingled over coffee, tea, pastries, fruit and sweets. The experts at RBC were on hand to do a presentation about their Atlantic Newcomer Specialist Team, helping those new to this country navigate resources here. If you missed it, you can check out the video on the SBC's YouTube channel @discoverspryfield. Stop in at your local RBC branch today to discuss available business solutions.

Join us on Tuesday, March 28 from 6-8 pm at the Spryfield Bowlarama Business Bowling and Networking evening. Bring your team of 2, or come alone and we will match you up! Free bowling, free pizza and a soft drink, business card draw, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes!

If you're a Spryfield business and would like to host a future network-

ing event at your location, we'd love to hear from you! It's a great way to show off your business and also to connect and learn about what's available in our community.

**Save the date!** Our Annual General Meeting is set for Wednesday June 7 from 12-1:30 at a location to be determined. Come learn what we've been up to and what we have planned for the upcoming

It's never too early to start planning for our annual Spryfield Days Festival. This year's festival is set for Saturday, July 15, 2023. There's much to be done to make it a success, and many hands make light work. Get in touch with us if you'd like to help organize, sponsor, volunteer your time, reserve a business booth, or put a cardboard boat in the Duct Tape Boat Races. Contact bruce@discoverspryfield. ca or phone 902-452-7472. Help us make this year's festival the best one yet!





From left to right: Wyatt Redmond from Beaver Enviro, Dan Doherty, Alice Morris from Bowlarama, Lilliane Saad from RBC, Dina Shay from RBC, Bruce Holland from SBC, and Mirani Abesooriya from RBC

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## More than memories—a legacy of giving—sale of Saint Augustine's at Jollimore

by Marian Burns

Our parish church at Jollimore has been sold and we are so looking forward to a new faith community joining our neighbours. For a dozen years or so our faithful parishioners have wondered about the future of the parish church as our congregation declined in numbers. Many of our parishioners faced selling their own homes and moving into condos and apartments as they aged and proactively planned for their senior years.

Parishioners remember Hope from Hope for Wildlife attending a Beaver and Cubs meeting in our church basement at 2010 Purcell's Cove Road and inspiring our local youth with her tender care of even the smallest creatures among us. One of our parishioners remembers her bringing a tiny bird and inspiring some of those young people to consider volunteering with her and the staff at Wildlife.

Many parishioners throughout the years have supported our local Missions to Seafarers and the offering on our last Sunday on November 27 went to the mission and work of those who tend to those coming into our harbour.

Parishioners still remember the construction of our local high school, J. L. Ilsley and some of our parishioners worked at the school and donated to the scholarship funds over the years. Our local Salvation Army and Em-



J.L. Ilsley is presented with a cheque for \$150,000 for their Scholarship program. From left to right is pictured: Keri Butler, J.L. Ilsley Vice-Principal Marilyn MacGivvon, Principal Susan Campbell, and Ellen-Marie Matheson from St. Augustine's

manuel Church Food Bank have served our communities over the years, tending to those in need. A donation of \$150,000.00 was given to the Scholarship Fund at J. L. Ilsley for those students attending a Nova Scotia Community College or University. Any student receiving this scholarship will have to have excellent academics and be in financial need. We trust the discernment of the staff of J. L. Ilsley in choosing students on an annual basis to receive our scholarship.

Many of our furnishings and sacred

vessels have found a home with our sister parishes of Emmanuel at Spryfield and Saint James at Armdale. In particular, our beloved stained-glass windows have found a home at Saint James along with our Columbarium and Sanctuary lamp.

Parishioners took many months to faithfully discern the use of their financial assets. Near and dear to their hearts was Feed Nova Scotia and after the sale of the church building, \$235,000.00 was donated to the work of Feed Nova Scotia for those in need. Given our age demographic in Nova Scotia, it was also

important to donate a share of the sale proceeds to stroke research with the QEII Foundation. Our sister parishes of our Cathedral, Saint James and Emmanuel continue with ministry in our communities and we were dedicated to their ongoing work. \$235,000.00 went to each of those parishes.

Investment funds that were built up over the years were donated to charities that meant much to many of our parishioners. Fourteen parishioners ensured that the work of the following charities would be strengthened by a \$10,000.00 donation to each.

(Emmanuel at Spryfield for ongoing ministry, Emmanuel at Spryfield Food Bank, Feed Nova Scotia, Salvation Army, Canadian Red Cross, Soul's Harbour Rescue Mission, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Hope for Wildlife, Mental Health Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes, Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Hospice Halifax, IWK Foundation)

And finally, the gift of music that has meant much to our parishioners over the years has resulted in donations to the youth music programs such as Capella Regalis and Saint George's.

All in all, a bittersweet time for our parishioners, a time of loss and a time for giving thanks for the long life of an Anglican faith community at the Dingle and Jollimore.



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To learn more about the program, visit **NovaScotiaCCA.ca** 





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## What's Happening at the Urban Farm

by Barbara Dunsworth and Joshua Barss Donham

"Have you sometimes felt you'd like to meet some new people or wanted to find some way to make a difference, now and for the future? Maybe develop your skills and learn new ones?" These questions were posed by Marjorie Willison in an article in last month's Chebucto News, entitled, Who me? Volunteer? If these words resonate with you, and you are wondering what they have to do with the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield, please read on!

As I write this morning, the Urban Farm is sleeping under a thin blanket of snow. It has been a place of beauty and refuge, tranquility and peace for many over the past 25 years. In summer, it springs to life with the activity of many gardeners from all walks of life, both novice and seasoned - curious children, adult learners, experienced master gardeners – you will meet them all. For a small annual membership fee, you can support the work of this beautiful place and even grow your own organic vegetables. In addition to the Organic Vegetable Garden, we have a Come Grow With Us Garden for families with children, a Market Garden, a large Perennial Flower & Pollinator Garden and a Butterfly Garden.

What will be noticeably different this year at the Farm is that there may not be a whole lot of gardening going on! But the good news is that there's still plenty of opportunity for people to be involved and make a difference. Our gardens are in need of much repair. We are working on getting it done as soon as possible.

- In the Vegetable Garden, the wooden beams that frame each garden plot are rotting and in need of being replaced.
- In the Come Grow With Us Garden, the raised beds are in need of major repair and/or replacement. The heavy garden gate in this area also needs fixing.
- Parts of the fencing that surrounds both of these gardens is in need of care and repair.
- And of course, the Perennial Flower & Pollinator Garden is always



Early Bird. Photo credit Joshua Barss Donham



Pileated Woodpecker. Photo credit Joshua Barss Donham

in need of willing volunteers to weed and water.

• Charitable receipts will be given for tax- deductible donations.

So we are welcoming all who want to become involved in this beautiful community project. We can find a job for you no matter what your skill set. You will meet some great people, you can hone existing skills and perhaps even learn a new one. More details will be coming out in the April issue, as well as how to sign up and who to contact. In the meantime, if you have questions, please feel free to email Matt Hawes at mjahawes@gmail. com.

From Joshua: Last winter a pair of Pileated Woodpeckers became regular visitors to the farm and last month new holes in a couple of dead trees along the woods path show they have

returned. In early February the resident crows at the farm began acting territorial, as if they were nesting, causing a ruckus when approached. After the cold snap in early February the Mourning Doves that had been roosting in the northeast corner of the wood vanished. Two days later a Song Sparrow was singing his spring song from a bush-top, albeit a little tentatively. The unpredictable weather is obviously having an effect on the wildlife at the Farm. This time last year in February and into early March robins began showing up at the farm, unexpectedly early and in unusually large numbers. Who knows what surprises lie in store this month!

With spring just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about planning your garden. Don't forget that starting seeds indoors is a great way to extend the growing season. Please visit the Urban Farm's Facebook page for a list of seeds we'll have available for sale on May 27 at Seedy Saturday this year, or arrange to buy your seeds early. All proceeds go to the Urban Farm.

Farm Memberships available: Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00. Groups/Organizations \$25.00. For info: urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com, https://www.facebook.com/groups/ 117594394923932/

## For the children: "What can I grow?"

Outside: pointy leaf lettuce, chives, walking onions, parsley, calendula, top crop beans, nasturtium, sugar snap peas, sunflowers, any beans, pumpkin.

In a greenhouse: cantaloupe, tomatillos, ground cherries, peppers, lime

For the pantry or freezer: coriander, tomatoes, any bean (especially black beans).

For pollinators: swamp milkweed, wildflowers, sage, peas, chives.

New and different: tomatillos, ground cherries, edamame, Tokyo long onions, purslane.

## **2023 Urban Farm Events Schedule**

**Seedy Saturday** May 27th, 12 to 2 pm

Strawberry Shortcake Social Sunday July 16th, 2 to 4 pm Evening in the Garden Tuesday August 15th 6:30 to 8 pm

**Harvest Fair** Saturday September 23rd 2 to 4 pm

Halloween Spooky Farm Night Saturday October 28th 5 to 7:30 pm /Ocober 29th rain date

## **Queen's Jubilee Medals** awarded

Local MLA Brendan Maguire was pleased to present Queen's Jubilee medals to two outstanding individuals from our community. Diana Khoury-

Elcheikh from Sambro and Mike Saoud from Herring Cove received these medals in honour of their community work and volunteerism.



Brendan Maguire presents Mike Saoud with his medal



Repairs are needed. Photo credit Ann Hart



Brendan Maguire presents Diana Khoury-Elcheikh with her medal

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## **Update from the Premier**



#### **Tackling Long-Term Care** Challenges

For too long, too many Nova Scotians have been waiting to get into longterm care. This is incredibly stressful on those who need it and their loved ones. It also places strain across the entire healthcare system as Nova Scotians who need long-term care remain in hospital beds.

The continuing care sector has been underfunded for years and my government is focused on changing that.

We're making progress. One of the first things we did was establish the first dedicated provincial department in Canada solely focused on the needs of seniors as they move through the later stages of their lives.

Demand for nursing homes is expected to grow, so we're adding 1,200 new long-term care spaces to the system and renovating 2,300 more spaces by 2027.

Our healthcare workers are the heart of the system. This time last year, 500 long-term care beds were closed because of staffing pressures. We worked closely with our partners in the sector to get them the support they needed to open those beds.

Through temporary efforts like travel staff and other strategic investments, we've opened every bed that was closed due to staffing. That's right -- at the time that this article was submitted, no beds were closed for this reason.

Travel staff are a necessary, but temporary, way to provide care. While we work to recruit, we need to make sure there is enough staff in place to keep beds open, protect patient safety and support our nurses in the system.

But our focus remains on retaining the workforce continuing care assistants and nurses working in the province. We're doing exactly that. We've offered free tuition and books for CCA students and a long-needed pay increase for working CCAs.

Recently we hit a milestone – the 1,000th free tuition CCA bursary was awarded. We're well on track to hit our target of 2,000 students in the first two years of this program. We've also invested in recruitment within Canada and overseas, like our recent successful trip to Kenya.

I've made it clear since taking office that we will explore every opportunity to improve healthcare for Nova Scotians. I know more work needs to be done, but we are committed to doing whatever it takes to provide you and your loved ones with the care you need, when and where you need it.

Premier Tim Houston

## A Rotary moment

#### From The Rotary Club of Halifax North West

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



During March, Rotary is celebrating its commitment to create healthier communities by supplying clean

water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Clean water and sanitation are a human right. But in Ghana alone 7 million people are at risk from waterborne diseases. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. We don't just build wells and walk away. Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss less school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.



Prior to the pandemic, our club had committed to a project to support "Help 2 Overcome"

(H2O), whose vision is a world where all children will have access to clean water and sanitation in schools. We hope to complete the project this year, which focuses on providing water and sanitation for girls in schools in Kigai, Rwanda. The project will provide washrooms with compostable toilets, cubicles with doors, and hand basins for 200 children with mental and physical disabilities. For more information, please go to: https://www. help2overcome.org/



This is a reminder of the 2023 version of our very success ful Rotary Adven ture Club launch,

with more exciting trips including Niagara Falls (\$2,600 value), a New York City getaway (\$3,300), Hockey Night in Las Vegas (\$3,000), Cabo san Lucas (\$4,700), Ireland (\$5,500) and a Sailing Trip off Croatia (\$7,200)! Tickets are \$100. By joining the club, you not only have several chances to win fabulous trips, but you help us serve our community. Everybody



Time is running out! The first draw for 2023 takes place on 14 March. To buy your tickets and for more information, go to: https://rotaryadventureclub.ca

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

## We're looking for people who like to write

Chebucto News is looking for community writers For details, email the editor at chebuctoeditor@gmail.com

### **Supporting Your** Community

## **ROYAL CANADIA LEGION**

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## The Maguire Report

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

#### Power Rates going UP 14%

This past month we discovered that power rates are going up 14%. Last fall, Premier Houston passed legislation to prevent this significant increase. When Premier Houston was made aware of the raises that went against his legislation, his reaction was that he respected the decision to increase power rates, and there was nothing he could do about it.

Well, Mr. Houston, Nova Scotians cannot afford these increases.

Seniors who work their entire life will suffer because of these increases; working-class and middle-class families are being squeezed more and more and cannot afford them. Lowincome Nova Scotians cannot afford these increases; quite frankly, no one can afford them.

You stood in the media in front of us all and promised to stand up for us, and yet when push came to shove, you backed down. A person is only as good as their word, so I ask that you keep yours and stand up for all Nova Scotians; that's what you were elected

#### **Mainland South Tea**

This past month saw the return of the Mainland South Annual Tea and Display. This great event was held at the Captain William Spry Centre. Many historical pictures were displayed, and the place was buzzing with people. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this happen. I was glad to see everyone back.

**Doctor Wait list continues to grow.** This past month the need for a family doctor waitlist reached 133,565 in Nova Scotia. The list continues to

grow at a record pace. The government recommends that if you do not have a doctor to visit a walk-in clinic or emergency room. The issue with this advice is that we now have the worst walk-in clinic wait times in the country and one of the worst emergency wait times in the country. If you are having issues accessing healthcare, please send me an email at brendan@brendanmaguire.ca it is time to share your stories with the Premier and Health Minister.

March brings the first day of Spring. I hope you all had a fantastic winter.

With love Brendan Maguire MLA Halifax Atlantic 349 Herring Cove Road 902 444 0147

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## The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



## To have your Community Event listed call or fax us at 902-477-NEWS or send e-mail to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com. Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals

## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR MARCH Food Banks:

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Monday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled with pickup on Wed. between 9:30 and 10:30 am
- Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.
- •Emmanuel Food Bank: If you would like help with food, please call 902-477-1954 and leave a message. Our volunteers will call you back on Tuesday. Pick up time is Wednesday, 9:00-10:30 am, at the lower church hall behind the church.

If you would like to donate food, please drop it off on Tuesday morning before 10:30 or Sunday morning at the church.

#### 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:

- 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!
- Annual Easter Egg hunt Saturday April 1st from 10am-12pm, \$3 per child Please register by email, phone or FB message.

#### 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:** emmanuelanglicanchurch. net, 902-477-1783.

- Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for an hour of prayer for each other, the world and the church. All welcome.
- Bible Study: Lenten Bible Study, each Thursday in March, right after our mid-week service, approximately 11:15. Topic: The Old Testament: Why do we Read it? All are welcome.
- Newcomers Group: This group is for people new to the Anglican church or people who are wondering why we do the things we do. We will explore Anglican practices, beliefs, organization and other topics of interest. Call the church if you are interested or come to worship and speak to someone.
- Messy Church: A time of socializing, crafts, worship and dinner for children and their significant adults. Saturday, March 4, 4-6pm in our hall. Please RSVP. Next meeting after that, April 1

Releasing Your Creativity: Acrylic Painting Classes. Every Tuesday, Feb. 28-March 28 1:30-3:30pm, at Emmanuel Hall. For more information or to register, call Ed, 782-409-1870

### 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 stellamarist-welvebaskets@gmail.com
- Talent Show and Dance. Saturday March 25th, Talent Show 7-9 Dance 9-11 Band Knee Deep. Price: Free will offering: 50/50 tickets. Bar & snacks. Adults 19+. If you have a talent you want to show off, contact Paula at 902-477-7118 to register.

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

Outdoor tap has been turned off for the winter. Those who need water are invited to come by when the church is open and fill their bottles inside

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!

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

Spryfield Legion/Forever Young Seniors Club Chase the Ace draws on Mondays at 7 pm. Ticket sales at the bar during Legion open hours as well as Mondays by volunteers from 5 pm to 6:45 pm. Tickets \$5.00 each.

All Churches: Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Walk: Save the date! On Friday, April 7, Good Friday, we will be gathering at Emmanuel Church, 322 Herring Cove Rd. at 9:15, leaving 9:30 to walk around downtown Spryfield and pray for our community. All are welcome to join us.

Tickets on sale now for TAG's next production: The Glass Menagerie. Directed by Angela Butler and produced by Lorne Abramson. Stage managed by Rana Smith-Camp, and assisted by Erin Niedermayer. "Memory is an illusion and the stage is an instrument to create it!" The Glass Menagerie, a reflection of a time in Tom Wingfield's life when he decides to follow a dream versus continuing to support his relentless mother Amanda and Laura, his beloved, sheltered sister. The illusion is filtered with music and light to create an atmosphere where the audience is transposed.

Starring: Joshua Law as Tom Wingfield, Lorraine Cantwell as Amanda Wingfield, Heidi Hodgkinson as Laura Cantwell, and 4Kyle Swanson as Jim O'Conner

Urban Farm Museum Society of
Spryfield All members and everyone
interested in our Urban Farm in Spryfield
are invited to our Board meeting on Monday, March 13th from 6:45 - 8:45pm at the
Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. 2023
memberships are now available - Individuals
\$10.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00, Families
\$15.00 and Groups & Organizations \$25.00.
We look forward to sharing our ideas and
hearing your suggestions for the future. For
more information, please call Pat at 902497-3683 or email urbanfarmspryfield@
gmail.com

#### Friends of Blue Mountain

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30-8:30pm, Central Library, Lindsay Room Climate Change in our big backyard: Explore what's happening in Blue Mountain - Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area with HRM Energy & Environment staff. Lecture #2 in a winter series, upcoming dates - April 12, May 10.

## Religious Services Directory for March

\*\*To have your religious services added to our directory, please contact the editor: chebuctoeditor@gmail.com by March 17 for April's issue.\*\*

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) Sunday Family service: 10:30am Nursery and Children's ministry:

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.

Thursdays: 10:30am Mid-week communion services for Lent, followed by Bible Study.

Messy Church: Worship and social activities geared to children and their significant adults. Saturday, March 4, 4 - 6 pm in the hall. Call to RSVP. Next one, April 1.

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

Masks are optional, but if you are sick, please join us online.

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 morn-

ings. 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!

## **St. James United Church** (3811 Old Sambro Rd)

Sunday services held at 11am.

Sunday school held at 11am.
Services are livestreamed on our
Facebook page (St James United Church
Sambro NS) and Youtube. Our website
is www.sambrojollimorepc.com and
our email address is office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com

Our phone number is 902-868-2791

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

You are invited to join us for a time of contemporary worship and Bible based teaching. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.

#### All Churches:

Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Walk: Save the date! On Friday, April 7, Good Friday, we will be gathering at Emmanuel Church, 322 Herring Cove Rd. at 9:15, leaving 9:30 to walk around downtown Spryfield and pray for our community. All are welcome to join us.

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## LOCAL OBITUARIES

Courtesy of J. Albert Walker Funeral Homes Ltd. 902-477-5601

Patricia "Pat" Louise (Carrigan) Baker Age 83 of Halifax It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of Patricia "Pat" Baker, surrounded by family and her cat Gabby in her home on January 28, 2023. Pat was born in Halifax and she was a daughter of the late Frank and Alda (Milner) Carrigan.

Along with raising her family, she spent several years working at the Holiday Inn. She enjoyed many trips with her family, especially the annual Falls Lake family reunions. Hobbies included knitting, darts, bowling, choir and bingo. She was a long-standing member of the "Young at Heart Club" at the Spryfield Golden Age Centre.

Pat is lovingly remembered by daughters, Debbie (Corne) Verstraten, Sharon (Donnie) Royale, Cathy (Kenny) Allen, Charlene (Josh) Galloway, Darlene (Brad) Hartlen; sons, Ray (Shelley) and Walter (Chantal); She was a proud Nan to 16 grandchildren, Brian, Heather, Shawna, Todd, Troy, Mark, Marcel, Nicole,

Courtney, Logan, Ryan, Rachel, Emily, Jacob, Bradley and Nathan; Great Gran Nan to 10 great grandchildren, Lucas, Jade, Theo, Avery, Andrew, Ayano, Chelsey, Lucas, Crystal-Dawn and Brady; She was also survived by sisters-in-law, Ann Carrigan, Deanna Baker and Dorothy Baker; devoted friend Joyce Martel; several nieces and nephews and many friends. Pat was the last surviving member of her family.



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She was predeceased by her loving husband of 53 years, Russell; siblings, Gordon, Rita, Jeannie, Dot, Joyce and Ronnie.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Pats memory can be made to Young at Heart Club or Bide Awhile Animal Shelter.

#### **Mary Theresa Bucci**

Age 67 of Halifax, It is with great sadness that the family of Mary Theresa Bucci announce her passing on February 1, 2023, following a brief illness. Born in Halifax, N.S, she was the daughter of the late Edward P. and Sophia Stack.

Mary worked for many years at Dalhousie Law Library and then, after staying at home raising her family, spent many more happy years as a lunch monitor at École John W. MacLeod - Fleming Park School. Mary had the most tender heart of anyone - she always found a way to give to those experiencing loss or those in need of kindness. Whether it was a compassionate ear or just a warm cup of hot chocolate, she always thought of others before herself. Mary loved animals, both with paws or with wings, and among her many pets over the years were three grey hound rescues that she lovingly adopted while providing hours upon hours of support to the local rescue group.

Left with a lifetime of loving memories are her husband, Laurie Bucci; sons, Christopher (Erika Sjolander) and Corey (Maggie Traenor); brothers, Robert Stack (Margo Connors) and Edward Stack (Miho Kobayashi); nephews and niece; special friends Bonnie Best-Fleming and her husband Brian. She was predeceased by her infant baby sister, Julie Ann.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's name can be made to the Halifax Humane Society or a charity of one's choice. To place online condolences, please visit www.walkerfh.com

Bernard J. G. Cassidy (CPO, CD1, RCN)

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of Bernard (Bernie) Joseph Gordon Cassidy of Halifax, Nova Scotia on Feb 5, 2023. He left this world peacefully two days short of his 94th birthday. Born in Bathurst, New Brunswick, he was the son of the late Henry and Loretta (Melanson) Cassidy. He joined the Royal Canadian Navy at the Toronto Naval Division in 1950 and was stationed in Halifax. Nova Scotia in 1955. He retired in 1976 with 27 years of loyal service. Bernie continued his career as a Stationary Engineer in various downtown Halifax office buildings. He was a member of the Atlantic Chief and Petty Officer's Association, Fairview Legion #142, and the Royal Canadian Navy Association Peregrine Branch. Bernie was also a member of St. Michael's Parish for over 60 years and was instrumental in its maintenance over the years. Following retirement, Bernie and his wife Ruth loved to travel; especially their cross-country trips across Canada and Roadtrek rallies in the USA. Bernie was an avid reader, especially of history and hockey books. He was a dedicated Montreal Canadiens fan, a faithful supporter of the Toronto Blue Jays, and a longtime season ticket holder for the Halifax Moosehead hockey club.

He is survived by sons David (Janet)

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont; Brian
(Marnie) – Ripley, Ont; Blair (Penny)

Halifax, N.S.; Grandchildren: Sheila,
Julie, Sarah, Lauren, Hannah, Emily,
and Courtney. He will also be missed
by several Nieces and Nephews from
Bathurst, New Brunswick and Ontario.
Bernie was predeceased by his wife,
Ruth, Brothers; Francis, Clifford,
Henry, Wilfred, and sisters; Mary Duguay and Teresa Freeman. He was the
last surviving member of his immediate
family.

We would like to express our heart-felt thanks to all for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers. Sincere thanks to Dr. Kailee Sutherland and Staff from the Spryfield Medical Centre and the amazing team at Camp Hill Veterans Hospital for their care and kindness, specifically for their compassion over his last few days.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Michaels's Church or a charity of one's choice in Bernie's nameTo leave condolences for the family, please visit www.walkerfh.com

Bernie was a loving Husband, Father and Grandfather, and will be greatly missed by all for his quick wit, strong values and unwavering loyalty. Anyone that met him described him as a really great guy.

He is now at peace with the love of his life, Ruth.

For those wishing to donate to Stella Maris (St. Michael's Church), please visit: www.canadahelps.org. Once you are in this site, type "Stella Maris Parish, Halifax, NS". Scroll down and click on the appropriate box. The site will prompt you from there.

Christopher "Chris" Stewart Bedford

Bridgewater. It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Christopher Stewart Bedford, 66, who died suddenly on January 20, 2023, at home, from heart failure. Son of Marjorie Delphine (Rhodenizer) Bedford, and the late Michael Andrew Bedford, Sr.

Chris was born in the Halifax Infirmary on December 25,1956, and grew up in Bedford, Armdale and Spryfield, attending local schools and graduating from J.L. Ilsley High School in 1975. As a young man, Chris was involved with Boy Scouts, church youth groups, and worked at the Oxford Theatre, Mahar Shoes, and Crescent Gold & Diamonds in and around Halifax. He was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church, Spryfield, where he was married in 1978. After a transfer with his former company, they moved to Bridgewater in 1990.

He is survived by Linda Marie (Buch) Bedford, loving wife of 44 years, his mother Marjorie Bedford, siblings, Michael, Jr. (Cathy), Halifax; Lalona (Brian) Priest, Spryfield; Anne (Doug, Jr.) Flemming, Brookside; Stephen, Spryfield; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and a large extended family from across Canada and the U.S. He was predeceased by sister-in-law, Kim Bedford and great-niece, Mackenzy Woolfsmith.

Employed with Crescent Gold & Diamonds jewelry for over 30 years, Chris was a well-known figure as store manager and Certified Diamontologist, at the Bridgewater location. Chris was a very easygoing person, personable and generous with his time, willing to listen to a good story or tell a joke. He was an

avid reader, lover of dogs, classic movies, a good glass of scotch, and rock and roll music. He cherished his family and long-time friends and was known for his sense of humour and interest in trying new wines and foods, as well as learning new skills. His love of history and support of his local community was shown by his long-time volunteer service to local heritage groups, such as the Friends of the DesBrisay Museum Society, the Bridgewater Heritage Advisory Committee, and other charitable organizations including the Bridgewater Lions Club, where he held numerous executive offices.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the South Shore Health Foundation, or a charity of your choice. Online condolences and donations may be made by visiting www.sweenysfuneralhome. com.

#### **Dorothee Elisabeth Conrad**

It is with a heavy heart I wish to advise of the passing of my dear wife of 52 years on December 15, 2022. She is survived by her husband Douglas. Dorothee was born in Germany and worked as a Radio Officer on ships of the German Merchant Marine. Dorothee was a very private and multitalented person who loved to sew and garden and volunteered with the Spryfield Urban Farm Museum Society for many years. In accordance with her wishes, there will be no visitation, and cremation has taken place.

#### **Devin Bradley Bullerwell**

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Devin Bradley Bullerwell, age 48 of Lower Sackville, in the early morning hours of January 26, 2023 in the Halifax Infirmary, QEII. Born in Halifax, Devin was a loving father, partner, son and grandson. He adored and lived for his children, Cameron and Connor (his boys) and Noelle (his little princess); his fiancée Stacey Oliver (his Queen); his loving mother Wanda Bullerwell (his ongoing care provider); his chosen stepchildren, Abigail, Isabelle and Joshua; his aunt, Traci (Laurie) like a big sister; his grandmother, Hazel; lifelong best friend, Chris Jones and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He had a very loving, caring family. His career first began as a paramedic which he was very proud to be and then eventually he became a Security Officer from which he retired. He was predeceased by his loving grandfather and male role model, James Bullerwell; and Kane, his Rottie. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 4th at 2 p.m. in Sackville United Baptist Church, 1240 Old Sackville Rd., with Rev. Marlene Knowles officiating. A reception will follow in the church. A special thanks to Dr. Simon Jackson, not only a doctor but a great friend to Devin throughout the years. Devin, you are no longer in pain and fighting to remain in this world. You left this world in a good place, with peace in your heart, and knowing you had a family that loves you and that everything was put right again. Each and every one of us will miss your spunky personality, but we now have an angel that will guide us day by day. Online condolences may be made at: www.atlanticfuneralhomes. com Sackville Chapel. We love you Daddy/Devin

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