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Emmanuel Mother's Union celebrates 60 years



Rev. Mary Wilkie (left), one of the two remaining founding members of Mother's Union (along with Vivian Collier who could not be present) and Barb Patterson, the current president, at the cake cutting for the Emmanuel Mother's Union 60th anniversary. Treena MacDonald photo

by Michelle Bull

Sixty years ago, Mary Wilkie had a visit from Rev. Bev Strople. He told her about the Mother's Union and asked if she'd be interested in starting a group at Emmanuel Church in Spryfield. She said no. She had no time, as she was expecting her sixth child. However, as she learned more about it, she decided to go ahead.

She and the other young Moms found the group a wonderful support. They learned a lot about parenting skills, too. It became an important part of Mary's life and she continues to be involved to this day. She was even the Canadian president for a couple terms. Vivian Collier is the only other charter member still living, and she is also still involved as much as she is able

to be.

The Mother's Union was started in 1876 by Mary Sumner in England. The purpose was to support the young Moms in her parish. Today it has grown all around the world. Mother's Union members are active in 84 countries and their mission has expanded to be an international Christian membership movement supporting families and communities all over, regardless of their faith or background. They work to end violence, poverty and injustice and support healthy family life.

The group at Emmanuel Anglican Church is still going strong with 18 members. Barb Patterson is the current president and she and Mary gave a talk during the May 21 service on (See Emmanuel on page 2)

Lions Rink update

by Steve Adams

On Wednesday, May 10, we held a Lions Rink Board meeting to discuss our regular business, new business, and to get an update on the recent fire at our rink. The Lions Rink has been a focal point of our community since November of 1972. When there is something that could possibly threaten our beloved facility, especially a fire, grave concerns are raised. I would like to thank all of those who offered assistance and support.

The news from our meeting was quite good. Most importantly, no one was injured. The rink itself is fully functional and was not adversely affected by the fire. This means that lacrosse will continue, with no interruption in play. In fact, there was a game being played while we were meeting. As well, hockey will carry

on as usual.

The biggest inconvenience associated with this fire, beyond the obligatory clean-up, is that our Rec Centre will remain closed, until the necessary repairs have been carried out. Once completed, we will be able to return to regular programming. The estimated completion time is early summer.

With COVID in the rear-view mirror, we will return to our regular board meeting schedule. There is a renewed excitement amongst our members. We look forward to serving not only the patrons of the rink, but our broader community as well.

Thank you all again for your concern. As updates on the Rec Centre and other aspects of our rink become available, I will keep everyone informed.

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Pathways student wins scholarship

Submitted by Pathways to Education Canada

Silas is a 2023 graduate of Pathways Spryfield and a winner of the Schulich Leader Scholarship valued at \$100,000. In the fall, he will begin undergraduate studies in biology and mathematics at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Silas has a habit of joking around with his mother, who raised him as a single parent in Spryfield, Nova Scotia. But when he called her in the middle of a weekday afternoon, she could immediately tell from the tone of his voice that this time, it wasn't a joke. "I said Mom, I got the Schulich Scholarship! She knew right away that I was telling the truth," Silas recalls.

Just a few months earlier, Silas learned that his high school had nominated him for the award valued at over \$100,000. The Schulich Scholarship, one of the most prestigious prizes in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields, is granted to 100 students across Canada every year. It was a perfect fit for Silas, whose perseverance had allowed him to excel in academics, and specifically mathematics, all while managing a physical disability and growing up in a low-income community.

The application took a few months to put together. Still, Silas knew he could count on his support system, which included the Pathways to Education Program offered by local community partner Chebucto Connections. He had joined the program in the ninth grade and made a habit of going there to do his homework with friends on Monday nights. On top of getting help with homework, Silas enjoyed that the staff there regularly checked in with him. "Pathways staff really make a difference," Silas shares. "Getting positive comments and

feedback on where you can grow is so powerful for students in Spryfield. It's an encouragement to be more curious and learn subjects that might have a reputation for being difficult."

That confidence led Silas to challenge himself by signing up for top classes like pre-calculus and advanced placement courses. When things got challenging or his disability got in the way, Pathways staff helped Silas reach out to teachers. That support, alongside the help he got from the Pathways academic advisor with his application essays, helped Silas become a top candidate for the Schulich Scholarship. "Pathways made me feel like I could achieve my goals," Silas shares. "The staff always reminded me

that the challenges I faced wouldn't be there tomorrow or a year from now."

As Silas prepares to graduate and head off to university in the fall, he's quick to express gratitude for those who have helped him get there. But it's a two-way street. At Pathways Spryfield, Hakim, the staff member who spent the past two years working with Silas, knows that this young leader's achievements will go a long way in his home community. "Knowing that a student from Spryfield could get this kind of scholarship is such a big deal," Hakim shares. "Silas' journey is extremely inspiring for me and the rest of the staff. Most of all, it will inspire generations of future students at Pathways Spryfield."

Emmanuel

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the history and purpose of Mother's Union. Then they enjoyed a celebration luncheon.

Today the group still gives each other mutual support and love, sharing time together. They have guest speakers to learn about issues affecting family life today.

They also support various groups such as Mission to Seafarers, and they promote the 10 Days for Action Against Gender Based Violence in the fall.

The parish is proud to celebrate 60 years of the Mother's Union here in Spryfield.



Members of Emmanuel Church's Mother's Union and guests gather on May 21 to celebrate 60 years of service in Spryfield. Karmen MacDonald photo

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A Rotary moment

From The Rotary Club of Halifax North West



Welcome to the newsletter from the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest, where we share the club's and Rotary's news and activities with the communities we serve. This issue is about our club's current involvement in various community projects.

We Rotarians call ourselves "People of Action". In many instances, we provide the funds so that beneficiary organizations can take action within the community to support people at risk or to support the many services that they provide. That said, we occasionally like to roll up our sleeves, get out in the community and get physically involved in "sweat equity" projects.



A recent example of a physical project in which our club has been involved is with the Urban Farm

Museum Society of Spryfield. The mission of the Society is to "curate and celebrate the agricultural heritage of Spryfield and provide a common ground for people who want to grow food, connect with their community and develop practical knowledge".

The Society runs a Come Grow With Us program by providing garden beds for community members to grow their own vegetables and teach children that groceries don't grow in grocery stores. Our club recently heard that the garden beds were in disrepair. The Society provided the materials with the funds donated by the club, and we organized a work party of club members and students from J.L. Ilsley High School to rebuild the bed frames – just in time for the new growing season.

Pathways to Progress Nicaragua



(p2pnicaragua.org) is an example of projects to which our club donates funds.

Pathways to Progress is helping dozens of children living in poverty in the cities of Managua and Leon, Nicaragua, achieve real academic success and fulfil their hope, and the hope of their families, for a better future. In 2019 our club embarked on a multi-year project to fund a child's education in Managua. We "adopted" a then 7-year-old third grade girl named Katherine by committing to fund her education at the Instuto Loyola through to her graduation. The school is a private, well respected Jesuit school in the centre of

Managua, where academic standards are high. Katherine is excelling in her studies. We couldn't be more proud of Katherine!

Rotary is all about Service Above Self. These and many of our club projects reflect our commitment to doing what we can to help our community, whether local or international – one project at a time.

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 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.

Visit your Spryfield Farmer's Market

by Diana Dibblee, local teacher, dietitian & market lover

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 4, the day the Spryfield Market opens at 205 Herring Cove Road. The Market serves our local community with a wonderful selection of local foods, artisan goods and produce as well as many other tasty treats. Celebrate and support small businesses and local agriculture. We will be open from 12-3. You will find a huge selection of tasty fruits and flavorful veggies to check off your weekly shopping list.

Visit Edible Earth, Vegetorium Farm or Pickford Farms booths. Goodfare and Khan's fine foods will be back as well as many other favorite vendors. The Market team is excited to continue this amazing tradition of bringing delicious food and wares to your community. Tell your friends and bring your whole family! We hope to see you all summer long every Sunday afternoon.

What will you find this summer? Check out what's in season right now in Nova Scotia here: <https://farm->

farmersmarketsnovascotia.ca/whats-in-season-in-nova-scotia/. Find rhubarb, beet greens, kale and lettuce (try stewed rhubarb with Greek yogurt & honey). Soon you will see strawberries, peppers & tomatoes as well as many other garden goodies. Did you know that Nova Scotia has the most farmer's markets per capita with 44 and counting. Support your neighbors & local economy and visit one of these markets to pick up fresh, sustainable and healthy foods. Hope to see you there!



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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

A road well-travelled in the 19th century

by Iris V. Shea

Old foundations still exist along the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road which begins on Old Sambro Road and leads to the Prospect Road. The road's history goes back to the 1780s. It was the only overland route to Halifax for early settlers living in the communities along the Prospect Road from Goodwood to Dover and beyond. Another road, called the Old Coach Road, connected the old road from Spryfield to the eastern side of St. Margaret's Bay.

This old road was well-travelled by horse and buggy during the 19th century and first half of the 20th century. Now a popular hiking trail to the Prospect Road, it is often very wet in places. Winter travel may be easier. The old road is now part of Long Lake Provincial Park.

Between Old Sambro Road and Prospect Road there were three large farms. The 500 acre Dart Farm was established in the early 1850s and was located not far from the entrance to the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road. To find the entrance today, take the Old Sambro Road past St. Paul's United Church, and watch for an open space on the right, not more than one quarter



Photograph, courtesy Mainland Heritage Society. First Dart House at Dart's Fork, Old St. Margaret's Bay Road, about 1918. It was built in the 1850s and torn down in 1920

mile from the church. This clearing was known as Dart's Fork. Travelers wishing to continue along the Old Sambro Road to Harrietsfield and Sambro often took the wrong fork and ended up on the Prospect Road. William Dart, Jr. placed a large unquarried piece of sandstone at Dart's Fork and carved it with directions after the MicMac Club was founded in 1900. The Dart family consisted of two sons and three daughters. They established a sawmill on a stream flowing through their property. Darts Mill was later operated by their son-in-law, John Drysdale, and was leased to Charles Blades before the land was expropriated in the 1950s. The youngest daughter, Annie, never married and in 1920 she replaced the older Dart house with a new house further off the road. The house and property were inherited by Jenny Kidston whose grandmother, Mary (Mrs. Archibald Kidston), was the eldest daughter of William and Mary (Stanford) Dart. When the property was expropriated in the 1950s, Jenny Kidston had the Dart house moved to the corner of Old Sambro Road and Sussex Street where it stands today.

Information on a gravestone in Emmanuel Cemetery in Spryfield provides the following information: William Dart, Sr. (1800-1859) was born in Crediton, Devonshire, England. The gravestone of his wife, Mary Stanford, gives her birth place as Maidstone, Kent, England.

Further along the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road was the Wagner Farm, settled by John Wagner and his wife, Mary Anne Umlah, following their marriage in 1808. John Wagner had inherited some of his land in the 1790s and bought out two other grantees for a total of 1000 acres. Wagner sold part of his land to his brother-in-law, Peter Toler, who built his house further along the road after he married Sarah Jane Umlah in 1813. There are two burial grounds on former Toler land, both with Toler's descendants, the Marriotts, buried there. Toler's daughter, Isabella Jane, married John George Marriott of Harrietsfield in

father's death. A third generation of Umlahs, children of George Lee and Laura (one of whom was called John), took over its operation when their father died in 1931. Many local residents recall travelling to the Umlah Farm on Old St. Margaret's Bay Road to buy eggs from John Umlah and his sister, Ruth Miller. A toppled gravestone, that of John Umlah who died in 1893, is still visible in a forested area on the former Wagner/Umlah farm.

By 1954 the Public Service Commission had expropriated all of the privately owned land that is now Long Lake Provincial Park, including the Umlah Farm. John Umlah and his sister had to tear down the house and outbuildings and relocate to Spryfield. Their grandfather's gravesite suffered from vandalism after the Umlahs relocated. With the intervention of the Long Lake Provincial Park Association and concerned citizens, the three cemeteries are no longer considered abandoned. Each Sunday, long after John Umlah moved to his new house on Old Sambro Road, he continued to walk the Old St. Margaret's Bay Road to the old foundations of his farm. He checked his grandfather's gravesite and cleaned up the mess left behind by disrespectful visitors.

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From spring to summer at St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

This spring, at St. Paul's United Church, we added a games component to Soup's On, our Tuesday free lunch program. After lunch, some of the folk stay and choose from a variety of board games available. It seems that cribbage and bingo are the most popular. We would love to have you join us. This program does not operate in July and August and the last day for the season will be June 27.

I would like to express my admiration for the very dedicated volunteer staff who have put on a weekly hot meal for all who come. They never know how many people will pass through the door but have never once run out of food, although there was that one week when there were absolutely no left overs. I wish these folk have a wonderful, restful summer.

The reason that Soup's On closes for the summer is that the space is used for Camp Paul, a summer day camp. This is a program of our Family Resources Institute (FRI). For information about availability, please call Kristen Hollery at 902-479-1015.

Even though there will be summer camp every day from Monday to Friday, our Food Bank will still be operating. If you wish to access food from the food bank, call 902-477-5090. You will be told to leave a message with your phone number and on the Tuesday before the Wednesday

pick up you will receive a call about your order.

A post Covid program at St. Paul's has been our monthly Fellowship Tea. This is an opportunity for members of the congregation to meet their church friends for tea/coffee, sweets, and conversation. The last Fellowship Tea before the summer break will be on Wednesday, June 21.

We are very pleased that the Tuesday Night Band will be back to offer a fundraising concert for St. Paul's on June 6 at 7:00. They play big band music; some of you may have heard them perform at the Jazz Fest or at St. Paul's when they did a Christmas concert for us. The fee is a free will offering and you will be guaranteed an evening of great music.

Our gardeners have been doing spring chores and planting. This is such a wonderful time of promise in the garden. Our Sunday worship on June 11 will include a blessing of the garden and should prove to be a wonderful service. Worship begins at 11:00 and you might wish to join us on that day.

Those of you who regularly drive by our church at 173 Old Sambro Rd. may have noticed a sign at our driveway that says "water". That is because for many years we have provided water for those people in Harrietsfield who do not have access to safe drinking water. In the winter, we can't

leave the outside tap on overnight for fear of its freezing. It has, however, now been turned on so water can be accessed at any time, not just when the building is open.

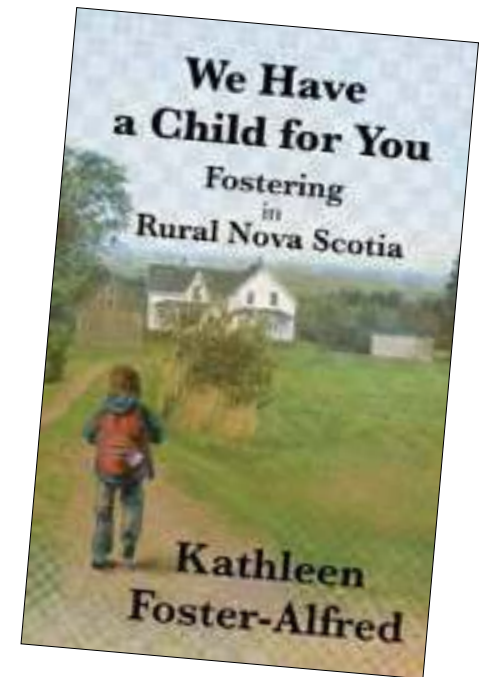
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Looking back on life as a Foster Family

by Kathleen Foster-Alfred

'We Have a Child for You' is a book I've written that looks back 25 years to a time when our family operated a foster home. It explores our experiences as we reminisce about the children who passed through our doors when we were living on a farm in Earltown. Our six-bedroom house welcomed so many amazing children who challenged us with their diverse personalities and characteristics. There were many adventures and we had fun and enjoyed the laughter of children and teens who expressed themselves often and loudly. We surprised ourselves with our little successes and the kids were also impressed with their own achievements during their brief stay with us. Most of all, I discovered how they fulfilled my own life, and it was a privilege to have them there. I share their stories



in my book and welcome everyone to my first ever book launch at the Multi-purpose Community Room of the Captain William Spry Centre, June 22 at 6:30 pm. There will be a reading and book signing and I look forward to meeting everyone who attends.



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from the desk of
Bruce Holland





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Sharing the care of Williams Lake

by Cathy Vaughan

What do you get for \$20 in these days of shrinkflation? The \$20 yearly membership fee to the Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) will net you a couple of scientists, a group of practising conservationists, several sharp researchers, a collection of computer wizards, and a squad of seasoned retirees from urban planning, education, law, and journalism. At no extra cost we'll throw in a retired public servant who knows how to speak 'government!' An impressive lineup of volunteers, who continue to donate their expertise to caring for, and protecting, Williams Lake and its huge watershed.

At their Annual General Meeting, on Tuesday May 23 at the Captain William Spry Centre, WLCC directors showcased the impacts of the environmental projects they completed in the past year. Projects ranged from guides on invasive plant species, a series of bird walks plus surveys, efforts to fix the Williams Lake dam, results of lake water-quality testing, and records of lake-levels as well as numerous collaborative projects with the local community and government.

Government departments are aware of WLCC's line-up of experienced volunteers and frequently request their input on projects. WLCC and their Backlands Coalition (BC) partner were asked to contribute their

opinions to the Halifax Regional Municipality Review. They compiled a comprehensive document entitled "The Backlands Coalition Wilderness Balance Sheet" which included an impressive aerial video of the Backlands for HRM Planning department. Staff were blown away with the level of professionalism, quality of research, and the informative PowerPoint presentation. All this documentation assists the government in understanding the local area and the impact of their decisions.

WLCC and BC also generate a large body of research on bird species, migration flyways, wildlife sightings and rare plants that is recorded, categorized and has contributed to global data collection sites such as iNaturalist and eBird. WLCC partnered with the Captain William Spry Library to organize a series of educational bird watching walks each year. Their local sightings of birds are also added to the global repositories.

Other government representatives appreciate the calibre of work WLCC does. Local Councillor Shawn Cleary worked closely with WLCC's Dam Committee to present his motion to study the yearly loss of the lake levels. Cleary said "When the Dam Committee approached me for help with the broken dam and the yearly loss of water in Williams Lake, I was on-board immediately. I knew they



Classic Canadian iconic loon on Williams Lake Photo: Robin Whyte

were organized, professional, passionate and really well informed. I was confident we could make a difference in the community and save the lake."

Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic has worked with WLCC for several years and describes the group as "having the expertise, energy and experience to bring to the democratic process to make change happen in our community. They are the Game-Changers for protecting our natural environment in Spryfield."

Spryfield's Councillor Patty Cuttell also relies on WLCC's experience

and history in the area and states, "I know that WLCC always brings their professionalism and big-picture view of the environmental issues that affect our community to any project they work on. Most of them have a long history in this area and they draw on that love of this natural environment to get things done for our Spryfield community."

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It feels a bit serendipitous that in Blush's tenth year we became a team of ten talented, hard working, strong women. Please help us welcome these gorgeous local gals joining us from a neighbouring salon that has sadly closed their doors: hairstylists Angeline Francis, Ashley Lingley, Nadine Garrison, Jenna Maynard and esthetician Kerrisa Bourque.

Thank you to our community for keeping us so dang happy and busy.

We look forward to seeing both new and familiar faces in our sweet spot at 751 Herring Cove Road.

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“Come Grow With Us” at the Urban Farm

by Patricia MacLean, Past President & CGWU Co-Ordinator

To be a successful museum, there must be programs for children, youth and families - we have those at the Urban Farm in Spryfield. After several years of organizing the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield, several board members launched a program called “Come Grow With Us” to encourage young families and youth to learn the benefits of healthy eating

grants from United Way and Chebucto West Community Health Board, it was written for families to be used as a curriculum guide in teaching the weekly program but has since become a successful garden book for any gardener. Reasonably priced at \$15.00 (\$10.00 for members) all proceeds are used for CGWU programs.

Over the past 19 years, we have welcomed many families, Schools, Summer Camps, IWK Youth Mental

are so very fortunate to have had this partnership with the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest since 2014. Their “Toonies for Change” fundraiser provided yearly financial contributions towards our CGWU programs. This year, in addition to a generous cheque for programming, they have taken on the huge task of rebuilding our 12 garden plots at the Urban Farm. Rotarians, a Citadel High student and 5 JL Ilsley students completed 6 beds on



Don't miss out on this great book!

bed. THANK YOU!!

Along with the generous financial contribution from the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest, we were thrilled to also receive funds through a CGWU “Friends of Agriculture” grant, and a Project Grant from HRM. We sincerely appreciate these funds, without which we could not have rebuilt our garden beds.

The cost to have a garden plot and weekly garden lessons is low at a membership fee of \$15.00, garden plot \$15.00 and a CGWU book at \$10.00. Immigrant and single parent families who are unable to pay this fee can benefit from a generous yearly donation from our MLA Brendan Maguire who is a great supporter of this program.

To our CGWU donors, staff, volunteers and especially to Chebucto News for publishing monthly “Happenings” at our Urban Farm, our sincerest Thanks! We still have a few garden plots available for 2023. If your family or youth group would like to participate, please call me at 902-497-3683 or email patriciaabmaclean@gmail.com



Generous donation to our CGWU Programs from the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest. L to R: Roger Chiasson, Patricia MacLean & Maria Caines (Photo by Marilyn Brown)



Rotarians Dick, Marilyn, Maria, Brendan, Diane & Marc; JL Ilsley Students Catherine, Kaitlyn, Ava & Simon

while learning to grow their own vegetables. From its beginning in 2004, detailed records were kept and in 2014, Marjorie Willison put this information, combined with her extensive garden knowledge in a book “Come Grow With Us - A Family Guide to Growing Vegetables”. Funded by

Health, NS Autism, Phoenix Youth and Restorative Justice Youth. This year we are very excited to partner with Chebucto Connections and their Pathways to Education program with JL Ilsley High School students.

It is impossible to offer such a program without financial support and we

the May 13th weekend and will return on May 27th to finish the remaining beds. We wish to express our thanks to everyone for their involvement in this project! When the garden beds are finished, Allan and Rod at our Spryfield Canadian Tire store will provide top-up soil, manure and seeds for each

Look out for blue-green algae

Knowing what blue-green algae looks like can help protect you, your family, and pets while enjoying the outdoors.

What to look for:

Algae blooms can look like fine grass clippings in the water, spilled paint, pea soup or sometimes like a thick scum on the surface.

Algae mats can look like clumps of vegetation, and can appear black, brown, or dark green in the water. On the shoreline they may appear brown or grey.

For more information, visit NovaScotia.ca/Blue-Green-Algae



Cuttell Community Update

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

With summer just around the corner, everything is looking green again. It is a busy time for planting, weeding, raking, and trimming; getting our gardens, patios, and balconies ready for outdoor fun. I want to send a big thank you to everyone who organized a community clean-up this spring. Volunteers around Chebucto Peninsula collected hundreds of bags of garbage. While things look better, it is unfortunate that litter and illegal dumping remain issues in our communities. One way you can help is to report litter hot spots through HRM's Litterati App. The data collected using the Litterati application lets staff see where litter issues exist, and track trends in the types of litter we are seeing. This data will be used to help inform and guide our efforts around reducing litter. You can learn more about Litterati at Halifax.ca.

This past month I hosted a series of Town Hall meetings around District 11 in Spryfield, Williamswood, and Hatchet Lake. The main issues discussed were transit and traffic, growth and development, and the environment. While I have made progress on many of these issues in different ways across District 11, much work remains to be done. I assure you I will continue to focus my efforts on making a difference.

Some exciting news is that Spryfield is getting a Youth Multi-Service Centre (YMSC) at the Capt. Spry Centre. This is a great new program from HRM that takes a collective approach to youth programs and services. Currently we are hiring staff with the aim to open mid-June. The official ribbon cutting will take place in September, as part of a larger back to school launch. This dedicated youth space will offer young people a place to hang out with friends, as well as find the support and services they might need. I'm very excited to be supporting this initiative for youth in our community.

As of April 1 2023, all short-term rentals (STR) in the province will need to register, and as of September, all STRs will need to be in compliance with local municipal land-use by-laws. In February 2023, HRM Regional Council approved amendments to land use by-laws affecting where and how STRs can operate. The new by-laws permit:

- Whole home STRs in residential zones where the home is the primary

residence of the host. This will allow one to offer their home as a STR when they are away but will limit how often a home can be offered as a STR since it is where the host lives.

- Whole home commercial STRs in commercial zones that already permit hotels and motels, as STRs are a type of tourist accommodation and should be permitted where similar tourist accommodations are permitted.

- Short-term bedroom rentals in both residential zones and zones that allow for commercial STRs. In residential zones, the host must be the primary resident and must be on site while STR rooms are occupied.

The new by-laws only apply to STRs within the service boundary. It has been recognized that STRs in rural areas are different. Smaller scale tourist accommodations such as Bed and Breakfasts and whole home STRs play an important role in providing lodging for tourists and helping the local economy. But STRs in rural areas also impact the long-term rental market in rural areas where rental opportunities are less than common. Additionally, residents noted that STRs can impact the overall sense of community that personifies rural living. Staff will be returning to Council with a future report that will focus on tourist accommodations in rural areas, in an attempt to strike a balance between community, tourism, and economic development.

While short-term rental regulations won't solve the housing crisis, it is one tool HRM has to help address the issue. Recently HRM also approved Inclusionary Zoning, which could require new developments to include affordable units. As well, we accepted Round 3 of the Federal Rapid Housing Initiative to support a new shelter in Dartmouth. Despite housing not being a municipal mandate, HRM and Council are doing what we can to address affordable housing issues and will continue this work.

Did you know HRM has over 900 parks in urban, suburban and rural settings that are used for a variety of recreation and leisure purposes. A Park Lighting Strategy is being developed to address the safe use and passageway in parks. The information gathered through this survey will help ensure our parks are appropriately lit. The public engagement program will be available from May 15

to June 11, 2023. Paper copies of the survey can also be collected from all branches of the Halifax Public Libraries. If you need help with this survey, please contact cushins@halifax.ca (External link). To access the survey, visit <https://>

www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/park-lighting-strategy.

I'm always pleased to hear from you! You can reach me at 902-221-6893 or patty.cuttell@halifax.ca

Update from the Premier

by Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia

Improving Access to Primary Care

Nova Scotians deserve access to health-care when and where they need it.

Whether you're attached to a primary care provider or not, access has been a challenge for too many. Over the past decade not enough was done to recruit for doctor retirements or plan for population growth.

Many Nova Scotians are attached to a family care provider but can't easily get an appointment. Others have access through virtual care, primary care clinics, mobile clinics or at their local pharmacy – but may want to be attached to a consistent provider who can follow their care.

Our government is working to improve both access and attachment, so Nova Scotians get the care they need the way they want to receive it.

Recently we announced plans for more than 60 new and strengthened clinics, including collaborative family practice teams, primary care clinics and urgent treatment centres across the province.

What does that mean for you?

As clinics open, patients who might have had to go to an emergency department or wait weeks to see a provider will get better care, faster.

Expanding options and team-based clinics will help get Nova Scotians off the Need a Family Practice Registry and boost options for same-day/next-day appointments. It will also mean more healthcare providers will get the support they need.

This is just one of many actions we're taking to improve primary care.

There are now 26 pharmacy clinics offering appointments for patients with common illnesses or who take medica-



Premier Tim Houston

tions for chronic diseases. There are also several pharmacy walk-in clinics and ALL pharmacies can renew prescriptions.

VirtualCareNS is free for everyone on the Need a Family Practice Registry. If an in-person visit is needed, people will be seen at a primary care clinic. Mobile clinics are also travelling the province. You can find out when they'll be in your area by visiting <https://www.nshealth.ca/mobileprimarycareclinics> or calling 811.

We're also recruiting nationally and internationally. More than 160 new doctors started practising in Nova Scotia between April 2022 and March 2023. After factoring in retirements, there are now 86 more family and specialty physicians in the system than there were last year.

We're changing how healthcare is delivered to help Nova Scotians get the care they need, faster. We will do what it takes to fix the system because when we invest in healthcare, we invest in Nova Scotia's future.

The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Inclusive Education is a RIGHT

This past month saw EPA and support staff go on strike. The impact of this strike means that hundreds of children with disabilities can no longer attend school. Premier Houston decided to walk away from the bargaining table and allow these children who have a RIGHT by law to be in school to no longer have access to education. Instead of dealing with this essential and life-altering issue head-on, Premier Houston scheduled a trip to France and Denmark and ignored the rights of these children. In the meantime, over a thousand education staff are on the picket line.

The premier is using the same tactic he has used for the last two years. Pit rural Nova Scotia, where he holds most of the seats, vs. HRM, where he has very few. In the Department of Transportation, Houston paused the majority of paving projects in HRM and moved the funding to rural communities where there are PC MLAs.

Healthcare spending and doctor recruitment resources are being spent

in PC-held ridings, while HRM has the most significant and fastest-growing Need a Family Doctor list. This partisan policy serves one purpose, and that is Party Politics; it does not solve the issues we face as Nova Scotians; it will only make things worse.

Premier Houston, please get back to the table, settle with our EPA's in HRM, and allow our most vulnerable to return to school. The damage you are doing could potentially be irreversible. Show compassion and do the right thing.

I want to take a moment to send my love to the family and friends of John Finck; you will be missed, John; you were one of a kind.

To the family and friends of Donnie Glenn, Donnie will be missed; his smile lit up a room.

This summer will be full of local events. See you all out there!

With love,
Brendan Maguire
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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 JUNE

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).

Spryfield Legion Events:

- Bingo - Every Sunday - 1:00pm - doors open at 11:30.
- Kitchen Open every Friday - 4:30 - 6:30 pm. For more information about legion events, please contact the legion at (902) 477-0467.
- Saturday, June 3 - Kitchen Party 2:30 pm;
- Dart Banquet 7:00 pm; Member Appreciation
- Dance 9:00 pm (Free for Members)
- Monday, June 5 - Seniors Dance with music by Joe MacKinnon. 1-4 pm

Admission \$6.00. Lunch served.

- Saturday June 10 - Paul Sidney Memorial Dart Tournament 11:00 start. Entry fee-\$10.00 Alzheimer Society Fundraiser
- Tuesday, June 13. General Meeting 7:00 pm. Last meeting until September
- Thursday, June 29. Crib Tournament 7:00 pm. Bring a Partner. Entry fee \$7:00

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Annual AGM Meeting Tuesday, June 20th 6:30 PM (Upstairs Doors) Everyone welcome! Come join our Volunteer team. We are always looking for new Board members and volunteers!
- Pre-Teen Dance (grades 3-5) Thursday June 15th 6:30PM-8PM. \$5 at the door/\$1 Canteen items **A parent must sign in children at the door. • 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:

Spryfield Lions Club would like to invite members of the public to join us at our regularly scheduled meetings at 7 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month in the meeting room of our signed entrance. Our regularly scheduled weekly bingos will continue to be suspended until further notice. Please call 902-479-2917 if you are interested in attending.

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:

- 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.

- Messy Church: A time of socializing, crafts, worship and dinner for children and their significant adults. Saturday, June 3rd from 4 to 6 in the hall. Next one is May 6th. Please RSVP
- Spring Fling: Saturday, June 10 (rain date June 17), 10 am - 2 pm. Lunch, bake table, flea market, books, puzzles, plant sale (you are invited to bring plants to donate if you wish on Saturday morning), draw on a basket, and more. All are welcome.

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 email stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com

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

- Now that the temperatures are warming up, the outdoor tap has been turned back on for those who need safe drinking water.

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Road, Sambro) events:

- Halibut Supper: Dine In or Take Out. Includes Roll and Dessert. Saturday June 17th from 4:00-6:00 PM. Adult: \$20.00 (Cash Only)

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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)

Monday evening – 6:15 to approximately 7:30 at the Golden Age Centre, 212 Herring Cove Rd.

Our mission statement is "to help and support our members as they take off pounds sensibly. We are a non-profit organization which exists to provide you with support when needed. We welcome new members. Come sit in on a meeting some Monday night.

For information, please contact shay@ns.sympatico.ca or check out the TOPS org website 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 and support programs that are offered to members of the community at large. Please Note: Tickets must be clearly filled in with just one person's name and phone number. You are not required to be present at the draw in order to win.

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield 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 902-497-3683 or email urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com

Local bird expert Fulton Lavender will lead a birding walk at the Urban Farm on Sunday morning (10-12), June 4th. We will begin at the Urban Farm, and for those who wish, move on to Osprey Ridge in the Purcell's Cove Backlands. Please register (15 spots available) by contacting Joshua at joshuabdonham@gmail.com

Religious Services Directory for June

Send your submissions to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com for July's issue by June 16.

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. [\[church.net\]\(http://church.net\), 902-477-1783.](http://emmanuelanglican-</h3> </div> <div data-bbox=)

Sunday Worship:

8:00 am: Quiet, traditional, contemplative communion service.

10:00 am: Lively, contemporary communion service with music

Saturday, June 3rd, 4:00-6:00 pm: Messy Church. This is a time of informal worship, crafts and dinner for children and their significant others. Please RSVP.

Meet in the hall behind the church.

We also livestream our 10:00am service and Holy Week services. Please join us online if you are sick. Emmanuel is a welcoming and affirming church. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship.

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!

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.

LOCAL OBITUARIES

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

Cst. Pastor Gerry Edwin Leet

Age 72 of Halifax, it is with great sadness in our hearts we announce the passing of Cst. Pastor Gerry Edwin Leet on Friday April 21, 2023, at Melville Lodge. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Fred and Mary Leet. Gerry's career included stints as a city police detective and a member of the prestigious RCMP. Gerry studied psychology, sociology, and criminology. He completed studies in the Christian Ministry and was a Pastor of City Centre Ministries at Scotia Square for over 10 years. Gerry had great pride in his city of Halifax and always looked for ways to reach out to people in need. Gerry had a strong faith and Love for the Lord which showed in his kindness to others, always helping as much as possible.

Gerry was an avid fitness enthusiast if he was not at the gym, he was running marathons especially our Blue Nose Marathon and Natal day run yearly. Family was very important, and he never missed a family Sunday dinner at his sister's Rosalie and making sure we all said grace. Gerry will always be remembered for his high energy and wonderful laugh you always knew when Gerry arrived in a room. His great positive energy and love he had for everyone will be missed but will always remain in our memories and our hearts.

He is survived by his loving wife

Doris Theriault; son, Jason (Danille) Dohaney; daughters, Michelle (Steve) Warwick, Kate Dohaney, and Nicola (Bill) MacEwan; grandchildren, Iris, Sloane, Ava, Axel, Parker & Tate, Ouinn & Willow; sisters, Mona MacAskill, and Rosalie Wambolt; brothers, Fred Leet (Colleen) and Don Leet; many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. He was predeceased by his sister, Vivan Shand; brother-in-law, Gord MacAskill; a nephew, Ryan Leet, and a niece, Robyn Leet.

Arrangements and cremation have been entrusted to J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd., 149 Herring Cove Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia. In keeping with Gerry's wishes there will be no visitation. A funeral Service will take place on July 21, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax, with reception to follow.

Maurice Vincent Gray

Age 89 of Sambro, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2023, 11 days before his 90th birthday with his loving family by his side. He was a son of the late Francis and Audrey (Smith) Gray.

He was a loving husband and took pride in his family. Maurice worked for Diamond/Tidewater Construction. Dad was a jack of all trades, always lending and helping hand and took pride in all he did. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, hunting, and his camp back at Ragged Lake. Dad and mom enjoyed travelling around in their camper and to the Newfoundland Jamboree.

He survived by his loving wife, Shirley (Schnare) Gray of 68 years; children, Roxanna (Bob) Purcell, Teena, Maurice (Helen), Charlene (Peter), and Jill (Joe); nine grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren. Also survived by his sister, Ester Gilkie, Evelyn (Gordon) Brown, Joyce Richardson, Jimmy (Gale), Frankie (Juanita); sister-in-law, Eva Mae, and Lorraine; brother-in-law, Allan (Shirley) Schnare; many nieces and nephews. Maurice was predeceased by brothers, Albert, and Randel; son-in-law, David.

Maurice will be missed by his cat companion Bandit, who kept him occupied while sick at home. A special, thank you to all of his doctor's nurses, and caregivers, Trisha, Lorraine, and especially his daughter, Jill. Deep gratitude to Hospice Halifax for their wonderful care and compassion to Dad. Donations can be made to St. James United Church, Sambro, or Hospice Halifax.

Donald Keith Glenn

Donald "Donnie" Keith Glenn passed away May 8, 2023, peacefully at home, surrounded by his grandson, Noah, daughter, Sandra, and sister-in-law, Jean Hartling at the age of 76.

Donnie was born in Halifax on September 15, 1946. Donnie loved to walk the Herring Cove Road and meet lots of people along the way with no destination in mind. He was often seen at the Salvation Army, Spryfield, and the Captain William Spry Public Library. He also loved going on adventures with his

daughter, Sandra. He worked for the school board for 25 years before retirement. Gramps loved his grandchildren, Noah and Chloe. Chloe will miss making meals for Gramps. He had a wonderful sense of humour, and enjoyed crime shows. His family will miss all the adventures to the grocery store and other stores.

Donald was born to the late Elsie (Robertson) Glenn and the late Ernest Glenn.

Donald leaves behind his one and only daughter, Sandra, granddaughter, Chloe and grandson, Noah, as well as a brother, Richard (Peggy) and sister, Barbara. He was predeceased by his wife, June Ann in 2005, and a sister, Jean.

John Finck

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of John on May 9, 2023, at the VG Hospital in Halifax, as a result of a brief battle with leukaemia. John will be lovingly remembered by his spouse, Lori Myatt, his children, Malerie Richard and Austin Harvey, and stepson, Blake Harvey, as well as Lori's children, Dante, Jordan, and Miley. He is also survived by his only grandson, Don-tae Richard, siblings, Sharon, Jim (Darlene), Joey (Barb), Peggy (Les), Sandy (Joey) and Paula, an uncle, Ernie Gibb, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. Surviving also are his Godchildren, Chad Beck and Ryann Hendsbee, and Mama, Pam Myatt. John will be sadly missed and forever remembered by many, many, many friends... It's a long list, his Yellow Cab family, CSAP family, including Addy, Finn, Cleo, Gavin, Sheppard, Evelyn, Henri, Kayla, Jade and Aya. He will especially be missed by his family fur baby, Lacey.

John was predeceased by his mother, Shirley (1991) and his father, Harold (1997) and several relatives, friends, and beloved pets.

John was born on November 2, 1966 in Toronto, Ontario. Spryfield became his home in October of 1976. He attended the Spryfield family of schools which included: G.K. Butler, B.C. Silver Junior High and J.L. Ilesley High. Many lifelong friends were made as were let us just say a "few". Girlfriends... John was not only "cute" but quite charming as well. He absolutely loved the game of Hockey. It all began with the Chebucto Atlantics, where he played Goalie for several years at the Spryfield Lions Rink. We all know John was an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan and he was certainly proud of his tattoo.

His work history included McDonald's, The Met, Marks Work Warehouse, (where he lived in Bridgewater for both the Met and Marks), Construction, Basin Stationery, Petsters (in the Penhorn Mall of which he owned and operated). This led to John and the animals making several guest appearances on Breakfast Television.

John's final occupation was a Cab Driver of which he worked for both Armdale Taxi and Yellow Cab for several years - Roof light # 885. He received the contract to transport the CSAP kids to and from school. He truly enjoyed ensuring that they all arrived safely in either direction. This

was John's favorite role.

The most precious gifts John ever received were:

May 14, 1985 – the birth of his beautiful Daughter Malerie

March 26, 2003 – the birth of his handsome Son Austin

March 20, 2009 – the birth of his precious Grandson Dontae

May 2015 – fell in love with Lori and began their journey together

John loved you all so much and was extremely proud of your many achievements and the wonderful people you have become and are becoming!

All your siblings are heartbroken to lose their Baby Brother and will miss you so much, especially your sisters, as one of the things we loved to do was to dance to "We are Family" with you.

"We will always be FAMILY!"

John loved Lori, his family, friends, his pets, co-workers, his CSAP kids, and of course Hockey. John was so kind to everyone he met. John was truly one of the "best" and we all have many precious memories to cherish.

John, although you were taken from us far too soon, you will be in our Hearts ALWAYS and FOREVER!

Memorial donations may be made to: Chebucto Minor Hockey Bursary (In memory of John Finck). Payments can be made by cheque: Chebucto Minor Hockey or e-transfer: treasurer@chebuctominorhockey.com

The family wishes to send special thanks to the staff at the VG Hospital for their care and compassion, especially the nurses from 8A Hematology.

Kathleen "Mamoo" (Juteau) Arthur

Age 89 of Williamswood, it is with great sadness in our hearts we announce the passing of our beloved Mamoo on May 8, 2023, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Ralph Juteau and Emmaline Gosine.

Kathleen was the loving wife and best friend of 33 years to her late husband, Matthew Arthur.

Kathleen and Matt love spending all their time together, travelling often in their truck or by motorcycle. They loved their pets, especially their parrots. Kathleen had a passion for puzzles and a real love for flowers. Kathleen (fondly known as "Mamoo") spent her life dedicated to raising her family. Her favourite pastime was being with her large family and watching everyone on the lake on a nice summer day.

Kathleen is survived by her loving children, Jimmy (Donna) Doyle; Susan (Phillip) Payne, Ralph (Elizabeth) Doyle, Michael (Heather) Doyle, and Nancy (Greg) Lynch; 11 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; three great great-grandchildren; brothers, Ralph Juteau and Bill (Anne) Juteau; her loving fur baby Bella, who she cared for whenever the opportunity arose. Kathleen was predeceased by her best friend and loving husband, Matthew Victor Arthur; son, Paul Doyle; sisters, Marie Oakley, and Rose Juteau.

The family would like to thank VON and Closing the Gap, who helped them with Kathleen's care these past few months and allowing her to remain at her home.



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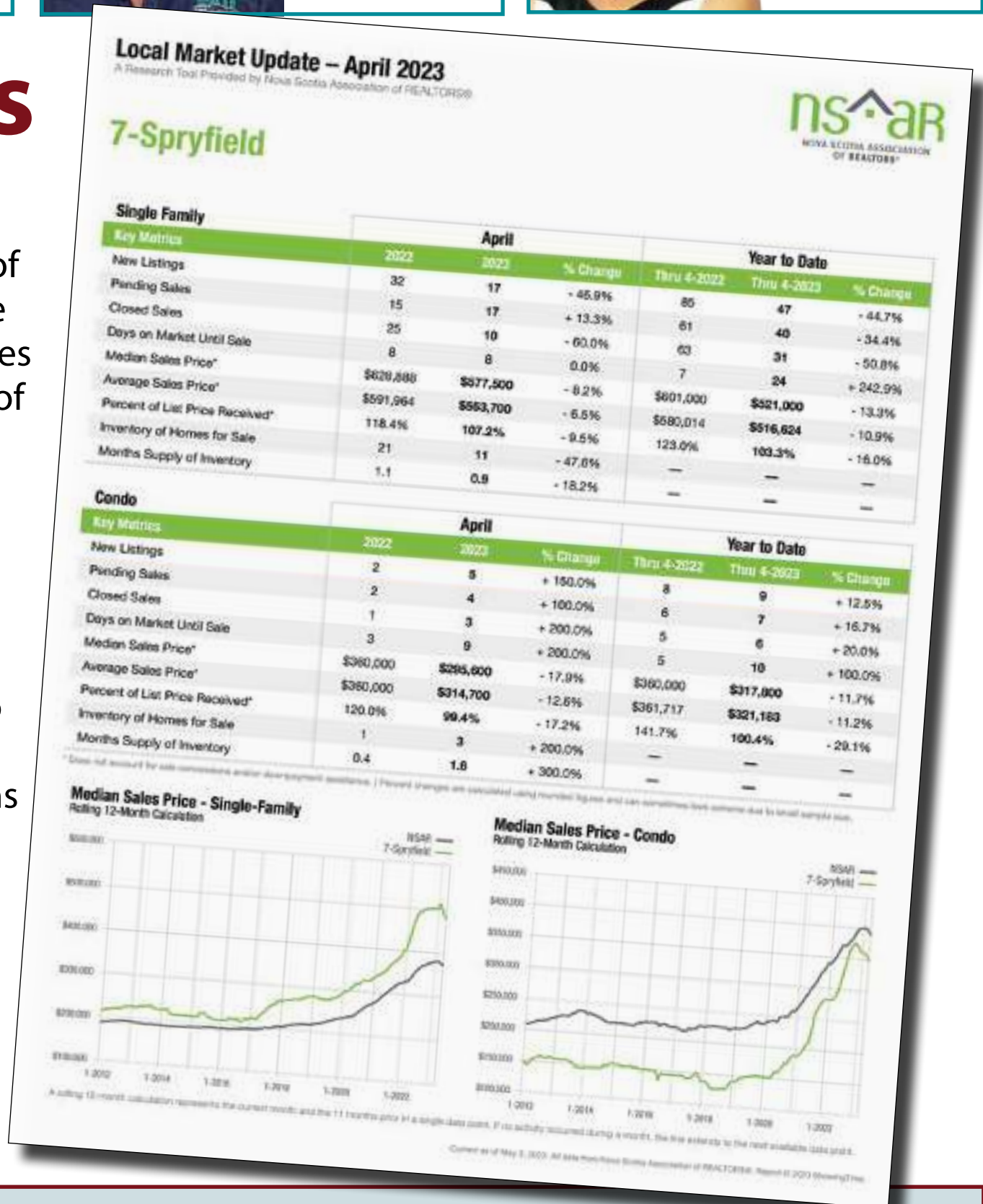
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