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Raffle winner!



Left: Dennis Findlay (President "Forever Young Senior's Club"); centre: winner of the gift card picture frame, Colleen Mapp; right: Deb Thompson (entertainment committee co-ordinator)

by Dennis Findlay
 (President Forever Young Senior's Club)

The Forever Young Senior's Club are happy to announce the winner of our "Gift Card Picture Frame" raffle draw, drawn on 6 June 2023.

The winner of a gift card picture frame valued at \$500.00 is Colleen Mapp. Congratulations!

The Forever Young Senior's Club

wishes to thank the mainland south community and surrounding areas for their support in this fundraising effort. A special thank you to Dylan of Dylan's No Frills for allowing our club members to sell raffle tickets at No Frills' door.

Funds raised in this raffle go towards maintaining the programs in support of our senior club members. Thank you.

Sambro Sou'Wester Days coming soon!

Sambro Sou'Wester Days is set for the weekend of August 11-13, with evening baseball games during the week leading up. A full, detailed schedule will be provided in August's edition of the Chebucto News, and print copies will be available at Mishoo's in Sambro.

On Friday evening, in the Community Tent, we'll host our all-ages corn boil and ceilidh, sponsored by Jill Hann and Castle and Cove Real Estate Group. Corn on the cob, hot dogs and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. In addition to the live local musical entertainment, we'll be presenting the Sambro Spirit Awards.

Saturday will start with the community parade sponsored by Edmonds Landscape Services, followed by prize awards. If you'd like to be in the parade, please contact Luba at 902-719-5755 or LubaAlanna@gmail.com for your free application.

Following the parade and awards, the James McPhee Memorial Ball Field will be bustling with a washer toss tournament sponsored by Meghan Thorne and Elite Realty, a family carnival with bouncy castle, games, barbeque with hot dogs, hamburgers and non-alcoholic beverages.

Following that, we'll move across the road to the Community Tent for
 (See Sambro on page 2)



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Sambro

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Kyle's tailgate party sponsored by the family of the late Kyle MacKay, with live music by Ed Oakley. Patrons must be 19 years of age or older. Pizza slices, beer and coolers will be served.

On Sunday, a community breakfast sponsored by Oceanview Fisheries will serve up scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, tea and coffee.

The afternoon activities will include the rubber duck race at Grand Lake, baseball games, and a supper at St. James United Church featuring fish chowder served with roll and dessert.

The weekend will finish off with the parade of sail, featuring decorated boats, and the closing fireworks at Crystal Crescent Beach (weather and fire regulations permitting).

The fireworks are our most expensive event of the weekend at over \$8,600. While they're a favourite event, the cost takes a huge bite out of our fundraising efforts. Although we collect freewill donations at the gate, it doesn't come close to covering the cost.

So far James Gray Fisheries and Seaside Seniors Home Care Services have committed their fireworks sponsorship, and we're inviting more sponsors to come forward with a commitment of at least \$500 each. Sponsors will be recognized in social media and promotional materials. Cheques can be made payable to the Sambro Area Community Association. Etransfers can be sent to TreasurerSACA@gmail.com using Fireworks2023 as the password.

50/50 and Rubber Duck Race tickets will be available at all events, at

Mishoo's in Sambro, or from SACA members. Throughout the weekend, exact change and small bills are appreciated.

It takes a lot of people to run a big event like this, and we're always in need of help from old and young. It's a great way to make new friends, connect with old ones, and a wonderful

opportunity for young people to get their volunteer hours for scholarships and programs. Call Kim at 902-475-1583 to see where you'd be a good fit.

Stay tuned next month for a more detailed schedule of events!

Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Twitter and Facebook.

What's happening at the Legion

Alzheimer's Fundraiser

Friends and family of the late Paul Sidney gathered at the legion on June 10 to honor the memory of Paul, a valued legion member.

The gathering was to participate in a legion sponsored dart tournament whose primary purpose was to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society.

Spryfield Legion made a generous monetary donation and provided the hall in which the tournament was held.

Kudos to legion members Glenda and Steve Lawton who coordinated the day's activities.

Thanks to the generosity of Paul's family and friends, the tournament raised \$1500.00 This money will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society in Paul's name.

The legion thanks all those who participated and contributed to this successful event.

Donation Made

In other legion news, a \$500.00 donation was made to Heroes On The Fly - an initiative dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active service military per-

sonnel and disabled veterans. This is done through fly-tying, fly-fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

Bursaries Awarded

In conjunction with this year's high school graduations, the legion has awarded bursaries to 11 students from our area who will be pursuing post-secondary education.

The bursaries are made possible through donations to the legion's annual Poppy Campaign and are awarded to family members of serving military members and to descendants of veterans.

Spryfield Legion activities for July 2023.

BINGO - every Sunday - 1- 4pm.

Doors open at 11:30 am

Saturday, July 1 CANADA DAY - The legion will host a Barbeque and Dance from 2 - 6 pm. No Admission Charge

Monday, July 10 - Seniors Dance and Barbeque.

1- 4 pm Music by Joe MacKinnon. Admission \$6.00

Kitchen Open every Friday - 5-7 pm

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From endings to beginnings at St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

June is such an interesting time of year. It is a time of looking forward with excitement for new ventures and growth. Before that excitement, however, often come endings. This happens in schools, in homes as people leave to go on vacation, in various clubs as they shut down for the summer... The list goes on. This is also true in churches.

At St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield, like most churches, we see a summer slowdown. However, we started June on a high note with a concert provided by the Tuesday Night Band. This is the second benefit they have done for us, and we look forward to seeing, and hearing, them again.

On June 13, our United Church Women, (UCW) gathered with women from the congregation for a closing dinner at the Golden Fortune Restaurant on Herring Cove Rd. This well attended annual event was enjoyed by all. UCW will meet again in the fall.

Our Prayer Circle has been meeting for years on Sunday mornings before worship. If something comes up during the week, the group is in touch by email to offer prayers. They will not be meeting person in July and

August but will certainly continue to be in touch.

Once a month, various teams have taken turns hosting a Fellowship Tea in the church parlour. The purpose for this is to give folk who had been separated from their church friends due to Covid a chance to reconnect. It has proven to be a lovely time of fellowship, conversation, and laughter. The next Fellowship Tea will be on the third Wednesday of September.

Looking at the things that are on pause for July and August, you might think that nothing will be happening at St. Paul's United Church in the summer. That, however, is not the case.

On June 11, we were all very pleased to have our worship service and blessing of the garden take place in our community garden. We were fortunate, after a week of much needed rain, to have sunshine and bird song during the service. Worship, and a blessing of the crops, was led by our minister, Max Martin and our pianist/organist, Skippy Mardon, brought her accordion to the garden to accompany the hymns. After this wonderful service, everyone was invited to join us as refreshments were served on our

pergola.

Starting in July, our Family Resources Institute will open Camp Paul, our summer day camp for children aged 5-12 years. That will go on for six weeks. If you are interested in this, call Kristen Hollery at 902-479-1015 to see if there is a vacancy.

The Food Bank continues throughout the summer. Food Bank clients must register by calling 902-477-5090.

We would like to thank all those who have been donating their refund-

able containers to St. Paul's. We have an account at Beaver Enviro Depot at 251 Herring Cove Rd. All you have to do is tell the folks there that you are donating the proceeds of your refundables to St. Paul's. Be sure that you have the bottle caps removed and that you have no garbage in your bags.

Of course, our regular Sunday worship continues throughout the summer. We gather for worship at 11:00 am on Sunday morning. All are welcome.

The Q connecting audiences with 2SLGBTQIA+ creatives

The Q LGBTQ Creative Network (The Q) is excited to announce its official launch as a registered Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to advocating for stronger representation in the arts industry for 2SLGBTQIA+ creatives. While no stranger to the arts scene, the Q has built upon its critical advocacy work to focus on growing and fostering awareness of the 2SLGBTQIA+ creative community.

With a keen understanding of the importance of supporting, and showcasing, 2SLGBTQIA+ artists, the Q offers a variety of resources, including an artist network, the OUT LOUD media series (radio show, podcast, and video show), artist interviews, playlists, the Q32 music chart, education, events, and more. By exploring every avenue of the creative space, the Q aims to connect audiences with the vibrant and diverse world of 2SLGBTQIA+ creatives.

"At The Q, we believe that all 2SLGBTQIA+ artists need to be known and supported by the greater 2SLGBTQIA+ community and beyond" says Kenney Fitzpatrick, Q founder. "We're thrilled to launch as a space where audiences can discover

music, art, and media from the world of 2SLGBTQIA+ creatives. Our goal is to amplify those voices and experiences while at the same time raising awareness of the unique obstacles they face, and challenge industry to recognize their talents, and offer space and opportunities for them to shine."

The Q invites members of the media and the community to join them in their mission to support and elevate 2SLGBTQIA+ creatives. Visit their website CuratedByQ.com to learn more about available resources and upcoming events.

About The Q LGBTQ Creative Network:

The Q LGBTQ Creative Network is a non-profit organization based in Halifax, NS, operating locally, provincially, nationally, and internationally and dedicated to advocating for stronger representation for 2SLGBTQIA+ creatives. The Q's mission is to connect audiences with the vibrant and diverse world of 2SLGBTQIA+ creatives through an artist network, events, radio shows, podcast, video show, articles, interviews, playlists, music chart, and more.

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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

The Lear sisters of Fairmount were well known teachers of art and religion

by Iris V. Shea

The Lear sisters, Isabel, Kate and Gwendoline, lived in Fairmount, a large property and house above the Herring Cove Road which backed on Chocolate Lake Road and overlooked the Northwest Arm. Wilma (Tapp) Akerlund, who grew up on St. Margaret's Bay Road, remembered them "as perfect examples of charming Victorian ladies". They were well educated and taught Sunday school for many years at Bethany Church when the church was located next to Fairmount and following its move to Dutch Village Road.

When the Lears emigrated from Birmingham, England, to Quebec in 1875 the family consisted of James, his wife Harriot, and four children... Percy, Isabel, Kate and Gerald. A fifth child, Gwendoline, was born in Quebec. By 1881 they were living at the head of the Northwest Arm on property once owned and occupied by the Hosterman family. James Lear's occupation in the 1881 Northwest Arm census was "Commission Merchant". In Halifax Directories he was referred to as a Commercial Traveller with an office on Lower Water Street. When Mr. Lear died in 1890, his will,



Photo taken outside Fairmount, the Lears' house, ca. 1910, courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society Left to right: Gwendoline Lear, mother Harriot Lear, Kate Lear and Isabel Lear.

in which he left all of his estate to his wife, Harriot, had been written in 1869 while still a resident of Birmingham, England. He was listed as a "jeweler" at that time. Harriot Felton Aldington Lear died of pulmonary congestion and senility on 17 April 1918 at the age of 81 years. Both were buried in Camp Hill cemetery.

All three Lear daughters were artists. During the 1890s and early 1900s Isabel and Kate Lear had an Art Studio at 60 Bedford Row in Halifax where they taught art lessons. During this same period, they exhibited their work in galleries in Halifax and in the Provincial Exhibition. In addition to her art, Gwendoline wrote religious books for children.

Religion was an important part of their everyday lives, and it was said that their mother asked them, when they were very young, to dedicate their lives to God which they gladly agreed to do. Nan Geizer and Wilma Akerlund both recalled, each time they met the Lear sisters, the sisters would always ask "Have you been saved?" They both found it a difficult question to answer and when they spied the sisters coming toward them, the young girls often tried to avoid them.

The eldest child, Percy, went to New York where he married his first wife, Emma, a professional singer. During the 1890s, records for Church of the Redeemer in Halifax showed Mrs. Percy J. Lear as their soprano soloist at a salary of \$240 per annum. Percy was a commercial traveller. In her book "Universalism in Nova Scotia" (1996), p. 59-60, Heather Watts wrote: 'The greatest shock to the congregation, however, was to read in the papers that their soprano soloist, Mrs. Lear, was now "publically notorious" for having committed indiscretions while intoxicated.' The church vestry offered Mrs. Lear a second chance, but within two months she appeared at

choir practice "in a state of intoxication" and had to resign.

In the 1901 census Percy and Emma lived in west end Halifax; Emma's occupation was choir singer, their religion "Universalist". By 1911, however, Percy Lear was living with his mother and sisters at Fairmount, but there was no sign of Emma. Percy was listed as a widower in 1919 when he married his second wife, 19-year-old Fernande LeQuint from Quebec. Percy James Aldington Lear died 4 June 1922 of kidney disease and was buried with his parents at Camp Hill cemetery. Mrs. Acklund recalled that Percy came home to Fairmount to die.

Gerald Lear was also a commercial traveller and eventually worked in advertising sales for the Herald and Mail. His friends and co-workers called him "King Lear". He left Halifax in 1893 and did not return again until the 1920s, employed at the Herald and Mail and living with his sisters at Fairmount. Like his sisters, he never married. Gerald Aldington Lear died 17 May 1944, aged 73 years, and was buried in the family plot at Camp Hill cemetery.

Of the three sisters, the eldest, Isabel Harriot Aldington Lear, died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 9 July 1943 at the age of 77 years. Gwendoline Aldington Lear, the youngest, died 2 December 1960 at the age of 85 years, and Kate Aldington Lear died 1 February 1965 at the age of 96 years. All three were buried in Camp Hill cemetery.

Many Lear stories have been passed down by families who knew them. Memories of the three sisters and their two brothers vary, depending on who is telling the story, but one thing is certain, they were remembered fondly and with respect. What happened to Fairmount? It was demolished after an unfortunate fire, about six months after Kate's death. In her will, Kate left everything to the

Canadian Missionary Society who sold the property. Lear watercolours and oils hang in many private homes in Armdale and in Bethany Church.

Wildfires

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home for your pets?

The Nova Scotia Emergency and Preparedness website suggests making a plan now and lists suggestions for your 'grab-bag.' The bag should be small, easy to carry, and everyone should know its location.

Things to include:

- your emergency plan
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- first-aid supplies
- wind-up or battery-powered radio and flashlight
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Wildfires – what’s your evacuation plan?

Do you remember the fire in Spryfield in the Spring of 2009 that started behind the Spryfield Lions Rink and burned a swath of the Backlands to Ferguson Cove, over 20 kilometres away? Over 1,200 residents were evacuated, eight residences were destroyed and 10 homes along Purcells Cove Road were damaged.

Three years later, on Victoria Day 2012, another brush fire scorched 15 hectares of forest down to Williams Lake’s shoreline. But with lessons learned from the 2009 fire, HRM fire services notified the Department of Natural Resources immediately at the first sighting of the fire. Water bombers were in the air quickly and they helped knock down the fire in five scary hours.

Nova Scotia has already had more fires this year than last year. More than 16,000 residents were evacuated from the Tantallon area and approximately 200 homes were burned or damaged. How is this new normal connected to climate change?

According to the United Nations, “Climate change refers to long-term shifts in temperatures and weather patterns. These shifts may be natural, but since the 1800s, human activities have been the main driver of climate change, primarily due to the burning

of fossil fuels (like coal, oil and gas), which produces heat-trapping gases.”

Weather forces like El Niño and hurricane Fiona are extreme weather patterns that are not going away, nor are they skipping our neighbourhood. The recent Spring fire at Long Lake was much too close to Spryfield, our fire-prone Backlands and our collective memory of previous fires. These wacky new weather patterns are now in our own backyard whether or not you believe the chaos is all connected to climate change. Are you ready to evacuate?

An Evacuation Alert means you need to be ready to leave if the fire becomes a danger to your area. An Evacuation Order means you need to leave the area immediately following specific routes identified by officials.



Spryfield fire of 2009 burned 1,000 acres; 1,200 residents evacuated. Photo: Flat Lake, Backlands by David Patriquin, June 2009

A lightning strike, a campfire, or a cigarette butt ignites another wildfire close to your home – what’s your evacuation plan? Try answering the following questions: Do you have a plan to evacuate? Have you discussed a plan with your family? What would

you put in your ‘grab-bag’? Do you have a reciprocal safe-house arrangement with friends outside your area? How will you communicate with your family? What are your chosen rendezvous points for family? Who goes
(See Wildfires on page 4)

“The Spryfield Business Commission would like to thank all of our sponsors, supporters, and volunteers who have come on board to help out with this years Spryfield Days Festival! We really appreciate your support! It’s not too late, the door is always open if you would like to be a sponsor or help out in any way. We would love to have you join us! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Festival!” Sincerely, Bruce Holland, on behalf of the Spryfield Days Festival Committee.



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Support and funding needed to sustain the ONE Basketball Program



ONE (#AllForOneAndOneForAll), a youth empowerment program based in Nova Scotia, has been making remarkable strides with its transformative basketball program. Thanks to the generous support from Sport Nova Scotia, ONE has expanded its offerings, providing youth across the province with opportunities for growth and development. With its strong presence in Spryfield, ONE has established a sense of inclusivity and community among its participants. However, to continue this impactful journey, the organization is now seeking further support and funding from the wider community.

Sport Nova Scotia's Game-Changing Support:

In 2022, ONE Basketball Program received a substantial funding boost from Sport Nova Scotia, propelling the organization's basketball program to new heights. With this financial support, ONE has enhanced its training, development, and engagement opportunities for youth throughout Nova Scotia. The funding has played a pivotal role in securing dedicated gym times and ensuring consistent and accessible spaces for young athletes to thrive on the court.

Addressing a Void in Spryfield and Beyond:

Recognizing the shortage of accessible and engaging activities for youth in Spryfield, ONE Basketball Program stepped in to provide a positive outlet and a sense of belonging through basketball. While their impact in Spryfield has been remarkable, ONE's reach extends far beyond the community's borders. Youth from all corners of Nova Scotia are invited to participate in the program, benefit from its

resources, and become part of a supportive community. By extending its reach across the province, ONE aims to empower and inspire youth from all backgrounds, creating a stronger, more connected Nova Scotia.

Business and Community Support: A Catalyst for Greater Impact:

While the funding from Sport Nova Scotia has been instrumental in ONE's growth, sustained expansion and impact require support from local businesses and the wider community. The organization is actively seeking partnerships with businesses and organizations across the province to amplify its impact and reach even more young athletes. Collaborating with local partners will provide ONE with additional resources, mentorship opportunities, and pathways for youth to excel not only in basketball but also in life.

A Call for Community Engagement:

ONE extends a heartfelt invitation to businesses, organizations, and individuals across Nova Scotia to join their mission of empowering youth through basketball. By collaborating with local partners, ONE can further expand its program, offer enhanced resources, and reach even more young athletes. Whether through sponsorships, mentorship programs, or volunteering, every contribution has the potential to make a lasting impact on the lives of youth and foster a sense of unity and community pride throughout Nova Scotia.

The Journey of ONE Basketball Club:

The ONE Basketball Club has achieved significant milestones and witnessed the positive impact of its

programming on the lives of young athletes. The end-of-program report showcases the dedication and determination of its participants, the success of its camps and weekly basketball club, and the incredible engagement from the equity-deserving groups it aims to serve. By providing an inclusive environment and free programming, ONE has given opportunities to youth who may not have otherwise been able to participate in organized sports.

Looking ahead, ONE envisions expanding its monthly camps, offering free summer camps featuring multiple sports activities throughout the week. This expansion will reduce daycare expenses for households and promote an active lifestyle within communities. Additionally, the club plans to establish male and female teams across

various age groups, host tournaments, and create a vibrant recreation league. These initiatives will further develop players' skills, enhance their competitive experiences, and foster a sense of community.

ONE Basketball Club urges the wider community to join them in this incredible journey of empowering youth. Through collaboration and support, we can continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of young athletes, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities to thrive both on and off the basketball court.

To learn more about how you can make a donation or explore sponsorship opportunities, please reach out to NovaScotiansHelpingNS@gmail.com. Your contribution will make a meaningful impact on the growth and success of these dedicated athletes.

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What's Happening at the Urban Farm



A male Eastern Towhee, far north of its natural range, imprinted on the farm and returned for a second summer. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



The Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest rebuilt all 12 Family and Garden Plots in the CGWU garden at the Urban Farm on May 13th and 27th. THANK YOU!



One of two Warbling Vireos (only a handful are seen in Nova Scotia each year) that visited the Farm during fall migration in 2018. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

by *Joshua Barss Donham and Fulton Lavender*

When one steps onto the farm the sounds of cars and construction are diminished, muffled by the trees and thickets that surround it. What one does hear are the sounds of birds. Cardinals, warblers, woodpeckers, and many other birds nest on the Farm. During the spring and fall migration seasons rare birds show up: an Eastern Towhee, a Townsend's Warbler, and Warbling Vireos.

Fulton Lavender, a bird expert

who has been doing bird surveys for decades, lives just down the hill and around a corner from the Urban Farm. Intimately familiar with the area, he has given several talks and bird walks here. He brings with him an enthusiasm that is contagious and a depth of knowledge about the natural world. To walk about the Farm with Fulton is to develop a deeper appreciation for what a beautiful place it is and how fortunate we are to have it.

Last month Fulton and I met up
(See Urban Farm on page 10)



The Hairy Woodpecker is one of three woodpecker species that nests in the woods at the Farm. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

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Update from the Premier

by Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia

Federal Carbon Tax Unacceptable

On July 1, Nova Scotians will wake up to increases in the cost of gasoline, diesel and other everyday goods.

The Government of Canada, led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, is imposing a carbon tax in Nova Scotia and across Atlantic Canada. This is despite our government having a better, common-sense approach to fighting climate change that doesn't punish Nova Scotians, especially those living in rural areas. Increases in gas may be acceptable in some large cities across the country, but a 14 cent per litre increase in gas is just not fair for a family living, working, and attending school outside of a major city centre - where they don't have the options of public transportation or bike lanes.

We agree with the federal government's goal - to reduce carbon emissions across the country. We need to address the climate emergency. But we couldn't be further apart on how to achieve it. Nova Scotia is a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We have the second-highest reductions in the country. And we already pay some of the highest rates for energy.

We have a realistic plan that is better than the federal carbon tax. It includes some of the most ambitious 2030 targets in the country and policies and programs to meet them. Part



Premier Tim Houston

of that plan includes developing opportunities in clean, renewable energy, like solar, wind and green hydrogen to make your homes more energy efficient and save you money. Nova Scotia's plan creates good-paying jobs, helps reduce energy bills and makes our economy stronger, without costing Nova Scotians more at the pumps. We set benchmarks to hold us accountable and asked the federal government to give us time to prove we will meet our goals.

Instead, the federal government is imposing a carbon tax that will make life more unaffordable.

Nova Scotians should be proud of the work they have done to fight

climate change - work we've been doing for years without a carbon tax. We are leaders in Canada with a record of success. My government remains firmly opposed to the federal government's carbon tax plans to start on Canada Day. We do not need the federal carbon tax on the gas, diesel

and home heating fuels you currently depend on.

We ask all Nova Scotians to join us by speaking to your Member of Parliament and sending a message to the Government of Canada.

Tim Houston

Premier of Nova Scotia

Update from Ottawa

by Andy Fillmore, MP for Halifax

An update from your federal representative, Andy Fillmore MP for Halifax.

It's summer in Halifax, and not a moment too soon. Our city has so much to offer visitors and residents alike: festivals, beach days, patios, parades, and picnics in the park - there's no shortage of fun things to do at this time of year.

But there's one special project I've been working on that I want to share with readers, and that's the inaugural Halifax International Fleet Week taking place September 7 to 10th, 2023.

Fleet Week is a partnership between the civilian community and the Canadian Armed Forces with the aim of boosting regional tourism and providing an opportunity to promote recruitment in the Armed Forces while showcasing Halifax as Canada's defense and ocean hub to a national and international audience.

The four-day event promises a wide array of activities, including a ship parade, open ship tours, a city parade, interactive demonstrations, gatherings, and sports matches. It will feature Royal Canadian Navy ships as well as ships and aircraft from several NATO allies.

The Canadian Armed Forces serve our country at home and abroad, promoting peace and security, responding to disasters, humanitarian crises, and defending our interests. As MP for Halifax - home to CFB Halifax, Canada's largest military base, and our navy's Atlantic fleet - I've seen

up close the skill and dedication of our forces.

Whether responding to Hurricane Fiona, or departing Halifax for operations around the world, Canadian Armed Forces members always answer the call of duty. We owe them our most enthusiastic gratitude and the Halifax International Fleet Week is an excellent opportunity to highlight their important work.

One of the main objectives of the event is to help the Canadian Armed Forces overcome its recruitment challenge by providing an opportunity to interact with the public and expose them to the broad spectrum of opportunities the forces have to offer. All branches of the US Armed Forces use their own Fleet Week as a recruitment tool, and the same will be done at Halifax International Fleet Week for our Canadian Armed Forces.

The multilateral event will be linked to Ex. Cutlass Fury, a bi-annual exercise with NATO Allies that takes place in the Atlantic off the coast of Halifax. With HRM being the future home of NATO hub 'The DIANA,' this connection will showcase the tight relationship between Canada and its allies in NATO and amplify the event's international reach.

This is going to be an exciting event for all involved, so please mark your calendars and join me at Halifax International Fleet Week this September 7 to 10th!

The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Summer is here, and kids are enjoying their summer vacation.

Congratulations to all the kids graduating from Elementary, Junior High, and High School. Exciting times are ahead for all of you; we are all so proud.

I want to take a moment to thank all those unsung heroes who fought the two Nova Scotia wildfires. You did an incredible job under almost impossible circumstances.

To those who have lost homes or are without, if you need anything, no matter where you live, I am only a phone call away at 902-499-5500.

Happy Pride month, we have come so far, but we have so much further to go. No matter who you love, know that you are valued.

The "need a family doctor" list this month shows that at least 15% of Nova Scotians now need a family doctor. This list continues to grow and is very troubling because healthcare starts with access to a primary care

physician. This is a troubling trend; throwing money at the issue is not solving the problem; we need a short and long-term plan. I continue to hold healthcare meetings across the province, listening to healthcare workers and fellow Nova Scotians. The solutions are there. We must listen.

Another construction season is upon us, and we are still waiting on the PC Government's promises from three years ago to replace the dam at Williams Lake and the rink in Spryfield. I brought this up recently at the Public Accounts committee and was told again, "It is on the way."

I am seeing more and more improvements and upgrades to our local playgrounds. Thank you, HRM and Councilor Patty Cuttall. Things are looking great!

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Contact me anytime.

Brendan Maguire

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The REC Van is coming to a location near you this summer!

The REC van is stacked with equipment for more than 50 different activities and sports, including baseball, basketball, soccer, washer toss, giant checkers, archery, skipping, and much more!

Check out our daily stops scheduled every Monday - Thursday from July 4 to August 25.



Visit halifax.ca/RECvan for schedule updates and weather cancellations

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 JULY

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 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
- 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 - 5 - 7 pm. For more information about legion events, please contact the legion at (902) 477-0467.
- Sat. July 1st: BBQ and Dance from 2 to 6pm. No Admission Fee
- Monday July 10th Seniors Dance and BBQ from 1 to 4pm. Music by Joe Mack-innon. Admission \$6.

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- REC van will be at Harrietsfield

Elementary every Tuesday at 1pm from July 4th to August 22nd. Everyone welcome! Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our FB page (902) 446-4847 email hwcc@outlook.com

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.

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:

- Strawberry Tea, Silent Auction and Cakewalk. Includes Strawberry Shortcake, Tea/Coffee Saturday July 15th 1:00-3:00 PM Price \$5.00 (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.

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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

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest who rebuilt all 12 garden plots in our "Come Grow With Us" garden, we still have several plots available for families who would like to participate in our Tuesday evening garden program. For further information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email patriciabmaclean@gmail.com

Volunteers and new members are welcome at our Board/Farm meeting on Monday, July 10th 6:45-8:30pm at our Urban Farm to help plan summer events. For further information, please email urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com

Religious Services Directory for July

Send your submissions to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com for August's issue by July 21.

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. emmanuelanglican-church.net, 902-477-1783.

Sunday Worship:

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

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

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 weekly for a time of fellowship, contemporary worship and Bible based teaching. Please join us in July and August at 11 Aldergrove Drive on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will return to Sunday morning services in September.

LOCAL OBITUARIES

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

Bill Foulkes

William (Bill) Richard Foulkes, age 90 of Herring Cove. It is with great sadness that we, the family, announce the passing of William (Bill) at QEII hospital, on Monday, May 30th, 2023 with his loving daughter, Diana and Annette by his side. Born in Kingston, Nova Scotia, he was the son of the late William and Gladys (Maltus) Foulkes.

Surviving are his daughters, Diana (Dale) Post, Annette (Bob) Jamieson, both of Ontario, and Debbie Skelhorn and Dale Creelman; sons, Richard of Herring Cove, Billy (Cheryl) of Herring Cove, and Dale Creelman of Halifax; twelve grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sister, Betty Grant of Halifax.

Predeceased by his loving wife, Margaret; son, David; brothers, Edward, and Mike; sisters, Cecilla, Shirley, and Muriel; parents, William, and Gladys Foulkes.

Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Cancer Society.

James Gordon Durnford

Halifax. Gordon passed away on May 28th, 2023. He was 92. Born in the small outport community of Francois, Newfoundland, to Arthur

Robert Durnford and Edith Jane Childs. He was the seventh child of a family of eight. He is predeceased by his siblings Mable, John, Janet, William, Ida, and Reginald, and survived by his sister Mary. It was a rugged childhood by today's standards—no electricity or indoor plumbing. Dad told stories of the water in the kettle being frozen in the wintery mornings, of feather beds stuffed with gull feathers, the morning ritual of emptying the chamber pots, and starting the old wood-fired stove. Living in the Newfoundland outports required a hardiness and self-sufficiency, which carried through to Dad's adult years. But it was an upbringing that was rich in many ways and Dad would reflect on this time as a happy one.

It's hard to imagine being out making a living when you are 15 as Dad did. Working cutting trees by hand and hauling timber with teams of horses or working as a deck hand with his brother and father on fishing schooners that would be out at sea for weeks. In search of more opportunities, he moved to Halifax with his wife, Sarah, where he did his navigational training to skipper ships. Amongst the training requirements was morse code, which he practiced with Sarah in the single room apartment they rented in downtown Halifax. This led him to various positions, including captain of a tugboat in Sept-Îles, Quebec, then to tugboats in Halifax Harbour, eventually working on the Department of National Defense Glen-class tugs where he served until his retirement in 1995. All these experiences instilled a work ethic in Dad that carried through all his activities. He wasn't one for standing still.

Dad joined Freemasonry in 1965 where he served in a variety of roles over 58 years. His mother lodge was St. John's Lodge No 2 in Halifax, where he was a Past Master and Very Worshipful Brother and was often called upon to help with complex ritual work. He was also a member of several other concordant bodies including the Royal Arch Mason, the Scottish Right, Shriners, and the Royal Order of Scotland. Dad and his son Dean spent many evenings together with the St. John's Lodge and the Royal Arch Masons, something they both enjoyed tremendously.

Dad also served several years as the Warden at the Emmanuel Anglican Church in Spryfield, where he donated many hours keeping the church and adjacent hall in good condition. And, in an adventure that surprised us all, Dad became a regular participant in the dinner theater production at the Emmanuel Church, acting and singing in several productions. It was the biggest fundraiser of the year for the church and Dad was proud of this accomplishment. Dad also loved to work out, and had

a long history of jogging, which turned into walking right up until his last days. He even had a gym membership at 92, leaving us with few excuses for not keeping up.

Dad is survived by his wife of 67 years, Sarah, and his three sons: Dean (Kim), Daniel (Heidi) and Dion (Jackie). He also had grandchildren, who he doted on: Lindsay (Marcus), Shawn (Charley), Emma, Adam, Eric, Dana, Dax, Emma, and Ashley. He was always supportive of all their activities and felt pride in their accomplishments. More recently, two great-grandchildren were added to the family, Haden Muiser and Violet Bowser. We feel it important to also mention Dad's dog, Dudley, who entered the picture when he and Mom became empty nesters and who was his constant companion and paper fetcher for 16 years.

In lieu of flowers, you can donate to the Palliative Care Unit at the VG Hospital, whose staff treated Dad with the utmost care and to whom we are grateful.

Carol Anne Jean White

78, Spryfield, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2023 surrounded by her loving family at Melville Lodge, Halifax, NS. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter of the late Wallace and Varia (Murphy) Parsons.

In her younger years, Carol had worked at Moir's Chocolate Factory and then went on to work at Sears.

Carol was the definition of a mother and grandmother, her family

meant everything to her. One of her greatest joys in life were her grandchildren, she loved them dearly and always looked forward to their visits. When her children were young, Carol took them everywhere they needed to go without hesitation. She will lovingly be remembered as being the best Mom ever. For many years, Carol taught figure skating at the Spryfield Rink. She was proud to be a member of the Spryfield Lioness Club.

Carol will be sadly missed by her husband of 59 years, Carl, her treasured son, Barry (Kim), her cherished daughters, Darlene (Glen) and Cheryl (Eddy). Affectionately known as "Nan" or "Nanny", she is survived by her grandchildren, Jason (Alicia), Carlie, Travis, Mason (Tiffany), Tyler (Robin), Haley and Chase, as well her great-grandchildren, Hunter, Piper, Brayden, Sky, Jordan and Kaden. She is also survived by sisters, Blossom, Nancy, Shirley and Betty-Lou (Bill), a brother, Doug, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and a brother, Stewart "Sonny" Parsons.

The family wishes to extend a sincere thank you to all the staff and nurses at Melville Lodge for their care and compassion given to Carol.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Carol to The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, 105-238 Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth Nova Scotia B3B 2B4 (902) 492-1984.

Urban Farm

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at the Farm so that he could tell me a little about what attracts birds to the farm and what sets it apart from other nearby green spaces. This is some of what he had to say:

"The farm is within the broader coastal fly way of Chebucto Head, but there is also a migration corridor through here. Where there is a migration corridor you can expect to see things.

The farm has food and shelter ... it has the habitat. Birds that land down in the town are going to wind up coming in here because it is a green space. It has food ... insects because it is a farm... farms, if they're proper farms, attract insects. It becomes a stopping spot that birds remember and keep coming back to. It's a staging area where they can get rest and they can get food and it's up high (on a ridge) so birds will end up here.

Birds are essential for controlling insects and insects are essential for maintaining birds which need insects to eat. We need to know more about birds because particular birds feed on particular insects, and we need many different species to control all the different sorts of insects.

This stand of woods here is old growth, mature trees, and that's what makes the area so special. There's not much old growth (trees) and the farm, it's right next to a stand. It has the MacIntosh Run not far away, and

Kidston Lake which is a completely different habitat with some coniferous forest, also Long Lake with the coniferous part of the trail, a good mixture of habitats, and the Farm is right in the middle.

The eastern Peewee, at one time there was a pair that nested, now there's just males prospecting mostly, they are here because of the old growth trees. The Eastern Peewee is a species that you identify with old forest, and it is now a threatened species.

The Farm is bird friendly and people friendly. It brings people who like birds and care about birds and it's a place where even people who don't care much about birds become people who do. It's the best of all worlds. It's the only place like it that we have."

Just as we are winding up our chat, Fulton stops in mid-sentence, stretching his ears in the direction of the apple trees in the south-west corner of the Farm, and we hear a whistly, chattering bird song I have never heard before. It is an Orchard Oriole, a new species for the farm.

Farm Memberships available: Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups/Organizations \$25.00. Garden plots are available now! For info: urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117594394923932/> Website: urbanfarmmuseumspryfield.org



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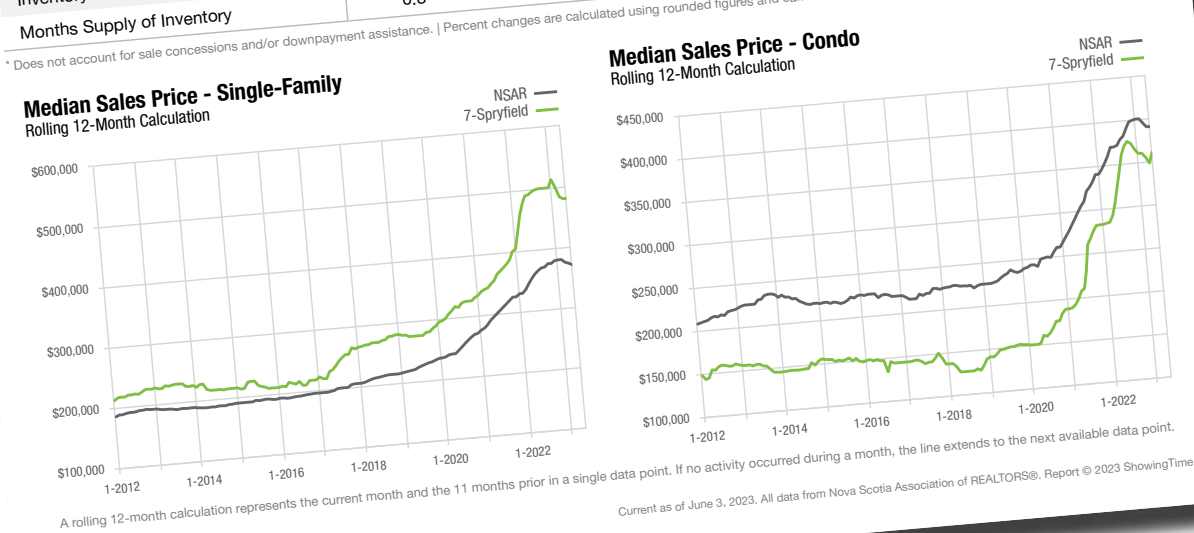
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Single Family	May			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	% Change	Thru 5-2022	Thru 5-2023	% Change
Key Metrics						
New Listings	34	20	- 41.2%	119	66	- 44.5%
Pending Sales	31	17	- 45.2%	92	56	- 39.1%
Closed Sales	26	18	- 30.8%	89	49	- 44.9%
Days on Market Until Sale	8	8	0.0%	7	18	+ 157.1%
Median Sales Price*	\$560,000	\$531,250	- 5.1%	\$600,000	\$521,000	- 13.2%
Average Sales Price*	\$566,573	\$503,998	- 11.0%	\$576,087	\$511,986	- 11.1%
Percent of List Price Received*	111.5%	103.9%	- 6.8%	119.7%	103.5%	- 13.5%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	21	13	- 38.1%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	1.1	1.1	0.0%	—	—	—

Condo	May			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	% Change	Thru 5-2022	Thru 5-2023	% Change
Key Metrics						
New Listings	5	2	- 60.0%	13	11	- 15.4%
Pending Sales	4	3	- 25.0%	10	10	0.0%
Closed Sales	3	4	+ 33.3%	8	10	+ 25.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	8	6	- 25.0%	6	8	+ 33.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$337,000	\$374,000	+ 11.0%	\$348,500	\$344,000	- 1.3%
Average Sales Price*	\$331,200	\$365,250	+ 10.3%	\$350,273	\$338,810	- 3.3%
Percent of List Price Received*	134.9%	103.0%	- 23.6%	139.1%	101.4%	- 27.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	2	1	- 50.0%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	0.8	0.5	- 37.5%	—	—	—



In May:

Single family home prices are lower than 2022 highs by 5 to 11% but remain higher than the rest of the area, according to the may statistics from the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors.

Condos are still selling slightly behind the NSAR with average sales prices increasing by just over 10% from last year.

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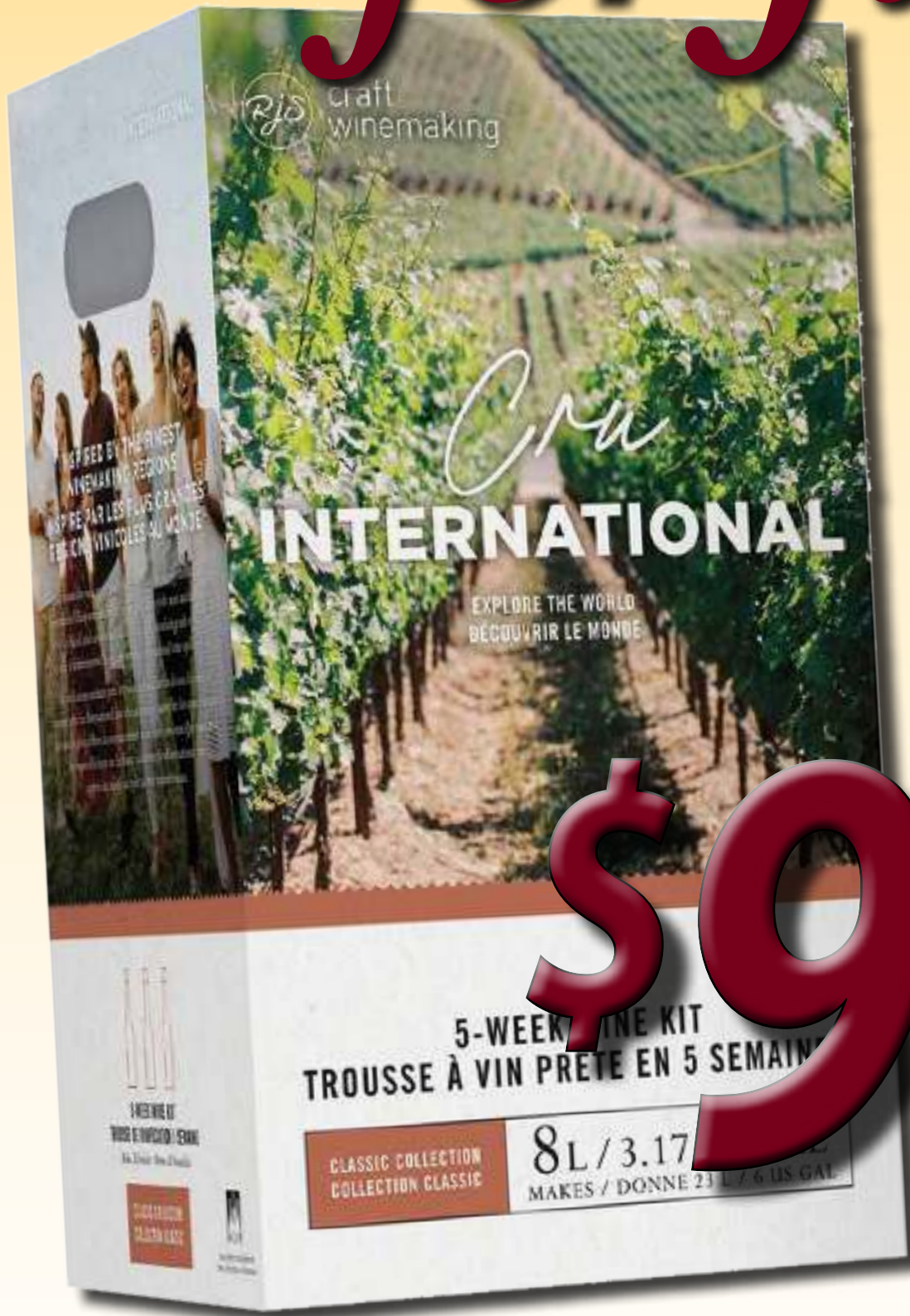
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