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## Wetlands—natural defence against wildfires



Wildfire in Spryfield stopped at wetlands surrounding Lower Mud Pond in the Backlands, 2009.

Photo: Dr. David Patriquin

by Cathy Vaughan

Wildfires have slammed our local communities recently and heightened our awareness of the results of human activity on climate change. Besides the practical tasks, such as emergency evacuation preparedness, we are now looking to the science of wetlands as a valuable and available natural defence against wildfires.

The Spryfield area is surrounded by an abundance of marshes, swamps, rivers, and lakes which contain a

valuable fire suppressant – water. These moisture-laden wetlands help prevent fires and can act as natural barriers to the spread of forest fires. Wet, soggy soil doesn't burn well. The volumes of water in our local lakes, rivers and ponds also create a wet obstacle which a forest fire can't necessarily cross.

"There are a lot of allies in nature," according to Mimi O'Handley, Wetlands and Water Coordinator with Ecology Action Centre in Halifax.

"When wetlands are healthy, they are natural sponges and soak up a huge amount of water. A wetland can act as a natural fire break and reduce the intensity of a wildfire."

Two destructive fires in the Spryfield area in 2009 and 2012 forced the evacuation of hundreds of folks between Herring Cove Road and Purcell's Cove Road. The extensive wetlands in the Purcell's Cove Backlands, coupled with the positions of Williams Lake and Colpitt Lake, helped stop

the fires at their shorelines. Helicopter water-bombers used water from Williams Lake to help douse the wildfires in the forests in the Backlands.

Besides helping to prevent or slow down the spread of fires, wetlands in the Spryfield Backlands also produce other valuable natural services. Research from Ducks Unlimited Canada shows that "wetlands can reduce the severity of flooding and drought, holding excess water during wet periods and slowly releasing it during dry periods. They also store carbon and provide essential habitat for migratory and threatened species." These wetlands also supply the McIntosh Run, Williams Lake and Colpitt Lake with volumes of water which support the watersheds' important ecosystems and recreational value.

The Nova Scotia Wetland Conservation Policy aims to protect and guide management of wetlands from the impact of development. "Wetlands of Special Significance" is a status assigned to wetlands on protected lands; wetlands that are habitats for endangered or 'at risk' species; salt marshes, and wetlands located in areas that are protected for our drinking water. These special wetlands are automatically protected under this conservation policy.

The province maintains a map inventory of wetlands throughout Nova Scotia but some wetlands, especially small sites, are not included. The conservation policy cautions that the inventory can be used as a guide but should not replace actual on-site field work to identify all wetlands when planning a development project.

Dr. Patricia Manuel, a retired Dalhousie professor from the Faculty of

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# Wetlands

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Architecture and Planning, has taught environmental planning for climate change adaptation and continues to conduct applied research projects on watersheds, wetlands, marine coasts and climate change adaptation planning. Manuel and her students use the Williams Lake watershed and the wetlands in the Purcell's Cove Backlands as their natural laboratories and research sites. They have documented many small wetlands that, Dr. Manuel says, "...could be easily missed in provincial inventories or by developers in their site assessments."

A report, co-authored by Dalhousie's Dr. David Patriquin, biologist and member of the board of directors of Williams Lake Conservation Company, suggests "...that conserving the Williams Lake Backlands and the larger Purcell's Cove Backlands as natural systems reduces fire risk to adjacent communities compared to allowing more intrusions into the Backlands." Patriquin recently participated in a webinar on "Wetlands, Adaptation and Extreme Weather Events" hosted by the Ecology Action Centre and Nature Nova Scotia. Like Dr. Manuel, he is also concerned that many of the wetlands in the Backlands do not meet the criteria stated in the 2011 Nova Scotia Wetland Conservation Policy and won't be protected from urban development in the Spryfield area.

HRM council has recently requested staff to prepare a wildfire risk and strategy report on the "wildfire risk on wild land-urban interface with preparedness strategies." Staff will

identify a list of local communities that border wild land areas which, in the event of a wildfire, would require additional emergency evacuation routes and dry hydrants. Dry hydrants are non-pressurized pipe systems that are permanently installed in a lake,

stream or pond that can supply water for dousing a fire in an inaccessible wildland area, like the Williams Lake watershed and Backlands.

Fighting wildfires is pricy. Protecting our wetlands is priceless.

## Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

PHOTO: CANSTOCK



Unfortunately, Hurricane Lee cancelled our annual School Farm Day / Harvest Fair on Sept. 16/ 17th; and as this goes to print, this event has been postponed until Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2-4pm. Should another rain-date be needed, Farmer Richard & his "Barnyard Bunch" have agreed to come to our Urban Farm on Sunday, Oct. 1st. from 2-4pm. Our new Interpretive Panel has been installed at the Urban Farm and we will have an official "Unveiling" at this event. Everyone Welcome!

Our fall Board meetings start again on Monday, October 16th at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre 6:45 - 8:45pm. If you are interested in the future of our Urban Farm, your suggestions and participation would

be greatly appreciated at our monthly meetings.

Our UFMSS Halloween "Spooky Farm Night" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28th. 5-7pm (raindate Oct. 29th).

Memberships are available for Students & Seniors \$5.00, Individuals \$10.00, Families \$15.00, Groups & Organizations \$25.00-\$50.00. Charitable receipts are issued for membership dues and donations of \$10.00 and over.

Rainstorms and hurricanes have played havoc with our field and garden plots this year and we would appreciate any volunteer assistance you are able to contribute. Please contact Pat at 902-497-3683 or urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com for further information.

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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. The Rotary theme for October is Community Economic Development. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. This issue highlights a heartwarming story about how Rotary members from Durango, Colorado, USA, teamed up with the Navajo Nation to bring solar lights to remote, off-the-grid homes on the country's largest Native American reservation.



Navajo people like Jerry Domingo are caught in isolated pockets of land, which are called The Checkerboard. After decades of crafting squash-blossom necklaces, pendants, and

bracelets, Jerry Domingo knew he would have to quit making jewelry because he couldn't see very well anymore. Electric lines traverse the land just a few hundred yards from Domingo's front door, but it would cost over \$30,000 to connect to the power.

Through a pastor at a local church, Domingo found out about a program through the Durango Rotary club that brings solar-powered lighting to remote homes on the Navajo reservation. The project would bring solar lights to at-risk populations on the reservation, including elders over 70 years old and disabled tribal members.

A solar light is a simple thing: just a small panel the size of a baking sheet, which mounts onto a roof with a pole. A wire runs from the panel into the house, where up to three rechargeable lights hang from hooks on the ceiling. To turn on the lights, Domingo simply has to touch a button. Now, at night, he can tinker with his jewelry and read his Navajo-language Bible by the light of solar lamps as the wind roars outside and the dust rises in great plumes. "Now when it gets dark, I can do my silversmithing," he says, working on a squash-blossom neck-

lace laid out on a vintage desk one recent afternoon. "Many of our people are in need of electricity or lighting of some kind. This is a good thing that you all have going."

For the complete story, go to: Rotarians bring light to Navajo in checkerboard | Rotary International

Our Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclu-

sive – and we're friendly! Corporate members from the business community are welcome as well. We meet every Tuesday from noon to 1 pm at Smitty's at 362 Lacewood Drive in Clayton Park. Join us for lunch to meet the members and share the camaraderie and networking. For more information contact Roger Chiasson at rogerchiasson305@gmail.com or 782 234 9408.

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



### Foreign Protestants

by Iris V. Shea

The term “foreign Protestants” refers to the 2700 or so Europeans who, soon after the founding of Halifax in 1749, were encouraged by the British to emigrate to Nova Scotia. (It was hoped that the French speaking Lutherans from Montbéliard would intermarry with the Acadians and convert them to Protestantism. That did not happen). Their lands of origin were Palatinate, Württemberg and other German states, Switzerland and Montbéliard. They were recruited by the British agent, John Dick, and arrived in Halifax between 1750 and 1752 aboard the vessels Alderney, Nancy, Ann, Speedwell, Gale, Pearl, Murdoch, Betty, and Sally. The long voyage aboard the crowded ships resulted in illness and death for many. The hardships they endured, after they arrived in Nova Scotia, were severe.

In 1753, Lunenburg became home to most of the foreign Protestants, although a few chose not to remain on their allotted land in Lunenburg and returned to settle in Halifax. For anyone wishing to read more about the families and their ordeal, there is a detailed account in *The Foreign Protestants and the Settlement of Nova Scotia* by Dr. Winthrop P. Bell. The book is available at most libraries.

Some of the early settlers of the communities from Armdale to Pennant were descendants of these foreign Protestants. Names like Boutilier, Brunt, Hosterman, Jollimore, Marriott, Marryatt, and Slaunwhite, most having undergone a spelling change, are traced back to this very courageous and enterprising group of settlers.

The Boutiliers who settled on the western side of the North West Arm in 1830 descend from John Nicholas Boutilier, a French speaking foreign Protestant from Etoiban, Montbéliard. The son of Jean George Boutilier and Sara Grange, he arrived in Halifax as a young man in 1752 aboard the ship Sally, with several other members of the Boutilier family. He settled in Lunenburg where he married Anna Judith Metin. Some of their descendants moved to St. Margaret’s Bay where they were referred to as the “Coulau” or “Coolah” Boutiliers, derived from the name Nicholas, to distinguish them from the descendants of other Boutilier families who settled there.

The Brunts of Harrietsfield and Spryfield are descendants of Johan Jacob Brand and his son, Johan Philip. Johan Jacob Brand and his wife, Anna Sophia Christina Fredericka, (surname unknown) were passengers on the Murdoch when the ship



Skating on Frog Pond, ca. 1914

George Jollimore, Fred Boutilier, Francis (Tiny) Slaunwhite, Eli Slaunwhite and Joe Boutilier

Photograph: Descendants of “foreign Protestants”. Courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society

arrived in Halifax, 25 June 1751. Jacob, aged 25 years, was a cooper from the Palatinate in Germany. They settled in Lunenburg where three children were born. Their son, Johan Philip, the only son to live to adulthood, brought his wife, Salome Clattenburg, and their large family, to Harrietsfield in 1811.

Johannes Hosterman, a foreign Protestant from Ansbach, Germany, arrived in Halifax in 1752 aboard the ship Pearl. He was accompanied by his wife and three children. He died, however, before he could take up residence in Lunenburg. His son, John Hosterman, Jr., moved from Lunenburg to Halifax in about 1770 where he established himself as a brewer and baker. In addition to the grants of land he received in Harrietsfield and on the eastern shore of Long Lake in Spryfield, he purchased one third share of an undivided lot at the head of the North West Arm. In a deed dated 1788, Hosterman’s two partners gave him permission to erect a grist mill on the lower one third of the stream “where formerly stood the chocolate mill.” For over 100 years, the descendants of Johannes Hosterman operated a series of mills and factories on the stream leading from Chocolate Lake to the North West Arm.

The Jollimores descend from Pierre Antoine Jolimois who was born in Chenébie, Montbéliard, the son of Jean Jolimois and Catherine Herité. Pierre married (1) Elizabeth Mignere in Belverne, Montbéliard, 5 March 1737. They had two sons, Pierre and Nicholas, and two daughters,

Marie Elizabeth and Elizabeth, in Belverne, Montbéliard. His two daughters and his first wife died in Montbéliard.

Pierre Jolimois married (2) Elizabeth Perenon, widow of Jean Jacques Fairot, 14 Nov. 1745. Her death record for 29 Feb. 1762 in Belverne at the age of sixty years stated she was the “detaché” wife of Pierre Antoine Jolimois of Belverne. By this time, however, Pierre was living in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia with his third wife and a new family.

In 1752, farmer Pierre Jolimois arrived in Halifax with his two sons, Pierre and Nicholas, aboard the ship Betty. His two sons from his first marriage died in Halifax shortly after their arrival. Pierre married Judith Moser (the widow Jodrie/Joudrey) in 1752 and settled in Lunenburg where three more sons and three daughters were born.

The middle son died before reaching adulthood; the youngest son, George Frederick, settled in River John, Pictou County; the eldest son, baptized Jacques Louis but known as James Lewis, settled at Mill Cove, Lunenburg County where the name is still spelled Jollimore. The Jollimores of Jollimore and Terence Bay descend from John George, one of four sons of James Lewis Jollymore.

Marriotts and Marryatts all descend from Etienne Mariette and Anna Catherine Boutilier. In Aug. 1752, Etienne arrived in Halifax

aboard the vessel Pearl, accompanied by his wife Maria and their three sons, Etienne, Jr., Michael and Daniel. During the first winter in Halifax, Etienne’s family was reduced to one son, Daniel, who died after the move to Lunenburg. On 1 Jan. 1756, Etienne married the widow, Anna Catherine Bezanson, née Boutilier. Of their six children, only three survived to adulthood: Jean Pierre Nicholas (John Peter) who settled in Harrietsfield, James Etienne (James Stevens) whose descendants went to Pennant, and Susanna who married Jacques (James) Boutilier of St. Margaret’s Bay.

The Slaunwhites and Slaunwhites descend from Joseph Schlaagentweit, a farmer from Württemberg, Germany who, in 1752 at the age of 40 years, traveled to Halifax aboard the ship Sally. His second wife, Ursula Magdalene Kellor, and their two young sons, John Jacob and John Frederick, accompanied him. Helena Elizabeth, Joseph’s daughter from his first marriage, was accompanied by her husband, Heinrick Feder. The Faders of Nova Scotia descend from this couple. Joseph and his family settled in Lunenburg where he was allotted land and cattle and purchased several other lots. Two daughters were born in Lunenburg but only one lived to adulthood. Their son, John Jacob, moved to the Head of St. Margaret’s Bay. Slaunwhite descendants settled in Terence Bay and Jollimore.

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by Carol MacDonnell

The members of the Emmanuel Players are excited to return to the stage to entertain family, friends, and the residents of "the Loop" with good fun, great music, and a delicious three course roast beef dinner.

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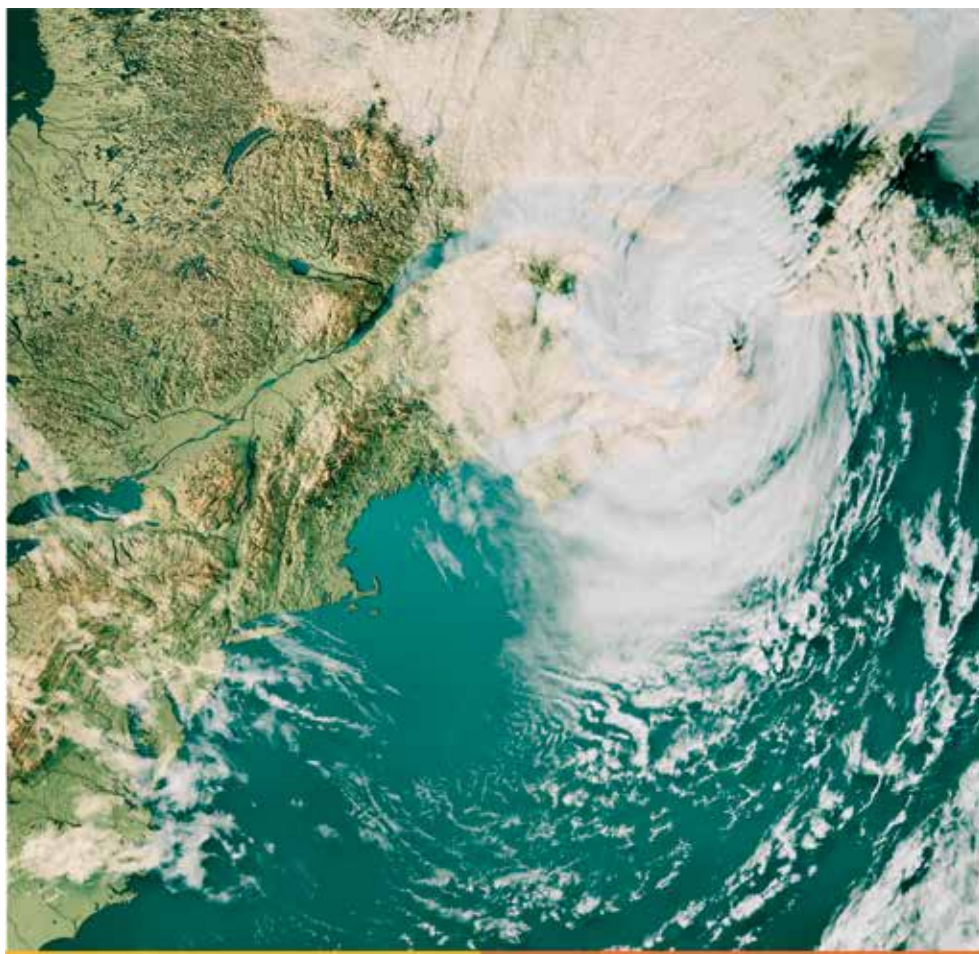
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# Fall is always busy at St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

Some of you are familiar with the community garden at St. Paul's. This is a program of St. Paul's Family Resources Institute, (FRI). Gardeners pay a nominal fee for their garden plot in which they plant both flowers and vegetables as they wish. This well-established garden has gardeners from the greater community, many of whom have been gardening with us for many years, returning annually to the same plot.

However, the season changes and the gardeners are now at the harvest stage. For those who are not gardeners, this may seem to you like the end of the garden season. For gardeners, however, this is the time they start thinking, planning and preparing for the next season. After the harvest, and celebration, they prepare their plots by adding fertilizer to the soil, knowing that they will be in the same plot next year.

The Tuesday Soup's On has started up again. This is another program of the Family Resources Institute. Members of the church and the greater community are invited to lunch every Tuesday at noon, and it is still a free lunch. The name Soup's On implies that guests will be served soup and well they might. However, soup and sandwiches are not always the Tuesday fare, but whatever it will be, it will be tasty. Please feel welcome to join us on Tuesday.

During the spring, summer and fall, the church has made the outdoor tap available to those people in Harrietsfield who do not have access to clean drinking water. When the temperature drops to where the outdoor tap may freeze, the outdoor tap is shut off and folk must get their water during business hours when the church is open. We do ask that you be certain the tap is turned off completely when you leave.

Our Worship Band has started for the season as well. The name implies that you must play an instrument but when I asked a member of the band what instrument they play I was told, "My voice". These are people who just like to get together and do music and all are welcome. This group also, on occasion, provides the music for Sunday worship.

Some of you have been asking when we will hold our next turkey dinner. The date is Saturday, November 18 and it is always sold out. This dinner includes turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dress-



Drone photos of the FRI Gardens of St. Paul's United Church. Taken by Sebastian Schlosser

ing, gravy, as well as homemade dessert. It is a take-out meal and must be ordered in advance by phoning Valerie at 902-423-2441. The cost of the dinner remains at \$15.00.

For a number of years, we have sold Christmas wreaths. These are beautiful 14-inch Balsam fir and come with a bow attached. Personally, I always hang mine with just the bow, but I see some people are

creative and add lovely ornaments to theirs. The cost is \$25.00, the same as last year, and you can order yours by calling 902-456-3568. The wreaths can be picked up at St. Paul's United Church at noon on Sunday November 26.

Our Sunday worship is, as always, at 11:00 am and you are all welcome to join us.

## Sammy says



The Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") is fortunate to have Brandy Reyno stepping up to organize some events to fundraise for our future community centre in Sambro. We are closer to obtaining the land and once that is finalized, we will need a significant amount of money to start building our new facility.

You can tune in to our Facebook page for all the latest events, but for starters there's a Merchandise Bingo with lots of great prizes set for November 4, 2023 starting at 1 pm at the Ketch Harbour Community Hall, 964 Ketch Harbour Road.

Brandy and her team are collecting donations for the bingo such as kitchen towels, bathroom towels, nice soaps, candles, house décor, knick knacks, personal care items, gift sets, Christmas items, toys, small appliances, tools, handcrafted items, or gift cards for a variety of stores, services and local craftspeople.

Monetary donations of any amount are also welcome, as they help to purchase whatever is needed and maximize fundraising efforts.

Brandy is organizing and running this event, but funds raised will come back to SACA and earmarked for our future community centre. She can be reached at [brandy\\_reyno@hotmail.com](mailto:brandy_reyno@hotmail.com) for more information, to help out, or make a donation.

Our SACA team will have a table at the 2023 Annual Christmas Craft Fair at the Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre on Saturday November 25 from 9 am to 1 pm. We'll be selling raffle tickets, baked goods, ornaments and other items and in support of our future community centre and our Sambro Imagination Library, which will provide children from birth to age 5 with a free book each month, at no cost to the children or their families.

As of the publication deadline of this article, we are 59% of the way to our \$5,000 goal. Once that is reached, we'll open up child enrollment in the Sambro Ketch Harbour Elementary School catchment area. For more information, you can follow the Sambro Imagination Library Facebook page, or email [SambroImaginationLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:SambroImaginationLibrary@gmail.com).

We've got some Rafflebox 50/50 draws coming up, and in early December we'll be hosting a family event with Santa. Stay tuned to our socials or check out next month's Chebucto News article for further details about that.

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

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# A walk in the woods can do wonders

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Whether you identify as a hiker or as someone who simply likes a walk in the woods, Hike Nova Scotia's guided hike and walk series has you covered.

"There are all kinds of reasons why people want to get outside and into nature," says Janet Barlow, Hike Nova Scotia Executive Director. "It really doesn't matter why or your ability, all that matters is that you take a moment to really enjoy what autumn has to offer. By simply going for a walk in the woods you can enjoy the physical, mental and social benefits."

Hike NS and 16 host organizations have partnered to offer the Fall Guided Hike & Walk Series from September to November. There are 38 events scheduled province-wide led by local folks and participants qualify to win trail prizes. They are free or low-cost events and some require pre-registration.

The hike series has something for everyone, including easy, moderate or challenging hikes or walks. The full schedule with registration de-

tails and directions is found at [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca). Hikes are listed by date and region and include route lengths and difficulty levels.

Hike NS thanks its local partners on the ground for organizing the events as well as Goose Lane Editions and the NS Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage for their support.

Those who want to improve their outdoor skills or are new to hiking can take part in one of Hike NS's courses or webinars, such as Intro to Hiking. Learn more at [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca).

For more information on these events or Hike Nova Scotia contact: Janet Barlow, Hike Nova Scotia (902) 717-4408 [info@hikenovascotia.ca](mailto:info@hikenovascotia.ca) [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca)

Hike Nova Scotia (Hike NS) encourages and promotes a growing walking and hiking culture throughout the province, striving to be the voice for those who hike, walk and snowshoe as well as those who build and maintain hiking trails.



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# Update from the Premier

by Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia



Premier Tim Houston

Making mental health care universal

All Nova Scotians should be able to access free mental health care – no matter where you live in the province, regardless of your ability to pay out of pocket.

We're pulling every lever to make it happen. We hit the ground running and launched a suite of new services to support mental health.

Services like:  
Single-session counselling through Access Wellness for concerns like anxiety, job loss, grief, relationship issues and substance use.

A new peer support line (1-800-307-1686) where people struggling with mental health and substance use can talk to people who have overcome similar challenges.

Online tools like Tranquility that provide coaching for people with mild to moderate depression and anxiety.

All are available right now. All are absolutely free.

We've opened two Mental Health Acute Day Hospitals, where people can get intensive treatment during the day and still go home to their loved ones at night. And we now have Recovery Support Centres in five communities across the province where Nova Scotians struggling with addictions can get treatment and support.

Recently, we launched two new pilot projects that could be game changers for the future of mental health.

To tackle lengthy waitlists for autism and ADHD assessments, our government is paying private practice psychologists to help. Under the pilot, the Province will pay the specialist for your care – a first in Canada and an important step toward universal mental health care.

Because the government is funding these assessments, there is no cost to families, and no one's spot on the waitlist will change. The only difference is people who need these important assessments will get them faster, so they can get care sooner.

A new mental health clinic also opened at Dalhousie University to provide care for people who have struggled to access mental health care, at no cost. It could be a model for future clinics.

You don't need to wait for a doctor's referral to get mental health and addictions care. You can find services at <https://novascotia.ca/mental-health-and-wellbeing/> or call the mental health and addictions phone line (1-855-922-1122) to speak with a clinician who can connect you with the right care.

Mental health care is healthcare.

It's about getting the right service, from the right provider, at the right time. Available to every Nova Scotian – not just the ones lucky enough to be able to afford it.

We're making progress and we won't stop until this vision is a reality in Nova Scotia.

Tim Houston  
Premier of Nova Scotia

# The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

As of this writing, it is a few days before Hurricane Lee makes landfall in Nova Scotia.

I hope and pray that we are all ready for Lee and have the items needed in case the power goes out. The problem is those items cost money! Many Nova Scotians live paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford more expenses. So, while some can afford the extra propane, flashlights, and canned goods, a lot can't, and that is not right.

The Houston government just announced a \$116 million surplus when healthcare is getting worse by the month, housing is in crisis, there have been provincial ZERO investments, and we are in a cost-of-living crisis. This is an insult to all of us. This surplus is mainly due to inflation. The Houston Government makes more money from taxes as costs increase on goods and services.

It is your money.

It is time for a provincial government and our leaders to step up and stop using all of us as a bank. Nova Scotians have limited resources for governments to buy hotels (which Houston paid over market value for) and several brand-new trucks for politicians to drive around. That \$116 Million could have been used for a once-in-a-generation affordable housing investment; it could have been used for tax relief; it could have been used for healthcare.

People need a break, lower taxes, better healthcare, and housing relief. We need vision, and we need a people-first approach to government. Instead, we have a political party-first process, and people suffer.

142,457 Nova Scotians now need a Family Doctor; try telling me a \$116 million investment could not have helped them.

Stay safe, take care of each other and thank you for your support.

# The J.L. Ilesley Indigenous Program



by Gibson Deveau

The J.L. Ilesley High School Indigenous Program is off to a booming start with the 2023/2024 school year. Recently we had our first monthly Potluck of the year, which is meant to bring all students within the program

together to socialize with each other. September 29th Orange Shirt Day happened in recognition of the children who were forced to attend residential schools. We used the day to honour those who survived and remember those who didn't. The program has several events planned for October. These events include Truth and Reconciliation Day on October 3rd, which will see educational programming for the entire school. Further on October 3rd, we will be celebrating Treaty Day with educational programming as well as a Treaty Contest for classes to participate in for prizes. On October 18th, Indigenous students will be seen at the Dalhousie Mawio'mi, which is an out of school field trip for the program to participate in cultural activities such as singing, drumming, dancing, food, and to connect with our Indigenous community. October overall is Mi'kmaq History Month. Our J.L. Indigenous Program has activities planned throughout the whole month for the entire school, as well as special events for our indigenous students.

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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](mailto:chebuctoeditor@gmail.com). Check our Facebook page for updates & late arrivals

## COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

### 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 am and 10 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.
- Sunday Evening Bingo, starting October 1st. 6:30pm start. First Sunday of every month
- Saturday, October 7th – Money Darts-noon start. \$10 entry – blind draw doubles
- Tuesday, October 10th General meeting 7pm
- Every Wednesday: 45s card game from 1pm to 3:30pm Adm \$5 + \$1. For jackpot
- Thursday, October 26th – cribbage – 7pm. Entry \$7. Bring a partner.
- Saturday, October 28th – Jamboree with Joe MacKinnon. Start time is 2pm
- Saturday, October 28th – Halloween

Party from 9pm to 1am

- Kitchen Open every Friday - 5 - 6:30 pm. For more information about legion events, please contact the legion at (902) 477-0467.

### Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Parent Tot Group is returning every Tuesday morning in October. see our FB page for upcoming details.
- Our Preteen Halloween Dance (grades 3-5 only) will be held Thursday October 19th, 2023 6:30pm-8pm. \$5 at the door. \$1 Canteen items. A parent must sign children in.
- Our Annual Christmas Craft Fair will be held Saturday November 25th, 2023 from 9am-1pm. \$3 at the door. 50/50 tickets and canteen.

Tables are \$40 to rent...please contact Natasha at (902-293-7427)

Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our FB page (902) 446-4847 email [hwcc@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca) [www.citychurchhalifax.ca](http://www.citychurchhalifax.ca)
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

### Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd) events: [emmanuelanglican-church.net](http://emmanuelanglican-church.net), 902-477-1783.

- Prayer Group: Meets the 2nd and 4th

Thursday of each month for an hour of prayer for each other, the world and the church. All welcome.

- Dinner Theatre: The Rockingstone: October 20, 21, 27, 28. See the article in this month's paper for more information.
- Messy Church: November 4, 4:00-6:00pm. A time of informal worship, social time, crafts and dinner, particularly for children and their significant adults. All are welcome. Please RSVP to the church

### 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](mailto: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)

- SWORDFISH SUPPER Dine In or Take-out. Includes Roll and Dessert. Saturday October 14th 4:00-6:00 PM. Cost \$20.00 (Cash Only)

### Improve your reading, writing and math skills,

work toward the GED in person or from home. The Halifax Community Learning Network is here to help! We offer free adult learning programs in several locations. COVID protocols are in place for your safety. Call 902-422-7648 for more

information. Let's get learning together!

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

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](mailto:shay@ns.sympatico.ca) or check out the TOPS org website at [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org)

### TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

Tuesdays from 6 to 7pm at the Golden Age Centre, 212 Herring Cove Rd. Call for information: Colleen 902-868-2214 or Bev 902-477-4335 or check us out on the web at [www.tops.org](http://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](mailto:urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com)

The Urban Farm is also looking for an individual with a passion for both The Farm and writing to help us continue to keep the general public updated on events happening at the farm.

## Religious Services Directory for October

Send your submissions to [chebuctoeditor@gmail.com](mailto:chebuctoeditor@gmail.com) for November's issue by October 20.

### 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](http://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. This is livestreamed on our Facebook page and website. Followed by coffee hour

Messy Church: November 4, 4:00-6:00pm: A time of informal worship, social time, crafts and dinner, particularly for children and their significant adults. All are welcome. Please RSVP to the church.

Special services in October:

Sunday, October 1: Season of Creation

Sunday, October 8: Thanksgiving

Sunday, October 15, 7:00pm: Taizé service. A quiet, meditative candlelight service with chanting

Sunday, October 29: All Saints Day, Altar of Roses

Emmanuel Church is an affirming church. Everyone is welcome to our services. Masking is optional but if you are sick, please join us online.

### 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](http://www.sambrojollimorepc.com) and our email address is [office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com](mailto: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. You are invited to join us weekly for a time of fellowship, contemporary worship and Bible based teaching for today's world on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Visit us at <http://opendoorhalifax.ca> for more information.

### Wayfarers' Church (328 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Worship 10:30am  
website: [wayfarerschurch.ca](http://wayfarerschurch.ca)  
email: [friends@wayfarerschurch.ca](mailto:friends@wayfarerschurch.ca)

# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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## James Alan Duff

It is with great sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of James Alan Duff of Williamswood on September 7th, 2023 at the Halifax infirmary. Born June 18th, 1943 in Halifax, he was the son of the late Allan and Doris (Nagle) Duff.

Jimmy was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed tying flies and using them to catch trophy size fish. He loved his camp in South Merland and enjoyed many hunting trips both in Merland and in many other areas across Nova Scotia. Besides his time outdoors Jimmy cherished hosting family gatherings especially the annual boxing day visit. Although, he was faced with many health issues in the past several years he continued to accept and live his life to the fullest.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years Sharon (Kearns) Duff; children, Tracy (Tom Nicholson) Sackville and Jamie (Jennifer Benoit) Afton; three grandchildren, Shara Duff, AJ Duff and Robin Nicholson; three sisters, Vilena (Ed Walker, Orangeville Ontario; Janet (Chuck) Rafuse, Porters Lake and

Debbie (Clyde) Billard Spryfield.

Jimmy was predeceased both his parents, Doris and Allan; sister, Linda.

## Elizabeth Laura "Betty" (Perry) Murphy

Halifax. With great sadness the family of Laura "Betty" Murphy (nee Perry) announce her passing at the age of 81 after a brief illness on Saturday, September 2nd, 2023, at the QEII Hospital. Betty was the daughter of the late Herbert & Loretta Perry, born in Halifax where she grew up and met her husband Thomas "Tom" Murphy, they were married for 63 years and welcomed two daughters, Darlene & Wanda (Shawn) Burke. They were blessed with four grandchildren (Loretta, Wanda, Liam & Kaitlyn), six great-grandchildren (Jaxson, Ben, Logan, Addison & Summer) and survived by siblings Bertha Lawrence and Victor Perry.

Betty worked over the years at the Coomb's Restaurant, The Met, Sears, and Tim Hortons where the customers would bring her pins from their travels, which she would proudly display on her hat.

Once the grandchildren arrived, she stayed home to take care of them.

She also enjoyed playing Bingo and was often heard yelling Bingo at the Spryfield Legion or at home playing TV Bingo. Another one of her pastimes was knitting blankets and dish cloths for special occasions or volunteering at CNIB/CCB Club.

Betty was predeceased by her loving husband Tom, her parents Herbert & Loretta, siblings Art, Muriel, Irene, and great-granddaughter Karalynn.

The family would like to thank all the Nurses & Doctors at the Palliative Care Unit at the QEII Health Sciences Centre for taking care of our mom.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made in memory to Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

**Irene Geneva (Hamm) Schnare** of Sambro, sadly passed away on August 29, 2023.

My mom, age 96, passed away peacefully after a short stay at Northwood. She was born on February 19, 1927 in Sambro where she grew up and lived all her life.

Irene was a loyal member of St. James United Church where she was involved in the choir, the UCW and she also taught Sunday School for many years. She also worked

at the R.N.S.Y.S. in Purcells Cove for fourteen years, but foremost she was a homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother.

Irene was predeceased by her parents, George and Olive Hamm; siblings, Clyda (Phil) Marryatt, Jessie (Art) Miller, Russell (Mamie) Hamm, Eddie (Robie) Brunt, Isabel (Stan) Brunt, Lionel (Louise) Hamm, Josie (Reg) Green, and Dermie (Doris) Hamm.

She enjoyed the Saturday night card games and Sunday afternoon drives and picnics with her family.

Irene will be missed by her husband, Royce of seventy-two years; daughter, June (Alan) Dempsey and her only grandson, Jeremy.

The family would like to thank the staff "7th Floor" and the other members of the Northwood Campus for all their help.

## Getting ready for the Poppy Campaign

The Earl Francis Spryfield Legion, Branch 152, is now preparing for its busiest time of the year – the Annual Poppy Campaign.

The 2023 campaign will run from Friday, October 27th until Friday, November 10th. Plans are underway to have the poppies distributed at three area businesses and to have poppy trays placed in other venues throughout the Spryfield Loop.

Once again, Branch 152 is hoping that residents and businesses will continue to support the Poppy Campaign as they have done in previous years. Anyone who is able to make a donation is asked to put the donation in the Poppy tray and take a poppy. The general public is encouraged to wear their poppies with pride to honour our veterans.

As always, the legion counts on its members, as well as other community volunteers, to put their names forward to provide assistance to this very im-

portant legion activity. The campaign generates funds which enable the legion to provide help and support to area veterans and their families.

There is a Sign-up sheet available at the legion for volunteers to put forth their names. Volunteers can also contact the legion at (902) 477-0467.

Wreaths and pins will also be available for purchase during Legion business hours. Details with regard to Remembrance Day activities are being worked on and final plans will be made available on the Legion Sign, the Legion Facebook page and in the November edition of the Chebucto News.



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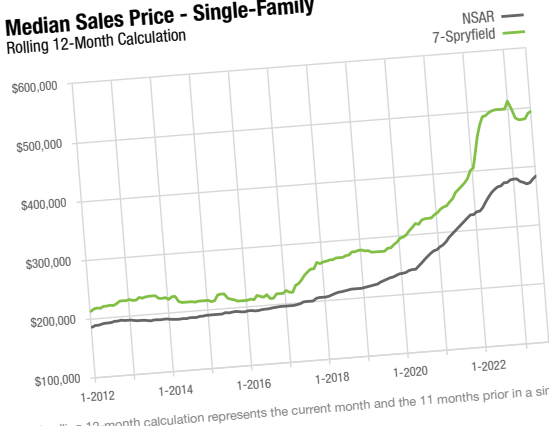
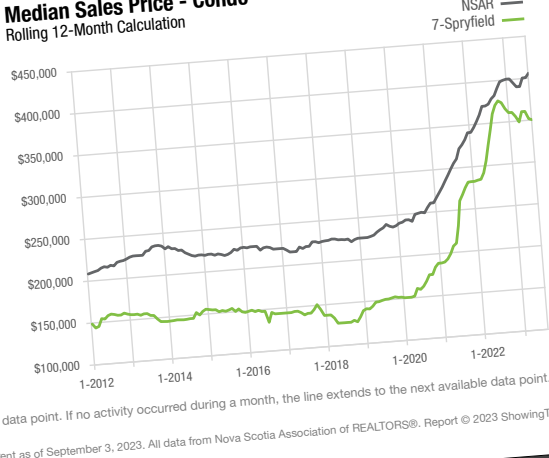


Single Family	August			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	% Change	Thru 8-2022	Thru 8-2023	% Change
<b>Key Metrics</b>						
New Listings	12	18	+ 50.0%	184	119	- 35.3%
Pending Sales	14	15	+ 7.1%	140	98	- 30.0%
Closed Sales	12	15	+ 25.0%	139	94	- 32.4%
Days on Market Until Sale	24	10	- 58.3%	10	17	+ 70.0%
Median Sales Price*	\$441,850	\$470,000	+ 6.4%	\$530,000	\$514,950	- 2.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$442,717	\$482,378	+ 9.0%	\$539,540	\$510,769	- 5.3%
Percent of List Price Received*	101.8%	106.8%	+ 4.9%	115.3%	103.7%	- 10.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	17	17	0.0%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	0.9	1.4	+ 55.6%	—	—	—

Condo	August			Year to Date		
	2022	2023	% Change	Thru 8-2022	Thru 8-2023	% Change
<b>Key Metrics</b>						
New Listings	3	1	- 66.7%	19	14	- 26.3%
Pending Sales	2	0	- 100.0%	15	12	- 20.0%
Closed Sales	1	0	- 100.0%	14	12	- 14.3%
Days on Market Until Sale	5	—	—	6	8	+ 33.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$430,000	—	—	\$365,000	\$344,000	- 5.8%
Average Sales Price*	\$430,000	—	—	\$359,474	\$337,425	- 6.1%
Percent of List Price Received*	116.5%	—	—	133.7%	103.0%	- 23.0%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	3	2	- 33.3%	—	—	—
Months Supply of Inventory	1.2	1.0	- 16.7%	—	—	—

\* Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

The August Market Update from the NS Association of Realtors show that Spryfield single family home prices increased an average of 2.8% over the past year. Average time in the market is just 17 days and while the prices have come down slightly compared to August of last year, they are still averaging over asking. Spryfield prices are still stronger than the overall NSRA report.

There is still little condo activity on Spryfield.

The market has shown a slight downward trend and if you are ready to sell, this is a good time to list your property.

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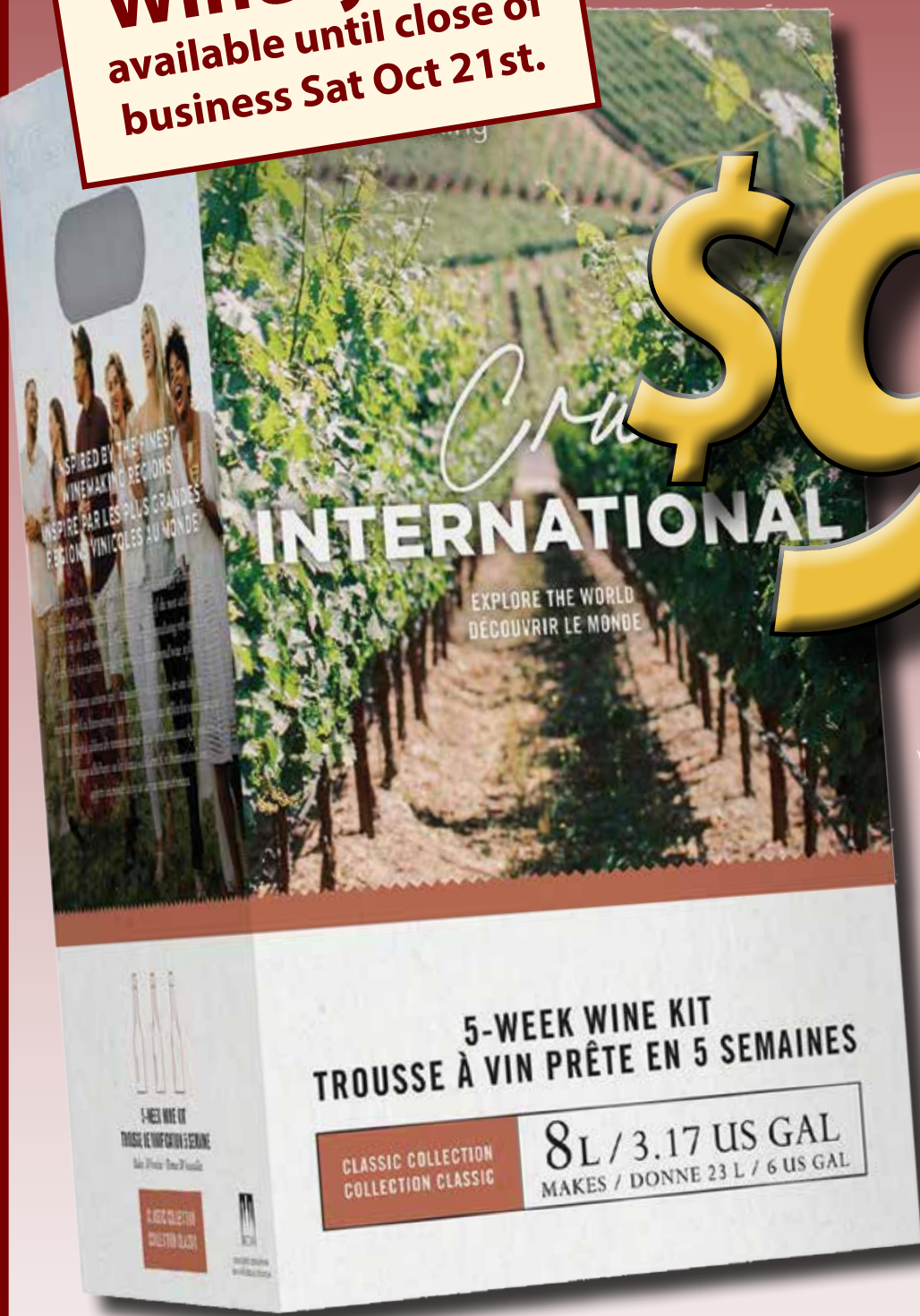
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