



Armdale • Bald Rock • Ferguson's Cove • Harrietsfield • Herring Cove • Jollimore • Ketch Harbour • The Pennants • Purcell's Cove • Portuguese Cove • Sambro • Spryfield • Williamswood

Working For You In Your Community









Clyde A. Paul & Associates Inc.

Preferred Practice Areas:

Real Estate • Family Law Wills & Estates • Criminal Law Business Law

902-477-2518 info@clydepaul.ca

Save Williams Lake! Dam good news!



Williams Lake dam - looks like a dam but doesn't act like a dam. October 2021 Photo: Cathy Vaughan

by Cathy Vaughan

Minister Kim Masland of Nova Scotia Department of Public Works announced that Build Nova Scotia will construct a new dam on Williams Lake and save this popular, wellloved, HRM lake.

"The community voiced its concerns about the aging Williams Lake dam, and we have listened. This is an investment in HRM and the safety of the community, and the health of the environment that will be a benefit now

and for generations to come," said Kim Masland, Minister of Public Works and Minister responsible for Build Nova Scotia at Williams Lake dam.

Minister Masland announced the good news to an enthusiastic crowd in the Shaw Wilderness Park, on 21 October. The old dam looks like a dam but doesn't act like a dam. A modern. fully functioning dam will hold Williams Lake waters to safe recreational and environmentally healthy levels. This is dam good news!

"Build Nova Scotia is pleased to deliver on this important project for HRM and the Williams Lake community. We are committed to building a dam that meets the needs of today and safeguards the future by managing the water effectively and protecting the surrounding ecosystem," said David Benoit, President, and CEO of Build Nova Scotia.

"Let the Williams Lake dam build begin!" said Margo Kerr of the Williams Lake Dam Association (WLDA), a Facebook site concerned with saving Williams Lake. Ms. Kerr said "Thanks to Minister Brendan Maguire for recognizing and promoting the benefits of replacing this dam for the community and the many ecosystems that Williams Lake supports. Also, thanks to Cathy Vaughan and Murray Coolican of Williams Lake Conservation Company for their years of dedication, contribution, and wisdom."

Williams Lake Conservation Company (WLCC) is a volunteer environmental and conservation group established in 1968. The group took on the role of caretakers and stewards of Williams Lake and its watershed to repair the 200-year-old mud and rock, earth-berm dam with bags of quick-set cement. Their next repair was in 1974 when they paid for the addition of more stabilizing boulders and gabion rock-filled baskets to support the sides and back of the structure.

WLCC also took on the role of monitoring and recording the quality of the lake waters for about 45 years and collected extensive data on lake levels for the past 23 years – valuable statistics and measurements needed for a competent new dam today.

In the early 2000s WLCC approached the local community and lake-side residents to fund an engineering study to assess the structural integrity of the failing dam and to find solutions to repair the leaky dam. These useful documents were recently reviewed by provincial government and used in the scope and design of this new dam - to control Williams Lake water levels, act like a proper dam and save Williams Lake.

WLCC's president, Murray Coolican said, "This announcement is the result of years of advocacy work by WLCC, and more recently with the

(See Dam good news! on page 2)

Jason Bright

(902) 880.4622









Page 2 November 2024 • Chebucto News

Dam good news!

(continued from page 1)

Williams Lake Dam Association, Minster Brendan Maguire, other political representatives, and the HRM community who love this lake. We thank you all! We also appreciate Minister Masland's efforts to make this decision and to the staff of Build Nova Scotia for their work to carefully plan the project. Once the dam is complete HRM has agreed to take on ownership of this community asset. Thanks go to the countless supporters of Williams Lake across HRM and beyond. We are celebrating!"

Williams Lake is not just a pretty lake! This popular urban lake is an all-season, multipurpose recreation centre, busy environmental science lab and a bustling wildlife community.

Williams Lake is a natural recreational centre! No memberships needed. No reservations for trails, picnic areas or fishing spots. The province stocks the lake with trout for sport fishing. City Recreation lifeguards supervise and offer swimming lessons at the public beach on Cunard Pond on the lake. HRM just supersized the Shaw Wilderness Park with an additional 46 hectares of forest on the undeveloped shoreline of Williams Lake. This all-season park gives you rugged backcountry hiking trails, bird watching, swimming, paddling, and skating. Through the four community entrances to Williams Lake, you have access to your favourite outdoor activities all year.

Williams Lake acts like a complex biology science lab too! It is an efficient multitasker which contributes



(L to R) David Benoit, Kathleen Hall, Councillor Patty Cuttell, Minister Brendan Maguire, Margo Kerr, Minister Kim Masland, Councillor Shawn Cleary, Johnathan Veale. Photo: Michael Herrick

to Earth's complex water cycle while storing storm water and preventing flooding to neighbourhoods. The lake's waters act in tandem with its watershed to redirect and slow wildfires, while absorbing and storing carbon, as well as balancing temperatures from urban heat centres. For the rest of the day, Williams Lake works on regulating temperatures of its surrounding watershed by warming the air during the day and releasing it at night creating cooler breezes that can moderate local weather. Williams Lake continuously percolates and bubbles with a diversity of microscopic organisms 24/7! These are all important natural services which contribute to a healthier Earth in the face of human-caused climate change.

Williams Lake is a bustling wildlife "hood" for animals of all shapes, sizes and eating habits. Loads of four-legged critters inhabit the many wildlife corridors that criss-cross the huge watershed on this lake. Its waters are a well-used migration landing zone and a busy nesting site for many flocks of amazing birds. Small aquatic animals like frogs, turtles, snails, and insects use plants on the lake shore for protection for safe breeding areas. We just saved their hood.

Jillian Ramsay, a Green Cities Officer with the Ecology Action Centre says "As HRM continues to develop, protecting our urban wilderness is crucial. Community driven organizations like the Williams Lake Conservation Company and the Williams Lake Dam Association play vital roles in protecting this area. In addition to the numerous environmental benefits

(See Dam on page 3)

Chabacto News

Publisher: Dan Doherty, 902-478-4023

Editor: Tangelene Ramsay, chebuctoeditor@gmail.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 20141 Halifax N.S. B3P 1L1

Circulation:

14,000 copies Agent: Canada Post Printer: Advocate Printing

Delivered free-of-charge to households in; Armdale, Bald Rock, Ferguson's Cove, Harrietsfield, Herring Cove, Jollimore, Ketch Harbour, The Pennants, Purcell's Cove, Portuguese Cove, Sambro, Spryfield, Williamswood

Letters to the Editor / Editorial Inquiries:

Letters should not exceed 200 words and must include the writer's full name and telephone number. Letters are subject to editing and are printed at the discretion of the publisher.

Email to: "The Editor"

chebuctoeditor@gmail.com

Advertising Inquiries:

Dan Doherty 902-478-4023 dandoherty12@gmail.com

Design and Layout:

Sharon Ward Graphic Design Phone: 782-414-7351 wards@eastlink.ca

Notice: The publisher and the production service assume no responsibility for the contents of any advertisement or editorial materials. Any warranties or representations made by any printed material contained herein are those of the advertisers or writers and not those of the publisher or the production service. The publisher reserves the right to refuse, edit or cancel any advertising or editorial submission at any time and for any reason. Materials can be reprinted only with the expressed permission of the publisher.

© 2024 The Chebucto News, Spryfield, Nova Scotia





NOTICE: Chebucto News

Copies are now available at
Beaver Enviro Depot, Bowlarama,
Yumz Convenience, Now We're
Convenient, Pavia, Steve
Murphy's Esso, Mishoo's Variety
and Harrietsfield Irving
while supplies last.



We specialize in:
Small Business and Non Profit Bookkeeping
Personal Taxes • Corporate Taxes
Year End Financial Statements

Angela Pellerine, CPA CMA30 Alabaster Way • Halifax • 902-499-8076

info@additup.ca • www.additup.ca



MacLeod's Auto Service

Computer Diagnostics, Brakes, Welding, MVI, Exhaust, Undercoating & Tires. Servicing all Makes and Models.

> Monday to Friday 8 am - 6 pm 44 Herring Cove Rd. 902-477-4682 / 902-431-2886

Religious Services for November

Send your submissions to chebuctoeditor@gmail.com for December's issue by November 15.

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) Sunday Family service: 10:30am

Nursery and Children's ministry: 10:30am

Wednesday night prayer: 7-8pm

Hill Chapel (91 Thornhill Dr)
Formerly Spryfield Christian Community
Church

Church services Sunday 11-12 am

Oromo Gospel Church

Sunday worship service: 3 pm and Tuesday prayer: 10 am.

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322

Herring Cove Rd. emmanuelanglicanchurch.net, 902-477-1783. Sunday Worship:

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

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

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)

11am on Sunday mornings.

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

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4pm Sunday: 8am & 9am

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays: 7pm; Wednesdays: 9am; Thursdays: 7pm; Fridays: 9am (followed by 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration); 1st Saturdays: 9am

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 for today's world at Open Door Community Church, 11 Aldergrove Drive, 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 email: friends@wayfarerschurch.ca

Searching for Truth Church

(2 Auburn Ave)

Church for everyday people. Fridays at 7pm Apologetics Club. First Saturday of the month from 6 to 8pm. At 114 Bromley Road. Please join us for a delicious meal followed by a discussion. This is an outreach of Living Hope Community Church. For more information call Maggie at 418-264-7292

Christ Embassy Halifax

(16 Sussex St.)

Sunday Service – 9:30 AM Online Services on Zoom: Sundays – 8:00 – 9:00 AM Wednesdays – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Dam

(continued from page 2) of maintaining a healthy watershed, Williams Lake provides recreational opportunities and promotes mental and physical well-being, easily accessible to the urban core. By educating ourselves about the overall importance of lakes and watersheds, we can help preserve these ecosystems for future generations."

Emilia Trussell, 7, and her brother Lucas, 10, were all shouts and yelps when they learned that the lake will be saved by a new dam. Emilia cheered for her friends that she sees in the lake, especially the otters, snapping turtles and catfish. Lucas just wants to swim. A new dam will fix all that!

Legion continues its community support

Charlie Martin, President of the Earl Francis Spryfield Legion, is pleased to announce that the branch is continuing to move forward with its plans to increase its assistance to the Spryfield community.

The recent installation of a Generac generator and the legion's designation as a Comfort Centre will provide an avenue for area residents to make use of the legion during power outages wherein assistance may be needed for warmth, hot beverages, snacks, etc.

In addition, the legion will continue to assist schools in the area. It has already played a pivotal role in raising funds to supply the JL Boys football team with helmets to help ensure onfield safety for the players.

Continuing on the school front, the legion is initiating a cereal drive during the months of November and December. The hope is to collect as many boxes of cereal as possible to donate to area schools' Breakfast Programs. As an incentive, donors will have their names entered in a draw for prizes to be awarded during a special Christmas supper to be held at the legion at 7 Sussex St. at 6:00 pm on Saturday, Dec. 21.

President Martin, on behalf of the legion executive and members, extends thanks to all for their assistance with this worthwhile endeavor.



Receive up to \$1,500 in rebates on a complete Ultimate Comfort System.*



58 Portovista Dr., Portuguese Cove, NS B3V 1P4

902-868-1324

mannmechanical.ca

Rebate requires purchase of qualifying items between September 16, 2024 and December 6, 2024 from a participating Lennox dealer. Contact your local participating Lennox* dealer for promotion details. Qualifying items must be installed by December 13, 2024. This offer applies to residential installations only. Rebate claims must be submitted (with proof of purchase) to www.lennoxconsumerrebates.com no later than December 27, 2024 11:59:59 p.m. ET. Rebate is paid in the form of a Lennox Visa* Prepaid Card anywhere Visa* orange of the prepaid Card anywhere Visa* orange or local funds are not insured by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC). Visit Deposit Insurance

November 2024 • Chebucto News Page 4



DISCOVERING OUR PAST



Melville Cove was a busy community during wartime

by Iris Shea British ownership of the land in and around Melville Cove delayed the development of that community until after 1900. The British Admiralty acquired the land in 1804 and sold Melville Island and its prison buildings to the British Army in 1856. The British Army, in turn, sold Melville Island to the Canadian government in 1905-1906. The remaining land was given the name "Melville Park" by its new owner Charles Longley, a Halifax shipbroker, after he purchased it from the British Admiralty in 1907 for "863 Pounds Sterling". Included in the purchase were Deadman's Island, Melville Cove and Cowie Hill.

Longley subdivided the land into 79 lots and began selling them in 1909 to residents of Halifax who built summer cottages. He built his own two storey house and developed an Amusement Park on Deadman's Island. The Amusement Park and the sale of lots were not great money-makers for Longley. His finances began to deteriorate in the 1920s when his schooner "Admiral Beatty", carrying smuggled liquor into Shelburne, was apprehended and confiscated by Customs.

The Canadian Army, since 1905, owned and operated the newer stone prison on Melville Island as detention barracks for Canadian soldiers who broke the law. In 1914 a group of German prisoners occupied the old wooden barracks after being taken from various ships on "the high seas" by neutral patrol ships. Many of these prisoners had been German reservists and were returning home to fight for their country when war broke out in Europe. Sergeant Major William R. Cox, a British Army veteran, was Chief Warder in charge of the staff of the detention barracks on Melville Island from 1906 to 1924. Senior Sergeant Frederick Coppell who had served in the British Army and transferred to the Royal Canadian Regiment was Assistant Warder on Melville Island from 1913 to 1925.

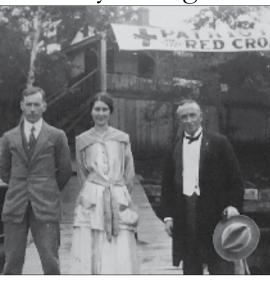
Cathy Vaughan shared this World War I story about her grandmother. "Ethel Westerman Woods was trained as a nurse by the Canadian Red Cross during WWI. Besides medical assistance to soldiers recovering in hospitals in Halifax, she organized "Patriotic Teas" at her home on the North West Arm next to Dead Man's Island at the end of Pine Haven Road. With the help of the ladies of Melville Cove, the popular summertime fundraising event was held in her garden. Tasty sandwiches



(no crusts!) and sugary squares made and served by the Melville Cove ladies with tea in a proper china cup. When city folks spotted the huge Red Cross Banner on her home announcing the "Patriotic Teas" they would paddle across the Arm for a reprieve from the stresses of war and to support the women's fundraising efforts for the Canadian Red Cross."

When World War II broke out in 1939 Melville Island played a major role. All prisoners and their guards were transferred to McNab's Island, allowing the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps to take over the buildings on Melville Island. Men of the Ordnance Corps were stationed on Melville Island but boarded with Sonny (Aylmer) Burton and family in Melville Cove or with families on Braeburn Road.

The residents of Melville Cove heard rumours that live ammunition was being stored on the island but that information was not confirmed until the war was over. From 1943 to 1945, Joan (Howitt) MacDonnell was a civilian clerk/secretary to the officers of the Ordnance Corps who had taken over Melville Island in 1939. The old officers' residence (now Armdale Yacht Club) was used for offices. The prison buildings were no longer used to house prisoners but to store ammunition. While working on Melville Island, Joan was responsible for keeping track of the ammunition stored on the island and distributed to the Coastal Batteries. Brass casings from shells were collected and stored in the gymnasium and eventually sent to a plant in New Brunswick or Montreal to be melted down for further use. One Christmas day, soldiers drank a little too much liquor and took a couple of bombs out on the ice of the Northwest Arm and set them off, creating



Left: Ethel Westerman Woods - Canadian Red Cross nurse at her home on North West Arm

Above: Guests at the Patriotic Teas at Ethel Westerman Woods home on the North West

Photos courtesy Cathy Vaughan, WWI, Pine Haven Road overlooking Deadman's Island

quite a stir with their superior officers and with local residents.

Melville Cove residents recalled seeing a machine gun emplacement near Melville Island and heavily armed guards stationed around the perimeter of the island on the day World War II ended. The Ordnance Corps feared rioters who had stormed the streets of Halifax that day might attempt to get to Melville Island where "live" ammunition was stored. Members of the community of Melville Cove were happy to have

the Armdale Yacht Club take over the buildings for use as a clubhouse and storage facilities in 1947.

Several local men from Melville Cove were quick to sign up for service when war was declared in 1939. Among them was David Romans who, in the summer of 1941, at the age of 21 years became the first Nova Scotian in the war to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross. Romans was a navigator and

bomb aimer who had 15 escapes in encounters with the Germans. On 8 September 1941 his plane was shot down off the coast of Norway and all on board were killed. Flying Officer David Romans and his crew were buried in Norway, in the Bygland churchyard. Romans Avenue in Halifax bears his name.

In 2017 the Mainland South Heritage Society began a project to honour local men, veterans who died while serving their country in World War I and World War II. Since 2017, colourful banners, 24 in number, were installed annually on utility poles along the Herring Cove Road in Spryfield for the month of November. In 2024 another 10 veterans were added to the original list. The society hopes to be able to install all 34 banners during the first two weeks of November 2024.



50/50 Online Fundraiser supporting Long Lake **Quarterly Draw** www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/llppa



♥ Spryfield Mall 16 Dentith Rd, Halifax **♀** 19 Alma Crescent, Halifax



Mann Mechanical Heat Pump and Ventilation Experts

58 Portovista Drive, Portuguese Cove, NS B3V 1P4

902-868-1324

mannmechanical.ca

MURPHY'S AUTO SERVICES





225 Ketch Harbour Road - 902-477-4160

Complete Collision & Mechanical Shop Services MVI • Computer Diagnostics • Brakes • AC Services Steering & Suspension • Undercoating • Tires • Furnace Oil



Computer Diagnostics, Brakes, Welding, MVI, Exhaust, Undercoating & Tires. Servicing all Makes and Models.

Monday to Friday 8 am - 6 pm 44 Herring Cove Rd. 902-477-4682 / 902-431-2886

To advertise in Chebucto News, call Dan: 902-478-4023

Building community through volunteer-run theatre

Theatre Arts Guild (TAG) has been an integral part of the greater Halifax community for almost a century – and its charm and success are built on the dedication of local volunteers. This November, TAG is welcoming you to be a part of its thriving team, offering opportunities to get involved in all aspects of theatre production.

After the successful run of the play Great Kettle For the People, the TAG team is now preparing a production of The Little Mermaid, a family-friendly Christmas show filled with singing, dancing and fun.

Longtime TAG member Cheryl Theriault reflects on her 26 years with the guild: "Initially, I auditioned for a role (and got it!), when acting was my primary interest. But over the years, I've become involved in many other ways ... producing, writing and directing, set design and dressing, props and now as Front of House Director."

What makes TAG so special? With nearly 100 years of history, the guild has served as a constant source of entertainment, social connection and creativity. TAG's Pond Playhouse, nestled on Parkhill Road in Jollimore, has become a community hub, hosting events like the Annual Jollimore Day. "We also now have a tiny library outside the theatre," Cheryl says. "And, with funds received through a grant application by one of our longtime members, we have outside seating.



L to R Jillian Wrightson as "Bea, Chana Tikvah as "Frankie" and Cathy Cameron as "Faye"

You will often see locals relaxing while their kids chalk the parking lot or practise their bike riding skills."

The heart of TAG's success lies in its volunteers, who keep the theatre alive and thriving. "TAG can only survive through the work and enthusiastic dedication of our generous volunteers. Nobody gets paid a dime," Cheryl says. "All profits from ticket sales, bar profits and fund-raising go directly to the upkeep of the theatre and the cost of productions. Without our volunteers, the theatre would not exist."

TAG offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, from the dedicated Wednesday Crew, who take on tasks

like replacing lightbulbs and painting sets, to those working front of house or behind the scenes. Cheryl says all ages are welcome and everyone's contributions are vital.

So, what can volunteers expect in return? Aside from gaining new skills, TAG offers a strong sense of community and friendship. "Deep friendships have been made and maintained for years," Cheryl says. "And new folks are always welcomed in with a hot drink and a chair (and a hammer or a brush ... or a vacuum)." Many volunteers find that TAG becomes a second home, where lasting bonds are formed.

"We're always looking for new



Michele Moore as "Giselda the Traveller"

volunteers. You do not have to be an actor or a writer or a director. If you are curious and love to learn, to try new things, we're here to welcome you and to guide and mentor you."

Get involved

For more information on TAG volunteer opportunities, visit https://tagtheatre.com/volunteer.html

This article is part of a series from the Spryfield Community Association showcasing volunteer opportunities in our community. Email us with suggestions at spryfieldcommunityassoication@gmail.com or get in touch on Facebook and Instagram @sprycommunity



Page 6 November 2024 • Chebucto News

Soup's On is back at St. Paul's United Church

by Carolyn Mont

In the spring, our minister, Max Martin, held a Sunday service in the community garden at St. Paul's United Church. This was just as the garden plots were being planted. On Sunday, October 20, a warm, sunny morning, we returned to the garden as many of those plots had been harvested. Most of the gardeners plant both flowers and vegetables and the flowers are still beautiful. Because we border Long Lake Provincial Park, the backdrop to our church service was not just the beautiful garden but also the fall colours of the trees in the park. Our talented organist, Skippy Mardon, brought her accordion to the garden and was accompanied by a rooster from the neighbouring farm. It was delightful.

I am happy to announce that Soup's On has returned to St. Paul's after a long waiting period. This, a program of our Family Resources Institute (FRI), is a free lunch and social time offered in our hall every Tuesday at noon. During the summer, when a day camp is held in that space, Soup's On is suspended. However, since our kitchen has suffered water damage, Soup's On did not return until Tuesday, October 22. The kitchen is still nonoperational but the FRI board and the volunteers decided that they could manage for a few weeks offering barbecue or cold plates or sandwiches. Please feel free to join us, knowing that whatever is offered it will be very good.

Continuing with FRI, they are currently taking registration for Christmas support. If you are interested in looking



Sunday service in the garden



Gardeners sharing at St. Paul's. From left to right: Dave Maskell, Diane Burns, Lynn Caldwell

for help from the Food Bank, please call 902-477-5090. Leave a message with your contact information and someone will get back to you. Please note, the last day for registration for Christmas support is December 4.

We are all aware of the rising cost of food and that has meant that while need has increased, food banks have been receiving less food than usual. One consequence of that is that St. Paul's Food Bank will not be receiving the usual support from Feed Nova Scotia. We have always had donations from the community, and we need it more than ever this year. Food can be dropped off at the church but please call ahead to be sure that staff/volunteers will be on site.

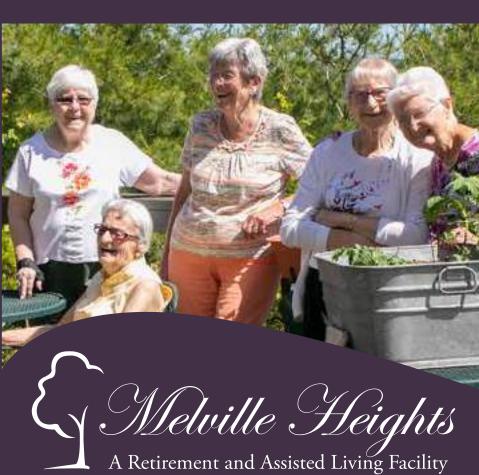
Spryfield's long-running Santa Claus Parade will be on Sunday, November 24 starting at 2:00. St. Paul's Family Resources Institute has always walked in the parade, and they would be very happy to collect food and cash donations to help with the Christmas hampers to be given out.

For many years, the Tuesday Night Band, a noted local jazz band, has met on Tuesday nights to practice. That's where the name comes from.

This band meets at St. Paul's United Church for practice, on Tuesday nights of course. They like the acoustics in our sanctuary and offer to do occasional concerts as a fundraiser for the church. The next concert will be on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:30. The cost will be a Free Will Offering, meaning that guests can

(See Soup's On on page 7)





When you need healthcare in Nova Scotia, you have options at your fingertips and right here in your community.



Get secure access to healthcare services and more with **YourHealthNS**.

- Access to your Nova Scotia health record
- Community Pharmacy Primary Care clinics
- Mobile Primary Care clinics
- Urgent Treatment Centres
- VirtualCareNS

Let us help you get the care you need.

Download the app or visit

YourHealthNS.ca.







Sammy says



If you've driven by the area, you may have noticed some action at Grand Lake, where the Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") is creating a barrier free fishing wharf and picnic area so that anyone, regardless of any mobility issues they may have, can enjoy the lake.

As part of Phase 1, the concrete pad has been poured and back filled. The gazebo should be erected and roof on in the next few weeks. This will be able to fit 2 wheelchair accessible picnic tables. This is an exciting project we've been working on for awhile now, and we can't wait to see it progress.

Come on out to the parking lot at Mishoo's Kwikway, 1 Pennant Road

in Sambro on Sunday, November 17 from 5:30-6:30 for the 2nd Annual Lobster Christmas Tree Lighting. We'll have hot chocolate provided by Meghan Thorne Your Nova Scotia Realtor, as well as yummy cookies. Proudly presented by the Family and Crew of the Fishing Fionnatic, Mishoos and SACA.

SACA will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the basement of St. James Church, 3811 Old Sambro Road in Sambro. Delicious scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, tea or coffee, all for just \$7 adults, \$4 Children 5-12 years old. Children age 4 and under are free. Face painting and cookie decorating for

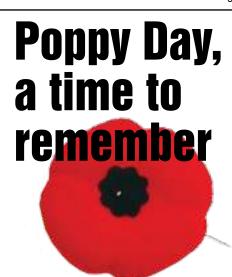
children is included in the price. There will be raffle tickets on a driftwood Christmas tree donated by Heather Henneberry, Sambro Lighthouse painting on slate donated by Greg Spearns, a Sambro apron and beach sand ornaments, and a children's reading pillow donated by Nancy Gray with books, lip balms and a gift certificate. We'll have a 50/50 raffle, as well as lighthouse sand ornaments for sale at \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

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

Soup's On

(continued from page 6)
pay what they wish. This is a fundraiser
but we are pleased to let the audience set
their own donation so all lovers of big
band music can attend. We hope to see
you there.

Thursday, December 19 is when, at St. Paul's, we remember the longest night of the year. This is the time at which we turn on the outside Christmas lights. We also remember those we have loved and lost and members of the congregation and the greater community are encouraged to donate \$5.00 to have a light dedicated to an individual they wish to be memorialized. These names will be printed in the bulletin and shown in a Power Point presentation through the service. Contact Carolyn at 902-477-0187 if you wish to have Memorial Lights dedicated in memory of a loved one. Names must be submitted by Wednesday, December 11.



The Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion's Remembrance Day service will take place on the legion grounds on Monday, Nov 11, commencing at 11:00 am. The annual Remembrance Day parade will leave Shoppers Drug Mart about 10:40 am and march to the legion at 7 Sussex St.

As the Spryfield community is aware, the legion's Poppy Campaign is well underway and while the help of legion members and volunteers is appreciated, more assistance is needed with poppy distribution at 3 businesses in the Spryfield area.

Those interested in donating some time to this cause can phone the legion at (902) 477-0467 and leave their contact information or stop by the legion after 10:00 am to review the posted schedule and choose a time and place to help with the campaign.

Also, a reminder that wreaths and crosses are available at the legion for those who wish to purchase one and have it laid on Remembrance Day.



STARTING AT 2PM FROM PUNCH BOWL DR. RUNNING ALONG THE HERRING COVE RD. ENDING AT THE SPRYFIELD MALL.

The Parade will be live broadcast on N.S. Live TV again this year for those who are not able to get out to watch it in person. We are looking forward to having M.J. and Frankie from FX101.9 Todays Country as our hosts for the live broadcast.

To volunteer, donate, or for applications to participate in the Parade, please send an e-mail to bruce@discoverspryfield.ca

PHIL CHISHOLM HALIFAX ATLANTIC



Page 8 November 2024 • Chebucto News

The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE





COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Food Banks:

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Tuesday 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 before 10 am and leave a message with your name and phone number. 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 takeout 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 1:00 pm (EX-CEPT for NOV. 10) Doors open 11:00 am Kitchen open 11:30-1:00 pm
- Sat. Nov 2 Turkey Dart Shoot Adm \$10.00 Doors open 10 am Start 11:00
- Mon. Nov. 4 Seniors' Dance 1-4 pm \$6.00 Music by Joe MacKinnon Lunch served
- Tues Nov. 5, Executive Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sat. Nov 9 BINGO 1:00 pm Doors open 11
- Sat. Nov 9 KITCHEN PARTY with Cheryl 3: 00 pm start
- Mon. Nov. 10 REMEMBRANCE DAY service 11:00 am
- Mon. Nov 11 Music by Reg Jones 1 - 5 pm
- Tues. Nov. 19 General Meeting 7:00 pm
- Thurs. Nov. 21 Crib 7:00 pm Entry \$7.00 Bring a Partner
- Sat. Nov 23 Turkey Shoot Doors open 10am Start time 11:00 am Adm. \$

10.00

• Sat. Nov. 30 Pool Tournament Adm \$10.00 Doors open at 10 Start 11:00 am

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

We currently have full time spots in our After School Program! Please email hwcc@outlook.com for information.

- Our Christmas Craft Fair will be November 23, 2024 from 9am-1pm We are looking for vendors! \$30/ table Please email at hwcc@outlook.com ATTENTION: NATASHA
- Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our FB page (902) 446-4847 email hwcc@outlook.com
- We are always looking for new Board members and volunteers!

City Church (276 Herring Cove Road) events:

- City Church Tel #: 902-479-CITY c.citychurch@ns.sympatico.ca www. citychurchhalifax.ca
- City Church Christian Radio Station Life 94.7 FM

Salvation Army (328 Herring Cove Rd)

- 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, we have turned on the outdoor tap for those of you who rely on us for clean drinking water.

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

• Saturday November 16th Gingerbread Tea, Silent Auction And Cakewalk Includes Gingerbread Cake with Caramel Sauce, Tea/Coffee 1:00-3:00 PM Price \$5.00 (Cash Only)

Spryfield Legion/Forever Young Seniors Club

• Chase the Ace draws are conducted every Monday night at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are \$5.00 each. This round of Chase the Ace will have ticket sales at the Spryfield Legion bar during bar hours through the week, Mondays 5:00pm to 6:45pm by Forever Young Senior Club volunteers and Legion member volunteers, and for your convenience starting this round, Chase the Ace tickets are being sold at six satellite businesses.

These Satellite Businesses are: Mishoo's Take Out 1 W Pennant Rd, Now We're Cookin Convenient Store 179 Hebridean Dr. Herring Cove Road, Cove Market 565 Herring Cove Road, Uncle Buck's 5 Denith Road, Beaver Environment Depot 251 Herring Cove Road, and Mike's Kwik Way Convenience Store 486 Herring Cove Road. Ticket holders are not required to be present at the ticket draws on Monday night when a clearly filled in ticket is purchased. Ticket winners will be called at the phone number and name provided on the purchased ticket. Chase the Ace supports community programs at the Legion and at the Forever Young Senior's Club, Spryfield. Thank you for supporting our Legion and the Forever Young Senior's Club in Spryfield

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield 2024 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

Forever Fit for Seniors. Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10 to 11am at Emmanuel Church Hall. Punch cards available from the YMCA. First class free.

Crafts and Conversation Tues and Thurs from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Shared Program Room at 16 Sussex Street. Free drop-in. Refreshments. For more information, check out info@halifaxwed-dingchapel.com. Funding by the Community Links Association and the NS Dept of Seniors and Long-term Care.

Spryfield Lions Club invites you to get

involved with the community by joining your Spryfield Lions! Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Phone 902-479-2917 for more information.

45 Card Social at the Golden Age Centre 212 Herring Cove Road (across from Guardian Drug Store).

Every Monday afternoon 1:30pm. Cost: \$6.00/person. Bring a partner and if not, a partner will be provided. Increasing jackpot available to be won. Everyone is welcome to come.

Contact: Sue Morriscey 902-229-5851

Friday night Bingo Royal Canadian Legion Spryfield Branch 152, 7 Sussex Street Halifax October 18, November 1, December 6 – Forever Young Senior's Club Bingo

January 10 will be the Legions Bingo February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6 – Forever Young Senior's Club Bingo

Doors open 5:00pm, early bird games 6:30, regular games 7:00pm

Christmas Craft Fair being held at the Spryfield Legion on November 16th in support of the Forever Young Seniors Club. Food, fun, and entertainment, Homemade baked goods, Handmade Soap, jewelry, candles, Christmas, crafts, Seaglass art, fudge, Art and much more. Face painting, Entertainment by father/son duo The Johnsons. Hourly door prizes. Admission: \$2. Vendors tables available \$15 Contact EDNA 902-477-5842 Sandra 902-223-1833

Remembrance Day Service Nov 11 at 1045 am St James Cemetery, Sambro

Annual Women for Music Book Sale will be held at the Maritime Hall, Halifax Forum on Saturday November 15th—8.30 am to 4 pm and Sunday November 16th — 9.30 am to 2 pm

Approximately 13,000 pre-sorted books in over 30 different categories. Great prices!!

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







LOCAL OBITUARIES

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

Patrick Sherman Gray

April 14, 1952 – October 7, 2024 It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we share the peaceful passing of our father, Patrick "Paddy" Sherman Gray of Williamswood, Nova Scotia on October 7, 2024. Born on April 14, 1952, to parents Lloyd Edward Gray and Muriel Grace Gray (Purcell), he was 72 years old.

Paddy was a true, Sambro son, born and raised. At an early age, he had a love for baseball and his favourite hockey team was the Toronto Maple Leafs. He served as a volunteer coach with some of our local hockey teams. His heart however belonged to his family and the sea. A fisherman all of his life, he was truly a fixture in the fishing community. For a period of time he owned and operated, as Captain, Harbour Light Boat Charters. Paddy simply loved the water and the government wharf in Sambro was known as his second home. If you couldn't find him, that's the first place you would look then to Mishoo's store where you would find him enjoying a treat and some neighbourhood comradery.

Paddy gave of his time freely to his community and was a recipient of the Lieutenant-Governor's Community Spirit Award for Sambro. Established in 2007, the award is given to those in various communities throughout Nova Scotia who show an effort to preserve their community's history, show their community spirit, and their dedication to making life better for their fellow citizens.

Paddy exemplified these traits and his legacy includes acting in the following roles; President and Harbour Master of the



Being the smaller funeral home just means we never stop increasing the size of our service.

Some people think that bigger is better, but that just isn't the case when it comes to funeral homes.

Because we're a smaller firm, we can give more personalized service and attention to detail. Be assured that you will be treated like one of our own.



Proudly serving the community for over a decade

www.walkerfh.com 902.477.5601

Harbour Authority of Sambro, President of the Eastern Nova Scotia 4X Community Management Board, President of the Silver Seas Social Club in the Sambro community, Vice-President of the Halifax West Commercial Fisherman's Association, Vice-President of the Atlantic Shark Association. He was a chair on the Eastern Nova Scotia 4VsW Management Board, a member of the board of the Scotia Fundy Groundfish Advisory Council, the Nova Scotia Swordfish Harpoon Association, the 4W Fixed Gear Herring Roe Fishery and the Eastern Fisherman's Federation. He was also, Vice-Chair of the Brazil Rock Lobster Association and the Lobster Port Cluster Rep. He worked with the Bedford Institute of Oceanography (BIO), studying sharks and seals on Sable Island and he spent countless hours volunteering his time to make positive changes and advocate for fisherman. Always a kind word and a friend to all. He loved his community, it was a passion.

Paddy was predeceased by his parents, Lloyd and Muriel Gray. He is survived by his loving children, Angie Murphy (Stevie) of Harrietsfield, son, Chad Gray (Melissa), of East Pennant, his children with Marjie Gray, who, although separated from, whom he shared many loving years of marriage. Also surviving him is his pride and joy and only grandchild, Brandon Murphy, his "fur grandchild" Ruby and his 5 siblings, Wanda DeBaie, of Little Harbour, Ellie Gray and Danny Gray (Patsy), both of Sambro, Gary Gray (Janet) of Halifax and Kevin Gray (Christine) of Herring Cove, as well as several nieces and nephews.

We would like to say a special thank you to his long term care providers at Ocean View Continuing Care Centre in Eastern Passage, in particular; Kyla, Logan, Erin, and Michelle. We are forever grateful to you all. To his dear friend June Hudson, "the water melon lady" we could never thank you enough for your kindness and compassion.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in dad's memory to the Sambro United Church or the Sambro Imagination Library, an early childhood literacy program which mails out free books each month to children five and under in the Sambro area. Thank you

Dorothy May "Dot" Smith

With hearts full of love and a touch of sadness, the family of Dorothy "Dot" Smith announces her peaceful passing at the age of 84 on September 23, 2024. Born in Halifax on December 2, 1939, to the late William and Rose (Meade) Barnes, Dot brought joy and warmth to everyone she met throughout her life.

Dot will be lovingly remembered by her children, Robert (Lori), Cheryl Franklin (Mark), and Wendy Graham (Doug), as well as her cherished grandchildren; Matthew (Jessica) and Andrew (Beverly); brother, Bill Barnes, along with many wonderful nieces, nephews, and a large extended family, will all miss her dearly.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Robert (Butch) Smith, as well as her brothers, Donald and Roy; sister Evelyn. We take comfort in knowing they are all enjoying a joyful reunion together.

For over 30 years, Dot worked at the Sears Catalogue Department, where she excelled at her job and made lifelong friends. Even after retirement, she stayed connected with her "Sears family," enjoying annual trips and get-togethers filled with stories, laughter, and good cups of tea.

Dot's days were always filled with joy and activity. She loved her Aqua Fit classes at the Captain William Spry Community Centre, followed by lively chats over tea at McDonald's with her swimming buddies, catching up on all the latest news.

After moving from the family home in Harrietsfield to a seniors' apartment in Halifax, Dot embraced a new community and made many new friends. Each evening, you could find her downstairs with snacks in hand, ready to solve the world's problems with her "evening crew."

Family and friends were the heartbeat of Dot's life. She found pure joy in bringing everyone together, ensuring that no one left her side feeling hungry or without a smile. Dot adored her shopping adventures with her daughters, Cheryl and Wendy, cherishing every laugh and heartwarming conversation they shared during those outings. She also enjoyed the many little road trips taken with her daughters and sons-in-law, Mark and Doug. Dot was always up for a little road trip fun, whether she was whisked away for delightful lunches, scenic drives, or joyful visits with family. They sometimes drove up to the countryside to the farm where Dot and Butch spent many summers with their children, reliving the simple joys of family life and creating new memories

Whether splashing around in her son's pool, enjoying an outdoor concert, or taking leisurely drives, Dot treasured these magical moments with her loved ones. If there was a gathering or event, you could always count on Dot to be the sunshine in the room, radiating warmth and cheer!

Dot especially adored her grandsons, Matthew and Andrew. She made countless trips to Manitoba to celebrate their big moments, like graduations, always their biggest fan and "sponsor" of their adventures. She happily contributed to concert tickets and events, as long as they promised to carry her name proudly as their sponsor.

Dot and her son Rob shared a special tradition of evening phone calls, where they would recount the day's events and share laughter. Those conversations were precious to her, and she often brought the day's news to her evening friends' downstairs, adding a little extra sparkle to their discussions.

Dorothy's vibrant spirit and boundless love touched everyone who knew her. Her family, friends, and community will forever cherish the memories of her kind heart and unwavering support.

The family would like to extend a bouquet of heartfelt thanks to the compassionate doctors, nurses, and personal care workers who cared for Dot with such kindness and professionalism. Also, the family would like to Sincerely thank Rev. Canon Brenda Clark at Emmanuel Anglican Church.

"In life, we loved you dearly; in death, we love you still. In our hearts, you hold a place no one else will ever fill."

Rest in peace, Dot. You've earned it.

Esther Winnifred Gilkie

87, Halifax, NS, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Born on November 23, 1936 in Halifax, she was a daughter Francis and Audrey (Smith) Gray. Throughout her life, Esther, was known for her love of dancing, playing bingo, and cards with her card partner, Rosa. Mom always looked forward to her Monday crib game with Lynn. She enjoyed camping, was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Elmsdale Branch #48, and loved her trips to the Lower Deck for her pan-fried fish and chips with gravy paired with a Pepsi (not diet!!). For 11 years, Esther had worked with Dexter Construction as a flagger. She was a woman who loved her family dearly and is survived by her children, Leah (Maurice) Oakley, Lynn Gray (Ken), Wendy Gilkie, and Timmy Gilkie. She will be remembered by her siblings, Joyce Richardson, Evelyn (Gordon) Brown, and Jimmy Gray (Gale), and sisters-in-law, Eva Mae Gray, Lorraine Gray, Shirley Gray, and Juanita Gray. Nanny will be missed by her 7 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Charles A. Gilkie, her parents, brothers, Albert, Maurice, Randel, and Frankie, a daughter-in-law, Lillian "Boopsie" Gilkie, a son-in-law, Ronald "Ronnie" Gray, a brother-in-law, Murray Richardson and her companion, James Lightle.

The family wishes to extend their thanks to all the staff of Melvin Gardens for their excellent care given to our mom over the last 11 years. All the residents, staff, nurses and doctors were like family to Esther, thank you for being her extended family. The family would also like to express their thanks to the staff at the Dixon Centre for their quick action on getting our mom to the QEII and to the 7.4 staff for their excellent care given

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Esther to the Canadian Cancer Society or St. James' United Church, Sambro, NS. To leave words of comfort for the family, please visit www.walkerfh.com

Cheryl Anne Bourgeois

August 28, 1948 – August 6, 2024 A celebration of Cheryl's life will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 2-4 pm at the Captain William Spry Community Center in the Kidston Room. Please come and share memories of Cheryl.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cheryl Anne Bourgeois (née Bennett) on August 6th, 2024, just weeks before her 76th birthday. Born and raised in Halifax, Cheryl was a loved member of the Spryfield community and a proud alumni of BC Silver High School. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, finding her greatest joy in her family. Cheryl had a profound love for animals, a passion for cooking, and cherished spending time with friends. Whether it was savouring peppermints, indulging in chocolate popsicles, or enjoying the simple pleasures of life, Cheryl found beauty in the small things.

Predeceased by her parents, Stanley and Agnes Bennett; husband, Brian Bourgeois; siblings, Arlene Doherty, Stanley Bennett, Agnes "Bunny" Smith; and her beloved son, Glenn Bourgeois. Cheryl is survived by her partner, Rene Mills; her children, Tara and Ricky Bourgeois; grandchildren; greatgrandchildren; her cats, Freya and Buddy; extended family and many dear friends.

Thomas Alan DeLorey

Age 66 of Halifax, it is with extreme sadness we announce the passing of Thomas "Tommy" Alan DeLorey on October 9, 2024, at the QEII Halifax Infirmary Site, Halifax. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Clifford and Edna (Cooke) DeLorey.

Tommy started as a well driller for H.J. Edward Well Drilling for much of his life, he enjoyed working with everyone and was everyone's friend. He also did a bit of Carpentry for Bernie Stone and assorted others, and then later he worked as a Bar Tender at the Spryfield Legion Branch 152. Tommy loved playing darts and horseshoes. Tommy was a handyman, could fix anything and everything, and was a jack of all trades. He was an avid Flea Market goer and if he saw something at the Flea Market for someone, he knew he would get it for them no matter what. Tommy also collected TONKA Trucks and was nicknamed "TONKA TOM". He was a loving, caring, and thoughtful man who was loved by many and will be missed by many more.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Nova DeLorey; son, Joshua DeLorey; daughters, Renee Harnish, and Nicole McLeod; siblings, Jean O'melia, Halifax, Diane McLeod, Toronto, ON, Carolyn DeLorey, Halifax, Gerald (Evelyn) DeLorey, Halifax; many nieces and nephews.

(See Obituaries on page 10)

Page 10 November 2024 • Chebucto News

The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

A Month of Reflection and Progress As the days grow shorter and the weather turns colder, we've already bid farewell to Halloween. It's been quite a month, filled with both excitement and bittersweet moments.

I'm proud to share that we've made significant investments in our community. After years of collaboration with the Williams Lake Conservation Company and the Williams Lake Dam group, I'm thrilled to announce that we've secured funding for a new dam at Williams Lake.

This project is vital for a couple of reasons. First, the current dam has been leaking, causing the lake to slowly drain and negatively impacting the surrounding environment and wildlife. Secondly, given the dam's age, there were increasing concerns that it could eventually breach, posing serious risks to Purcells Cove and nearby communities.

A heartfelt thank you to Murray, Cathy, Margo, and everyone who worked so hard to bring this project to fruition. It feels surreal to finally be able to announce this multi-million-dollar investment. Together, we've achieved something great for our future.

I remain committed to protecting and investing in our local environment. Alongside the Williams Lake Dam project, we've also reclassified the Herring Cove Lookoff as a Provincial Park and partnered with other levels of government and organizations to preserve land in Purcells Cove and around Crystal Crescent Beach

There is still much to do, and I won't stop working for the betterment of our community.

Remembering Paddy Gray

This past month, we lost a true legend in our community, Paddy Gray. A fisherman, volunteer, Sambro Harbour Master, father, friend, and beloved hockey coach, Paddy was a pillar of strength for so many.

He played a key role in saving the Sambro Island Lighthouse, stood up for our local fisheries, and was always the first to lend a helping hand. Paddy and I shared countless conversations over the years. He was always there to offer advice, encourage me, or let me know when I needed to do better.

No one can replace the unique presence Paddy had in our community. He will be deeply missed. Rest in peace, Paddy—our community mourns your loss.

New Staff to Address School Violence and Support Learning

In an important step forward, the Province is introducing 47 specialized staff members to prevent and address violence in Nova Scotia schools. This pilot initiative includes student supervisors, security personnel, child and youth care practitioners, as well as specialized educational and classroom management teachers. These resources, developed in collaboration with regional centres for education (RCEs) and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP), are aimed at creating safer, more supportive learning environments.

In addition to these staff, the Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy is being updated, alongside the development of a new behaviour strategy and revised school emergency management procedures. More than 4,600 school and regional staff members, including administrators, teachers, and support personnel, as well as over 800 school advisory council members, have contributed their feedback to these initiatives. The Department will continue to monitor these changes and explore ways to expand successful pilot programs.

A Personal Loss – Remembering Carla James

It is with deep sadness that I share the news of Carla James's passing this month. Carla was a long-time resident of Greystone and truly one of the kindest souls I've ever known. Our paths crossed many times over the years, and it was always a pleasure to reconnect and catch up. Recently, we had grown even closer, and I deeply cherish the friendship we shared.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to her brother Marcus and the entire James family for allowing me to spend time with Carla in her final days. She will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace, dear friend. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Remembrance Day

As we observe Remembrance Day, let us take a moment to thank all veterans—past, present, and future. You are true heroes. Lest we forget.

to be great places to live, work and play. We must continue to put first the quality of life for residents.

As I transition from a first-term to a seasoned second-term councillor, I am excited to continue working to tackle issues, strengthen our communities, and represent the interests and concerns of my constituents.

Over the next few weeks, I will be part of onboarding the new council. There are a lot of changes at City Hall, and I am eager to get going. In the meantime, you can continue to contact me via email at patty.cuttell@halifax.ca and 902-221-6893; or contact my Councillor Coordinator, Michelle Egan, at 902-233-8364. It is a sincere privilege to continue to serve as your District 11 Spryfield-Sambro Loop Councillor. Thank you.

Cuttell Community Update

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

Here we go! Another four years. I'm ready and excited to keep working for all the communities and residents of District 11 Spryfield-Sambro Loop. Thank you for your support, faith and trust, - and for re-electing me as your Councillor. I want to congratulate both Bruce Holland and Nathan Parker on their campaigns and wish them well. And a special heartfelt thank you to my amazing campaign team – I'm here because of you.

While a lot was achieved last term, this recent campaign was challenging. We went from a pandemic four years ago, to were loud and clear over the past few months, and I heard them. Our city is growing, and the next four years are critical as we set the stage for years to come. We need to continue efforts to address housing affordability, ensure we have the infrastructure to support growth, and expand programs and services to meet increased demands. In the process, we must

make sure that our communities continue

feeling the impacts of rapid growth and

development through traffic congestion,

construction, housing affordability, and

stretched services today. My constituents

OBITUAR IES

(continued from page 9)
He was predeceased by his sister, Kathleen McLeod.

Huberte Laurise Elmer

Age 84 of Halifax, it is with extreme sadness we announce the passing of our beautiful, wife, mother, sister, and grandmother Huberte Laurise Elmer on October 12, 2024, at Melville Lodge. Born in St. Joseph, New Brunswick, she was the daughter of the late Henri and Aurelli (Richard) Landry.

Huberte moved to Nova Scotia after getting married to Michael. They settled in Portuguese Cove and started a family. Huberte loved to knit, and bowl. She also spent time volunteering for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

She is survived by her loving husband Michael Elmer; son, Colin (Tammy) Elmer; daughter, Christine (Brent) Corney; grand-children, Chandler, Alicia, and Tristan; many nieces and nephews. Huberte was predeceased by sisters, Jeanette, Lucille, and Simone; brother, Armand.

The family would like to send a special thanks to the nurses and staff at Melville Lodge, who looked after Mom with kindness and compassion while she was there.

Anthony Edward Scallion

A celebration of Tony's life will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 2-4pm at the Ketch Harbour Area Community Center, 964 Ketch Harbour Road. All are welcome to come and share memories of Tony.

The family of Anthony (Tony) Scallion is saddened to announce his passing on July 14, 2024 after a short but courageous battle with cancer. Tony is survived by his sons Brendan and Jeremy, mother, Kennetta Scallion, brother Bruce (Lisa) and his fiancée Linda Walker. Tony was predeceased by his father, Edward Scallion. Tony was a hard worker who started his machinist career with the Halifax Shipyard. Tony's work allowed for him to live and work across the country. For his final role at Aberdeen Machinery he lived in beautiful British Columbia where he loved to hike and explore nature. Tony was very proud of his children and was looking forward to the life changing addition to his family.

Timothy Bernard Gilkie Sr.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Timothy "Big Tim" Gilkie on October 13th, 2024. Tim is survived by his only child, his son, Timothy B. Gilkie Junior; granddaughters, Nadia (Chris) Doiron, Shelby Gilkie, Rylie Gilkie, and Elizabeth Clarke, his grandsons, Hunter McNutt and Tucker Gilkie, step-grandaughter, Kaelee Darrah, his great-grandchildren, Benjamin Campbell, Liam Dorion, and Emma Doiron, his step-great-grandchildren, Sadie Stevens and Dallas Stevens. He is also survived by his loving sisters, Wendy Gilkie, Leah (Maurice) Oakley, and Lynn Gray (Ken), as well as many, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Lillian (Boopsie), his parents, Esther and Charles A. Gilkie, and his inlaws, Lillian and Edward (Eddie) Veith.

Big Tim was a fisherman most of his life, He loved to work and fix things with his hands. when he wasn't at home with a beer in hand he was out on the water doing the thing he loved most. Some of the best memories were made on the ocean with his grandchildren. Teaching them how to drive his boat, bait, trawl and spin lines. He enjoyed the small things in life, building boats, hunting back the woods, boiled dinners, looking for crabs with the kids, and visits with his loved ones. His house was a place you could stop by to have a chat anytime, unless the sign was in the window "GONE TO THE BOAT". He was as stubborn as they come, but he was always there to lend a hand to anybody who asked.

Big Tim Leaves behind so many close Friends and family; especially in the heart of Sambro. We will always remember him with the love he entrusted to all of us.

Carla Michelle James

It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of our daughter, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, niece, and cousin, Carla Michelle James on October 12, 2024, at the QEII Halifax Infirmary, Halifax, NS, with her loving family by her side. Born in Halifax on September 20, 1962, she is a daughter of George and Patsy (Veniot) James . Throughout her life, Carla was a God-Fearing woman of strong faith. Carla worked for Blue Ocean as a supervisor and manager. She was a person who always took charge and was known to boss people around, all the while being kind, loving and caring. She was known to all as the neighborhood Mom. Carla is survived by her parents, Patsy and George James, her loving partner, Michael "Mike" Downey, her sons, Tyson and Nagel (Sheena), her daughter, Amy Downey, her siblings Christine, Darell, Van, Michael (Virginia), Marcus (Shelly), Justin (Megan), and Christopher (Sarah). She also is survived by her grandchildren, who she loved with all her heart, Tyree, Ava, Shaylee, Lakia, Nakaya, Makai,

and also by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her grandparents George and Rita James, grandmother, Rosena Veniot, nephew, Brandon Beals, grandchild, baby Zephaniah Downey, nieces, baby Faith West and Felicia Colley Williams, as well as her best friend, Elizabeth Black (Taga).

The family would like to thank the nurses Monika, Catlin, and all the staff of 8.3 for the care they gave to Carla.

Supporting Your Community

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Branch 152



WE CARE



Investing in our community, investing in *you*!

- ✓ Replacing Williams Lake Dam
- ✓ New school for John W. MacLeod
- Renovations to Herring Cove Junior High
- ✓ Funding for the Sambro Community Centre
- ✓ Investing in local affordable housing
- ✓ A new pharmacy primary care clinic in Spryfield
- ✓ Expanding the Seniors CAPABLE Program to our community



ElectBrendan@gmail.com
16 Dentith Road
902-493-VOTE (8683)

Approved by the Official Agent for Brendan Maguire



5 Dentith Road Beside Uncle Bucks Hours 11 am to 10 pm







tanners deli.com

DELIVERY now available online only



Clip Coupon #2

Pick up only Or

6 " Cold Cut

6 " Pizza Sub

+cookie

Pop or Water

Only \$5.00 plus tax

Delicious Banana Split



Made the old fashion way

Clip Coupon #4

Family Deal #1 Pick Up Only 4 x 6" Cold Cuts

4 x 6" Pizza Subs 4 x Pop or Water 4 x Cookies

Only \$21,73 -- \$25 Coupons expire Dec 7, 24

Clip Coupon #5

Family Deal #2
Pick Up Only
2 x 6" Cold Cuts
or Pizza Subs
2 x 12" Cold Cuts

2 x 12" Cold Cuts or Pizza Subs 4 x Pop or Water 4 x Cookies

Only \$26.08 +tax \$30.

Try our New Menu

unclebuckspizza.com



902 477 3663

2 x 12" 3 Topping Pizza \$20.



Butter Chicken Wrap



Medium \$6.50 Large \$12 Bucks 2 x 16" Anv P<u>izza</u> 36.



Kids Special

2pc Drumsticks & fries 3pc Nuggets & fries

1 pc chicken finger & fries
With sweet n sour dipping sauce your choice

only \$6.95 each

Butter Chicken Poutine



Medium \$9 Bucks Large \$11 Bucks