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Herring Cove students get creative



This cardboard relief panel of Herring Cove was created by students in grades 7 and 8 who were attending Herring Cove Junior High in the 2023/24 school year. Students were offered opportunities to enhance their drawing and painting skills through weekly programming from the J.L

Ilsley Family of Schools, and Visual Art Specialist Kate Broadbelt of Halifax Regional Arts. This panel is one of 3, depicting the past, present and future of Herring Cove. We hope you enjoy the colorful representation of our wonderful community! Thank you TAREKS for giving us the opportunity to share our work with your customers!! # ThanksToYouHalifax

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Are there ghosts in Spryfield?

by a Spryfielder

Yes, there are, and let me explain.

When I was a small child growing up in Spryfield, my parents took me on a drive to visit relatives down

towards Annapolis Valley. They were talking outside, and I got tired of watching the animals in the field. I asked my mom if I could go into the relative's farmhouse. Mom said yes,

“but do not touch anything”. I went in, closing the door behind me. I had never been in this farmhouse before, but when I turned from the door – everything looked familiar. Being a

very thoughtful child, I walked slowly around in all the rooms of the farmhouse wondering why.

I never said one word to my parents, but I did think of this first strange experience I had from time to time. And then the second strange thing happened. In our house in Spryfield, Mom would come upstairs each night after us kids were in bed to tuck us in with a kiss goodnight. I was about 7 years old. One night I heard my mom coming up the stairs and I slid out of bed to surprise her. No one was on the stairs. I got back in bed and Mom came up later. I thought about it. Not sure what to do. I did nothing.

The next night it happened again in the same way, and the next night again. I did not slip out of bed any more to surprise Mom. I just waited for her. After those three nights, it stopped. I did not know what to say, so I said nothing. I did not feel afraid, just peaceful and calm.

My room had a window seat my dad had made for me. I loved to sit behind the curtains and look out, especially in thunder and lightning storms. One night I saw a beautiful full moon shining through the curtains. It was late, but I wanted to look at the moon. I slid out of bed and looked out the window. Beautiful. Then I looked down to the garden and there was a man, leaning on a cane and looking up at me. I felt very calm and wondered who it was. It kind of looked like my grandfather. As I was gazing at him, he disappeared. Not all at once, but in bits and pieces. I thought about it but told no one.

I think a year went by. My mom and I were walking down an old dirt road to visit Mom's friend. We both saw, at the same time, a man with a small dog standing by his feet. Mom
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Salvation Army volunteers fill kettles and hearts



Volunteers Mark Boudreau (left) and Marshall Smith support the Kettle Campaign in Spryfield

The Salvation Army’s annual Kettle Campaign is a much-loved tradition in the Spryfield community, mobilizing support to bring hope and help to those in need. The campaign, which runs from November 14 to December 24 this year, funds essential programs that extend beyond the holiday season, empowering the community year-round. From providing over 400 families with food hampers and toys at Christmas, to supporting breakfast programs, youth camps, and immigrant services, every dollar donated to the kettles makes a real difference in Spryfield.

Volunteers are at the heart of the Kettle Campaign, greeting passersby, thanking donors, and collecting contributions at kettle locations throughout the community. The experience is often deeply rewarding for volunteers, many of whom find meaningful connections with their community and the people they’re helping. “Volunteering is something that makes one of the largest direct impacts in your community,” says Marshall Smith, a dedicated volunteer with the Salvation Army in Spryfield for the past five years. “Interacting with the people that are receiving your help or are trying to get back on their feet is motivating.”

Last year, Halifax West’s Kettle Campaign raised \$99,086, directly supporting community programs in Spryfield and Fairview. Funds from the campaign help the Salvation Army’s Halifax West Community Family Services location also provide to-go breakfasts, a parent and tot playgroup, and English language classes – ensuring the support extends beyond the holiday season.

For many, the Kettle Campaign

has a special significance during the holidays. Marshall, a realtor in the community who joined the Salvation Army’s volunteer team through the Spryfield Business Commission, says one of his favorite experiences is helping out on Christmas hamper distribution day, where he sees the joy and gratitude of families receiving assistance: “Especially for some of the new families to Canada, they are astonished by the fact that we are offering them something with no strings attached and that we care about them.”

For Ayat Manna, another Salvation Army volunteer of four years, the Kettle Campaign and other volunteer opportunities are about kindness and compassion. As someone who also assists with the organization’s back-to-school campaign and provides Arabic translation for clients, Ayat’s dedication to her community is clear. “I just love it,” she says. “I love people. I don’t like to see anyone struggling. Nobody. So, it feels good to help people.” She encourages others to join, emphasizing that “volunteering with the Salvation Army is very joyful – getting to see people smiling after you actually helped them.”

The Kettle Campaign offers flexible shifts – mornings, afternoons, and evenings – making it easy for anyone with a few hours to spare to get involved. Businesses, sports teams and friend groups are also encouraged to “adopt a kettle” for a day, filling the shifts with employees, family or friends. This flexibility allows volunteers to contribute in ways that suit their schedules while still making a substantial impact.

Get involved

If you’re interested in volunteering or donating, call 902-477-5393, visit 328 Herring Cove Rd., or learn more online at <https://salvationarmy.ca/volunteer>.

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

Ghosts

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stopped and said to me, “I wonder who that man is?” And then he disappeared as we were looking at him. We kept walking looking about, not sure where the man had gone. Not afraid.

There you have it. I marvel at how calm and peaceful I felt at each happening. Will write more later.

Sammy says



SACA will host 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. They’ll be serving
(See Sammy on page 3)

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 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. 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.

Other Worship:

Messy Church: an informal time of worship, socializing, crafts and dinner, geared towards children and their significant adults. Saturday, December 7, 4 - 6

pm in the church hall. Pre-Registration is required. Please call 902 477-1954 and leave a message.

Taizé Service: Sunday, December 15, 7:00pm. A candlelit service of chanting, meditation, prayers and readings. If you are looking for something deeply spiritual, this is for you!

Emmanuel Church is an affirming church. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship.

St. Paul's United Church (173 Old Sambro Road)
 11am on Sunday mornings.
 December 19, Longest Night Service, 7:00 pm
 December 24, Christmas Eve Service, 4:00 pm

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 Eu-

charistic 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)

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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
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Christ Embassy Halifax (16 Sussex St.)
 Sunday Service – 9:30 AM
 Online Services on Zoom:
 Sundays – 8:00 – 9:00 AM
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Sammy

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up 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 eat for free.

Christmas spirit will abound as folks mingle with friends and neighbours while supporting a great community cause.

In addition to breakfast, there will be face painting and cookie decorating for children. Raffle tickets will be sold on a rustic driftwood Christmas tree donated by Heather Henneberry; a Sambro apron donated by Kool T's with two beach sand ornaments donated by SACA; children's books, Indigo gift cards and children's reading pillows donated by Nancy Gray; a hand quilted Christmas pillow donated by Lise Paquin; and a mug, hot chocolate, and toy donated by The Orb Factory. Any of these raffle prizes would be a great win!

Of course, the major attraction will be a visit with the man of the hour, Santa! Bring your cameras or cell phones and grab a picture with the big man! We've even got a cute backdrop for optimal photos.

There will also be 50/50 raffle tickets, and Lighthouse and Sandy Claus ornaments for sale at \$15 each or 2 for \$25. These adorable downhome ornaments are created by Tim Clark from East Coast Beach Sand using sand from Crystal Crescent Beach. Ornaments are also available for purchase at Mishoo's Kwikway in Sambro. They make great gifts for someone else or for yourself!

SACA is excited about great things on the horizon in 2025. Stay tuned for more updates as things progress. Meantime, have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season, however you celebrate it.

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

A Case of the DTs

by Barbara Olson
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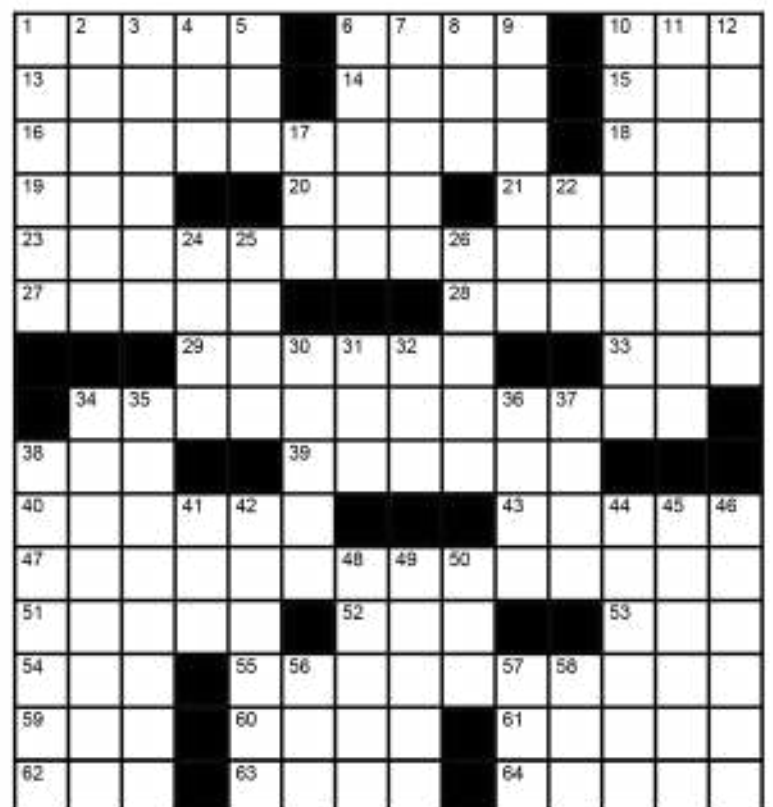
Across

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- 6 Utter airhead
- 10 Loch Ness Monster, some say
- 13 From around "these parts"
- 14 Yesterday, to Yves
- 15 Santa ___ winds
- 16 Little old lady?
- 18 Certain CFL linemen
- 19 ___ Mae (Whoopi in "Ghost")
- 20 Honcho's numero
- 21 Hue of antique photos
- 23 Raining on the nuptials?
- 27 Encls. for RSVPs, maybe
- 28 Lead-in to "on TV!" in ads
- 29 Purring leg warmer
- 33 Capital of Canada?
- 34 One who resents using eBay?
- 38 Canadian URL endings
- 39 Usual way of doing things
- 40 Label that dropped Milli Vanilli for lip-synching
- 43 "If I ___ Rich Man"
- 47 Wagering one's linen?
- 51 "Take ___ breath"
- 52 Atop, to Shakespeare
- 53 Prefix meaning "ear"
- 54 Ship or sea-related: Abbr.
- 55 Quirkier river critter?
- 59 Molson Export, for one
- 60 Podiatrist's concern
- 61 Old Olds Cutlass model
- 62 Camera type: Abbr.
- 63 Some are saturated
- 64 Wasting no words

Down

- 1 Macaroni noodles
- 2 "Haven't the foggiest"
- 3 Maids a-milking groups
- 4 Body image, for short?

- 5 Famed English cathedral, or its town
- 6 Person, place or ___
- 7 Murder suspect in some whodunits
- 8 Iraq War roadside bomb: Abbr.
- 9 Ashley Madison hookups
- 10 One of two on a stethoscope
- 11 Track pro?
- 12 Garfield's "most perfect food": Var.
- 17 Topknot
- 22 "Out there" types, for short?
- 24 Shoulder muscle, for short
- 25 The wolf ___ the door
- 26 Weird Al's take on a Jackson hit
- 30 Pie nut
- 31 Fine wine label word
- 32 Bodybuilder's six-pack
- 34 Revealed everything
- 35 "Yeah, big time!"
- 36 Stewart's role in "Harvey"
- 37 Chatted privately on Twitter
- 38 Seaside change rooms
- 41 Sault ___ Marie, Ont.
- 42 Give a bit of inside info
- 44 Tear gas target, maybe
- 45 Comes onstage
- 46 Old Greek haggling hubs
- 48 No-show in a Beckett play
- 49 Veggies used in natural lipstick
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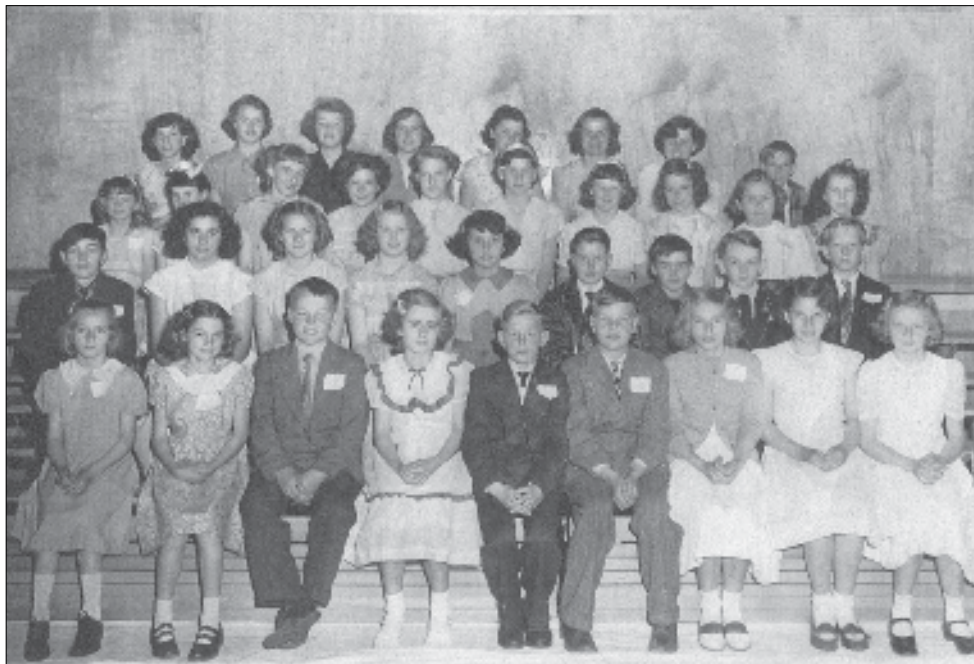
John W. MacLeod School to be replaced?

by Iris V. Shea

A recent announcement was made by the government of Nova Scotia to replace John W. MacLeod School on Purcells Cove Road in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This brings back memories for me when the unfinished school first opened in January 1948, official opening April 1948. Several of the classrooms had folding doors which opened into an auditorium and a stage at one end which could be easily dismantled and put away. Newspapers at the time reported six classrooms, a library, teachers' room and two small cloakrooms. Other features included tiled floors, and special low blackboards and pin up boards. I remember the library room, well stocked with books, but not available for student use because that was the teachers' lunch room. The two large basements at each end of the building became our gymnasiums, boys at one end of the building, girls at the other end. The only time we used them at recess or lunch time was if the weather was unsuitable to be outdoors. The backyard, our playground area, was a base of black ash, girls on one side, boys on the other.

Behind the school playground area was a hill of flat granite rock leading to paths in the woods. Only students who lived on Green Road had permission to enter those paths. Anything beyond those rocks was a complete mystery to me, a grade two student from Jollimore. Houses in Fleming Heights fill that area today.

John W. MacLeod School was originally approved as a second school in Cunard School District, # 32. Old Cunard School in Jollimore was overcrowded in 1945-46. The new school would be built for 133 students from Green Road and Melville Cove; the 73 children from Jollimore would continue to attend old Cunard School. That plan changed on January 8, 1947 when fire destroyed the schoolhouse in Jollimore with an estimated loss of \$40,000. Newspapers described the old school as "a four room one-storey building" but in addition to the classrooms on the main level, grades primary to four were taught in one large open room in the basement, next to the furnace room. The first half of my primary year was spent in the large basement room. Indoor bathrooms with cold running water were located on the main level and had been installed in 1939. A small section of the school was built



John W. MacLeod School, Grades Five to Eight, May 1951, Double Winners in Music Festival for Village Choirs

Front Row, Iris Umlah, Katy Kervin, George Hill, Lillian Hyland, Gregory Umlah, John Romans, Barbara Hartlen, Dorothy Romans, Marilyn Gilkie.

2nd Row, Ernie Blois, Audrey Umlah, Marie Veith, Beverly Burgess, Carol Grant, Ron Hasropp, Norman Blois, Edwin Kelly, Max Dehmel. 3rd Row, Joan Evans, Avia Wilband, Marie Lloy, Grace James, Betty Kenny, Jean Bailey, Carol Innes, Kathy Westhaver, Lois Proctor, Jeanne Pearce

Back Row, Joan Dehmel, Betty Wilmot, Sally Racine, Gertie Hill, Betsy Innes, Betty Rose, Joan Jollimore, Eric Kervin

Photograph, courtesy author. John W. MacLeod School 1951, grades 5 to 8. Double winners in Music Festival

in 1915 (following another fire) but a major addition was added in 1941. Remnants of the foundation may still be seen at the back of the playground on the corner of Kirk and Albion Roads.

An offer from St. James Church Hall and the Kiwanis building at the head of the Northwest Arm would provide space for grades five to eight following the fire. Thanks to an offer from Father P.F. Martin of St. John the Baptist Church in Armdale, grades primary to four would attend classes in Melville Hall behind St. John the Baptist Church. Miss Evelyn Matheson (later Mrs. George Baigent) taught grades primary to two, and Miss Phyllis Chipman (later Mrs. Colin Kelly) taught grades three and four. Some students from the higher grades transferred to Halifax schools without charge. Gladys Redmond, principal of the former old Cunard School, taught the remaining grade eight students at St. James Church Hall. She was especially pleased when all eight of her students passed their entrance exams to the city schools that June.

The donor of the land for the new school, John W. MacLeod, was a former schoolteacher and founder of the Greenwood Coal Company in Pictou County. He donated the land on which this new school was built, part of the property he purchased from the heirs of Sir Sandford Fleming in the

early 1940s. It was the beginning of a new chapter for the children of Jollimore whose ancestors had attended old Cunard School in the village since 1867 when it was a one room church school.

When the new school opened in 1948, Gladys Redmond was principal but moved to the Spryfield School District the following year. The trustees convinced her in 1954 to return to

teach grade five at John W MacLeod. Katherine Mary Morris began her role as primary teacher in 1948, sometimes teaching grades one and two as well as primary. In 1961 Fleming Tower School opened, absorbing primary, grades one and two. Mrs. Morris taught grade three at John W. Macleod, a position she held until 1975. Mrs. Redmond transferred to Fleming Tower School as the first principal, a position she held until she retired.

A grade nine class was added to John W. Macleod School in 1952-53 but only for that year. Mr. Scott Cameron became principal in 1953-54. I was fortunate to have him as my home room teacher in 1954-55 in grade eight. Students graduating from grade eight that year attended South Armdale High School for grades nine to twelve. In 1956-57 the school district was renamed Jollimore Section, #2. When Cunard Junior High School opened in 1966, Scott Cameron became Supervisor of Jollimore Schools and Mr. Bedford Bennett Hendsbee became the principal of John W. MacLeod. School Board records show the arrival of French Immersion in 1985-86, first for primary, adding a new grade each year, reaching grade six in 1991-92. The school is now 76 years old. It requires a lot of work to bring it to today's standards. We can only hope the province steps in with the money to replace this school building.

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What's happening at the Urban Farm in Spryfield



by Janet & Corinne

FYI! We are playing catch-up. Our fall season was beautiful, but it passed so quickly we missed the November issue of the Chebucto News. We're owning it!

Our Spooky Halloween experience was a Screaming good time. Our main feature was a long, dark, black tunnel, inhabited by witches, a screaming pumpkin, and skeletal remains. Once wasn't enough for many, so they went through the dark, black tunnel again and again.

Costumes. What can we say about visitors' costumes, as well as the costumes of their pets. Well, we had a pumpkin Chihuahua, a coven of witches, a 7-foot chicken, and everything in between. Scare stations were built by the Queen of Hearts, and included a garden nymph, a forest witch, and a Creepy Feely Box, to name a few. On your way out, you could get a nice hot chocolate and a treat bag, plus a chance to win a shopping bag of items: one for a boy and

one for a girl.

While October and November were the scene of various volunteer work parties, gardens were cleaned of the last fall vegetables and distributed amongst our volunteers at the time.

So tasty!

Our last hurrah was planting 5 varieties, totaling 400 garlic. Garlic scapes will be ready in July for your stir fry and salads. To end it all, after

weeding and cleaning of our gardens, they were put to bed with 15 bales of straw in November.

We would like to thank our members, volunteers, customers, friends and families, plus the surrounding community for supporting us this past year. Happy Holidays to one and all. See you in 2025!

NOTE: new website – www.spryfieldurbanfarm.ca

The Red Cross, supporting communities in need

“The Canadian Red Cross Society” was first established through an Act of Parliament in 1909 as an outgrowth of its humanitarian work through its affiliation with the British Red Cross. In 1965, the seven Fundamental Principles under which they operate were adopted by the 20th International Conference. Those principles are Humanity, Impartiality, Neutrality, Independence, Voluntary Service, Unity, and Universality.

Those principles are what make the Red Cross unique in a society that is often biased when it comes to who, and how, they help. They do not follow any religious beliefs or political beliefs. They do not discriminate based on gender, sexuality, race, religion, nationality, or class.

The Red Cross endeavors to relieve the suffering of individuals in times of distress. When there is a natural disaster, they are there with blankets, food, water, first aid, and kindness. During the wildfire disasters of 2023, the Red Cross was actively on-site providing support and assistance to those who had been displaced. They worked with the local government to provide shelter, food, medicine, and other essentials to families who had lost everything.

Locally, the Red Cross runs programs designed to assist our communities. They offer a variety of educational programs to the community, which include babysitting certification courses, first aid for both people and pets, CPR, and so much more.

Children aged 11 to 15 are welcome to sign up for the babysitting

course, taught both online and in a classroom setting. There, they learn basic first aid, including use of an EpiPen, clearing airways during a choking incident, minor wound care, how to use a fire extinguisher, and much more.

The Red Cross offers an initiative called H.E.L.P. which stands for Health Equipment Loan Program. The idea behind this program is to allow people to return home from hospital sooner and to provide dignity and independence to those in palliative care.

Through this program, people can borrow items from the Red Cross, such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, commode seats, and bath seats. They also loan out hospital beds, which they will deliver, install, and then pick up when no longer needed. Through their Specialized Equipment Program, the Red Cross has a variety of mobility aids available to both seniors and residents of Long-Term Care facilities.

Donations made to the Red Cross allow them to continue to offer emergency support where it is needed; keep their educational courses running; and ensure that if you, or a loved one, need a medical device, one will be available at no cost. Up until December 25th, all donations made will be tripled through the generosity of Keurig Dr Pepper Canada. If you are interested in supporting the Red Cross, please go to redcross.ca to find out all the ways your donation will help your community, or learn how to volunteer with this wonderful organization.

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Remembrance Day service 2024

Photos by Sam Ramsay

The Earl Francis Spryfield Memorial Legion held a well-attended Remembrance Day service outdoors at the rear of the Spryfield Mall—under cover so participants stayed relatively dry. Special thanks go out to Rick Dempsey, Mall Property Manager, for providing access to power and to those dedicated legion members who worked diligently to set up for the service. Because of rain, the annual parade made a short trek from the legion grounds to the mall area instead of their usual route which starts at the Shoppers Drug Mart on Herring Cove Rd.

Once again, the Dartmouth Pipe and Drum Band performed admirably while leading the march from the legion. The J.L. Ilsley Band, in collaboration with some members of the Second Chances Community Band, performed the Anthems and Amazing Grace and did so very well. Second Chances member, Mitchell Webster, performed the Last Post and Rouse and Jamie Bain, from the Pipe Band, played the Lament. All musical performances were well received by those in attendance.

J.L. Ilsley students Hannah Langille and Lily Rooney recited the Act of Remembrance, Commitment to Remember, and In Flanders Fields in both English and French.

Clergy prayers were brought forth by Brenda Clark, Emmanuel Anglican Church; Max Martin, St. Paul's United; and Steve Sutherland, Open



Door Community Church.

More than 100 wreaths were laid prior to and during the service.

Following the service, younger attendees were treated to hot dogs and juice and, later on, adults were served

a light lunch - among other things - while enjoying the music played by DJ Reg Jones.

The Legion also wishes to acknowledge and thank members of the 529 Armdale Air Cadet Squadron

and 2501 Army Cadet Squadron for their assistance on Remembrance Day and also during the Poppy Campaign.

Spryfield Legion Branch 152 extends its sincere appreciation to all those who attended the service.





More Remembrance Day photos on page 11

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The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

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 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. 1:00 pm. Doors open 11:00. Kitchen Open 11:30 -1:00 pm
- Chase The Ace Draw - every Monday 7:00 pm
- Sun. Dec 1 BINGO 1:00 pm
- Tues Dec 3 Executive Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sun. Dec 8 BIG BINGO 1:00 pm Doors open 11:30
- Fri Dec. 13 LIONS BINGO 6:30pm Doors open 5:00 pm
- Sat. Dec. 21 Christmas Dinner and Music 6:00 pm
- Tues. Dec 31 New Years Eve Dance Music by Reg Jones

Harrietsfield Williamswood Commu-

nity Centre events:

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- Tuesday December 3rd, 2024 at 7:00pm

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- Cookie decorating

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• 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) events:

- Family Services by phone call or walk in 902-477-5393 ext 0.
- Immigration Support by limited appointments call 902-477-5393 ext. 226

Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish events:

- Twelve Baskets, Stella Maris Parish outreach ministry, will provide a free, light take-out meal every Friday evening, between 5:30 and 6:30 PM, out of the St Michael's Church Hall site. (while supplies last). For further information contact Stella Maris Parish office at 902 477-3530 or email stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com

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

- The outdoor tap at St. Paul's United Church, 173 Old Sambro Rd., has been turned off for the winter. For those people in Harrietsfield with no access to safe drinking water, you are still welcome to water at St. Paul's but will have to go during working hours to

get your water indoors. We are sorry that due to fluctuating hours of some of our staff, there may not always be someone at the church. Feel free to call ahead to 902-479-1015 or 902-477-3937 to see if anyone is there.

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

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

Gardening season is over at the Urban Farm for 2024 and we would like to thank our great volunteers, members and funders who helped make our gardens, programs and events so successful!

2025 memberships will remain the same - Individuals \$10.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00, Families \$15.00

and Groups & Organizations \$25.00 - \$50.00.

Happy Holidays, looking forward to your visit at our Urban Farm!

Forever Fit for Seniors. Mon, Wed, and Fri from 10 to 11 am 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@halifaxweddingchapel.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 Morrissey 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

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

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Cuttell Community Update

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

Celebrating the season of giving and community

As we close out another year, December offers us a chance to reflect on the many blessings we've shared and embrace the joy and warmth of the holiday season. Though the days grow shorter and the air crisp, this time of year brings us closer together—whether in the company of family, friends, or our wider community.

It's a season for gratitude, giving, and remembering the importance of connection. Whether we're gathering around the dinner table, celebrating traditions, or lending a helping hand to those in need, December reminds us of the power of kindness and the strength of our community.

For those looking to give this holiday season, there are many opportunities to support local food banks and organizations in our community. A few to consider:

- Herring Cove Station 60 Annual Feed Nova Scotia Food Drive: Sunday, December 8th, 11am-4pm. Watch for Santa and the truck making their rounds, or drop off donations at the station.
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152: Cereal Drive to support schools in Spryfield and around The Loop.

Donations can be dropped off at the Legion.

- St. Emmanuel Church: Serving over 200 people each month, they accept non-perishable food items for their food bank.
- Chebucto Connections: Accepts donations for their food pantry and personal items.
- St. Paul's United Church: Partnering with Feed Nova Scotia, they accept food donations.
- Joan's Table: Provides meals for individuals at Shelter Nova Scotia's Herring Cove Apartments. Visit joanstable.com for more information on how to contribute.
- Maritime Sikh Society: Accepts food donations and provides free hot meals; everyone is welcome.

You can also support Feed Nova Scotia and the Parker Street Food Bank by donating at our local grocery stores. If I've missed any local organizations, please let me know—I'm always happy to share resources that support our communities.

City Hall Update: It's been a busy month at City Hall as we've welcomed a new Council and prepared for the next four years. With seven new Councillors and a new Mayor, it's been a time for learning and es-

tablishing our roles on various boards and committees. While not all positions have been confirmed before this deadline, I'm proud to share that I've been reappointed as Halifax's representative on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors. FCM plays a critical role in advocating for municipal governments across Canada, particularly in securing funding for infrastructure and resources to meet the needs of growing communities.

Last month, I also had several meetings with staff and residents in the new areas of my district, including Melville Cove, Fleming Heights, Jollimore, Ravenscraig, Cowie Hill, and Kline Heights. One of the main concerns in the Cowie Hill area is the scale of proposed developments, and many residents have expressed concerns about their potential impacts. A Public Hearing for the proposed development at 41 Cowie Hill will be held on January 9th. For more information on this development and other community updates, please visit www.pattycuttell.com to subscribe to my e-newsletter.

Volunteer Recognition and Community Building: November also marked Halifax's annual Volunteer Conference, which highlights and supports the critical role volunteers and community organizations play in strengthening our municipality. In District 11, we are fortunate to have a

vibrant network of volunteers who are always ready to give back, whether through organizing events, supporting local charities, or helping their neighbors. Thank you to all who dedicate their time to making our community stronger.

Nominations for the 2025 Volunteer Awards are currently open. These awards recognize outstanding individuals and groups who volunteer their time to improve our communities. If you know a volunteer in District 11 who deserves recognition, please reach out to volunteerhelp@halifax.ca. The nomination deadline is January 8, 2025.

As we embrace this holiday season, I want to extend my warmest Season's Greetings to everyone in District 11. Whether you're celebrating with family, friends, or in your own special way, I hope this time brings you peace, joy, and reflection.

It's a privilege to serve as your District 11 Councillor. For regular updates, follow me on Facebook and Instagram at [@pattycuttell11](https://www.facebook.com/pattycuttell11), or sign up for my e-newsletter at www.pattycuttell.com. You can always reach me at patty.cuttell@halifax.ca or 902-221-6893, or contact my constituent coordinator Michelle at michelle.egan@halifax.ca / 902-490-6982. For routine municipal issues, please call 311.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and fulfilling holiday season!

J.L. Ilesley International Students



Back row, standing: Raul, Islam, Yanis, Nicolas, Daniel, Sonja, Selina, Bruna, Nicole, Yurina, Luca, and Yuchan. Front row, seated: Alvaro, Camila, Bianca, Paulina, Vera, Tania, and Otavio

by *Camila Lopez Amezcua*

How does an international student experience being away from their home and culture?

J.L. Ilesley is one of the many schools in Nova Scotia that hosts international students; during this semester there are 22 students from all over the world studying here. We all come from diverse backgrounds and cultures, we speak different languages and do things in a unique way, but we all came to Canada with similar goals. Even though it is very scary to move away from your home and family to dive into the unknown, we all agree that we are very excited for this experience.

One of the main reasons we come to Canada is to learn English, but furthermore, we come here to learn about different cultures, meet new people and experience things we wouldn't in our countries. As surprising as it might be for many Canadians, last week was the first time many inter-

national students experienced snow. Adjusting to the temperature and the constantly changing weather of Halifax is always a challenge. For those of us from warmer climates it seems like we can never wear enough layers, but somehow, we still see Canadian kids wearing shorts.

As the winter holidays approach, being away from home can get especially harder. We all have traditions that we will miss, whether it's the Christmas posadas and piñatas from Mexico, or the Novenas, where Colombian families and friends gather to eat and pray. For many of us, the holidays are also about traditional foods: the Italian cannelloni enjoyed during Christmas, Osechi, the New Year's Eve traditional Japanese feast or the oven baked cod from Brazil. Although it is going to be a different way to spend the holidays, we are eager to experience Canadian winter traditions such as ice skating, watching

the Parade of Lights and of course, visiting Woody, the local Christmas mascot. Eating turkey with the traditional butterscotch pie is something I am personally very excited for.

We are all very grateful to J.L.'s community for making us feel welcomed, especially the teachers who are constantly supporting us and al-

ways willing to help, which has made our transition easier. We can't wait to see what other surprises we will have throughout the year.

Happy holidays from all of us! If you are interested in hosting an international student, please contact Terry Spearns at tspearns@hrce.ca or 902-233-6598.

A Case of the DTs SOLUTION

by Barbara Olson
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LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Douglas "Doug" Leo DeYoung

Age 72 of Halifax, it is with extreme sadness we announce the passing of Douglas Leo DeYoung on October 14, 2024, at the QEII Halifax Infirmary Site. Born in Halifax, he was the son of the late Leo and Blossom (Young) DeYoung.

Doug started working at Renault on Barrington Street in Halifax then moved on to Speedy Print in Halifax for 35 years. Later in life, you could find him and Barb taking care of various apartment buildings around Halifax. Doug was known as a hard worker and a man who liked to keep busy. He enjoyed building things around the house and tinkering with cars occasionally. If you ever asked anyone to describe Doug's demeanor or his personality, it was always the same thing "A big teddy bear and a go-with-the-flow kind of guy". Doug always put everyone else first and would give the shirt off his back to help anyone in need. When Doug wasn't helping a fellow friend, you could find Doug at home, he was very laid back. Most of the time catching up on Coronation Street, in his favorite Lazy-boy. He loved Saturday nights spending time playing cards with neighbors and friends. He

was a huge camping buff throughout his life and had a strong passion for older campervans. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing Hockey and riding motorcycles. Some of Doug's hobbies included fishing, antique radios/CB Radios, and a soft spot for collecting Coca-Cola Christmas Bears.

He is survived by his partner, Barb Cunningham whom he loved deeply; ex-spouse, Anne-Marie Carr; son, Matthew (Erika) DeYoung; stepchildren, Sean and Kelly; siblings, Leah (Bill) Hughes; nephew, Jeffery Hughes; step-grandchildren, Cameron, Aiden, Christian and Isabelle; Doug is predeceased by his daughter, and guardian angel, Adrienne.

Vera Dawn Shepherd

Age 62 of Halifax, it is with extreme sadness we announce her passing on October 11th, 2024 at the QEII Victoria General Site. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Marjorie Shepherd. She was a hard-working woman. Vera was passionate about darts, bowling, and playing cards. She loved music, cooking Marvel and Buffy the Vampire Slayer food. She is survived by her daughter Christina Shepherd; son, Edward Shepherd; siblings, Siblings Chris Shepherd, Pauletta Thouless, and Velma Elms. She was predeceased by her sister, Bonita Shepherd.

Annette "Cookie" Nora Raftus

Age 83 of Halifax. It is with a broken heart that we announce our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Annette "Cookie" Raftus passed away in her sleep, she is no longer in any pain.

Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late William and Mary (Briand) Grady. Cookie enjoyed summers spent in L'Ardoise with her parents and family. She will be remembered as a strong, kind, loving, giving, and selfless person. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

Annette is survived by her daughters, Debbie (Kenny) Allen and Denine Richard; sister, Jean; many nieces and nephews; grandchildren; great-grandchildren. Annette was predeceased by her loving husband, Donald Donny Raftus; infant son, Allen; son, Tony; grandchild, Matthew; brother, Ronnie.

Donna Marie Douglas

(formerly Parris)- Age 59 of Halifax, Born with the name April Marie LeHuray. Born in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late John and Evelyn (Feltmate) Douglas.

My cancer has gotten the better of me, and now I am on the other

side. Please don't be sad for me, I am at peace now. Yet you can help my family now, for they do not have peace at this time. But it will come as time heals all. Don't ever forget, xoxo.

She leaves behind her loving children, Amanda "Meana" Parris, Madonna "Babe" Parris, Gerald "Little Man" Parris, Alexandra "Cookie" Parris, and Faithy "Lovely" Borden-Douglas; grandchildren, Tyanne, Annez, Zoe, and Tia; Her two very special grandchildren, Sadie "Little Lady" Chernecki and Abigail "Abby Dabby" Prosser; brother, Gary (Marina) Douglas and family; sister, Lynn (Melcom) Morse and family; ex-husband, Gerry (Cindy) Parris.

Eleanor Ruth Wicks

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Eleanor Ruth Wicks (née Richard) on November 6, 2024 at the grand age of 98 years. Eleanor was the strong and social matriarch of a family that adored her. She was visited by family in the evening prior to her peaceful passing at 5:10 a.m.

Eleanor was born in Pleasantville, Nova Scotia, the daughter of the late Erlin Charles Richard and Myrtle Drucilla Richard (née Corkum). She was a lively child and passed her time catching tadpoles, playing in the playhouse her father built for her, and spending time with her cousin Marion. She loved to bake and make preserves with her mom.

Eleanor moved to Halifax to begin work as a stenographer at the age of 16. She lived in a rooming house downtown with other young women. Ever the resourceful woman, she started out her career using a wooden box upon which to do her work. She also taught speed reading and could read lips.

She met her future husband, Gordon Harold Wicks, in downtown Halifax when his navy ship was stationed there. He was immediately enamoured. The two were married on August 7, 1952, in Halifax, and remained happily married for 60 years until his passing on October 5, 2012.

Eleanor always loved children and she and Gordon wasted no time in starting a family. They first welcomed Sandra Fay into the world in 1953, followed by Eric Gordon in 1955. They thought they were done for a while then decided to have another little bundle of joy with Cheryl Anne arriving in 1963. As a mother, Eleanor was easy going, doting and enjoyed playing Scrabble and puzzles with her kids.

Eleanor thoroughly enjoyed making hearty and delicious meals for her family, and teaching her grandchildren how to bake. Always a lover of sweets, 'Ma', as she was affectionately called by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren,

always had biscuits or cookies on hand for her family and guests.

She was very devoted to her faith, church, and community. She loved reading the Bible and discussing it with her husband and church friends. She enjoyed frequent trips to the Dingle Tower in Halifax, reading or journaling by bright bay windows in her living room, and hosting or visiting others.

A woman full of warmth, understanding, kindness, and strength, she will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by family and friends. She was practical and loved quotes, and we thought it fitting to share one of her favourites, "Instead of complaining that the rose bush is full of thorns, be happy that the thorn bush has roses."

Eleanor is survived by her children, Sandra McIntyre, Eric Wicks and Cheryl Walker; grandchildren, Jeffrey Wicks, James Slaunwhite, Jonathan MacIntyre, Jason MacIntyre, Andrew Walker, Danielle Walker, Ericka Wicks, and Ashley Wicks; great grandchildren Kennedy Chamberlain, Joshua Slaunwhite, Justin Tanner, Lily Walker, Guy Baubit, and Adaline Baubit. Eleanor was predeceased by her brother, Clyde.

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Chebucto News

Legion members proudly carry their flags

Photos by Sam Ramsay



Lights! Action! Television cameras come to The Dingle



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