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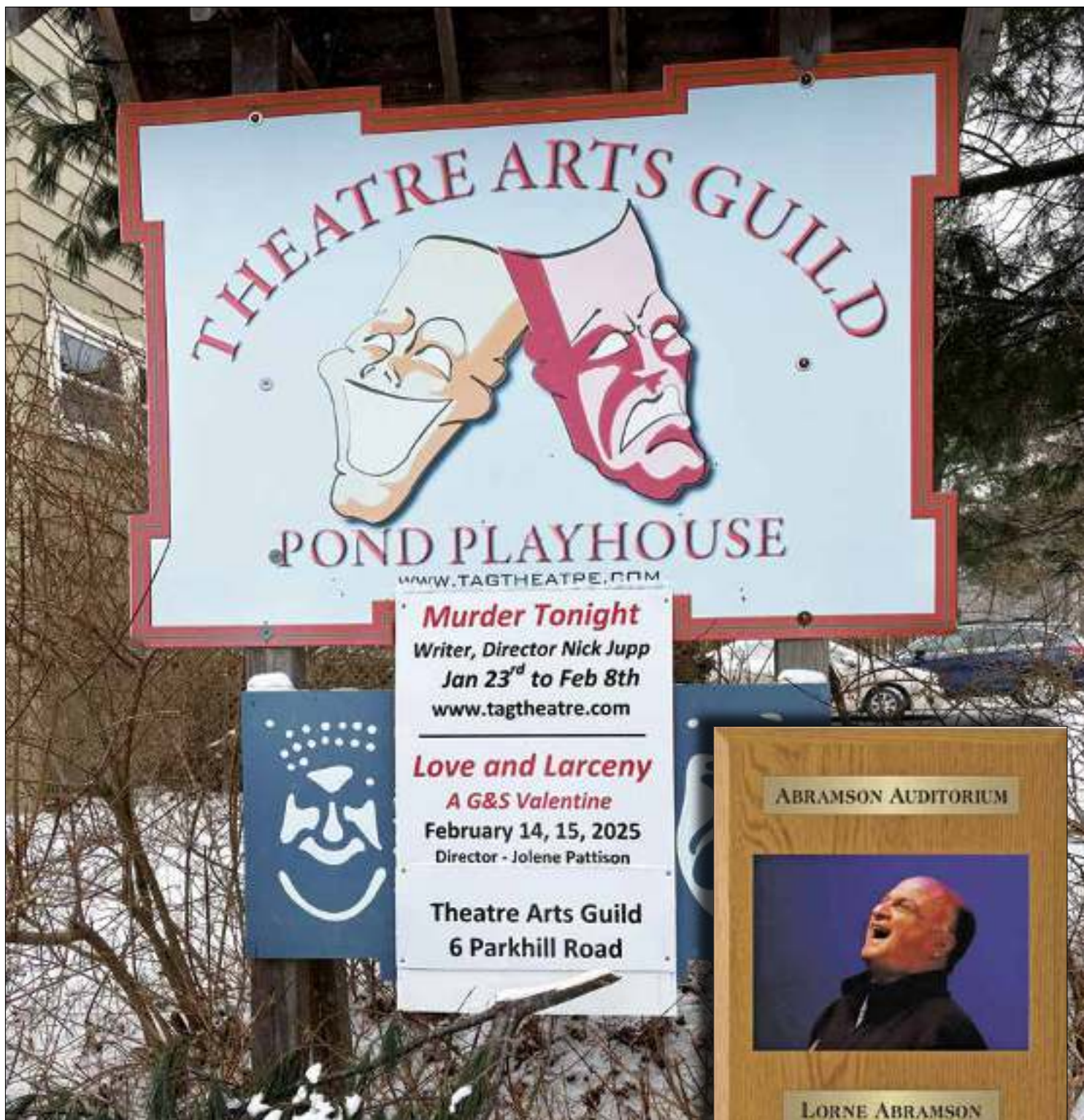
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TAG honours longtime volunteer



On Jan. 23rd, the Theatre Arts Guild was pleased to dedicate the Pond Playhouse Auditorium to Lorne Abramson. Lorne was a dedicated TAG Volunteer for more than 30 years and his spirit permeates the theatre, which will now be known as the Abramson Auditorium



Sammy says

The Sambro Area Community Association ("SACA") is pleased to be able to host their Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper this year. On Tuesday, March 4 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the St. James United Church Basement, 3811 Old Sambro Road in Sambro, SACA will serve up scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, tea or coffee for just \$7 for Adults, \$4 for Kids age 5-12. Children 4 and under are free! This meal is eat-in, with takeout available upon request. Funds raised will go towards a future community centre and a mobility accessible fishing dock and picnic area at Grand Lake.

Save the date! SACA will be hosting the Shay & Mackay Memorial Fishing Derby on Sunday, May 25 at Grand Lake in Williamswood. Prizes, raffles, barbeque and more! Stay tuned for further details as the date draws closer.

Here's another date to note: Sambro Sou'Wester Days are set for August 7-10, with baseball games in the week leading up to this. If you're interested in helping out as a volunteer, sponsor or donator, please reach out to Kim at 902-475-1583

You may be wondering about the progress of Sambro's quest for a Community Centre. Here's a brief breakdown of the status as it stands

(See Sammy says on page 2)

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Are there ghosts in Spryfield?

Episode 3

by a Spryfielder

I was told many years ago that my house sits on Ley Lines. What? I am not sure how I feel about that. I had no idea what Ley Lines were. I have since looked it up on my computer and discovered that they are “straight alignments drawn between various historic structures, prehistoric sites and prominent landmarks.” I would really like to hear from some readers. How long do you think the Ley Lines are and is it possible that all of Halifax and beyond is involved?

When my son was a tiny little thing, we went to Oak Island. We were there with several other couples. My son and I were walking on the edge of the island looking for shells and all of a sudden, I realized we had been so involved that we did see the other people leave the shoreline and head into the woods. I wanted to stay longer, especially after reading a book on Oak Island and thinking I was close to rocks that had been found in the shape of an arrow pointing inland. I was thinking it might be nice to see the rocks, and then it happened. A mean sounding male voice very close to my right ear said “Stop!” I was startled by the sound of such a mean voice that I stepped to one side. Again, “Stop!” I grabbed my son and quickly found a path that would hopefully take me to the other people I came to Oak Island with. Looking back the way we came, there was no one there. We had been alone on the beach.

I always thought it would be nice to visit Devil’s Island in the mouth of Halifax Harbour, and then I had the opportunity. We were with another couple, in our very dependable white speedboat. We launched from a spot close to the Dingle Tower. The waves were quite choppy, so we had to take it easy. Even so, we made good time, but when we got close to the island, the motor quit. The waves took us in and we landed gently on a beach area. Everyone got out of the speedboat and we looked at the house that was there. A severe chill came over me and it was like the house was daring me to approach. Without another step, I told everyone to get back in the boat.

Sammy says

(continued from page 1)

right now: SACA has applied to the Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) to have a parcel of Crown land donated to the community. DNR approved our request and sent a Letter of offer with some conditions to be met:

- Obtain an environmental report stating there were no residual effects of an old oil spill -- completed
- Make sure there were no rare lichens present on the property -- completed
- Have a land surveyor map out the intended parcel of land -- completed and survey approved by DNR
- Have an archaeological report done to investigate a Mi’kmaq pres-

No one said a word, but we all got back into the speedboat. We had a bit of engine trouble, but when we were about 20 feet off the beach area, the motor started and we got back to the Dingle without anyone saying a word to me. As we went to get the boat trailer, everyone looked at me and said “What are we doing back here?” I said “Because I said so”. It was a very quiet drive back home. The next day I was told that none of the others remembered the trip back to the Dingle, and our boat motor worked fine from that day on.

Martello Tower in Point Pleasant Park – will have to wait till next month.

ence on the land – retained and still in progress

DNR confirmed they have all they need from SACA for now, and they’ve submitted request to their legal department for a Deed to be prepared to give us ownership of the land. This step is still in progress.

A SACA volunteer applied for federal funding for money to start construction on a centre, but this can’t proceed until SACA actually owns the land. SACA will apply for Municipal and Provincial Funding for a community centre once we have ownership of the land. We’ll provide further updates as things move along this long and winding road.

Sammy Sambro is SACA’s mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Facebook.

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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)
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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. (2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays)

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

First Sunday only has a 10am service and it is Morning Prayer.

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.

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): Evening Candlelight Prayer

All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey!

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd)

Sunday services held at 10:30am. Services are live streamed 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.

We are once again offering our unique Family Faith Formation Sun-

days starting January 19th. While traditional Sunday school models focus strictly on instructing youth, our approach extends that learning to the whole community. Our youth receive a lesson meant to familiarize them with the core stories and values of our faith through conversation and creative activities. The rest of the congregation will study the same story with an emphasis on how to keep the conversation going at home. Our program is only once a month to make it easier for families to plan around their busy schedules and to ensure that we've always got plenty of teachers and kids to make it a more educational and enjoyable experience. So, join us as we explore our faith and see just how far your faith can take you. Family Foundation Sundays for the 2025 Winter/Spring season will take place on Jan 19th, Feb 16th, Mar 23rd, May 18th and Jun 15th

St. James Anglican Church (1 Har-rigan's Road)
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Wednesdays – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

As we enter February, the chill in the air reminds us that winter is still holding on, but there's hope on the horizon. Soon, the ice will melt with the promise of warmer days. Spring is just around the corner, and I can't wait for the season of renewal and growth to arrive.

Along with the changing season, February also brings the start of the legislature's Spring session. It's a busy time for all of us in government as we prepare for the provincial budget to be tabled. This budget will lay the groundwork for many important projects and priorities, and I am excited to advocate for the needs of our community.

Locally, there are several projects that I'll be working hard on to ensure they receive the attention and support they deserve. One of the top priorities is the community centre in Sambro, which will provide a space for local activities, gatherings, and programs that strengthen our sense of connection. Additionally, I am pushing to develop a third parking lot at Crystal Crescent Beach, which will improve accessibility and ease the burden on the current facilities during peak times. There are also much-needed renovations planned for our local schools and road infrastructure, making our community safer and more vibrant. These are just a few of the initiatives I will focus on in the coming months, and I will continue to work tirelessly to bring the support and resources our community needs.

On a provincial level, there is much to be excited about. The school lunch program continues its rollout across the province, providing students with nutritious meals to fuel their learning. I'm also encouraged by the ongoing investments in housing support and homelessness prevention, which are critical to addressing the needs of our most vulnerable residents. In addition, I'm looking forward to the promised tax relief, which will provide some financial relief to people across Nova Scotia.

Our community is one of the most beautiful places in Nova Scotia, and I am proud to represent you. I will continue to fight for every penny of

local investment, ensuring that our community receives the support it needs to thrive. Whether it's funding essential services or advocating for projects that will improve the quality of life for our residents, I am committed to standing up for the people of our community.

This past month, we experienced a profound loss. Our community said goodbye to one of Spryfield's true legends, Bernice Spicer. Bernice passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family. She was more than just a neighbour—she was a mother figure to many of us. Her home was always open, and her warmth and kindness knew no bounds. Bernice's advice, infectious laugh, and unwavering support will be missed by all who knew her. Our hearts go out to her family during this difficult time. Rest

in peace, Bernice—you will never be forgotten.

As we navigate through this tumultuous time, with differing opinions and beliefs shaping our conversations, we must remember that we are all Canadians. We are all part of this shared journey, and while we may not always agree, we should always strive to do our best. Whether in person or online, let's make kindness our guiding principle. A little compassion goes a long way, and it's something we can all afford to give.

As we look ahead to the coming months, let's hope that Spring will bring us not only warmer weather but a renewed sense of unity, purpose, and optimism. I'm proud to serve this community, and I'll continue working to ensure that it remains the place we all call home.

Spotlight on Spryfield Speakers Series

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our neighborhood and conservation efforts. These are free events open to all ages and require you to register on our library website for each event.

To kick off the series, register and join us on Feb 13 at 7:00 p.m. to welcome outdoor enthusiast and well-known author, Michel Haynes who will tell us some of his tales from the trails in our area. On Feb 25 at 7:00 p.m. George Ryan of Hope for Wildlife will discuss the rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife in our area.

For a full calendar of events, registration and more information call or



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See upcoming speakers on pages 6 and 7.



DISCOVERING OUR PAST



Herring Cove parents sued by former teacher

by Iris V. Shea

Herring Cove school records date back to 1836 when the inhabitants of that community raised three pounds, fifteen shillings to pay the teacher, John McLaughlin, for one term. In 1836, the term started on the 15th of June and ended the 30th of November. Not all children attended school on a regular basis and the teacher wrote this comment: "It is not worth while to make mention (sic) of any more names. There is as many as I can teach and nothing for so doing, only what the government allows me, God Bless Them Amen." The 1836 school record listed the names of 16 pupils. Mr. McLaughlin also received free room and board, valued at five shillings, six pence per week.

In 1846, Michael Kelly was the teacher for two terms ending October 31st. His salary for the year was 18 pounds, 6 shillings with free lodgings valued at 7 shillings, 10 pence per week. The Trustees were Maurice Power and John Bracket. Residents of Herring Cove raised 25 pounds, 16 shillings for the teacher's salary, room and board. Fifty-eight scholars attended classes that term. Of those 58 students, 15 were classified as "free" and 43 were paying students. According to the information provided in the following petition, Michael Kelly abandoned his teaching position before his contract ended.

In 1847, in the file of school registers at the Nova Scotia Archives, RG14, volume 25, this petition appeared on behalf of Catherine Dempsey, widow, Andrew Bracket, fisherman, John Adams, fisherman, all of Herring Cove, and Richard Hanrahan, fisherman, Ferguson's Cove. Former school teacher, Michael Kelly, had lodged a complaint against these four Herring Cove residents. The written petition to Lieutenant General John Harvey Knight was witnessed by A.M. Uniacke and reads as follows:

"In the course of last summer the inhabitants of Herring Cove engaged Michael Kelly, a teacher, to teach their children for one year. Said Michael Kelly, after three months, abandoned same. Last Christmas he went round to several homes to obtain payment. On these occasions he asked for liquor which was readily given him in way of kinship and hospitality in the same manner usual and customary with the people along the shore and without any intention or desire to receive money for the same. That in one instance Michael Kelly offered money in payment for it, and on this being refused, handed 3 and ½ pence to one of the children of the family. Another instance he was supplied with something to eat together with cider and paid for the whole, against the wish of those who offered it, who intended to

give it as Christmas Cheer. That your petitioners were struck with astonishment and dismay a few days after on being summoned before two Justices of the Peace in Halifax to answer for breach of License Law when said Michael Kelly gave evidence that your petitioners sold liquor and therefore each was fined five pounds plus costs of eight shillings and 10 pence which they paid. That your petitioners never had any intention of supplying Michael Kelly with liquor and committing a crime. That habit and mode of life of your petitioners exposing them to continual hardships at all seasons and by night and day render it necessary for them to keep small supplies of liquor in their houses which they part with freely to their friends and neighbours without requiring any return payment.

That said Michael Kelly having once joined a Temperance Society has since left it and has broken his pledge and is now a notorious and abandoned drunkard. That your petitioners are all poor and enforcing the judgments now given against them at this season of the year will press most severely and injurious upon them. Your petitioners, therefore, throw themselves upon the merciful condition of your Excellency and that you will graciously omit the fine and penalty upon them aforesaid."

William Sutherland was the lawyer who represented the four Herring Cove residents, resulting in a favourable outcome for all four petitioners. The funds previously paid to the Justices of the Peace were reimbursed. Former teacher, Michael Kelly, was reprimanded for his role in causing stress and great discomfort to Catherine Dempsey, Andrew Brackett, John Adams and Richard Hanrahan. Lawyer, William Sutherland, a young man who grew up in Spryfield (an uncle to Elizabeth Sutherland, Spryfield's first schoolteacher) did not charge a fee for his services. He claimed these hard working Herring Cove residents had suffered enough. The accompanying school record for 1846 reveals a number of names whose descendants continue to live in Herring Cove.

Mainland South Heritage Society usually celebrates Heritage Day in February with an Annual Heritage Tea and Photograph Display. In 2025 we have decided to hold this event on Saturday, April 26th. Winter weather in February has often made it difficult for members of the public to attend. See more information about this event on the Community Events page of this newspaper. Another important development to report for Mainland South Heritage Society is our new and improved website. Board member Fay DeViller has been adding local history files regularly to this website. Please check it out at www.mshshistory.com

School Report for 1846 Herring Cove, transcribed from NS Archives, RG 14, vol. 25.

Herring Cove Students, October 1846, Teacher Michael Kelly			
STUDENT NAME	AGE	STUDENT NAME	AGE
Munroe, Hugh (s/o George)	12	Edwards, Ann	16
Munroe, Hugh (s/o Hugh)	11	Edwards, Cecelia	6 (free)
Munroe, George	9 (free)	Dempsey, Catherine	16
Latter, Thomas	11	Hayes, Susan	13
Latter, William	9	Power, Ann	12
Power, Patrick	12	Adams, Elizabeth	4
Hayes, John	13	Fahie, Bridget	11
Edwards, Henry	10	Ryno, Ellen	12
Power, John	9	Power, Sarah	10
Ryno, Joseph	10	Power, Mary	9 (free)
Ryno, William	8 (free)	Darrach, Elizabeth	10
Bracket, James (s/o Andrew)	10	Darrach, Ann	6 (free)
Umlah, William	12	Thomas, Elizabeth	11
Umlah, Alexander	10	Bracket, Mary	6
Power, Michael	11	Perrier, Mary Ann	6
Power, Patrick	10	Lauchlan, Ellen	9 (free)
Power, Mark	8 (free)	Thomas, Catherine	13
Bracket, James (s/o Margaret)	10	Thomas, Sarah	9
Brown, John	10	Brown, Mary	9
Brown, George	8 (free)	Munroe, Catherine	10
Ryno, John G.	10	Oakley, Ellen	6 (free)
Higgins, William	10	Brown, Margaret	8
Bracket, Andrew	6	Munroe, Sarah	10
Adams, John	10	Munroe, Marny Ann	6 (free)
Adams, William	8	Bracket, Ellen	12
Oakely, James	9	Bracket, Catherine	7 (free)
Laughlan, Catherine (free)	15	Higgins, Letitia	13
Laughlan, Bridget	14	Ryno, Catherine	13
Laughlan, Ann	12 (free)	Ryno, Sarah Ann	6 (free)

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So much need and so much help

by Carolyn Mont

Last month, I spoke about the Christmas program at St. Paul's United Church Family Resources Institute (FRI). Kristen Holley, the Executive Director of FRI brought me up to speed on some of the things that have changed this year. FRI is affiliated with Feed Nova Scotia and gets regular food deliveries from them to help support the food bank at St. Paul's. We also get support from the church congregation and from the greater community. Because need throughout the province has increased, Feed Nova Scotia made the decision to change the way they supported food banks and they gave money instead of food. This meant that FRI had to source the food themselves and that was a daunting task. Fortunately, this being the giving community that it is, food came in and they were able to support over 150 families, including over 300 children. They were also able to supply toys for children under 12 years of age and gift cards for those older.

It is always risky to thank individuals or groups when many have helped. However, Kristen would like to recognize that new partnerships were created to adapt to the changes. Some of those partnerships are with New Life Church, Coca Cola-Lakeside Continuous, Station 62 Fire Station, William King Elementary School, St. James United Church in Sambro, Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church in Spryfield, JL Ilsley

football team and the youth group from Timberlea Baptist Church. There was also significant support from apartments and condos in the community. It is easy to focus on, and be discouraged by, the need in our community but I am greatly comforted when I see the vast array of individuals and groups who are willing and happy to help those in need.

At St. Paul's United Church, we are blessed with wonderful volunteers. You might wonder what volunteers at a church end up doing. I could go on for a long time, but some tasks commonly done are opening the church on Sunday, turning up the heat, decorating for Christmas both inside and outside, helping to unload the Food Bank truck, preparing lunch for the Soup's On free lunch... the list goes on and on. These are pleasant activities and the folk at the church are very happy to have assistance with these tasks. However, there is one volunteer job at St. Paul's that no one likes doing but, my goodness, we've always been lucky to get the help. That job is picking up garbage.

You might well be saying, "Huh? What garbage?" Some of you have heard similar stories like ours. To start, you have a big truck that goes past your door weekly picking up garbage at the end of your driveway. There are people, however, who for some reason, take their garbage to private dumpsters, such as ours, and toss it in. If the dumpster is full, these strangers don't care, and they

just leave their garbage on the ground creating an unsightly mess.

Think about this. They have had to gather their garbage and drive it to our parking lot to dump it. This is where some wonderful volunteers come in. That might be very dirty garbage or heavy furniture and comes from people we don't know. Imagine volunteering to clean up someone else's garbage! Amazing. We know we are fortunate in that we have had people willing to help with this but that might not always be the case. It should also be noted that the church pays to have their garbage picked up.

It is also true that we are not alone. We have seen in the Chebucto News that this has been an issue for other groups. Hand in Hand, for instance, has had similar issues with someone else's garbage dumped into and around their overflowing dumpster. If it is a dumpster, someone has to pay to have it dumped, thus incurring an additional cost for a not-for-profit organization. Just put your garbage at the end of your driveway or in your apartment building's dumpster and it will be taken care of at no cost to you or to a not-for-profit organization.

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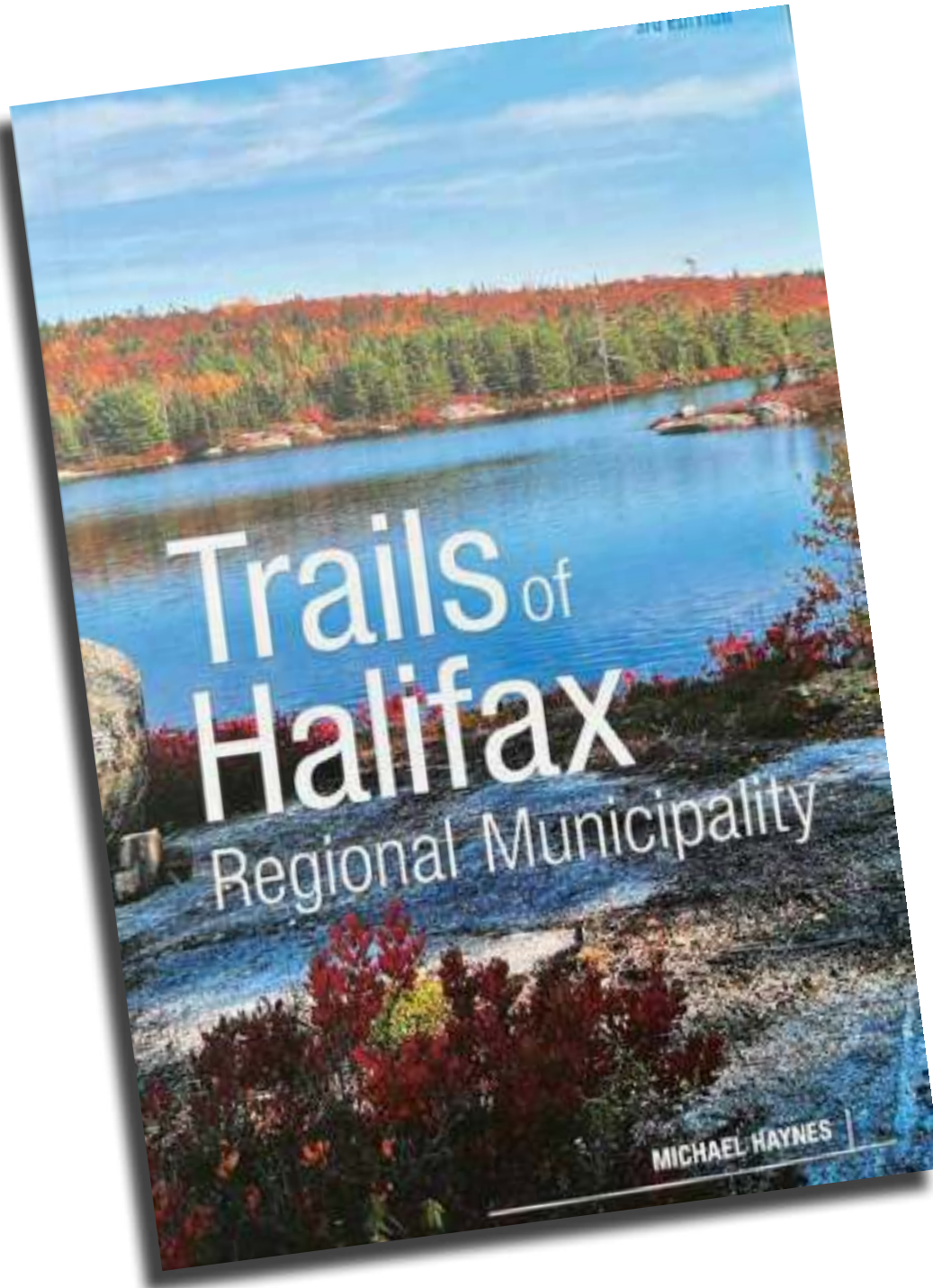
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Spotlight on Spryfield Hiking

February 13, Thursday evening
7:00 – 8:30pm
Captain Spry Community Library
Register through Library website

The Williams Lake Conservation Company and the Captain Spry Community Library are offering a series of talks by local experts on the amazing natural environment we live in. Topics include hiking trails, fishing for newbies, birding skills, identifying wild edible plants and wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.

Spryfield is surrounded by many city and provincial parks that nature lovers, outdoor sporty folks, and birders from all over HRM use and enjoy. So, let's start this series with talking about hiking.

Michael Haynes is Canada's most published author on trail guides, and he has hiked many of the trails in this area.

Michael will tell some trail tales, discuss the development, sustainability and conservation of trails. He is a leading authority on the importance of active transpor-

tation in our area. He has authored fifteen trail guides, including Hiking Trails of Cape Breton, Trails of Halifax Regional Municipality, and the two-volume The Best of The Great Trail. For more information call the Captain Spry Community Library or visit and register for "Spotlight on Spryfield" at the Halifax public libraries.ca.

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Community Grants Program

The municipality is now accepting grant applications for 2025/26. Local non-profits and charities can apply for: a project grant of up to \$5,000 OR a capital grant of up to \$25,000. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.

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Spotlight on Spryfield Wildlife

February 25, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
 Captain Spry Community Library

The Williams Lake Conservation Company and the Captain Spry Community Library are hosting a series of speakers on our Spryfield – Mainland South area. Registration is required for each talk so visit the library’s website and look for the “Spotlight on Spryfield” series.

Hope for Wildlife is a charitable wildlife rehabilitation and education organization. Since 1997, they have rescued, rehabilitated, and released over 90,000 injured and orphaned wild animals representing over 250 species in Nova Scotia. George Ryan is the Senior Education Coordinator on the Education and Outreach Team. He began volunteering 13 years ago with wildlife rescues and he has been involved with various roles within the organization. George gives tours of the education centre and rehab facil-



ity, delivers presentations at schools, workplaces, and festivals. He will be speaking about the importance of wildlife rehabilitation, wildlife coexistence, and Hope for Wildlife’s mission to reconnect people with wildlife.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

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
- Mon. Feb 10 Seniors' Dance 1-4 pm. Music by Joe MacKinnon. Adm \$6.00. Lunch Served
- Fri. Feb 7 Forever Young Seniors Bingo 6:30 pm. Doors open 5:00
- Thurs. Feb 27 Crib 7pm. Admis \$7 Bring a Partner
- POOL - Beginning on Feb 1 ,2025: All Memorial pool tournaments will be open to members of any legion along with family members of the person being memorialized.

Captain William Spry Public Library Events:

- February 8th 1:30 to 2:30. We have

partnered with Spryfield Community Association to present "You are Loved": Author reading and Conversation. Free event

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- We currently have full time spots in our After School Program! Please email hwcc@outlook.com for information.
- Pre-teen Valentine's Dance (Grades 3-5 only) *A parent must sign children in Thursday February 6th, 2025, 6:30-8:00pm \$5 at the door \$1 Canteen items
 - Mobile Food Market Tuesday February 18 11am-2pm; Thursday February 27 5pm-8pm
 - 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

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Road) events:

- February 8th from 10am to 11:30am Introduction to Line Dancing. \$10 per person
- Our hall is available for rental. Please call 902-477-1783 or go to <http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net/>

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

2025 memberships will remain the same - Individuals \$10.00, Students & Seniors \$5.00, Families \$15.00 and Groups & Organizations \$25.00 - \$50.00.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - March 10th (6:45-8:45pm) at the Capt. Wm. Spry Centre, Sussex Street. Everyone Welcome!

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@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
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

Mainland South Heritage Society has changed the date of its Annual Heritage Tea and Display from February to April this year. Weather in February often prevents people from attending. Our Heritage Tea and Display will be held Saturday, April 26th from 2pm to 4pm at the Captain William Spry Community Centre (16 Sussex St). Admission is free.

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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Donald John MacAulay

Regretfully, we announce the passing of Donnie MacAulay on January 8, 2025 at the age of 81. Born in New Waterford, he was the oldest son of the late Donnie and Pearl (MacDonald) MacAulay. He attended Central School where he was an accomplished athlete helping lead Central to a number of titles, most notably, the Canadian Juvenile Basketball title in 1961, Donnie continued his athletic endeavors with the New Waterford Strands – basketball - and the Scotch-town Raiders - fastball - and helped lead each team to a number of Provincial and Maritime championships before moving to Halifax in 1973. For his efforts, he and his teammates were proudly enshrined in the Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and New Waterford Halls of Fame. Donnie worked for 28 years as a provincial government employee with the NS Dept. of Education as an Adult Education Instructor and later with Apprenticeship Training. In Halifax, Donnie was quite proud to be part of a slow-pitch team with his two daughters. He played this sport until the age of 64 when golf became his passion. He had a hole in one the first year he played and added two more in later years. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Bev (Pickles) and his two sisters, Barbara

MacDonald and Carol Brewer and a brother, Dave. He is survived by his partner, Jeannine Poirier, his daughters Karen and Lisa (Sherry) and three grandchildren, Melissa (Evan) Cheetham, Michael MacAulay and Christopher (Renee) Beeler and three great grandchildren, Harvey, Adelle and Eloise, and his brother Ronnie. He has asked us to keep his memory alive by continuing his legacy of making people feel good - through kind words and deeds, smiles, and most especially. Hugs.

Sharron Dianne (Kearns) Duff

Age 77 of Williamswood, It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our dear mother, Sharron Dianne (Kearns) Duff, who passed away at the QEII Halifax Infirmary on December 18th, 2024.

Born May 24, 1947, Sharron was the proud only daughter of the late Evelyn (McCarthy) and Arthur Kearns. She grew up in Jollimore. In 1968, she married James Duff and moved to Spryfield, Harrietsfield, before finally settling in their forever home in Williamswood.

Sharron has worked at several places over the years, including Sears warehouse, Sears call center, Superstore, and No Frills, and made many friends along the way.

A selfless devoted wife, mother, and animal lover is what best describes her legacy and the memories that will live on in her children.

Sharron loved to spend time at home with her cats watching “her” shows, reading, and having a cup of tea in the kitchen while watching the birds and the squirrels in the backyard. No animal, bird, or bug would be harmed if she could help it. She was also very proud of her three grandchildren and was always glad to spend time with them.

Sharron is survived by her daughter and caregiver, Tracy (Tom Nicholson), Williamswood; son, Jamie (Jennifer Benoit), Afton; three grandchildren, Shara Duff, Robin Nicholson, and AJ Duff; her brothers, Bradley (Susan) Kearns, Kipling Saskatchewan, and Gerald (Avril) Kearns, Jollimore; sister-in-law’s, Vilena (Ed) Walker, Orangeville Ontario, Janet (Chuck) Rafuse, Porters Lake, and Debbie (Clyde) Billard, Spryfield. Sharron was predeceased by her husband James; sister-in-law, Linda Duff.

Diane Louise McNamara

1944-2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our loving Mother, Wife, and Nana, Diane McNamara on December 22, 2024, at the QEII VG Hospital, Halifax surrounded by loving family.

Born in Halifax, on November 2, 1944, Diane was the daughter of the late Lillian and Harold Yeadon. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Carl McNamara; son, Chris McNamara; daughter, Shelley McNamara. Also, the light of her life, granddaugh-

ter, Madison Irvine.

Remembering their sister, Alan Yeadon (Helen), Brenda Fraser (Bob); ex-brother-in-law, Philip Slaunwhite. Many special brothers and sisters-in-law and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews are deeply missing her.

Diane resided in Cowie Hill for the last 43 years and babysat hundreds of children for decades. She loved “her kids” so much as they were all very special to her.

She was involved with the Halifax Sparkettes baton twirling team for over 50 years. Travelled with her daughter and granddaughter all over the USA and Canada for baton trips. She was their number one fan and greatest supporter.

Mom was the most selfless, loving, and generous person to everyone who came into her life. She would want to be remembered with joy, not sadness. Diane is now with God and will be a very special angel watching over us.

Denise Marie Blackler

Age 60 of Harrietsfield, Nova Scotia. February 8, 1964, to December 10, 2024, with tremendous heartache, the family announces the passing of our treasured Denise.

Born in Kentville, Nova Scotia, Denise was known for her kindness, warmheartedness, and her sweet soul. She had a gift for making everyone feel loved and included. She would do anything for anyone and always put others before herself. “Nocturnal Neechie” was one of her many nicknames as she was famous for staying up all hours of the night. She would often tell people to “call me whenever you need to talk day or night!”. You could always count on her to pick up the phone.

Her son Jake was her pride and joy. She loved him with all she had. Her biggest wish was for him to succeed and build himself a beautiful life. Denise also loved her “bonus daughter” Emilie, who she called “Little Emie”. It was well known that Denise loved ALL her friends and family fiercely.

Denise had been a fighter since the age of 18 when she was sadly a victim of a motorcycle accident that left her with life-long injuries. She had 29 surgeries in total from this accident. Even after going through so many hardships at such a young age, she continued to fight and stay strong. She always found a way to remain positive. Her positivity was always contagious to everyone around her.

Denise was a crafty lady and made many beautiful creations including knitted gifts, wreaths, and her famous shortbread and peanut butter cookies. She was known for her love of dolphins and gold jewelry. Her famous rings, necklaces, and the 14 gold hoops in her ears were her trademarks. You would never see her leave the house without them.

In the summer you could find Denise down at Crystal Crescent beach, listening to the sounds of waves crashing on the shore with her 70s-90s music playing in the background. She cherished her days at the beach and loved to watch the sunset over the horizon. For many years she was

the face of the Workers Compensation Board, working at the front desk. She made many close friends and met lots of lovely people during this time. People would often come by and ask for Denise, just so they could have the pleasure of speaking with her again. She had a strong work ethic and a large drive to help others.

Denise became very ill in May 2023 and fought very hard up until the very end. The family would like to express their gratitude to her lifelong best friend Bernadette Mountain Boyd for her continuous love and unwavering support. She stood by her side through the good times and the bad, including when both Denise and her father became so ill this past year. Bernie, you are a true angel on earth. Our family loves and appreciates you very much.

Denise may be gone but she will never be forgotten. She left her mark on everyone she knew, and her soul will live on in the waves and the sunsets. We have no doubt that she is relaxing in the sand somewhere right now, looking down on all her loved ones, proud to have known such beautiful people. We are all very proud to have known someone as wonderful as her.

Denise was predeceased by her mother, Barbara Arsenault (03/04/23), and her father, Albert Arsenault (11/11/24). She is survived by her son, Jacob (Emilie); sisters Monique and Colette (Jim); brother Trevor (Angie); and nieces and nephews Katelyn, Jorden, and Oliver.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Amanda Eileen Thompson

It is with great sadness that we announce the tragic passing of Amanda (Mandy) Eileen Thompson, 42 of Spryfield on January 3, 2025. She is survived by her mother Ruth (Bib) Thompson, Hammonds Plains, her partner, Shilo Beals whom she loved dearly, and her sister, Amber (Richard) Thompson, Dartmouth. She is also survived by her aunts, Patsy, Timberlea, and Donna, Bible Hill, and her uncle Bozo, as well as nieces, Maddie and Chloe, and nephew, Aiden who she loved as her own. She was a special mother to Shy’rissa, Nashia, Janelle, and Santana, and special son, Christian, whom she loved dearly and thought of as her own. She will also be remembered by her many other special nieces and nephews who she loved as her own, along with her step-sisters, Tammy Shields and Tara Taylor, and special sisters, Candace Conrad, Tanya Young and Terrylee Graham. She was a loving godmother to many. Mandy was predeceased by her father, Chris Thompson, and grandparents Delores and Lawrence McKay, who she missed dearly.

Mandy was a beautiful girl who brought joy and light to everyone around her. Her love for children was evident in everything she did, she had a unique ability to connect with people bringing smiles and laughter everywhere she went. She always

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found time to lend a helping hand, a comforting hug and offer advice without judgement. Mandy was a shining example of how to treat others, as she always wanted the best for everyone. She was a bright light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her and her journey on earth was one marked by love and compassion and her passing has left a void in the hearts of family, friends, and many more whose lives were touched by her. We hope that you remember her not for how her life ended, but for the way her life was lived and the impact she had on those who were blessed to call her a friend or family. She loved to travel, she explored new places and cultures and was always excited to learn and grow. Although she may not physically be with us, we will forever remember her laughter, her energy, the warmth she brought into our lives, and her zest for life. Her spirit will continue to inspire and uplift us and her light will shine forever in our hearts. She will be forever loved and missed.

Marie Frances (Miller) Smith

Mar 29 1937 - Jan 3 2025 (87)

It is with great sadness the family of Marie Frances Smith (Miller) is sharing the news of her passing Jan 3 2025. Marie passed away peacefully with family by her side, after a recent diagnosis of lung cancer. A woman with an indomitable spirit and resourceful nature, Marie confronted significant challenges and loses during her 87 years. Unfortunately, cancer was no stranger to Marie as she also fought a courageous battle with breast cancer in her previous years. Marie was the eldest daughter of the late Edmond and Frances (Delaney) Miller.

Marie leaves behind two sisters Florence Bellefontaine (Paul) and Brenda Lee to cherish their fond memories. Marie also leaves behind three children, Larry (Maureen), Jean and Marilyn (Keith) as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marie was predeceased by her siblings June, Edna and Teddy. Marie was also predeceased by three children Paul, Janet (Shanks), Kathy (Purcell) and grandson Joel Purcell.

In Marie's early years she was very active in organized sports, playing softball, and bowling. In her leisure time she enjoyed playing cards, darts and bingo. She enjoyed her frequent walks to York Redoubt with her German Shepherd fur baby 'Lucky'. She continued her interest in bingo playing weekly tv bingo with her daughter Marilyn and her granddaughter Ashley for the past several years. In her later years, Marie mostly enjoyed visits from her great grandchildren.

Marie worked for many years at the Victoria General Hospital, installing televisions for the patient's enjoyment. She also worked for Northwood Manor in the dietary department as a floor supervisor.

As the time of her passing neared,

Marie expressed her readiness and joy to be reunited with Paul, Janet, Kathy and Joel.

Alex John Burns

Age 88 of Portuguese Cove.

With great sadness, we announce Alex John Burns's passing on Monday, December 16, 2024, at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Born at Friar's Head (Cap LeMoine) Cape Breton on September 14, 1936, he was the son of the late Johnny and Annie Burns.

Alex was strong in faith, attending St. Anne's and St. Peter's Churches. He loved working outside, gardening, and returning home to Cape Breton. Alex worked as a bellman at the Nova Scotia Hotel and as a chauffeur for the City of Halifax's Parks and Grounds.

Alex will be dearly missed by his sons, John "Anthony" and Eugene "Alexander" (Helen Gilbert); adored grandson, Eugene Jr.; step-granddaughter, Cynthia MacDonald; step-great-granddaughter, Brendalee MacDonald; sister, Velma LeBlanc (Paul); cousins, Sarah Dozzi and Margaret LeBlanc; many nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Marie "Louise" (LeBlanc); brothers, Thomas (Marie Antoinette), Lionel (Mary Stella), and Roger (Mary); sisters, Lucy Dora Aucoin (Clovis), Loretta Aucoin (Joseph Edmund), and Bernadette LeBlanc (Arthur).

Jacqueline Marie MacEachen

With regret, we announce that Jacqueline Marie MacEachen died peacefully on January 1st, 2025 with her family by her side. Jackie was the oldest daughter of the late Robert and Shirley (née Cuvelier) Lanigan of Halifax. She grew up in the Spryfield area, spending her leisure time swimming at the Dingle, skating on the Punch Bowl beside her house, and trekking to the Oxford Theatre to watch a Saturday matinee with her friends. After graduating from B.C. Silver High School in 1968, Jackie attended MSVU, graduating in 1971. During this time as a History major, she spent her summers working as a tour guide for a number of National Historic Sites. She then received her BEd from Atlantic Institute of Education/Acadia in 1972. She worked as a special education teacher for several years with HRSB, then chose to stay at home with her 3 children. During part of this period, she worked at St. Joseph's Preschool in Spryfield as a coordinator and teacher. She later returned to the classroom for 12 years as an educational program assistant, working in several Halifax schools.

Through education circles, Jackie met her husband, Isaac and they married in 1975 at St. Michael's Church in Spryfield. They celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary in June. Together they enjoyed travel, books, hiking, music, restaurants, a glass of red wine, Scrabble, live theatre, and entertaining their grandchildren. She also had an interest in sewing and

completed many projects throughout the years, including her own wedding gown. Jackie was a very kind and gentle woman. She was a great listener with a deep concern for others, especially the more vulnerable in our society. Her warm smile was a window to her beautiful soul. She treasured her roles as wife, mother, and grandmother, and she will remain in the hearts of many.

Jackie was very committed to her Catholic faith, and was always an active member of St. Michael's (now Stella Maris Parish), serving at various times on Pastoral Council (chair for one term), Liturgy Committee, Religious Education Teaching Staff, Hospitality Team and Baptismal Preparation Team. For 46 years Jackie was a very dedicated member of the parish CWL, serving on the executive for many years, including one term as president.

Jackie leaves behind her husband, Isaac; children, Anne Marie (Kendall Whynot), Shirley Beth (Duane McNeill), and Duncan (Sarah); grandchildren, Silas Whynot, Tai and Mia McNeill, and Ellis and Fairley MacEachen. Jackie was predeceased by her parents and her younger sister, Joanne (Glenn) Martin.

John Kennedy (Ken) Snyder

1934-2024, Ketch Harbour, Nova Scotia.

In the early morning hours of December 13, 2024, Ken died peacefully at home in Ketch Harbour, Nova Scotia at the age of 90 years.

Born to Catherine (Kay McKeon) and John Snyder on August 17, 1934 in Brooklyn, New York, Ken spent his boyhood and youth in Sharon, Connecticut. Ken deeply loved the woodlands and forests of Northwest Connecticut and New England. His experience of the woods shaped his thought and sensibility, congruent with his reading Emerson, Thoreau, and Wordsworth.

Ken initially attended Housatonic Regional Valley High School. A diligent and gifted student, he was program chairman of the Civics Club, vice president of the Latin Club, and a member of the Student Council. A 9th grade essay on U.S. foreign policy and the Amerasia case was indicative of his perspicacity. Ken met former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt when she visited Housatonic in October of 1949 to address the school on the occasion of the school's 10th anniversary. Ken's academic record won him a scholarship to complete his studies at The Hotchkiss School where he received a superior classical education, graduating in 1953. Ken recalled attending summer chamber music concerts with classmate Michael (Mike) Sugarman and attributed his preference for the intimacy of string quartets and small ensembles to hearing those performances. Also part of the mix: jazz and Roswell Rudd's enthusiasm for it.

Ken studied English Literature at Brown University (A.B. 1961). S.

Foster Daimon, Blake scholar and poet, was a teacher and friend. Ken's own poetry and prose writing was featured in *Brunonia* and the *Brown Review*. He interviewed Robert Frost in December of 1955 when Frost was at Brown to speak on poetry and read some of his poems. Ken's article, "Robert Frost and the Dilemma", was published in *Brunonia* shortly after.

A wild three-day shared relay drive to the West Coast began a hiatus from Brown in order for Ken to work and travel. He cooked in the kitchen of the *Nepenthe Restaurant* (where he first heard Grieg's *Lyric Pieces*), worked as a lumberjack in Montana (where a felled tree caused a near brush with death), and spent the last months of 1958 on a trip to Ireland, England, and Paris. In the late spring and summer of 1959, he travelled to Ecuador, Peru, and Columbia.

Ken was introduced to Mary (then completing her BFA at the Rhode Island School of Design) by his friend Henry L.P. Beckwith in 1960. Ken and Mary married that year in Providence. After his first daughter Ursula was born, he began graduate studies at Brown in 1962 (A.M. 1965). While writing his thesis (on Hawthorne's *The Blithedale Romance*) Ken taught variously at the Rhode Island School of Design and Wayne State University. He began a PhD program at University of Michigan but instead turned to his own creative writing. He helped launch the literary magazine *Anon* with other members of the University of Michigan community.

Brown University librarian and friend, John R.T. Ettliger, who was hired by Dalhousie University in 1967, suggested that Ken apply for a teaching position in the English Department at Saint Mary's University. He did so and was offered a job beginning in the fall of 1968. Ken and his family immigrated to Nova Scotia that summer and found a home outside the city in the fishing village of Ketch Harbour. The powerful beauty of Ketch's windswept coastline and seascape colours several of his poems. Ken also loved the pastoral farmlands of the Annapolis Valley and the Acadian Dykelands.

During his 30 years of teaching at Saint Mary's University, at different times Ken had been a member of the Senate, Secretary of the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union, Chair of the English Department, and member of the University Review Committee. Ken retired from SMU in 1999, but returned to teach part time briefly. Ken was an exacting, challenging, generous and well-respected teacher, colleague, and critic.

A fierce integrity and commitment to poetry was the compass of Ken's life. As a member of SMU's Visiting Speakers Committee, Ken was instrumental in bringing the renowned Irish poet Seamus Heaney to read at Saint Mary's. His support of Canadian poet John Donlan's work was unstinting.

In 1983-84 Ken taught English Literature as a Visiting Scholar at the

Shandong Teachers' University in Jinan, People's Republic of China, through the Exchange Program Saint Mary's had established with that institution. The very special year he spent in China was commemorated in five beautiful poems, three of which were published in *The Antigonish Review*.

In the summer of 1986, Ken was a member and participant in the School of Criticism and Theory at Dartmouth College. He was a serious student of critical theory and of psychoanalysis. He believed engagement with the work of Freud, Bion, Klein, Derida, and others enabled potential for understanding, for working through the difficult human problems faced by individuals and societies.

A project initiated by Chidambaram Radha Krishna for Ken to revise the translation from Telugu of Dr. Kesava Reddy's novella, *Moogavani Pillanagrovi: Ballad of Ontillu* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2013) and write a literary overview of *Ontillu*, was undertaken with compassion for the issue it addresses: the plight of farmers and farmer suicides in India.

Late in life he read the work of the great Japanese novelist Natsume S?seki. S?seki's outlook resonated with his own and his writing made a profound impression on Ken. He especially treasured *Kusamakura* ('Grass Pillow').

Ken did not have hobbies per se. He did have varying success with vegetable gardening and enjoyed putting wood together and building things, though he would be the first to admit he was a clumsy carpenter (Dupuytren's contracture was no help). What he was doing was always reading, writing, and thinking about the world—mostly despairing of it, but not entirely losing hope for one better and more just.

Ken is survived by his wife Mary, daughters Ursula and Alisa, and sister Christine Lathrop (Cloverdale, California).

The Snyder family would like to thank Dr. David Tilley, Dr. Anne Marie Krueger-Naug, Continuing Care Coordinator Kyna Mason, Palliative Care RNs Debbie Hannam and Megan Summerfield, Tonya Kelloway at Northwood Home Care and Kevin and his team with EHS for their care of Ken.

Patricia "Trishie" Angela Morash Age 59 of Harrietsfield passed Friday, January 3rd, 2025, at QEII. Patricia was the daughter of the late Hector & Helen Morash of West Dover.

Survived by her common-law partner, Wade Chambers; daughter, Catherine (Francis) Young; sisters, Darlene "Susie" Morash, and Sharon Zinck; brothers, Granville (Sharon) Morash, Robert (Diane) Morash, Kevin (Angela) Morash. Patricia was predeceased by her sister, Viola; brothers, Earl, Hector, and John.

She will be deeply missed by Wade, many nieces, nephews, family and friends

Arrangements have been entrusted

to J. Albert Walker Funeral Home, Halifax. In keeping with Patricia's wishes there will be a Celebration of Life Service on Friday, January 10th, at 1 p.m., followed by a reception until 4 p.m. at Estabrooks Community Hall, 4408 St. Margaret's Bay Rd, Lewis Lake, N.S. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Estabrooks Community Hall.

Marion Shirley Blackburn

76 of Lower Prospect, NS, died peacefully on January 9, 2025 in the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax with her loving family by her side. Marion was born in Tignish, PEI, to the late Winifred and Ernest Getson.

Marion enjoyed bingo. She loved watching hockey, especially Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins. Marion loved music and would travel around to dances and listen to Gerald and his friends play in the band "Old Country Pioneers". She loved to dance and was always on the dance floor. Marion had many health issues in her life and the biggest loss for her was losing her husband and son in 2008. They both died in a fishing accident. Our family suffered a huge loss that day. Marion never got over this and never bounced back from it.

Marion will be dearly missed by her daughter, Lorraine Blackburn (Jimmy), Sambro, and her son, Jody (Tresa) Blackburn, Whites Lake. Marion adored her grandchildren and they will miss their Nanny: Christopher (Tara) Tough, Hannah (Martin) Tough, and Abigail Blackburn, and great-grandson, Ethan Tough. She also leaves behind her step-grandchildren, they loved Marion very much: Trisha (Andrew) Gray, and Jenna Gray, and step-great-grandson, Grayson Blackburn, as well as Kevin Tough, her son-in-law. She is also survived by her sisters, Elsie (Bookie) Blackburn, Greenmount, PEI, and Ethel Fallington, Saskatchewan. Marion is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Marguerite (Gary) Purcell, Marion (Rodney) Humphrey, Madeline Ryan, Patricia Morash, and Aldona Rayner, and brothers-in-law, Terry (Peggy) Blackburn, Leroy Hiltz and James Hall, and several nieces and nephews.

Marion had some special friends, Susan, who Marion loved very much and loved spending time together with her at the Gardens, Blair and Barb Wallace, Basil and Cathy, Anna Mae and Andy, Eugene and Shirley Slaunwhite, Reg Knight and Joe and Olive Riley. She enjoyed your company, laughs, and good times over the years.

Marion was predeceased by her loving husband, Gerald, her son, Gerry, brothers, Douglas, Norman, Sidney and Percy, and sisters, Edna, Florence and Violet.

We would like to thank all the family and friends that visited Marion in the hospital, she really enjoyed seeing each and every one of you and enjoyed the laughs.

Marion's family would like to thank the staff at Melville Gardens for

all the care they provided to Marion the last several years, especially Adrian, Ruth, Barb, Sheila, Yvonne and Jose. You are all angels!

Terrance "Terry" Donald Bobbitt Age 85, of Halifax. It is with profound sadness and broken hearts that we announce the passing of our Dad, Terry Bobbitt, on January 19, 2025 at Shannex, Moody Hall. Born in Halifax, N.S. on July 17, 1939, Terry was a son of the late Ivan and Lena (Landry) Bobbitt.

Terry had a passion for hunting, fishing, gardening, hockey and baseball. Terry was also known to run marathons in his younger years – including the Johnny Miles Running Event – and even won a few. He enjoyed cheering on the Toronto Maple Leaf's and Toronto Blue Jays. Terry enjoyed walking in his yard with any visitors who would show an interest in his beautiful garden; enjoying the colours and history of his flowers and plants that he spent many hours on.

Terry was always involved in his community of Spryfield. In earlier years, he spent many hours coaching hockey and baseball and helped raise funds for the new rink for all to enjoy in Spryfield. He also participated in the MacIntosh Run annual clean-up. As an adult, Terry was a long-time proud member of the Spryfield Legion Branch #152 where he was the President for several terms. He enjoyed visiting seniors and various schools in the community in his capacity as Legion President and as a proud community member. Terry worked diligently at the Halifax Herald until his retirement at the age of 55.

Terry is survived by his siblings, Victor, Faye, Diane, Janet, David, and Linda; six daughters of whom he adored and loved deeply, Joan Alexander, Tanya Szarko, Terri-Ann Scarfe (Tom), Belinda Heighton (Jamie), Marcie Harnish, and Marla Therrien (Tony); grandchildren, T.J. and Cal Heighton, Thomas and Trent Scarfe, Rene and Jason Alexander, Christopher Matchem, Nathaniel and Genevieve Therrien, Mallory Soder, Madicynn and Mya Harnish, Jamie and Julianne Szarko; great-grandchildren, Royce Alexander, Chase and Cienna Matchem, Jordyn and Thomas Scarfe, Troy Scarfe, Alec and Grant Heighton, Sloane Soder; special neighbours and dear friends, Rickey Martell and Darryl Kenney. Terry was predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Beverly Morris Bobbitt; siblings, Wally, Albert, John, Sonny, Harold, and Joan.

The family would like to acknowledge the special care given to our father by the staff on the 3rd floor of Shannex, Moody Hall.

Blossom May Graves

age 94, of Halifax.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Blossom May Graves (Parsons) on December 29, 2024, at Melville Lodge, from natural causes. She passed quickly and peace-

fully with her daughter by her side. Blossom's family is truly grateful for the loving care she received from the staff at Melville Lodge and for the love and support she received from her caregiver and friend, Sue.

Born in Halifax on July 26, 1930, Blossom was the daughter of the late Wallace and Vera Parsons. Blossom was the eldest of seven children. She was married in Halifax in 1950 and became a stay-at-home mom raising her two children. Later, Blossom returned to Sears where she worked part-time until she retired. Blossom lived much of her life in Spryfield and some later years in Truro before moving in with her daughter and then onto Melville Lodge.

Blossom was truly one-of-a-kind. Her feisty and outgoing personality definitely made a lasting impression. She was such a character. Blossom loved bluegrass and country music and singing and dancing. She loved knitting and quilting. Most of all, Blossom loved meeting people. Talking to people truly was her greatest joy.

Blossom leaves behind her son, Michael in Alberta; daughter, Michelle; grandchild, Ashe (Matthew); great-grandchild, Nolan; sisters, Shirley and Betty Lou; brother, Douglas. Blossom was predeceased by her loving husband, Gerald; sisters, Nancy and Carol-Ann; brother, Sonny.

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