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Winner of first heat in the FunDUCTraiser Cardboard boat race at Long Lake. Story and more photos on page 6. Photo by Sam Ramsay

Short term pain for long term gain

by Cathy Vaughan

Build Nova Scotia presented information on their project to replace the 255-year-old leaky dam at the Williams Lake Conservation Company's (WLCC) annual general meeting in June. Build NS Vice President, Strategic Infrastructure & Development, Jonathan Veale introduced their plan by saying, "We really do care about this project and want to take the time to get it right. We contacted the right people in the community, and we are moving forward together to work through the problems and get it right.

I am here because of you. So, thank you!"

Details were outlined of Build NS's tentative timetable for the demolition and construction, government departments involved in the project, and industry standard permits required to adhere to current environmental regulations while maintaining public safety throughout the project.

"This is our number one project for us. It is a challenging site. Permits for working in the water are more difficult in a lake or in a river than on land. We are engaging with the Nature

Conservancy of Canada, government departments and indigenous groups who are all very supportive of this project and we are hoping to be in the water soon," Mr. Veale said.

There are challenges to working in a short window of time. Construction in the lake will require regulatory approvals from Nova Scotia Department of Environment & Climate Change, Fisheries and Oceans Canada as well as Transport Canada. The timeframe for working in the lake is seasonally limited and scheduling will depend on the timing of the approvals. A tempo-

rary "cofferdam" will also need to be installed in the lake in front of the old dam. This watertight barrier creates a dry working area for construction crews and machinery to operate.

Further clearing of the construction site and enhancing the path from the car park to the site may require the removal of additional trees for the heavy equipment needed for the project. This expansion will require temporary closures of the path. Build NS and WLCC will post closures on their websites to ensure public safety. Check before you go for a hike in the Shaw Wilderness Park.

The good news is the replacement dam will hold lake levels to current spring heights. But human-caused climate crisis—warmer temperatures, less rain and snow, coupled with regular evaporation—will continue to act on lake levels and water quality though not as dramatically as in the past. The west end of the lake was a mudflat in 2020.

"The future dam will not have a severe leak and will hold water at or around the spring high water levels. The daily and seasonal water levels will vary based on precipitation and evaporation," Mr. Veale said. The expected elevation of water in the lake is 17.95 meters, subject to seasonal conditions and could fluctuate 2.5 to five centimetres.

Folks at the meeting asked about the impact of the new dam on Cunard Pond on Williams Lake. This popular recreational area and well-used beach has been closed for several summers over the past years because of the presence of blue-green algae due to the low lake levels in the main lake.

Three culverts under the Wyndrock causeway flush water from the main lake into and out of the pond. The replacement dam should keep the

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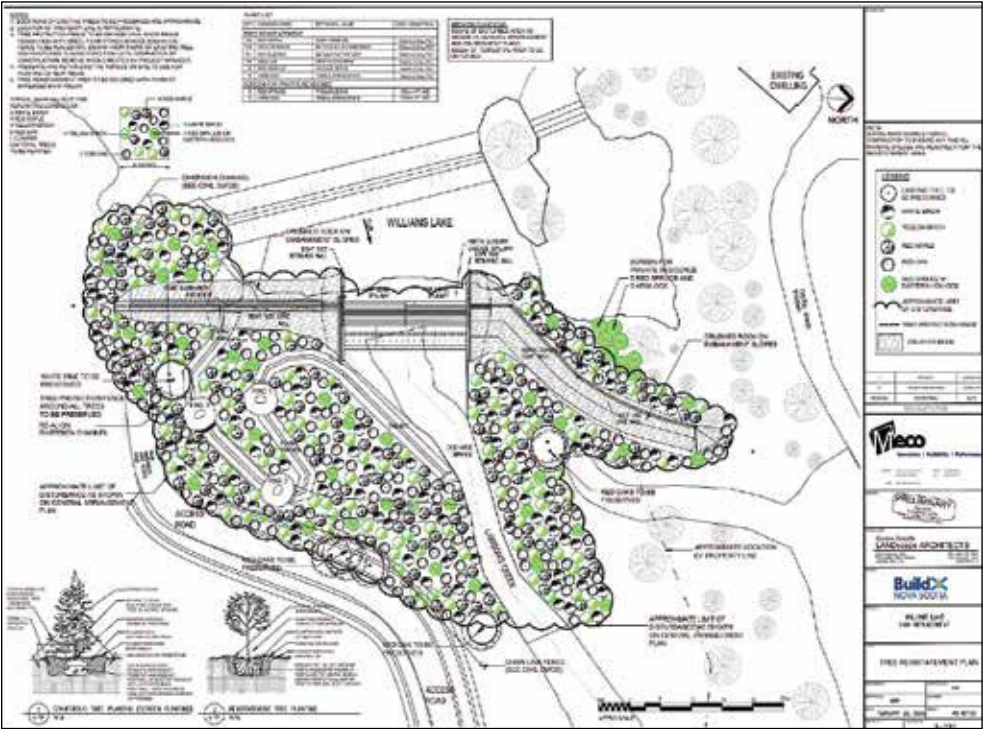
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Short term

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culverts flushing successfully as the lake level stays above the culverts. The new dam will also have a regulation fish ladder that gives migrating fish the ability to reach the lake waters and access spawning areas in the lake.

The restoration and replanting of the construction site plus installation of fencing around the dam for public safety will be the final phase of the project. Build NS has already mapped the area to identify the various trees, native plants and wild shrubs to replant the area to bring it back to its natural state as closely as possible. They predict the area will fill in with greenery and undergrowth reasonably quickly.

Public safety is a priority at the construction site and notices of closures of the path in the Shaw Wilderness Park will be published on Build NS website as well as the WLCC's



Build Nova Scotia's graphic of the new dam on Williams Lake

social media. Build NS also has a section on their website for your questions. So it may not look very pretty at

the dam just now, but as Jonathan Veale said during his presentation "it's short-term pain, for the long-term gain."

St. Paul's United Church, still standing

by Carolyn Mont
Many of you will know that St. Paul's United Church in Spryfield is in the process of disbanding the congregation. This is a complicated process, and we are certainly continuing to worship each Sunday morning at 11:00 am. As we know more, we will keep people advised and, in the meantime, all are welcome to join us for worship.

Fans of Hal Bruce will be happy to know that he will be doing a benefit concert for St. Paul's on October 2. Tickets will be \$25.00. Details about

the time of the concert and availability of tickets will be available next month.

As the summer winds down, the summer day camp at St. Paul's Family Resources Institute (FRI) is winding down. The last camp ends on August 15, after a very successful season.

As we go into the fall, FRI is pleased to be planning the return of the very popular Soup's On program. This is a free lunch, usually soup, sandwich, tea/coffee, dessert for all who come, but on occasion, the wonderful volunteer cooks may offer

something different. You will always get a good meal and enjoy good fellowship.

A long time program at FRI is the income tax volunteer program. A volunteer completes income tax forms for folks whose household income is no higher than \$35,000 for individuals, \$45,000 for couples, plus \$2,500 for each dependent. Those who are able to take advantage of this program drop off their information to FRI and will be called when the forms are completed. This program is ongoing all year.

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City Church (276 Herring Cove Road)
Sunday Family service: 10:30am
Nursery and Children’s ministry: 10:30am
Wednesday night prayer: 7-8pm

Hill Chapel (91 Thornhill Dr)
Formerly Spryfield Christian Community Church
Church services Sunday 11-12 am

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

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Rd. 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. Livestreamed. Sunday August 31 there will be only 1 service; a Morning Prayer Service at 10am.
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 and 10am
Weekday Masses: Tuesdays: 7pm Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9am Fridays: 9am (followed by 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration) 1st Saturdays: 9am Tuesday 7pm Masses: First Tuesday: Healing Mass Second Tuesday: Mass and Adoration Third Tuesday: Mass and Adoration Last Tuesday (Sep-May): Eventide Candlelight Prayer
All are welcome, wherever you are on your faith journey!

St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Rd)
Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:30am. Food Bank donations brought to our services will be delivered to a local food bank.
During Sambro Sou’Wester Days,

on Sunday, August 10 at 10:30 am the Service of the Sea will be held at St. James and at 12 noon the Blessing of the Fleet will take place in Sambro Harbour.
Our services are live streamed on Facebook (St James United Church Sambro NS) and YouTube. Weekly bulletins with the order of service are on our website: www.sambrojollimorepc.com; email address: office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com; phone 902-868-2791.

St. James Anglican Church (1 Har-rigan’s Road)
Sunday mornings at 10:30am alternating each Sunday with Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer
Priest in charge: Rev. Taunya Dawson (902) 240-7588
Lay Minister: John Richardson (902) 233-3465

Open Door Community Church (11 Aldergrove)
Open Door Community Church invites you to join us weekly for a time of fellowship, contemporary worship music and Bible based teaching for today’s life. Please join us, starting July

2, for Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, in July and August at 11 Aldergrove Drive. We will return to Sunday morning services in September.

Wayfarers’ Church (328 Herring Cove Road)
Sunday Worship 10:30am
website: wayfarerschurch.ca
email: friends@wayfarerschurch.ca

Searching for Truth Church (2 Auburn Ave)
Church for everyday people. Fridays at 7pm
Apologetics Club. First Saturday of the month from 6 to 8pm. At 114 Bromley Road. Please join us for a delicious meal followed by a discussion. This is an outreach of Living Hope Community Church. For more information call Maggie at 418-264-7292

Christ Embassy Halifax (16 Sussex St.)
Sunday Service – 9:30 AM
Online Services on Zoom:
Sundays – 8:00 – 9:00 AM
Wednesdays – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Are there ghosts in Spryfield? Episode 8

I had a friend visiting. We were both in my kitchen, which has an outside door. We heard someone open the door and put a paper inside. I opened the door to get it. Nothing was there. We both heard exactly the same thing, and I thought I would see someone walking away and/or a paper left behind. Nothing! Oh well! Whatever! The air felt a bit tense, and we both had the same feeling.
I went on an extended trip in 2010 visiting relatives. And nothing unusual followed me. Whew! So nice. But when I got home, I woke up a few days later at 5:22 a.m. to a strong smell of cigarette smoke. I walked throughout the house. All was well. Went back to bed. When I got up to start my day a couple of hours later, I just talked to the house as a sort of “catch up on my latest trip”.
Another time I was down in the basement looking for something. I heard very clearly someone, or something, come into the house and move quickly across the living room floor. I ran upstairs–nothing. Looked outside in the driveway–no car, nothing. Could this be a warning of some kind? Nothing was moved. Hmmm. Later on, I found out it was a friend who was staying with me, and was in a rush to get something and didn’t want to bother me.
I took a visitor to the airport. Once home, I started to do some work on my computer. I heard my visitor call my name from the front door. I thought he had fooled me and decided to stay longer. No one was there. Hmmm. Yes, that has happened more than once. And I fall for it over and over.
This time I think I had a fore warn-

ing. There was a full moon, and I was having a restless day and night. Late into the night I was awakened by some knocks on a wall near my bed. The next morning, I got a call that someone close to me had died. This person thought he would not live past 74 which was the age his Dad died. He was right. And his birthday was in 3 days.
One day I was finishing up some

yard work. I took a 20 minute break in the house and then headed to the kitchen. Upon passing a window, something caught my attention. I looked, and it looked like my Dad, but his waist was too high for his feet to touch the ground. Hmmm. That was interesting. Anyway, I just started talking about all the latest news, just in case it was my Dad popping in for a visit.

Harbour View Voices Community Choir

by Lorrie Boylen
Harbour View Voices Community Choir launched in April of this year. Practices are held on Saturday mornings from 10-12 at St. James United in Sambro, and their Fall Session begins on October 4.
St. James United Church in Sambro hosted the “Sounds of Spring” Choral Concert on June 15, an event that was well attended and full of music, laughter and community spirit. The free concert collected a goodwill offering for St. James United Church, as well as food bank items for St. Paul’s Family Resources Food Bank.
This was the choir’s closing concert for their spring session. They sang nine songs in a variety of musical styles including classical, pop, jazz and folk. Director Susan Feltmate and Accompanist Jennifer Moss proudly lead the choir’s sopranos Jackie Garrison, Pamela Halstead, Jennifer Matthews and Arna Sisson; altos Dawn Doucet, Nancy Saunders, and Anne Severinus; tenors Sheila Burke, Carla Leblanc, and Brad Lowes; and bass John Hennigar-Shuh, Richard Kroeker

and Ron Pitt.
Other concert performers included Adam Kroeker with some piano selections, duet Nathan and Charlie Ewing, Chordially Yours trio with Carmen Johnstone Chapman, Susan Feltmate, and Ginny Manuel; the Sambro School Choir directed by Tara Sampson; and the trio of Savannah Gray, Emry Henneberry, and Bruin Ritcey.
Susan Feltmate states “A highlight for me was hearing the amazing talent of our young people, and seeing them have an opportunity to perform in a comfortable and supportive setting, in front of family and friends.”
Harbour View Voices is a non-auditioned mixed voice community choir that serves the Sambro Loop communities, including Sambro, Sambro Head, Ketch Harbour, Herring Cove, the Pennants, Williamswood and Harrietsfield. The group is open to all who would like to learn and sing music together and no experience is necessary.
The choir provides an opportunity for everyone who loves to sing, create and share choral music in a fun and

June of 2017, I was coming into the house through the kitchen door. I saw a form in the next room walking towards an outside wall. It was a lady with something over one shoulder that looked like plaid material. Very pretty yellow colors. I said, “Don’t leave!”, but the form left me to wonder as it went through the wall to the outside of the house.
If only these spirits would co-operate, I could have some very interesting times and stories. Bye for now.
supportive environment. Prior experience and the ability to read music is not necessary, just the desire to learn and sing together. New members are always welcome.
Their repertoire covers multiple music genres including pop, folk, country, jazz, gospel, classical, together with music by Maritime artists such as Allister MacGillivray, Rita MacNeil, the Rankins and Stan Rogers, all sung in three or four part harmony.
Susan Feltmate founded the group, in collaboration with St. James United Church in Sambro. It provides three 10-week sessions per year in the Spring, Fall and Winter, with a closing concert.
Registration is \$200 per session, which covers the 10 rehearsals, plus concert or other singing event, and the musical scores for that session. For more information or to register for the Fall session, please email Susan at: sfeltmate88@gmail.com.
(*Lorrie Boylen is a Communications Professional, Coordinator for the Sambro Imagination Library, SACA Board Member, and CBC Radio’s Community Contact for Sambro*)

DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Kidston Farm contributed to economy of Spryfield for 150 years

by Iris V. Shea

In 1822, William Kidston, Junior, purchased 1000 acres of the farm and woodlots from the George McIntosh estate in Spryfield. Kidston called his farm "Thornhill." In spite of his limited experience as a farmer, Kidston moved his large and increasing family into the existing "mansion" built in the early 1770s by Captain William Spry. In 1827, according to the census of Spryfield that year, Thornhill Farm, under Kidston's supervision, produced large crops of wheat and other grains, 500 bushels of potatoes and 20 tons of hay to feed his livestock which consisted of "14 sheep, three horses, four swine and 12 horned cattle" with wool becoming a major by-product of the farm.

By 1832 William Kidston was ready to sell his farm. In a letter to Abraham Patterson, his old and trusted friend and solicitor in Pictou, he wrote of the pending sale and his plans to move his family and furniture to Pictou, the birthplace of his wife, Elizabeth Dawson. The farm did not sell, and Kidston moved his family to a house in Halifax where he served as Sheriff for Halifax County. In 1834 an advertisement in the Royal Gazette offered for sale, "that beautiful Farm at Spryfield...The arable land is deep, strong and productive...it is well watered by beautiful lakes and streams on which there are fine falls for water power mills; a capital situation for washing of wool on the skin or otherwise; a desirable place for establishing the manufacture of wool into yarn, cloth, etc; ...and has a very extensive range of superior pasturage, within secure fencing."

William Kidston died in 1836, leaving a wife and ten children (the youngest aged two years). The Kidston estate included Thornhill Farm and its outstanding mortgage, a house in Halifax in which the family resided in 1836, land in Country Harbour, Guysborough County, a lot at Tangier, Halifax County, and property in Scotland bequeathed to him by his late father. Before her death in 1846, Kidston's widow, Elizabeth Dawson Kidston, conveyed the farm, in trust, to her 21-year-old son, Archibald Glen, who eventually bought out the shares of his siblings and more property owned by neighbouring landowners. A story passed down in the Kidston family indicates the "mansion house" was dismantled and relocated from a point on a high hill to the more sheltered location of today on Rockingstone Road. The date of that event is unknown.

Four of Archibald Kidston's siblings were sent to Scotland to be educated by their Scottish Kidston family. One sister, Elizabeth Annie Kidston, met and married James Law, a Presbyterian minister. The Laws settled in Kingston, now Rexton, New Brunswick., where their youngest child, Andrew Bonar Law, was born. Bonar Law, as he preferred to be known, was two years old when his mother died. Jenny Kidston, his mother's sister,



On the Kidston Farm wagon are Ed Brown, left, and Foster Geizer. Standing is Bill Olie holding his son, Doug Olie. Photo taken 1931. Elizabeth Sutherland School is at this location today

also educated in Scotland, came to New Brunswick to take care of him and his older brothers and sisters. The story passed down in the Kidston family is that young Bonar Law, with his Aunt Jenny, spent summer holidays with his Kidston cousins in Spryfield. In 1921-22 Andrew Bonar Law served as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

as Prime Minister of Great Britain.

Archibald Glen Kidston's success as a farmer may be seen in subsequent records. By 1851 he had begun to rebuild the farm, producing 40 bushels of potatoes, 300 bushels of turnips, 4 bushels of other root crops, 16 bushels of hay, 10 bushels of wheat and 80 bushels of oats. On the premises were two barns, five "milch" cows, one horse, six sheep and one pig. Following his marriage to Mary Dart of Spryfield, seven sons and four daughters were born. With the help of his sons, the farm continued to thrive and in 1892, two years before his death, he leased Thornhill Farm to his sons. Two sons, Archibald, Junior, and John, remained on their inherited land as farmers.

For another 50 years two more generations of Kidstons continued to farm their inheritance, albeit on a smaller scale than their predecessors. During the early 1900s, John Kidston operated the Rockingstone Dairy and his land became known as Rockingstone Farm on which the Kidston homestead and the Urban Farm Museum Society's field are now located. Archibald Kidston, Jr. operated his farm on part of his ancestral land in Harrietsfield. In 1928, before his death, John Kidston deeded part of his farm to his brother, Arthur. In 1929, when John's nephew, another John Kidston, inherited the present homestead and what remained of Rockingstone Farm, the fields were still cleared for planting vegetables.

In 1941, John Kidston became active in war service and for four years the farm came to a standstill. The 1950s and 1960s saw more changes as

a result of expropriation, and Rockingstone Farm was reduced to seven acres. Large scale farming in Spryfield was a thing of the past.

After 60 years of lying idle, a field on the Kidston land in Springfield, leased and later donated by the Kidston family to the Urban Farm

Museum Society of Spryfield, thrives as a result of the determination and hard work of Society members. Check out the Society's website at www.urbanfarmmuseumsociety.ca and join their Facebook page to learn about regular public events in the field.

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Wind. Women. Water.



Participants in the Wind. Women. Water. on the Northwest Arm in June

by Joanne Seviour, Co-Founder of Wind. Women. Water.

It all started with my innocent question on a winter night, long before boats would return to the waters of the Northwest Arm. “Do you think we could get some women together to talk sailing?”

General Manager of the Dartmouth Yacht Club, Angela Chisholm didn’t hesitate and that night a plan began to take shape—we would invite women from sailing clubs around Halifax Harbour and the Northwest Arm to gather at the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron (RNSYS) in Armdale to share, to learn, and to build something that felt like a sailing community for women sailors.

Women started arriving for our first event. Standing room only. It was electric. There was a powerful, unspoken energy in the room: a desire to connect, to learn, and to share our love of sailing with others. Seventy women showed up.

Eventually, we had a group of competent sailors who volunteered to coordinate the group with social media communication and to teach

sailing skills workshops. Two Olympian sailors, an Olympic coach, a national coach, skippers of offshore race programs, cruisers, club racers, boat owners – women, volunteered their expertise. It took on a life of its own.

I didn’t grow up in a sailing family. I learned to sail through Sea Cadets and raced sailboats for years before I even knew there were courses available through boat clubs, Sail Nova Scotia, or Sail Canada. Everything I learned came from the generosity of others - sailors who freely shared their time, knowledge, and love of the sport.

“Wind. Women. Water” was born from that same spirit - the belief that the ocean connects us all, and that we become great by helping others become great. The best teacher is the sea. Through mastering the wind and waves, we gain confidence, friendships, and a sense of empowerment that carries into every part of our lives.

Whatever life throws at us, we will thrive. We will teach and inspire the next generation to chart their own course with strength and courage.

Birds of the Backlands: Barred Owl

by Joshua Barss Donham

Description:

The Barred Owl is the most common of the 11 species of owls in Nova Scotia. At 20 inches in length, it’s slightly larger, and much bulkier, than a crow. It has a reddish-brown back with white mottling. Beneath is an off-white with brown horizontal barring on the upper chest and vertical streaks on the lower chest and belly. It has a rounded head without ear tufts, yellow bill, and dark eyes.

Call:

The Barred Owl’s distinctive call—“who, who, who-who...who cooks for youuu-ou”—is heard most often just before and during nesting season. Barred Owls mate for life. They begin nesting in April, laying 2-3 eggs, and often by July the young have fledged. Nesting owls call to each other during the day. Though the Barred Owl hunts mostly at night, particularly just after sunset, it will sometimes drop down silently on prey from its roost during the day. Crows and Blue Jays are always on the lookout for a roosting owl to mob, perching in the trees around it and raising a ruckus. Barred Owls are aggressively territorial and will extend their wings and hoot in response to being harassed.

Habitat:

Barred Owls are year-round residents in the Backlands and are found in mature forests, usually near water. They require a habitat that provides tree cavities large enough in which to nest and an area which supports the prey that makes up their diverse diet. They rarely stray far from their nesting habitat, only short distances to hunt. They feed on mice, squirrels, birds, frogs, snakes, and large insects.



Barred Owl in the Halifax Backlands, on Colpitt Lake. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

Thick undisturbed forest helps to keep their nests hidden from Great Horned Owls, the Barred Owl’s natural predator.

Notes:

We are fortunate to have two, well established pairs of nesting Barred Owls in the Halifax Backlands which are frequently seen and heard in Spryfield, in people’s backyards, on Williams Lake, Colpitt Lake, and along the MacIntosh Run. They frequent the Spryfield Urban Farm where there is a pocket of mature deciduous woods where they like to hunt. This year Barred Owls have been heard in the southern end of the Backlands. We hope that a third pair has settled into the Backlands to nest.

Learn More:

Listen to the calls of the Barred Owls of Colpitt Lake, Halifax Backlands: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lamu4ljL0qw>

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Putting the “fun” in fundraising!

Article and photos by Sam Ramsay
On Sunday, July 13th, a crowd gathered at Long Lake Park to watch the annual Fun-DUCT-Raiser, a duct-tape and cardboard boat race to raise funds for Long Lake Park. Nineteen boats participated in the competition, which consisted of a race out, around a buoy, and back to shore. The race was broken up into smaller races, or “heats”, and the fastest boats from the first set of heats raced for a second time to claim the overall victory.

This year, there were two final heats—one for adults and one for family entrants. The adult winner was boat 18, the “Speedy Printer”, which finished the final heat with a time of just 2:08. The family winner was boat 14, “The Racer”, with a time of 2:12 in the final heat.

Being fast wasn’t the only way to get an award, however—there were also awards given out for creativity, people’s choice, and of course the “Titanic award” for the best sinking. This

year’s runners-up for creativity were boat 1, “The Banana Boat”; and boat 3, “Earl Francis 152”, but the winner for creativity was the Fire Station’s entry, “RB60-004”, which was boat 2. The RB60-004 was striking, with red and yellow striping and decorative elements made out of coloured duct tape, including fake siren lights.

The People’s choice award went to the Earl Francis 152, which was a sturdy boat with traditional grey duct-tape and plenty of room for both its rowers. Runners-up were boat 13, “C Squared”; and boat 5, “Usain Boat 3”

The Titanic award went to boat 7, “Brother in Barns”, which didn’t sink so much as capsize repeatedly. Its rowers tried valiantly to get back in and keep going but eventually had to admit defeat as the boat tipped them out again and again, despite remaining theoretically seaworthy. The runners-up were boat 11, “Individuals A”; and boat 9, “Pier Pressure”. Individuals A started to sink early into the race

but stayed just barely afloat as her rower paddled in a reclined position to complete the race. Pier Pressure raced against the “Hope it Floats Better!”, with each boat captained by one half of a couple, competing against each other. In the end, both boats sank, with the rowers of the Pier Pressure attempting to continue paddling as the boat slowly sank to the bottom.

After the races were over, the winners collected their prize certificates and disposed of the remains of their boats. During the event, Long Lake was still open to regular boaters, and occasionally the races would pause for someone to launch a non-cardboard boat from the shore. There were also a few avian spectators—a family of ducks hung around the area, seemingly unbothered by the boats and spectators. Overall, it was a fun afternoon, filled with creativity, competition, and—of course—people getting unceremoniously dunked into the water.



Temporary tattoos were popular

More fun at Spryfield Days Festival

Article and photos by Sam Ramsay
It was a beautiful day on Saturday, July 12th, as the Spryfield Days Festival started with the Festival Carnival for Children. The carnival was held at the J. Albert Walker Sports field on Cowie Hill and ran from 11 AM to 4 PM. There was a variety of entertainment for children and families alike, including games, food, live entertainment, and other attractions.

Face painting and stick-on tattoos were both popular, as was the popcorn and cotton candy. The live entertainment included Zumba Kids, a performance by princesses Anna and Elsa, and a magic show to wrap up the day. When the speakers weren’t being used by the live entertainment, music was played instead for everyone to enjoy.

As in previous years, there was also a train taking kids for a ride around the field, and several bouncy castles providing excitement. There were also many games set up for everyone to play, ranging from throwing games to a physical Tetris setup played with blocks. One of the bouncy castles had a basketball hoop and was well-loved throughout the day.

Anyone looking for food with a little more substance than cotton candy could get burgers, hot dogs, and pop from the barbecue table, with the proceeds going to the Eric Caines Memorial Scholarship for J. L. Ilsley High School Graduates.



First heat sets off; Banana Boat 3rd place for creativity



Creativity winner



2nd place Titanic award



Pulling sunken boat out of water



Semifinal family



Lining up for a kick



Getting off the train



Princess play



Lineup for basketball



Stickball game was popular with the young'uns

2025 SAMBRO SOU'WESTER DAYS SCHEDULE



Monday, August 4

Hourly Games 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Kids
Community Baseball Games @ Ball Field

Tuesday, August 5

6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Co-Ed Adult Baseball Games Sponsored by Stephanie Napier, RMT @ Ball Field

Wednesday, August 6

Hourly Games 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Kids
Community Baseball Games @ Ball Field

Thursday, August 7

6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Co-Ed Adult Baseball Games Sponsored by Stephanie Napier, RMT @ Ball Field

7:30 (6:00 doors open) Adult Bingo (19+). Single Books (3 cards) \$15, Double Books (6 cards) \$25, Triple Books (9 cards) \$30. Gift card prizes. 170 players max @Tent

Friday, August 8

6:00 pm & 7:30 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Co-Ed Adult Baseball Games Sponsored by Stephanie Napier, RMT @ Ball Field

6:30-8:30 pm All Ages Corn Boil & Ceilidh Sponsored by Jill Hann and Nicole Pittman Castle & Cove Real Estate Group @Tent. Corn on the cob, hotdogs & non-alcoholic beverages, raffle tickets available for purchase. Presentation of the Sambro Spirit Awards & local musical entertainment.

Saturday, August 9

8:00 am-4:00 pm Sambro Island Lighthouse Boat Tours @Wharf Presented by Crystal Crescent Charters. Boat leaves the wharf every two hours. Adults \$40/Children 5-16 \$20/Children under 5 free (must be accompanied by adult over 18 years of age) (Weather permitting)

10:00 am-11:30 am Community Parade Sponsored by The Armview Restaurant & Lounge, Edmonds Landscape, CRM Coastal Restoration & Masonry Ltd., Davsco Excavating Ltd., Funnell Insurance Group, Rizzo the Dog. From Atlantic View Dr. in Sambro Head to the Tent. Expect traffic delays between 10 am-12 noon from Atlantic View along Ketch Harbour Rd to Old Sambro Rd & then to West Pennant Rd. Prizes will be awarded @Tent following at 11:30 am.

12:00-2:30 pm BBQ Sponsored by Dylan's No Frills with hot dogs, hamburgers & beverages @Ball Field

12:00-2:00 pm Family Carnival Sponsored by AshMeg Seafoods Ltd., Crowell's Guardian Pharmacy, Mishoos, Oceanview Fisheries, Sambro Fisheries and Tribune. Bouncy castle & games @ Ball Field

12:30 pm registration 2:00 pm start Washer Toss Tournament Sponsored by Meghan Thorne and Mary-Jane Well, Your Heart & Home Realty Team @ Ball Field \$30 per 2 person team. Max 48 teams. Cash and prizes to be won. MUST

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2:00-4:00 pm Closest to the Hole Golf Game Sponsored by Lori Hennessey & Elite Realty Group @ Ball Field. \$5 to play. Prizes. All ages welcome.
4:00-8:00 pm Kyle's Tailgate Party Sponsored by the family of the Late Kyle MacKay, Live Music by Ed Oakley @ Tent. MUST BE 19+. \$10 admission includes chance to win door prizes.

Sunday, August 10

9:00-11:00 am Breakfast Sponsored by Oceanview Fisheries and Mishoo's @ Tent. Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage with juice or tea/coffee. Adults \$8/Youth 5-12 years \$4/Kids under 5 free.

Hourly Games 8:00am-10:00am Kids Community Baseball Games. Awards at 10:30 am @ Ball Field

10:30 am Service of the Sea Church Service @Church

12:00 pm Blessing of the Fleet @Wharf, Weather permitting. Arrive at the wharf for 11:30-11:45 am

2:00 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Consolation Baseball Game Sponsored by Stephanie Napier, RMT @ Ball Field

3:00-3:30 pm Rubber Duck Race Sponsored by Mishoo's @ Grand Lake. Numbered ducks may be purchased in advance from Mishoo's or SACA volunteers for \$5 each. Win up to \$500!

3:00-5:00 pm Fish Chowder Meal Including roll, dessert, tea/coffee @Church Hall \$20

4:00 pm Skip Horton Memorial Ball Tournament Final Championship Baseball Game Sponsored by Stephanie Napier, RMT @ Ball Field

8:00-9:45 pm Parade of Sail off Crystal Crescent Beach. Boats must respect the distance required to be off shore in order for the fireworks to be safely presented.

9:45 pm Closing Fireworks Display Sponsored by B&G Plumbing, Dairy Queen on Dutch Village Road, Funnell Insurance Group, James Gray Fisheries Ltd., K&K Roofing, and The School of Port City Ballet @Beach. Freewill donations accepted at the Beach gates. All vehicles must exit the park promptly at the conclusion of the fireworks. Rain date Sunday, August 17

Rubber Duck Race Tickets \$5 each & 50/50 Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 available before & during festival from Mishoo's or SACA volunteers

Event Locations:

Mishoo's Variety Store & Takeout ("Mishoo's") 1 West Pennant Rd, Sambro; James McPhee Memorial Ball Field ("Ball Field"), 133 West Pennant Rd, Sambro Community Tent ("Tent"); 160 West Pennant Rd, Sambro

Government Wharf ("Wharf"), Sambro Wharf Rd, Sambro

St. James United Church ("Church"), 3811 Old Sambro Rd, Sambro

Grand Lake, Williamswood
Crystal Crescent Beach Provincial Park ("Beach"), Sambro Creek

What’s Happening at the Urban Farm

by Kathryn Broadbelt and Sabine Fels

This year we were pleased to be able to contribute to the tradition of creating fairy doors for the Fairy Trail of the Urban Farm in Spryfield by collaborating with local students from Grades 3 and 6 from nearby Elizabeth Sutherland School. A group of over 50 ‘book buddies’ gathered at the Urban Farm and created individual Fairy doors using only natural materials, such as pieces of bark, twigs, acorns, rocks, and shells. The gnomes and mythical creatures found along the trail were created by a class of adult students at NSCAD, using self-hardening clay, which decomposes naturally. It was interesting to learn that the clay used was shipped from Cork in Ireland. The B.Ed. students are currently enrolled in the elementary teacher training program at Mount Saint Vincent University. The course “Visual Arts in the Classroom” lets students examine a range of past and contemporary art works from diverse cultures and communities, including the Gaelic cultures.

“Fairy trails” or “fairy paths” have their roots in Celtic mythology and description of it are still found in the folklore of Ireland, Scotland, and parts of Germany. Fairies are believed to

be magical creatures, who are often thought to have human appearance, magical powers, and a penchant for trickery. Goblins and gnomes are at times also included in the broader category of these supernatural creatures.

Fairy paths are ways for fairies to travel between different locations that have spiritual significance to them, such as fairy forts, hills, rock outcrops and springs, and fairies are thought to travel on them only in a straight line. Fairy trails can also run through

streams and marshes, or even underwater, connecting islands. These paths are thought to be paved with coral, making them at times visible to boaters and fishermen from above.

It is believed that those who block these trails by building a structure on it, like a house, barn or ‘croft’, would have to suffer dire consequences. In Ireland, people who suffer from ailments or other misfortunes were thought to live in homes that were ‘in the way’ of such secret pathways.

Fairy trails are also associated with specific landmarks, such as fairy rings or mounds, which are often marked by mushrooms or plants growing in a circular formation.

Some people believe that fairies leave other marks as well, such as disturbed willow rods or stone cairns, to indicate their path. The white hawthorn bush is considered to be a hiding place favoured by fairies, where they could seek refuge since they are full of protective thorns. Also referred to as ‘fairy trees’, hawthorns are thought to stand at the threshold between our world and the Otherworld. They are under the protection of the fairies, so one risks severe punishment if one cuts one down.

Fairy doors are thought to be the entrance point to otherworldly realms. While the belief in fairy paths may be more prevalent in traditional folklore, the idea of magical or hidden pathways still resonates in modern culture. Come explore the Fairy Door Trail at The Urban Farm for yourself!

Farm Memberships available: Individuals \$10.00, Seniors/Students \$5.00, Families \$15.00, Groups/Organizations \$50.00. For info: urbanfarm-spryfield@gmail.com, Pat MacLean: 902-497-3683. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/117594394923932/> Website: www.spryfieldurbanfarm.ca



Kathryn Broadbelt and Sabine Fels preparing to receive 50 elementary school students for a fairy door making workshop at the Urban Farm. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



Student proudly displaying his fairy door! Photo: Sabine M. Fels



The fairy doors are created using natural materials: twigs, moss, driftwood, beach pebbles, pinecones, ferns, and bits of lichen. Photo: Sabine M. Fels



Elizabeth Sutherland School students working on their fairy doors. Photo: Sabine M. Fels



One of the many clay gnomes created by Sabine Fel’s B. Ed. students at NSCAD, at home on the Fairy Door Trail. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham



Fairy doors among the towering yellow birch trees in the east corner of the woods. Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

Cuttell Community Update

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

Summer is in full swing, and with it comes the chance to catch up on the work we’ve been doing together across District 11 and at City Hall. From infrastructure and playgrounds to road upgrades and community grants, there’s lots to report.

In May, I hosted two town halls in Spryfield and Harrietsfield. Residents were clear about the priorities they want to see advanced over the next four years—and those goals reflect our community’s values around safety, sustainability, and livability.

- **Traffic & Roads:** Residents want action on Spryfield congestion, more speed enforcement, safer intersections, and additional traffic calming.

- **Infrastructure for Growth:** As development increases, residents want sidewalks, bike lanes, and crosswalks built ahead of or alongside growth. They raised concerns about stormwater runoff, flooding, and the impact of construction on established neighbourhoods and the environment.

- **Recreation:** There’s strong support for upgrading community facilities like rinks and recreation centres, expanding programs for teens and seniors, and improving parks, beach access, and maintenance of public spaces.

- **Transit:** Calls for expanded transit service—especially around the Sambro Loop and toward Lacewood and Bedford—came up often. Residents also want more reliable service, better bus stop amenities, and accessible transit options across the district.

- **Community Placemaking:** From beautification projects and public art to local events and business support, residents want to see vibrant, welcoming neighbourhood spaces.

- **Environment:** Protecting lakes, streams, and wetlands is top of mind, along with preserving bird habitat and sensitive ecosystems. Many residents expressed a desire for continued investment in sustainable, climate-resilient infrastructure.

Thank you to everyone who participated. Your input directly shapes my work, and I remain committed to bringing your voices to City Hall.

One of the things I hear about often is the challenge of maintaining private roads, lanes, and right-of-ways. Many homes in District 11 rely on shared access. Currently, only designated “private roads” are eligible for local area rates to fund maintenance, which means residents on similar types of shared access are left to organize and collect funds on their own. In June, Council approved my motion asking staff to explore expanding eligibility for area rates to include private driveways, lanes, and rights-of-way. If approved, this would allow residents to collect maintenance fees through the property tax sys-

tem—just like existing private road associations. This change would not automatically apply—eligible property owners would still need to form an association, vote, and determine the budget. Share your feedback by emailing the Municipal Clerks Office at clerks@halifax.ca.

The Herring Cove Road Corridor Plan is getting updated. Herring Cove Road is one of only two access routes connecting Spryfield and the Sambro Loop to the rest of the city. With development increasing and transit improvements on the horizon, HRM is updating its 2019 plan to reflect the revised population projections. This work includes a review of intersections like Cowie Hill, Dentith, Drysdale, Old Sambro Road, Osbourne, and Purcell’s Cove Road. Staff are assessing turning lanes, access management, transit priority, and pedestrian safety. Public engagement opportunities will be announced soon. Work is already underway to replace the Chocolate Lake Dam, a necessary step before HRM can proceed with sidewalk and road upgrades. While this is a complex, multi-year project, it’s a critical investment in safety, transit and traffic flow, and accessibility.

Construction is underway on the first fully accessible playground in District 11, located at William King Elementary School in Herring Cove. It’s expected to be ready for the new school year. Thanks to Principal Catherine Bouliane and the PTA for leading this effort.

Phase 1 engagement for the Spryfield Active Transportation (AT) Network is complete, with more than 125 feedback submissions gathered through open houses, surveys, and stakeholder sessions. Key themes included safety, walkability, and better bike infrastructure within Spryfield. A “What We Heard” report is being finalized to inform network design. For project updates or to get involved, visit the Spryfield Core AT Network page on the Cycling Nova Scotia website.

Each spring, Regional Council celebrates local volunteers. This year, I was proud to honour three District 11 residents:

- Valarmathy Kaliaperumal for her cultural and humanitarian leadership
- Chuck Marshall for improving a local emergency shelter
- Lynn Rotin for advancing Jewish cultural education and Holocaust awareness

Also, congratulations to Sam Cross from JL Ilsley High, who received this year’s Citizenship Award—one of 39 Grade 9 students recognized across HRM for leadership and community spirit.

I’m also excited to announce that three local groups received funding

through HRM’s 2025–26 Community Grants Program:

- Urban Farm Museum Society—\$2,329 for site improvements
- Herring Cove Community Association—\$4,000 for equipment
- Purcell’s Cove Social Club—\$14,000 for outdoor amenities

The Maguire Report

by **Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic**

Investing in Our Communities: Summer Progress and Community Spirit in Nova Scotia

As the summer unfolds, our communities are seeing meaningful investments and uplifting moments, from education upgrades to lively events that bring people together.

At Herring Cove Junior High, upgrades are well underway. A bright red dumpster out front may look like simple construction, but it represents something deeper: commitment. This investment isn’t just about bricks and mortar; it’s about building a better future for the students who walk through those doors. Creating improved learning environments means giving children the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Meanwhile, William King Elementary School is eagerly awaiting the completion of its new playground. Fenced-off ground and construction progress might not look like much yet, but the vision is clear: a vibrant, safe, and engaging space where kids can be kids. Once complete, this playground will stand as a testament to how we prioritize children’s growth, development, and joy.

These physical improvements are matched by critical social investments. Nova Scotia’s School Lunch Program recently wrapped up its first year with an incredible milestone—over 4.7 million lunches served to students across the province. This initiative isn’t just about food. It’s about equity, access, and ensuring every child has the energy to learn and thrive. With plans to expand further this fall, including new menus and sustainable packaging, the program reflects a deep commitment to supporting families and easing financial pressures.

Health care is another area seeing promising movement. More than 21,000 Nova Scotians have been removed from the Need a Family Practice Registry since January thanks to ongoing recruitment efforts, training expansion, and better retention strategies. While there’s still more work ahead, the progress so far shows that the province is moving in the right direction.

Beyond infrastructure and services, the spirit of community is alive and well. A recent End-of-School Greystone Block Party brought residents together in celebration, thanks in part to generous donations from local businesses and volunteers. Firefighters, local grocers, and pizza

Applications for next year are due March 31. Visit halifax.ca or contact me to discuss your group’s ideas.

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shops all pitched in, showing what true community support looks like.

This past month, the community also gathered for the Fun-Duct-Raiser, Local Market, and Urban Farm Strawberry Social. From boat races and costumes to fresh local goods, these events drew smiles, laughter, and connection. It’s moments like these, where local pride meets creativity and community, that highlight the heart of Nova Scotia.

Finally, a big shoutout goes to Anthony Darring, Seth Cornwell, Eli Cutler, and Niko Gagne for representing Nova Scotia in the Eastern Challenge Cup for football. Their dedication and hard work are a source of pride and inspiration for young athletes everywhere.

Together, these stories paint a picture of a province investing in its people, from classrooms to clinics, playgrounds to public events. It’s a reminder that progress isn’t just measured in dollars or data but in stronger communities, healthier kids, and shared moments of joy.

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Valerie Claire Judith Slaunwhite

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of Valerie Claire Judith Slaunwhite, who peacefully departed this life at the age of 71. Born on February 14, 1954, she was the daughter of the late James Francis Ryall (Frank) and Gladys Elizabeth Ryall (Dinn). A loving mother to Angela Marie Shortall and Krista Bona of Spryfield, Valerie dedicated her life to warmth, care, and simple pleasures. She will be deeply missed by her husband, Leslie Field who described her as his anchor and his reason for going home.

Valerie found joy in the little things, like a cup of tea, Sunday car rides, and the thrill of discovering treasures at yard sales. Her nurturing spirit shone brightly through her previous work at a daycare, where she touched the lives of many children. She was wonderful at creating craft ideas for her children and grandchildren, and they will fondly remember her ability to make every holiday memorable, whether it be wearing bells on her shoes while putting out Christmas gifts, or egg decorating and hunting for gifts at Easter. Valerie’s compassion extended to animals, a trait she inherited from her mother, Gladys. She especially loved cats, and cats loved her back! Valerie was

well-known and deeply loved by ALL the stray cats in the neighbourhood. She rescued countless cats over the years, providing them with loving homes and endless affection. She even wrote a song about a cat when she was a child. Valerie’s memory will be cherished and kept alive by all those whose lives she touched with her kindness and generosity. Valerie was predeceased by her parents, brother, Nick Ryall, and brothers-in-law Bob, Scott and Foster.

Valerie is survived by her loving husband Leslie Field; children, Angela Marie Shortall (JP) and Krista Bona (Jonathan); step-children, Angela Marie Field- Poisson and Tracy-Lynn Field; grandchildren, Cameron, Dalayla, Alexa, Nathan; step grandchildren, Grace, Maya, Shay-lyn, and Justin; great-granddaughter, Rue; siblings, Lorraine (Laurie), Gail, Francis, Debbie, Noel (Joan), Lori, Mary (Karl), Mercedes, Sam (Jocelyn), Michele (Pat), Jackie (Rod), Leo (Cherie), David, Doug (Cathy), Sean (Danielle), and Tracey (Darren); and sister in law, Susan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nova Scotia SPCA in Valerie’s memory.

Neville Frederick Oliver

It is with immense grief that the family of Neville Frederick Oliver, of Spryfield, announce his sudden passing on Sunday, June 15th, 2025 at the age of 62. Born in Upper Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia on February 22nd, 1963 he was a son of the late Eric and Bertina (David) Oliver. He was the second youngest of 11 siblings.

Neville was married to Glenda (Voeltz) Oliver with whom he raised 5 children. He cared deeply for his family and took care of everyone with patience, love and kindness. He worked tirelessly as a concrete finisher, a career he began at the age of 16, often working with brothers, relatives and close friends. Later he worked side by side with his son Tyler on several construction projects. Every minute not spent on his craft, he spent serving his family—making food, taking care of his home, his wife or spending time with the kids.

Neville was generous and friendly. He liked to carry on and crack jokes and had a nickname for everyone. He loved music and breaking into songs from his youth. He enjoyed spending time in Upper Hammonds Plains four wheeling and ski-dooing, and hanging out at the campground and fishing when the kids were little.

He is survived by his Wife, Glenda; daughters Tyelisha, Tiffanee and Tayh-Liyah; son, Tyler and grandchildren, Tyshon, Brooklyn, T’Shyiah, Tristyn, Maya, Nyiah, Tariq, Takai, Leila and great-granddaughter Tyiah. He is also survived by his brothers, Dennis (Karen), Clyde (Charlene), Alden (Tina), Curtis (Debra), Gary (Cindy) and sisters, Jessie, Sybil, Gail and many nieces, nephews and friends. Neville was predeceased by

his parents, Eric and Bertina; sister, Linda Anderson; brother, Clifford Oliver; nephew, Jamie Oliver and his Beloved son, Tristan Oliver.

“Dad was our rock-steady, kind, and always there when we needed him. He gave so much of himself to make sure we were okay. We take comfort knowing he’s now with Tristan, his beloved son-probably laughing, probably working, probably singing, and playing the bass and drums together like they used to. We will miss him every day, but we know he’s watching over us with the same love he always gave in life.” Forever in our hearts.

Rest easy, Dad.

Shirley Marie Poole

age 75, of Halifax

It is with a heavy heart that the family of Deacon Shirley Marie Poole (née Heisler) announces her unexpected passing on June 23, 2025. Born on June 12, 1950, in Halifax, she was the daughter of the late Aubrey and Lillian Heisler.

Shirley was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She was a beloved member of the community of Spryfield and a devoted member of City Church Halifax where she served as a Deacon. She was a woman of faith who loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ dearly and believed strongly in the power of prayer. Shirley will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humour and as someone who found joy in helping others. She will also be remembered for her amazing ribs and her cheese-cake. Shirley will be greatly missed by all that loved and knew her. Many church members will deeply feel the absence of her welcoming smile and open arms each Sunday.

Shirley is survived by her son, Trevor Poole; granddaughter, Hailley Poole; and her brother, Franklin Heisler.

Scott Jameson Hickey

age 62, of Halifax

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Scott Jameson Hickey. A loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend he will be deeply missed, and his memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

Scott dedicated five years to the Halifax Regional Centre for Education and spent thirteen years working in numerous schools, most recently at Sackville Heights Elementary School. His passion for his work was evident to all, and he was known for being exceptionally helpful and dependable, leaving a lasting impact on students and colleagues alike.

Beyond his professional life, Scott was an avid hockey enthusiast, both as a player and a devoted fan. His exceptional skills on the ice were admired by many. He also had a long-standing love for wrestling.

Music was an integral part of Scott’s life; it filled his days and brought him immense joy. He will be fondly remembered by his many friends. A special mention goes to Darren, Scott’s best friend. Thank you for visiting so frequently and for

providing Scott with so many fun memories.

Scott is survived by his loving wife, Peggy Sullivan; his daughter, Lorelei Sullivan-Hickey (Ryan Kelly); stepsons, Donnie Walker (Yasmin Nowe) and Damian Caldwell; grandchildren, Dylan, Aubrey, Bria, Rylan; stepmother, Barb MacDonald; siblings, Paul (Rachael), Stephanie (Perry), George (Angela), Devlin (Gil), Donovan (Tanya), Raymond, Cory, Justin (Lori); sister in law, Paula; and many nieces and nephews. We cannot forget to mention Scott’s beloved fur baby Skye who will miss his dad very much.

Scott was predeceased by his father George Hickey; mother, Anne Hatter; and brother Clarence. He was also predeceased by his “Maw” Gladys Harish who helped raise him from when he was a baby.

Dorothy Lilian Simpkin

6 June, 1921–29 June, 2025

With very heavy hearts, we announce that our beloved mother, Dorothy (Dolly) Lilian Simpkin, passed away peacefully at home on June 29, 2025, at the remarkable age of 104.

Born on June 6, 1921, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and a treasured friend to many. She lived a life defined by kindness, quiet strength, and unconditional love. She was the heart of our family—always steady, always caring, and always there. Her warm heart, quick wit, and gentle spirit touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Dorothy dedicated her life to her family, always putting others before herself. Whether through her comforting words, warm hugs, delicious home-cooked meals, or the hand-knitted sweaters she carefully crafted with love, she created a home where every single one of us felt seen, heard, safe, and cherished. She taught us all, by quiet example, what it meant to love selflessly and to live gracefully.

Dorothy is survived by her children: Don (Sandra), David (Linda), Denis, Nancy (Steve), and Diana (Mark); Grandchildren: Steven (Tori), Tina, David (Sandra), Sarah (Cory), Michael (Lindsay), Jason (Candice), Shaun (Ashley), Maddie (Rick), Alex (Joe), Ben (Laura), Emily (Rhyann), and Zach; Great-grandchildren: Cathy (Tracy), Erika (Travis), Nicki, Thomas, Annabelle, William, Parker, Mylah, Max, Molly, Millie, Carson, James, and Logan; Great-great-grandchild: Evelyn.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband Laurie; her mother and father, Dorothy and Fred; her siblings Ernie, Archie, Fred, and Millie.

A special and heartfelt thank you to Dr. Hugh Matheson, who cared for Dorothy with rare generosity and compassion. For many years, he made house calls to visit her. Even after his retirement, he continued to stop by, not as her doctor, but as a dear friend. His kindness and presence meant the world to her and to our family.

We will carry Dorothy’s memory in our hearts forever.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR AUGUST

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
- 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.

Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Mobile Food Market dates:
August 12th 1pm-4pm
August 26th 4pm-7pm
We currently have full time spots in

our After School Program! Please email hwcc@outlook.com for information.

- Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our Facebook page, phone at (902) 446-4847, or email hwcc@outlook.com
- We are always looking for new Board members and volunteers!

Emmanuel Anglican Church (322 Herring Cove Road) events:

- Our hall is available for rental. Please call 902-477-1783 or go to <http://emmanuelanglicanchurch.net/>

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

- Fish Chowder Supper. Dine In or Takeout Includes Roll and Dessert Sunday August 10th 3:00-6:00 PM Adult \$20.00 (Cash Only)

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:

- For those needing drinking water, the outdoor tap is now on.

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 volun-

teers 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’ Convenience Store 179 Hebridean Dr. Herring Cove Road,
Cove Market 565 Herring Cove Road,
Uncle Buck’s 5 Denith Road, Beaver Enviro 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.

- “COME GROW WITH US” Memberships for the CGWU program will be available at Seedy Saturday for Families & Groups.

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 Morriscey 902-229-5851

Board Members needed for Hand in Hand Thrift Store: Currently, we are seeking volunteers to serve on the new Board of Hand in Hand located at 440 Herring Cove Rd, Spryfield, Halifax. Hand in Hand Thrift Store has long been a valued part of the Special Works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council.

For the last 30 years plus, Hand in Hand has been providing clothing and household products to our neighbours in need. It also provides employment and volunteer opportunities. Funds raised support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Much more than just a retail outlet, it is a safe haven and meeting place for the community. Service would involve approximately 6-8 meetings annually. The focus of the new board will be to provide direction and a renewed vision.

Please consider contributing your time and talents to this very worthwhile cause. This is a great way to provide meaningful service to your community. Thank you for your consideration.

Contact: Ray Burke: Society of St. Vincent de Paul–Halifax Particular Council President at: 902-646-0155 or rburke.54@gmail.com

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



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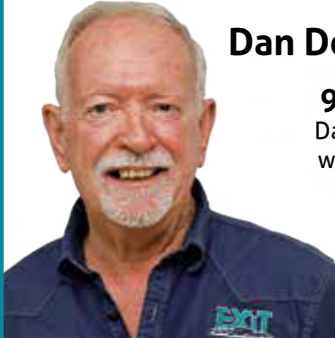




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