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Sammy says: Sou'wester Days was a blast!

The weather for this year's Sambro Sou'Wester Days was picture perfect! Leading up to the event weekend were Little League and Big League ball games sponsored by Hally Henneberry Fishing, Emery and Boys, S-Henneberry Fishing, and Eurocan Bio -Marine. The Little League Team Green went undefeated and won their division, with 2nd place Blue and 3rd place Red following. Green MVP: Barron MacKenzie; Blue MVP: Ella Lund Gray; Red MVP Stanton Purcell. Big League division winners Team Blue were undefeated, followed by Team Pink in 2nd, Team White in 3rd and Team Orange in 4th. Blue MVP: Kaycee Sampson; Pink MVP Mila Ritcey; White MVP Sophia MacDougall, and Orange MVP Jaxson Jones.

(See Sammy says on page 2)

From left to right: Peter Gray, Jeremy Gilkie, and Kim Mackay

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Sammy says

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Skip Horton Memorial Co-Ed Adult Ball Tournament was sponsored by Stephanie Napier RMT. Yellow team were the champions. In 2nd place was Orange, followed by Green and Blue. MVPs were Yellow Brent Gray; Orange Joe Armsworthy; Green Raffy Mosquera; and Blue Jen Fleming. This year’s Kyle Mackay’s Everything Sambro trophy was awarded

to Myles Marryatt, Kyle Henneberry’s Most Sportsmanship trophy to Bre Skerry; and Skip Horton’s Most Dedicated Player to Tom Dempsey.

The popular Bingo sponsored by Cara Todd and Lee Coley, The Ideal Home Team, was popular again this year, with some great gift card prizes.

The Corn Boil & Ceilidh sponsored by Jill Hann and Nicole Pitman, Castle & Cove Real Estate Group featured some great local talent. This year’s Sambro Spirit Awards went to Bill and Fran Stewart, James

and Betty McPhee (posthumously) and Nancy Ewing, who each demonstrate their dedication and commitment to their community. They’re a great example for us all!

Crystal Crescent Charters’ Sambro Island Lighthouse tours ran full tours all day on Saturday, letting visitors experience the beauty and mystery of the oldest operating house in the Americas.

The 27 entry Parade was sponsored by Armview Restaurant, Coastal Restoration & Masonry, Davsco Excavating, Edmonds Landscape, Funnell Insurance Group, and Rizzo the Dog. Winners were: Best Commercial: 1st Ginger Cutters, 2nd Meade’s Year Round Contracting; Funniest: 1st Say No To Pot, 2nd Seniors Float; Best Kids: 1st Atlantic View Crew, 2nd Paws With Laws; Most Creative: 1st Sambro Sirens, 2nd Canada Proud; Most Sambro Spirit: 1st 4Ever Young,

(See more Sammy says on page 6)

Pictured left: Barron MacKenzieTeam Green winner



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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., 902-477-1783 emmanuelanglican-church.net, Sunday Worship:
8:00 am: Quiet, traditional, contemplative communion service.
10:00 am: Lively, contemporary communion service with music. Livestreamed.
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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
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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 Harrigan's Road)
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website: wayfarerschurch.ca
email: friends@wayfarerschurch.ca

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JL Ilsley: If you are a student at JL Ilsley and are interested in a career in journalism, consider joining our team. Your job would be to cover the events and people that make JL an awesome place to go to school. We would want you to cover events such as cultural, theatre, music, sports, and anything else that would be of interest to the community. As well as any outstanding students or adults who the community

should know about.
Sports: We are also looking for someone with an interest in covering local sporting events in our community. Everything from local hockey, baseball, and basketball to martial arts, and swim teams. If you have a passion for sports and a desire to write, please contact us.
General Reporter: As always, we need reporters to cover local events and people in the area. There are so many great stories around The Loop that are just waiting to be told. All they need is someone to give them a voice. If you are a social butterfly, or passionate about the community, and have a desire to write, we would love to hear from you.

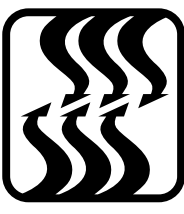


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DISCOVERING OUR PAST

Jollimore Recreation Association formed in 1964 by local parents

by Iris V. Shea

Organized children's activities in local communities were usually started by parents with an interest in getting their children involved in healthy activities. The Jollimore Recreation Association was formed in 1964 especially for this purpose and incorporated as a society in 1965. Thanks to Ella Jollimore for the use of the association's minutes.

The first project of the newly formed association was to construct and maintain an open air rink on the John W. MacLeod School grounds. General skating sessions and Saturday morning hockey were popular, weather permitting. The president of the society was Howard Sweazey, followed by Howard Dobson. By 1966, adult and family Badminton sessions were introduced at Cunard Junior High School. Boys Little League, under the direction of Howard Sweazey, was another sport that was offered by the volunteer organization, beginning with four teams. By 1967, a total of 112 boys between the ages of nine and thirteen were registered for the sport.

In 1967, Graham Hunter offered his help in getting the boys' Minor Hockey program up and running and Jollimore teams became part of the Armdale Minor Hockey Association. Family skating was offered at Fairview Centennial Rink but was not always self-supporting.

In 1968, Thelma Robinson reported that the YWCA was interested in developing programs for girls. Ann Hunter followed up with the YWCA and noted that volunteers in the community would be required to do all of the work. Figure skating was one of the sports mentioned. The new executive of the association in 1968 consisted of Arthur Chapman, president, Douglas Tomney, vice president, Edith Pace, secretary, and Dennis Holland, treasurer.

In 1969, Jean Coyle was instrumental in providing organized softball for girls. Three teams were formed with a total of 60 girls. The boys' Little League was made up of eight teams, all between the ages of nine and 12, and a Bantam Boys team was formed that year to play in the Halifax Minor League. President of the Jollimore Little League was Ric Coyle, followed by Hugh Quigley, Gordon Noseworthy and, later, Walter Nolan. The coaches of the girls' softball teams were Thelma Robinson, Una Way, Diane Wood, Erva Shaw, Debbie McCracken and Audrey Ross; umpires were Pauline Tomney and Mirt Pineo. Ella Jollimore investigated the possibility of Majorettes for girls which resulted, after much perseverance, in local Majorette classes being offered by



Photo courtesy MacLean family. Jollimore Bantam Girls Provincial Champions, 1972
Left, front row: Tammy Binder, Janice Wood, Julie Nolan, Tina Levy, Judy MacLean. Middle Row: Donna Fines, Beth Dimock, Dale Stafford, Debbie Fines, Kathy Dobson, Patty White. Back Row: coach and manager, Doris MacLean, Paula Tomney, Kathleen Tomney, Claire Mitton, Alayne Sullivan, Beth Driscoll, and coach, Greg Umlah. (Photo courtesy Ella Jollimore).

City Recreation. David Green started an indoor soccer program for boys, grades four, five and six, on Saturday mornings at John W. MacLeod and Fleming Tower Schools. In 1969-70, members of the executive were Graham Hunter, president, Merrill F. Perry, vice-president, Cyril Reader, treasurer, and Gabor Sebo, secretary.

Fees to join the Jollimore Recreation Association were set at 50 cents a family, allowing all family members to participate in the programs offered. An additional fee of 50 cents a night was charged for badminton, and \$10 a season for Family Skate (20 sessions).

Kaye Dimock took over the Girls softball league in 1970 and attributed their successful season to coaches Howard Dobson, Dick Fines, Jack Robinson, Jim Pineo and their assistants, Nancy Robinson, Diane Wood, Herbie Fines, Debbie White and Clarence Moore. In 1972, a girl's team of all stars, coached by Doris MacLean and Greg Umlah, won the Provincial Bantam Championship. In 1973, the girls' teams continued their success. Committee chairperson Ella Jollimore, with the help of Jenny Inkpen and Greg Umlah, reported that the Bantam Girls went on to win their second straight Provincial Championship.

Tennis was introduced during the 1970s. In 1971-72, Jack Robinson was elected president, Pat Tanner was secretary and Dick Fines was treasurer. The following year, Dick Fines became president, Cyril Reader, vice president, Al Driscoll, treasurer, and Ella Jollimore, secretary. Once the City Recreation Department began to offer more activities in the community, the Jollimore Recreation Association concentrated on maintaining their support and involvement in boys' Little League and girls'

however, coached by Dick Fines, travelled to Antigonish where they won the Nova Scotia Squirt Championship. In 1975, Herbie Fines reported that the girls' Pee wee team won the Provincial Championship. That team won its second Provincial Championship the following year. The executive in 1975 consisted of Cyril Reader, president, Greg Umlah, vice president, Al Driscoll, treasurer, and Ella Jollimore, secretary. The same executive continued for another two years. It was noted in the 1977 minutes that two boys' teams were entered in the Provincials. It was also cause to celebrate because it was the first time a boys' team from Jollimore won a Provincial game, even though they did not win the championship.

In 1978, due to lack of interest in finding a new executive and in getting people involved and out to meetings, the future of the Jollimore Recreation Association was discussed. The time had come to bring the association to a close. It had accomplished what it set out to do. There are many adults today who benefited from the effort of those dedicated parents and volunteers many years ago.

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Work progresses on Williams Lake Dam

by Cathy Vaughan

Preparations are getting underway for the replacement of the Williams Lake Dam next summer. Build Nova Scotia confirms that crews with Dexter Construction will begin preliminary work later in the season to ensure the project is ready to proceed on schedule in 2026.

Early activities in preparation for the full dam replacement next year include creating a road for construction equipment to access the site. This work means the walking trail will be closed and not available for public use.

Most of the work will take place next summer when the construction team will be back on site to create a coffer dam. The project is on track to be complete in 2027.

A reminder Shaw Wilderness Park is closed due to restrictions put in place by the province to protect the woods during this extremely dry summer.

Build Nova Scotia is working with the Halifax Regional Municipality and Department of Natural Resources to ensure we have the appropriate permits in place to carry out the preparatory work later this season if the ban is still in place. Build Nova Scotia will ensure all the necessary mitigation measures are in place and monitored for compliance.

A reminder that even if the ban on travel in the woods is lifted by the



Photo: Build Nova Scotia, Williams Lake Dam.

time work begins, the trail will be closed to allow for the safe construction of the access road.

It's a party!! Happy Birthday Shaw Wilderness Park!



Photo: Stock Cake <https://tinyurl.com/msm3umhs>

by Williams Lake Conservation Company, Backlands Coalition

We are celebrating 5 years of enjoyable recreation in this amazing wilderness on Williams Lake in Spryfield. You are invited to join us as we acknowledge this community effort and appreciate the generous work of many individuals who made this park a recreational destination for nature enthusiasts.

Party Time!

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Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Purcells Cove Social Club at 16 Shippside Lane, Purcells Cove

The Shaw Wilderness Park is special as it was among the first of the urban wilderness parks established in Canada. Its 380 acres include essential habitat for wildlife and breath-

ing space for humans. It embraces 2 beautiful lakes, crucial wetlands, rare plant communities, hard and softwood forests and important streams.

The process of securing protection for these unique lands began over 12 years ago by local volunteer groups and concerned citizens. The Shaw Wilderness Park was opened 5 years ago and our celebration brings together advocates and allies who represent some of the organizations and people who supported the vision of the community to make this wilderness park happen for everyone. Let's party to celebrate Shaw Wilderness Park.



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2nd Rubber Duck. Honourable Mention: Sambro Coast Guard and Izzy and Friends.

The barbeque sponsored by Dylan’s No Frills and the Family Carnival sponsored by Sambro Fisheries and Tribune Seafood saw lots of smiling faces.

At the Washer Toss Tournament sponsored by Meghan Thorne and Mary-Jane Well, Your Heart & Home Realty Team, Karen and Peter Pellerine took 1st, with Paul Poirier and Luke Crotty taking 2nd and Ben Clarke and Kevin Boutilier 3rd. Mike Morine took home \$508 in the washer toss 50/50.

Closest to the Hole Golf Game Sponsored by Lori Hennessey & Elite Realty Group was a popular all ages event. Prizes were awarded to Grayson Blackburn, Landon Gardiner, Raffy Mosquera, and Billy Henneberry.

Kyle’s Tailgate Party Sponsored by the family of the Late Kyle MacKay was bopping as the crowd enjoyed live music by Kyle’s beloved Uncle Ed Oakley. Debbie Gray won the cooler door prize.

Sunday began with a delicious breakfast sponsored by Oceanview Fisheries and Mishoos, followed by St. James United Church’s Service of the Sea, Blessing of the Fleet, and a fish chowder supper with strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Ed Oakley’s duck won \$500 in the Rubber Duck Race Sponsored by Mishoo’s Variety & Takeout. Vicki Pictou and Jimmy Martin each won \$1,562 in the 50/50 draw.

The Closing Fireworks Display at Crystal Crescent Beach was cancelled this year due to the province-wide ban. The committee will try to re-schedule for a date in the fall, and if they can’t happen this year the money will be put towards next year’s display. This year’s sponsors were Anna Slaunwhite in Memory of Eleanor Slaunwhite, Beaver Enviro Depot, B&G Plumbing and Heating, C&A Fisheries, Dairy Queen Dutch Village Road, Funnell Insurance Group, James Gray Fisheries, K&K Roofing, Meade’s Year Round Contracting, Stephanie Napier RMT, and many other individual donations.

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Thank you to all our generous supporters, our tireless volunteers, and everyone who came out to enjoy the festival this year. See you next year!

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





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Kidston Lake Conservation Society



Photo courtesy of Melissa Boucher-Guilbert

by Marjorie Willison and Janet Kidston

We are a newly formed Society, directors have offered to serve on our Board, and we are ready to begin working as a group of residents interested in keeping Kidston Lake as pristine as possible for all the nearby communities to enjoy.

We have met recently to discuss what is important and we hope others will come forward in the lake’s neighborhood as well. We would like to hear from anyone with interests or concerns about the lake. You can contact us at: kidstonlake@gmail.com and find us on Facebook

at Kidston Lake Conservation Society.

We want to hear from neighbors to tell us what is important to the people of Spryfield and Harrietsfield in regard to future development close to Kidston Lake. Both communities have access to Kidston Lake, and the surrounding watershed needs our protection so that residents of both Spryfield and Harrietsfield can enjoy Kidston Lake for many years in the future.

On the Spryfield side in May of 2022, HRM Heritage Park included the Rockingstone in 10 acres of land as a park, located in the southern

part of the Spryfield community. This is accessed via a trail from the end of Fieldstone Street. The park stretches along 500 meters of Kidston Lake’s northeast shoreline, as described by Halifax Regional Municipality. The Rockingstone is a marvel on its own, and as part of the park, we need to protect it, too.

If you care about Kidston Lake and want to protect it for years to

come, please do get in touch with Kidston Lake Conservation Society and tell us why you treasure this wonderful lake.



Birds of the Backlands–Ovenbird



Photo: Joshua Barss Donham, Halifax Backlands

by Joshua Barss Donham

Description: The Ovenbird is a dapper little bird, with olive-green wings, white throat and underside, and a chest spotted and streaked with black. It has a prominent white ring around its eye, a striking ochre patch bordered by black lines on its crown, and pink legs and feet. Silhouetted against the sky, with a characteristically upturned tail, it can easily be mistaken for a hermit thrush with which it shares the same habitat. An Ovenbird, however, is from the warbler family.

Song: The Ovenbirds’ song is a loud, rapid-fire Tea-cher, tea-Cher, tea-CHer, tea-CHER, tea-CHER - increasing in volume with each phrase. As with most songbird species it is the male who sings. Other male Ovenbirds in neighbouring territories take turns in singing, one directly after another, a seemingly choreographed auditory system of calls and responses.

Habitat: Ovenbirds prefer mature deciduous forest with a closed-canopy and very little ground cover, and they need large stretches of forest to breed successfully. They are sensitive to forest fragmentation–forest that has been broken up into sections by roads or areas of development. Unlike most warblers, Ovenbirds spend most of their time on foot, tail tilted upward, scouring the forest floor for

prey: beetles, beetle larva, and other invertebrates found in the leaf litter.

Habits: Ovenbirds are so named because they construct a dome shaped nest from grasses, leaves and bits of bark that resembles an old-fashioned dome oven. Built in the leaf litter they often add twigs and dried leaves to the outside of the dome to further camouflage the nest. They often build their nests on a slope with the entrance facing downhill. They lay 3-5 eggs and if food is particularly plentiful, they may have a second and even a third brood.

Ovenbirds nest in eastern North America and most of those that nest in Nova Scotia winter in the Caribbean. They are a common bird, are not very timid and have been well studied by ornithologists and forest ecologists. We are fortunate to have Ovenbirds nesting in several areas in the Halifax Backlands where there are sufficiently large sections of mature forests: the Shaw Wilderness Park, the woods east of Norawarren Drive, and the forested slope east of West Pine Island Pond.

Learn more on the Backlands Coalition Website about bird species that are ground nesters: https://backlandscoalition.ca/?page_id=6417. Listen to the Ovenbird’s song:

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The Maguire Report

by Brendan Maguire, MLA for Halifax Atlantic

Community Connections – August Update

Wildfire Restrictions in Effect

As many of you know, the Province has implemented temporary restrictions on travel and activities in wooded areas due to the extremely hot and dry weather we have been experiencing. These conditions have significantly increased the risk of wildfires, and these measures are in place to protect both people and property.

Effective August 5, the restrictions include no hiking, camping, fishing, or use of vehicles in the woods. All trail systems through wooded areas are closed. Camping is only allowed in designated campgrounds. Forestry, mining, and commercial activity on provincial Crown land is restricted without a permit. A \$25,000 fine applies for violations. These measures will remain in place until October 15 or until conditions improve enough to lower the wildfire risk. Beaches and parks remain open, and private landowners can still use their own wooded properties, but they cannot host others there during the restriction period.

I understand these restrictions are difficult. Many of us cherish our time on local trails and in the woods. This is about prevention and avoiding another disaster like the one we saw in Hammonds Plains in 2023. I appreciate your patience and understanding as we work together to keep our com-

munity safe.

Progress at Herring Cove Junior High

Work continues at Herring Cove Junior High, and the transformation is taking shape. From fresh flooring and upgraded lighting to modernized washrooms and new classrooms, the goal is to create a safer, brighter, and more welcoming school for our students and staff. Projects of this size take time, and I want to thank the staff, parents, and neighbours for their patience and support as the work continues.

Celebrating Local Achievements
Congratulations to Troy Ryan on being named Head Coach of the Canadian Women’s Hockey Olympic Team for 2026. This is a proud mo-

ment for our community, and I know Troy will represent us well on the world stage.

Better Regional Air Connections Coming

The Province recently announced a partnership with PAL Airlines to improve regional air travel. Daily flights will connect Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown, Fredericton, and Moncton, making it easier for families, businesses, and visitors to travel between Maritime provinces.

Sou’Wester Days Success
This year’s Sou’Wester Days was a great success thanks to the dedication of volunteers, organizers, and community members. A special thank you to those who spent long hours setting up, taking down, and keeping the events running smoothly. Your hard work brings our community together and creates memories for all who attend.

Community Gatherings
The Ketch Harbour Ice Cream Socials were another highlight of the summer. Thank you to the organizers and volunteers for hosting such a warm, welcoming event and for serving up some excellent ice cream.

Back to School
As we move toward September, I want to wish all students, parents, and educators a great start to the new school year. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer, made special memories, and found time to relax. Thank you to the teachers, school staff, bus drivers, and families who work together to support our children’s education. I am looking forward to a successful year ahead and I know that, as a community, we will continue to support one another and help our students reach their full potential.

I am so proud to be your MLA

A Rotary moment



From The Rotary Club of Halifax North West

Welcome to the newsletter from the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest, where we share the club’s and Rotary’s news and activities with the communities we serve. This issue focuses on our club’s participation in Spryfield Festival Days.



For the second year in a row, our participation in Spryfield Days was the “Goodies Basket” draw. The basket

community assessment was launched to find the most appropriate program to improve academic results. Pathways to Education was chosen and was introduced in 2010. The program supports educators and experts and brings community resources together to achieve a common goal of providing students the extra support they need to be successful in school.

The Pathways to Education Program provides four key supports to ensure that young people will successfully complete high school, continue to post-secondary programs and become actively engaged in their career development.

• Academic Support – Tutoring in core subjects, four nights a week.

- Leadership – Group mentoring for grades 9 and 10, specialty and career mentoring for grades 11 and 12.
- Financial Support – A scholarship for post-secondary education.
- Advocacy – Student-Parent Support Workers help connect teens, parents, school administration, teachers and community agencies.

See you next year at the Spryfield Days Festival!

Our Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclusive – and we’re friendly! We currently meet virtually or in person every Tuesday from 1145 to 1 pm. at Station Six Restaurant, 247 Herring Cove Rd. in Spryfield. For more information contact Roger Chiasson at rogerchiasson305@gmail.com or call 782 234 9408.

School’s back...remember!



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was made up of items donated by Spryfield businesses. We were very impressed with the generosity of local vendors, all of whom, when approached were eager to donate to the project.

We set up our “tent” at Sobeys and No Frills prior to the Spryfield Days weekend, and Spryfield citizens kindly embraced our cause, which was to donate the revenue from ticket sales to a deserving charity in Spryfield. On Saturday 12 July we set up at the J. Albert Walker field, where the festivities were happening, and families were enjoying themselves in perfect weather.

The lucky winner of the Goodies Basket was James Reid, from Herring Cove!

When the festivities were over, we had collected enough to donate \$1000 to a charitable organization in Spryfield. Choosing the beneficiary was a difficult decision, because there are several deserving organizations in Spryfield. This year’s chosen beneficiary is Pathways to Education, a program run by Chebucto Connections (<https://chebuctoconnections.ca>)

Pathways Spryfield
With a 55% graduation rate in the Spryfield catchment area, a

LOCAL OBITUARIES

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Walter Stoodley

With heavy hearts and deep love, we share that Walter (Wally) Thomas Stoodley, age 75, passed away on July 23rd at the Halifax Infirmary. Born in Boxey, Newfoundland, Wally was the beloved son of the late Ada and William “Bud” Stoodley.

Wally lived a life full of adventure and heart. In his younger years, he travelled the world by sea, a journey that sparked countless stories and shaped the strong, compassionate man we all knew. Whether on the water or on dry land, Wally was always thinking of others. His love for his children and grandchildren was unwavering, and his deep care for family and friends was at the very core of who he was.

He was a jokester at heart, with a warm laugh and a playful spirit that could lift even the heaviest of days. If he could make you smile, he would and he usually did.

Wally leaves behind his children: Amber (Chris), Steven (Kitty), and Selina; his cherished grandchildren: Chloe, Kaylee, Kasondra, Zander, and Kaiden; and his siblings: Junior (Ruth), Sheila (Don), Darren, Claude (Shirley), and Christine (Bob). He is predeceased by his parents and his dear sister, Melinda.

Wally’s legacy lives on in the love he gave so freely, the laughter he sparked so often, and the memories he leaves behind in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Carl McNamara

June 14, 1945–July 24, 2025

It is with great sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Carl McNamara on July 24, 2025, at the VG Hospital in Halifax, NS.

Born on June 14, 1945, in Halifax, Carl was the beloved son of the late Malinda and Leonard McNamara.

Carl was a loving husband to the love of his life, Diane, for 56 wonderful years. “Di and Bud” shared a deep and enduring bond, and are now reunited once again.

He was a proud and devoted father to his son, Chris, and daughter, Shelley. Carl was affectionately known as “Pats” to his cherished granddaughter, Madison—a title he wore with pride and love.

Carl began his lifelong career in the flooring industry at the young age of 15, working alongside his father. His dedication and work ethic eventually led him to run his own successful flooring business for over 50 years. Carl also served as President of Maria’s Housing Cooperative, where he contributed to the betterment of his community.

After retiring, Carl devoted himself to helping Diane with their home day-care. While Diane was fondly known as the “President,” Carl embraced his role as “Vice President.” Together, they shaped the lives of hundreds of children and became pillars in the Cowie Hill community, where they made their home for 44 happy years.

His passions included antique cars, car shows, all things hockey, Johnny Cash and the Halifax Mooseheads. He was a season ticket holder and devoted fan since day one.

Carl is survived by his loving siblings: Alice Goodrich (late Doug), Paula Chisholm (Tom), Gertrude Sole (late Fred), Linda Deveau (Bob), Rod (late Betty), Eileen McNamara (late Carl), Gerald (Cathy), Debbie McNamara (Gary), Gale Cyr (Don), Dale (Jo-Ann), and Wayne (Donna).

He is also remembered fondly by his in-laws Alan (Helen) Yeadon and Brenda (Bob) Fraser, and many nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

Carl was predeceased by his brothers William (late Heather and late Elaine), and Carl in infancy.

Carl will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to family, his kindness, infectious smile and the countless lives he touched through his work and community involvement.

Clara Mae Purcell

In the early morning hours of Sunday, August 3, 2025, Clara Mae (Rodgers) Purcell gently passed at home with her family surrounding her.

Clara, Mom, Nan P., M.I.L or Nanny Purple, as she was known by

those who loved her, was a lovely, gentle, faithful soul, who, as was often said of her, didn’t have a mean bone or thought in her body and spirit. She loved, and always saw the best in everyone she met.

Clara loved and was loved by her family deeply. Her passing will leave a big empty space in the hearts of many who had the privilege of knowing her.

Clara was the daughter of Seymour and Ruth (Dockrill) Rodgers. Left to cherish her memory are her son, Vernon (Heather), her daughter, Alayne (Paul), grandchildren, Ashley (Stuart), Kyle (Erin), Jordan, Katie (Jarrett), and Alan, great-grandchildren, Gabriella, Oakley, Eleanor and Jack, brother, Fred (Denise), sister-in-law, Dorothy, as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless others who adopted her as their special grandmother, aunt or best friend.

Clara was predeceased by her husband, David Vernon Purcell, her parents, Seymour and Ruth, mother and father-in-law, Arthur and Christine Purcell, brother, Seymour Jr., sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Karl Robinson, and sister and brother-in-law, Corrine and Guy Joudry.

Clara loved God and her church, where she was the church secretary, as well as a member of the Anglican Church Women, Mother’s Union, and Emmanuel Ladies Fellowship groups, acting in many various capacities.

Donations can be made to the Emmanuel Church Cemetery Fund, The Canadian Diabetes Association, Soul’s Harbour Rescue Mission or to the charity of your choice.

The family would like to sincerely thank the healthcare professionals who supported Clara during her last days, especially Dr. Bronwen Jones, Dr. Jill Carter, the EHS, and the ER teams on duty that morning. Special thanks also to caregivers, Liz Hicks and Sharan from Home Instead, and Arlene Croft, Erin Jennings, Emma, Mitchell and Pam at Walkers Funeral Home. Thank you to Lynette Marshall, Continuing Care, Tammy Lovette, Home Instead, and the team of angels at Northwood Day Program, Ivany Campus. Heartfelt thanks to Emmanuel’s loyal members, Barb and Sandra.

The gentle care, empathy and sincere love made this difficult situation a true blessing to Clara and her family.

Vaccinate

by Tangelene Ramsay (reprinted from September 2018)

September is here and the kids are heading back to school. As parents, we make sure they are ready by checking off supply lists. We go over the rules surrounding their cell phones and other electronic devices. We remind them to be nice to others and be mindful of their surroundings. But there is one more thing we need to be proactive about. We need to make sure that our children aren’t bringing any easily eradicated diseases into the classroom with them. The way to do this is to vaccinate our children.

Vaccines are an important part of our children’s school readiness preparation. When they are two months old, babies should receive their first vaccination. This should be followed up with another at four months, six months, twelve months, and eighteen months. Before starting school, they are expected to have one more immunization shot. These shots, which are given free of charge, will protect our children from diseases such as mumps, measles, whooping cough, and meningitis.

When they reach grade seven, another round of immunizations should occur, protecting them from HPV, tetanus, and Hepatitis B, among others. This immunization is usually done at school by trained professionals and parents will receive a consent form ahead of time.

As adults, we should get our tetanus shot redone every ten years. Flu shots are recommended in the fall for most adults, with a high dose version suggested for those over the age of 55.

We are fortunate in this country to

have almost eradicated many of the childhood diseases that were once the main cause of death for those under the age of ten. However, most of those diseases still exist, and vaccinations are the only way to minimize their devastating effects. All it takes is one generation to stop vaccinating their kids for these diseases to make a comeback.

It isn’t just your child that you are protecting when you choose to vaccinate. You are also protecting the child in class who may be fighting cancer or has another immunodeficiency disease that has prevented them from getting vaccinated.

Over the past twenty years, vaccinations have come a long way. Researchers have figured out how to vaccinate against many more diseases, such as chicken pox and pneumonia. They have also managed to combine vaccinations in order to decrease the number of needles required per vaccination.

The myths surrounding vaccines have also been disproven over the last decade; especially the one regarding vaccines and autism. Vaccines work. Vaccines do not cause autism. The scientific proof is there. The side effects are short-term and few; redness and swelling around the injection site, and a low-grade fever being the most common. A small price to pay, if you ask me, for the security of knowing your child will live a life free of mumps, measles, polio, or even chicken pox.

A full list of immunizations available, as well as the ages recommended for each is available at the Nova Scotia government page <https://novascotia.ca/dhw/cdpc/immunization.asp>.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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:

- 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/>
- Introduction to Line Dancing: Come and join us at Emmanuel Church hall on Saturday September 20, from 10:00am to 11:30am for Introduction to Line Dancing with instructor Janice. The cost is \$10 at the door. Canteen available for water and treats.

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

- SWORDFISH SUPPER: Dine In or Takeout. Includes Roll and Dessert. Saturday October 18th 4:00-6:00 PM Cost \$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 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:
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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

- Our 2025 Harvest Fair / School Farm Day event will be held this year on Saturday, October 18th (raindate - Sunday, October 19th) 2 - 4pm Special guests will be Farmer Richard & his "Barnyard Bunch" of farm animals from Milford, N.S. Students (including family) from local schools are especially invited, thanks to financial support from an HRM Special Events Grant. We will also celebrate the 29th Birthday of our UFMSS with a huge birthday cake and lots of bubbles! Come enjoy petting farm animals, great food, games, entertainment and support our Urban Farm in Spryfield.

For further information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email urbanfarmmuseumspryfield@gmail.com 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 rhburke.54@gmail.com

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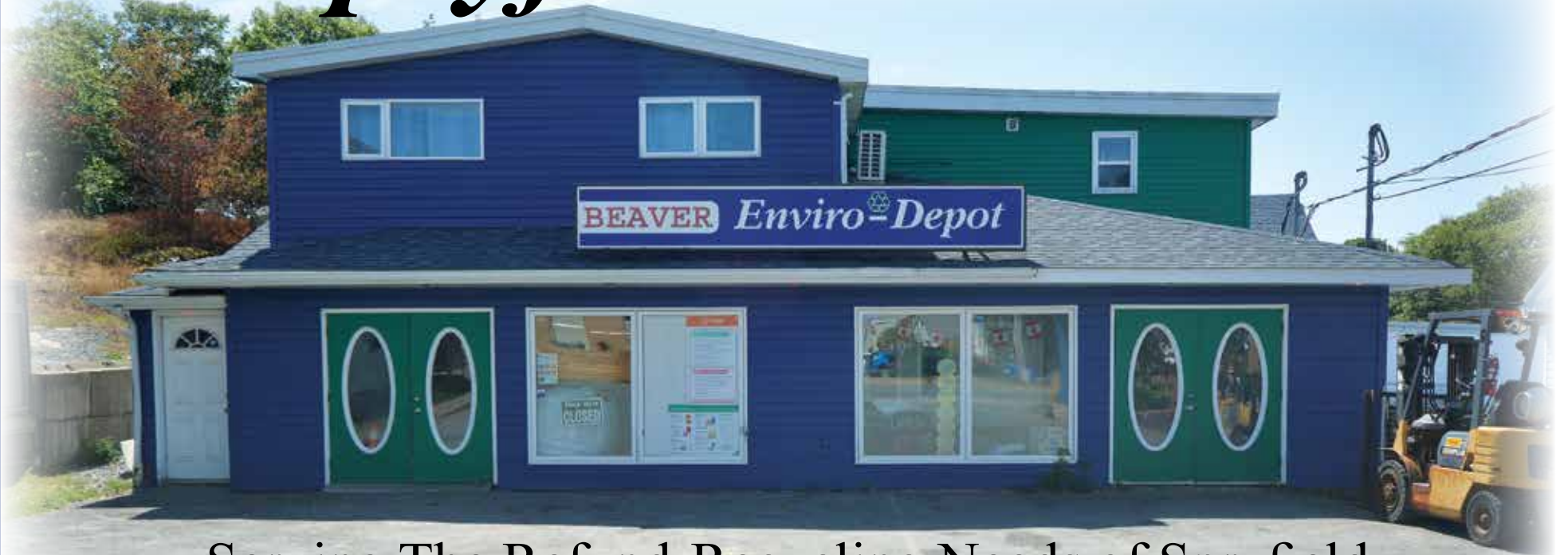


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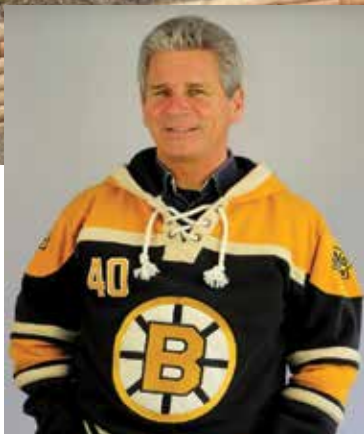
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