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## A Golden Prize for a Golden Cause: Charity Bowl



JL Hockey Fans cheer on the JL Ilsley Judges hockey team

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by *Diego Nicolás Dueñas García*  
 December 18, 2025 was a date marked in red in the calendar of every J.L. Ilsley student. It was a day in which sports, solidarity, and Ilsley pride shone in unison under

the joy of the forthcoming Christmas break. Four prior months of academic work, in which the holiday spirit crept slowly into the heart as the days drifted onward, culminated in the J.L. Ilsley Charity Bowl,

which had the noblest of aims: raising funds for the Chebucto Family Centre.

During the week leading up to this crucial day, students were given the opportunity to purchase an entry

ticket to one of the following sporting events: firstly, a boys' hockey game, in which J.L.'s hockey-playing Judges were raring to confront the Eastern Shore Coyotes; and,  
*(See Charity Bowl on page 2)*

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# Charity Bowl

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secondly, a girls' basketball game, where the high school's female athletes would give their all against Halifax West. Although the latter game concluded in a defeat, the girls on the team played exceptionally well, with students claiming to have been constantly at the edge of their seats. Regarding the hockey game, the outcome was a decisive victory for the Judges, who dominated the game from the outset. By the end of the third period, the environment was a loud blend of lively music, roar-like cheers, and a standing ovation. Why?

Well, let us allow the result to speak for itself: 7-1. The team's offence was equal to hounds breaking loose; its defence was that of an impregnable fortress. Combine the two, and you get nothing short of a victorious J.L. Ilsley sports team. As a final verdict, and perhaps the happiest note of all, over \$1,500 was raised, a record-shattering amount for the high school in the last decade. What a day to be a J.L. Judge!



Fans on the edge of their seats



Players meeting Santa

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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., 902-477-1783 [emmanuelanglican-church.net](http://emmanuelanglican-church.net), Sunday Morning Worship: 8:00am Quiet, contemplative, traditional communion service  
 10:00am Lively, contemporary communion service with music.

Livestreamed. Children are welcome to join our Children's Choir, which meets during this service.  
 Emmanuel Church is an affirming church. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship.

**Stella Maris Roman Catholic Parish at St Michael's Catholic Church**  
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 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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**St. James United Church** (3811 Old Sambro Rd)  
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10:30 am. Sunday School will be held February 8, 2026 at 10:30 am.  
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**St. James Anglican Church** (1 Harrigan's Road)  
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## 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 news with the community we serve. This issue highlights our support of the Adventure in Citizenship initiative and an update on the 2026 version of our exciting Adventure Club fundraiser.

Our club has been supporting the Rotary Club of Ottawa's Adventure in Citizenship (AIC) program for over a decade. The program, which was established in 1951, invites over 150 senior

high school students selected by Rotary clubs from across Canada to spend four days in Ottawa experiencing tours, lectures, discussions and social events designed to enhance their understanding and appreciation of Canadian citizenship.

This annual event provides a unique opportunity for a select group of young Canadians to come together and gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials, and others, they

learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions. Through meeting one another and having discussions among themselves, they learn to appreciate the diversity of Canada and privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

A consistently positive response to this program is the value attached to the opportunity to meet peers from across Canada and discover that Canadians hold much more in common than the matters that divide us.

This year our club has selected a candidate for AIC through our partnership with Chebucto Connections' Pathways to Education program, which was initiated in 2010 to address low high school graduation rates in the Spryfield catchment area. The program ensures that young people will successfully complete high school, continue on to post-secondary programs, and become actively engaged in their career development. AIC and Pathways to Education compliment each other in motivating candidates to strive for a balance of a sound education and responsible citizenship.

Our Adventure Club fundraising campaign is off and running. We are selling tickets for trips to the Dominican Republic (\$4500 value), Saint Lucia (\$6000), Cozumel Mexico (\$4600), Ireland (Causeway Coastal Route) (\$6000), Italy (Venice, Florence and Rome) (\$5400), and the Mayan Rivera, Mexico (\$4000). For something totally different, the winners of all 6 trips will be drawn in one exciting session to be held on April 11th, 2026. All trips include return air travel and \$500 spending money. Stay tuned, and visit our Adventure Club website at [rotaryadventureclub.ca](http://rotaryadventureclub.ca) for more details.

Our Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest welcomes everyone to explore community service with us! We pride ourselves on being diverse and inclu-

sive – and we're friendly! We currently meet in person every Tuesday from 1145 to 1 pm. at Station Six Restaurant on Herring Cove Road in Spryfield. Why not join us for a "trial" lunch! For more information contact Roger Chiasson at [rogerchiasson305@gmail.com](mailto:rogerchiasson305@gmail.com) or 782 234 9408.

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by Barbara Olson

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## DISCOVERING OUR PAST

### Spruce Hill Lake and Foses Lake combined to make one lake in 1868

by Iris V. Shea

A walk to Spruce Hill Lake from Old Sambro Road in Harrietsfield is a pleasant experience any time, but it is particularly beautiful in the fall of the year. You will be taken back in time as you explore the shoreline, fortified with rock walls by local stone cutters and labourers in 1868. The main dam, built in 1868, was intact 20 years ago when I explored the trail and dam. A sluice gate, once opened and closed by the caretaker, was visible. This dam, an earthen structure, was 1200 feet long and 12 feet wide on top, with 16 inch granite blocks on the inner and outer slopes. The gatehouse walls, four feet thick, were built of brick, concrete and granite in 1889. The gatehouse no longer exists. A pipeline, now in disrepair, is used by hikers as a walking trail from Spruce Hill dam to the head of Long Lake on St. Margaret's Bay Road. Twenty years ago an abandoned hoist, used by those 19th century workers to lay the large pipes, was still standing upright in a heavily wooded area along the pipeline trail.

Another trail, southwest of Spruce Hill Lake, starts on Old Sambro Road in Harrietsfield and takes you through Foses Hill to the Prospect Road in Goodwood. An old farm on the side of Foses Hill, owned and operated by three generations of an Umlah family from 1845 until the 1950s, is now overgrown. Benjamin Umlah of Goodwood and his wife, Charlotte Yeadon of Spryfield, raised a fam-



Pumphouse on Spruce Hill Lake Dam, 1938. Photo courtesy Mainland South Heritage Society. The caretaker patrolled the lake in the small boat.

in Halifax, extended west from the Herring Cove Road into Spruce Hill Lake. The lake was a natural location for landowners to operate water-powered sawmills on the streams flowing into and out of the lake. The land around the lake served its owners as woodlots. The Sutherland and Kidston families settled on these two Leiblin Manor lots in the early 1800s. Both families lived in Spryfield and made good use of the lake.

In 1868, Spruce Hill Lake was added to the Halifax watershed. Long Lake and the two Chain Lakes had been providing clean and safe water to the residents of Halifax since 1848. Spruce Hill Lake was raised twelve feet to make Spruce Hill Lake and Foss's Lake a continuous body of water. Early maps refer to Spruce Hill Lakes (plural) but early deeds refer to Foses Lake and Spruce Hill Lake as two separate lakes. The Commissioners of Water Supply for the City of Halifax appointed William A. Henry, Esq. to act as an arbitrator and appraiser. Landowners around Spruce Hill Lake were forced to give up valuable water privileges. The landowners appointed John E. Hosterman, Esq., to represent their interests. An agreement was made by both parties to pay \$850 to George Sutherland of Spryfield for loss of his mill site (located where the Spruce Hill Lake main dam is today) and his several acres of land on which the pipeline was built. Both Benjamin Umlah and Archibald Kidston were paid lesser amounts for loss of their water privileges plus several acres of land.

Caretakers were hired to check on the quality of water in the lake, to raise and lower the water when necessary, and to prevent swimmers and fishermen from using the lake. Large screens were installed to help filter the water in later years. George Hartlen and his wife, Mary Jane Warner, were the longest serving caretakers. When Hartlen died in 1923, his son, John, and John's wife, Mary Drysdale, took over the job, living in the caretaker's cottage just behind the dam. During World War II the Canadian Army looked after the water supply, patrolling the lake waters for possible sabotage. Following the war, Ainsley Marryatt moved his family into the caretaker's house and became "keeper of the dam". By 1977 Pockwock Lake became the main provider of water for Halifax, and in 1980 Spruce Hill Lake was officially retired from the watershed. The province expropriated approximately 4200 acres of land of this watershed, paying the Public Service Commission \$7 million for land that is now part of Long Lake Provincial Park.

ily of five daughters and two sons on their farm at Foses Hill. One son, William Levi, stayed on the farm in the 1860s. William Levi Umlah and his wife, Margaret Amelia Drysdale, had four daughters and one son. Two of their daughters, Maggie and Jessie, operated the farm after their parents died. Local residents recall seeing them travelling to the Halifax market by horse and wagon to sell their eggs and fresh produce. Maggie died in 1968, Jessie in 1972.

Hikers are still able to make their way over the Foses Hill trail although it is very wet in spots and easier to navigate when the ground is frozen. Sports fishermen and moose hunters travelled through there on foot and by motor vehicle. In 1930, the day after hunting season opened, young Charles Hosterman was found in his car at Foses Hill, dead from a gunshot wound to the head.

Going further back in history, to the 1770s, the name Foses Hill was originally Foss's Hill after Philip Foss, a German baker living in Halifax. Foss was granted the land as a woodlot. Also in the 1770s, two of the nine 500 acre Leiblin Manor lots, granted to German business owners

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# Your eyes are not deceiving you!

submitted by Sam Ramsay

Winter is here, and it's dark, cold, and sometimes too icy to feel compelled to go walking as frequently as in other seasons. However, if you've braved the weather and gone anyway, or went for walks in the fall, you may have noticed a new inhabitant of the Frog Pond trail – a white squirrel.

The squirrel looks much like the normal red squirrels that are all over the wooded areas of the province, but its fur is completely white. In the fall, this made it stand out dramatically against the colourful foliage, but it blends in better in the snow-covered winter forests (...when we have snow, that is).

At first glance, it may seem like the squirrel is albino. However, it's more likely that it's a leucistic squirrel,



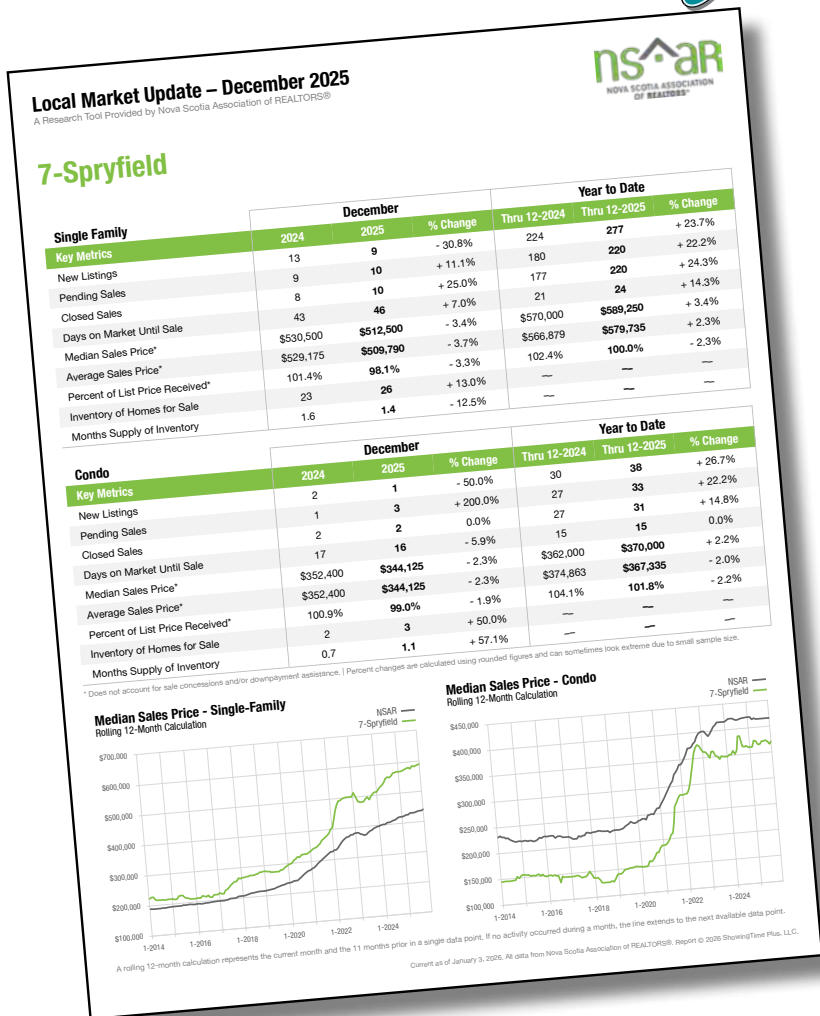
Photos by Sam Ramsay

which means that the loss of pigment is only partial and is generally more limited to the squirrel's fur. This is different from albinism, which is a complete lack of pigment that also affects the eyes and skin. The easiest way to tell the difference is to check the eyes – albino squirrels will have red or pink eyes, not black ones like other squirrels do. Leucistic squirrels may have patches of white fur, or may be completely white, like the squirrel at the Frog Pond is. Both leucism and albinism are caused by recessive genes, and are relatively rare in squirrel populations, though some communities have higher rates of the conditions than others.

White squirrels are generally in more danger than their pigmented counterparts, partially because they can be at higher risk for health issues due to their lack of pigment, and partially because their white fur makes them stand out more to predators. Despite its increased visibility, however, our friend seems to be surviving well so far and is doing normal squirrel things in the woods around the Frog Pond. Next time you're out that way, keep an eye out and you might spot a flash of white fur scampering along a tree branch!

(All information about white squirrels in this article comes from an article for the Institute for Environmental Research and Education written by Laura Young.)

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# Birds of the Backlands – Black-Capped Chickadees



Black-capped chickadee, Upper McIntosh Run, Halifax Backlands  
Photo: Joshua Barss Donham

by Joshua Barss Donham

Have you ever wondered how small songbirds like Black-capped Chickadees keep their tiny feet warm on a frigid winter day? Chickadee's legs and feet are little more than skin, sinew, and bones – so, these birds can maintain a temperature in their feet close to freezing without damaging tissue. Arteries leading to a chickadee's feet pass directly next to the veins returning blood to the heart. Heat transferred from the arteries to veins warms the blood returning to the heart and cools the blood flowing to the feet, minimizing energy expenditure.

Chickadees are very clever. They can remember thousands of different locations where they have hidden seeds in preparation for winter. They have evolved remarkable spatial memory and are able to locate their food caches based on the relation between landmarks, such as trees and rocks, and their hiding places. There is a clear correlation between bird species that cache food and the size of the hippocampus, the part of the brain associated with learning and memory: seed caching = larger hippocampus. In chickadees the hippocampus changes size with the seasons, becoming as much as 30 percent larger during autumn, the food-storing months. In the spring, when less is needed, the hippocampus shrinks.

Chickadees are very curious and inquisitive about everything that surrounds them. They are often the first species to discover a new bird feeder and the first to notice that a feeder has been re-filled. Chickadees can be found in a wide variety of habitats – deciduous and mixed forest, thickets, and open disturbed areas like the burnt over areas in the Halifax Backlands. They nest in abandoned nest

cavities or natural cavities in trees, and they construct a nest cup of plant stems and moss lined with soft hairs – often rabbit fur. Chickadees will also use nesting boxes, particularly if some wood chips are placed in the bottom of the box.

Chickadees are social birds. They travel together in a small flock called a 'banditry'. They are often accompanied by other small birds – warblers, kinglets, Brown Creepers, and Downy Woodpeckers – that watch for where chickadees are finding food. They have developed a highly sophisticated system of communication with 16 vocalizations, many of which serve multiple signaling purposes. Perhaps their most recognizable call, from whence they get their name, is the 'chickadee dee' call. They use this call to indicate the presence of a predator or food source, to keep in contact with each other, and to coordinate the flock's movement from one spot to another.

These tiny, masked bandits have a bold and curious nature, making them easy to identify and observe for new birdwatchers.

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# More Charity Bowl photos

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The JL Ilsley Girls' Basketball Team



JL Girls' Basketball Fans



Celebrating an Ilsley Goal



More fans of JL Girls' Basketball

# Sammy says



SACA is hosting a Shrove Tuesday supper sponsored by Heart & Home Realty on February 17, 2026 from 5-6:30 p.m. at St. James United Church Hall, 3811 Old Sambro Road in Sambro. Give yourself a break from the kitchen and come enjoy our delicious scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, juice, tea or coffee. The cost is just \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth age 5-12. Children under 5 eat for free. Exact change is greatly appreciated if you're able to provide it. Sorry, we're not able to accept \$50 or \$100 bills, so be sure to stop and break those large bills before you arrive. There will be 50/50 tickets available for purchase as well.

This meal is eat-in, but takeout is available upon request. All profits will go towards a future community centre and a mobility accessible fishing dock and picnic area at Grand Lake.

Don't put away your calendar yet! Here's a couple of other dates to make note of:

The Shay & Mackay Memorial Fishing Derby is set for Sunday, May 31 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Grand Lake in Williamswood. We'll have some great prizes, auction items, raffles, 50/50 draw, yummy barbeque, a children's fishpond, and more! We'll be posting more details as the date draws closer, so stay tuned. Each year this event continues to grow and become more popular. Come on out and see the gazebo and other progress we've made on creating a mobility accessible fishing wharf and picnic area.

The 2026 Sambro Sou'Wester Days are set for August 6-9, with ball

games in the week leading up to this. Profits will go towards our future Community Centre.

It takes a whole community to

make these events a success, so if you're interested in helping out as a volunteer, sponsor or donator, please reach out to Kim at 902-475-1583.

She'd love to hear from you. *Sammy Sambro is SACA's mischievous mascot. You can follow him on Facebook.*

# Outdoor winter walks no matter the weather

PHOTO: ANDREA DAVIS PEXELS



Mother Nature has thrown more than a few curve snowballs at us this year. But Hike Nova Scotia claims that no matter the weather, we can still get outside. One way to do that is through its Winter Guided Hike & Walk series.

"Winter is a time of year when folks tend to hide indoors. That's understandable given the wild swings in weather we've seen," says Janet Barlow, Hike Nova Scotia Executive Director.

"But it's so important to get outside this time of year for your mood and for your body. Guided hikes are a good motivator to get out."

Hike Nova Scotia and 16 host organizations have partnered up to offer the series across NS from January to March. There are 45 hike, walk or snowshoe events led by local folks, and participants qualify to win trail prizes. They are free or low-cost events, and some require pre-registration.

The full schedule with registration details and directions is found at [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca). Events are listed by date and region and include route lengths and difficulty levels. For some of the events snowshoes are provided. If there's no snow, most snowshoe events will go ahead as a hike or walk.

Hike NS thanks its local host partners on the ground for organizing the events as well as Goose Lane Editions, Mountain Equipment Company, Baffin, Our Pathways Society and the NS Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage for their support.

If you need snowshoes, you can easily find some to borrow, rent or buy using Hike NS's online directory, with 94 listings. There are 68 venues where you can borrow them for free. Learn more at [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca).

For more information on these events or Hike Nova Scotia contact:

Janet Barlow, Hike Nova Scotia (902) 932-6902, [info@hikenovascotia.ca](mailto:info@hikenovascotia.ca) or [www.hikenovascotia.ca](http://www.hikenovascotia.ca)

Hike Nova Scotia (Hike NS) encourages and promotes a growing

walking and hiking culture throughout the province, striving to be the voice for those who hike, walk and snowshoe as well as those who build and maintain hiking trails.

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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## Joan Margaret Charlton

It is with sadness and loss that we announce the passing of Joan Margaret Charlton who passed away on December 16, 2025, at Parkstone Enhanced Care in Halifax at the age of 90. Born in Portuguese Cove, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Katherine (Corbett) Purcell.

Joan worked in administration for T. C. Gorman Construction Ltd. before her marriage. She later worked for Simpsons-Sears (later Sears) in human resources for over 25 years until she retired. She was a devout member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, member of the CWL (Catholic Women's League) and a Sunday school teacher. She enjoyed spending time with family, camping, gardening, and picking berries with Gordie. She became an avid golfer in her later years, and she and Gordie travelled the province to play as many courses as possible. For many years, they loved to spend several months each winter in Florida.

She will be remembered by her loving husband of 69 years, Gordie; sons, Robert (Karen) and Michael (Laura); grandchildren, Ben (Sarah) and Katelyn (Chad); great-grand-

children, Meghan, Hayden, Liam, Eli, and Layla; great-great-grandson, Kendrick; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by sister Mary and brother-in-law Gerald Fraser.

Donations in Joan's memory can be made to the Alzheimer Society of Canada. The family would like to thank the staff at Parkstone Enhanced Care for their care and compassion.

## John Roy Phillips

Passed away peacefully at Dartmouth General Hospital on Saturday, December 20th at the age of 77 surrounded by his loving family.

He was a loving husband to Anna for 55 years; father to Steven and Melissa; and brother to his sister, Jean. John enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Landon, Emily, Charlotte, Hayden and Jordyn. He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his parents, Harold and Marjorie Phillips and his sister, Doreen Phillips from Ontario.

As a young man he served his country with the Royal Canadian Navy as an electrician on many ships over his service. After his service he became an Electrical Contractor and ran his own business J.R. Phillips Electrics until his retirement. John loved to travel with his wife to various points in the Caribbean, they looked forward to their annual trips. These trips were always taken in style to enjoy life. During his free time John was an active brother in the Masons and enjoyed the fellowship at various lodges in Halifax. He loved baseball and the Toronto Blue Jays. He focused that interest as an active Little League coach and umpire during the 80s and 90s.

Cremation has taken place under the care of J. Albert Walker Funeral Home (2005) Ltd. A Masonic service will take place at a later date in the upcoming spring/summer. Donations can be made in John's memory to the Alzheimer's Society of Canada

Special thanks to all the doctors, nurses and staff, especially the staff at 4 West ward at Dartmouth General Hospital for their compassionate, thoughtful and professional care. Flowers, donations may be made to Elder Dog Canada in memory of Viola and Casey.

## Phyllis Delores (Slaunwhite) Connors

Age 83 • Halifax, Nova Scotia

It is with deep love and profound sadness that the family of Phyllis Delores Connors (Slaunwhite) announces her passing in Halifax, Nova Scotia, at the age of 83.

Born in Halifax and raised between Terrance Bay and the city, Phyllis built a life rooted in family, laughter, and simple joys. She worked at Dean's Flowers and later at Physicians' Services, retiring in 2011. Her warm spirit and easy smile made her a favourite among everyone fortunate enough to cross her path.

A bright light with a playful and silly nature, Phyllis was always ready for a bit of fun. She adored old movies, rock and roll—especially Elvis Presley—and she loved to dance and play darts, often lighting up any room with her joyful energy. She had a remarkable ability to find the silver lining in any situation, offering positivity and comfort even in difficult moments. Above all, Phyllis treasured every moment spent with her family. Her presence brought comfort, laughter, and a sense of home to all who knew her.

Phyllis is predeceased by her parents, Inglis and Leona (Publicover) Slaunwhite; her beloved husband Mickey; and her sisters, Marlene, Joyce, Joan, and Gloria.

She is survived by her sisters Carol (John Sullivan, predeceased) Sullivan, Sandra (Robert) Murphy, Glenda (Laurie Laviolette, predeceased) Laviolette, and Wanda (James) Powers; her daughter, Lynn; her grandchildren, Krista (Daniel) Hartling, Michael (Shauna Bottomley) Mabe, and Joseph Mabe; her six great-grandchildren; and her loving partner Kenneth Smith, all of whom brought her immense pride, joy, and companionship.

## Violet Gray

Mary Violet Gray (Billard), daughter of the late Albert and Rose Billard, 94 of Ketch Harbour, Sambro Head and recently Halifax passed away peacefully in her sleep the early morning of December 27th, 2025. The Heavenly Choir is singing just a little louder today as mom takes her place amongst them.

A life long member of St. Peters Catholic Church and Choir in Ketch Harbour. She was baptised, made her First Communion/Reconciliation and was married from St. Peters. Mom was an avid knitter and there are many over the years that have worn her creations. Sweaters, mittens and baby blankets were her specialty, and she knit hundreds of them, maybe thousands. Most recently, and probably one of her last big projects, she knit a pair of mittens for every child in her youngest great grandson, Landon, school class, close to 30 pair. Mom was an employee of Sears Canada for many years, retiring in the mid 1990s. Prior to marriage, she was a chocolate packer at Moirs Halifax. Mom and Dad spent a great deal of time at their summer home Lower Sixty Lake, East Dalhousie, with a mountain of family and friends. Some wonderful memories live there. She

also loved to travel and got to visit a lot of the Caribbean Islands during several cruises. Her last trip, a few years back, she spent 2 weeks in Florida with her family and friends.

Violet is survived by her 4 daughters. Rosemary Gray, Louise Gray, Marie Smith and Frances (Matthew) Harnish and brother Edward Billard. Also left to mourn are the lights of her life, her grand daughter Emily Morgan, adopted grandson Marcel and her two greatest loves, great grandsons Owen Oliver and Landon Arthur.

Violet was predeceased by her loving husband of 55 years Arthur, her brother Donald (Audrey) and sister Virginia "Jenny" (Thomas), son-in-law Paul, nephew Mark Billard, niece Nancy Gray (Inkpen) brother-in-law Brenton (Madeline), sisters-in-law Goldie (Sherman), Shirley, wife of brother-in-law Murray Gray, Phyllis and husband of sister-in-law Mary, Winslow Boutilier. Violet was also predeceased by chosen son Steven Beazley.

We want to send a special thank you to Lee Gray, who attended to mom during her last days. Melville Lodge is a better place because of people like you, Lee.

## Gerald Edward Rogers

87, of Portuguese Cove, NS, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on January 1, 2026 at the QEII, New Halifax Infirmary, Halifax, NS. Born in Halifax, NS, he was the only son of the late Beryl (Purcell).

Gerald grew up in Portuguese Cove with his mother and grandfather. He went to Halifax Vocational School, for pipe fitting and also followed his uncle's footsteps and became a firefighter, where he worked for the Halifax Fire Dept, for over 30 years. His last few years were spent with his loving daughter, Donna, in her home in White's Lake.

Gerald was always up for an adventure. He enjoyed many vacations with his wife and granddaughters, whether they went strawberry picking in the Valley, or week long trips to Bangor. He spent many years with CN Via bowling and going on tournaments. Also meeting up with friends each morning at A&W for breakfast.

Gerald is survived by his only beloved daughter, Donna Conway. "Old Gump" will be sadly missed by his treasured granddaughters, Alicia MacDonald (David) and Michelle Ubsdell (David), his cherished great-grandchildren, Pat (Maddy), Candace, Theo and James, and a precious great-great-granddaughter, Layne. He is also survived by his wife's foster brothers, Vernon Kelly (Bev) and Jimmy Kelly (Pat), as well as his many friends and "adopted" grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his loving wife of 63 years, Margaret Marie (Day), his mother, Beryl, and his



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special son-in-law, David Conway.

Gerald's family would like to thank the many doctors and nurses at the hospital, especially those who cared for him during his five days in hospital. As well as VON, for all of their home visits.

### Gary Wayne Musolino

(Mussy/Julio) – 74, Halifax, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, December 30, 2025, in the QE II Hospital. Gary was born at home on Dentith Road on April 30, 1951, in Halifax, to the late Angelo and Alvina (Smith) Musolino.

Gary was a working man at an early age after vocational school in 1970, starting out at local gas stations, the family greenhouse, Volvo and various roles HRM for 33 years (transfer station, public works and his favourite, supervisor of cemeteries), all while owning and operating the family Florist (Alvina Nurseries). Upon retirement, he was a snowbird in the winter months (loved travelling and warm beach experiences with loved ones in the past or more recently with Paula, in Florida, Arizona, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, St. Lucia, Cruises +++). He took various campground jobs throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan, from spring to fall. Later, he also worked temporarily as the supervisor/operator of the Horn Hill transfer station in Red Deer County, Alberta, as he could not stay away from junking/picking through the waste for those hidden gems.

Oh, the stories recollected from close family and friends who indicated Gary was such a proud man and the best father to Suzanne Musolino, whom he somewhat raised as the son he didn't have (Tom Boy). Suzanne was taught to do things men do, but also what women of the family were responsible for. He was very proud of her accomplishments and education. Gary was a great provider, a character/jokester/trickster/teaser with such sarcastic wit. He had a quick mind and a fantastic way of finding "the funny" in all situations. He was admired by so many for his kindness, his stories (which he often embellished), friendship, willingness to help and get involved in whatever task came his way (building camps, roofing a house, decking, putting up fencing, painting and working on cars, and especially telling you how to do it all). He was known during building activities to drive 5 spikes, where the norm was to drive two. Payment could have been simply Oreo Cookies, his favourite junk food. He was a jack of all trades/handyman and liked shiny things and motorized vehicles with associated play time and/or road trips. He owned dune-buggies, bikes (old Yamaha 100 twin motor bike), ATVs and cool cars (being so proud of his old chevy with painted 07 on the door). He loved living on Moody

Lake and all lake sports, fishing, biking, and camping in the woods. He loved hunting but was known to get more blisters than he did prey.

Gary took pride in his family, homes, landscaping and gardening activities. He was terrible at sports and an awkward skater who was often heckled by friends for his lack of technique. He loved to raise animals such as rabbits, chickens, pigs and roosters. He had compassion to some extent as shown when he and Janice requested that Suzanne, crack a chicken from an egg, as it was alive and having difficulty cracking through the hard shell. This chicken lived, was named Lucky, and was raised in the house and became a rooster who ruled the house and yard. Gary's biggest fear was SPI-DERS! He would often wake his daughter up to go save him from the spider in his bathroom, as she killed nothing and saved everything. Gary's other passions included watching Suzanne, play all sports and sea doo racing. Often yelling out in the crowd, "Give her the Hook". He loved sitting in his La-Z-Boy chair with his best friend Finnegan (cat) and watching the Oak Island Inn (TV show), as he was engulfed in the story and hope of finding treasure. For the last few years, Gary was attempting to write a book on stories of the cemeteries. He was so proud of his knowledge /experiences and had many stories, such as of ghosts, spooky encounters, meeting families of the lost during the Titanic tragedy, those lost in war, and unnamed graves, etc. Suzanne and common-law wife, Paula, intend to complete his book or books for publishing. Gary had a busy but joyful life, even though it was cut short on this late December day.

Gary was predeceased by his first daughter, whom he named Lisa Stephanie Musolino, who passed away at birth; by his father, Angelo Musolino; mother, Alvina Musolino; uncle, John Musolino; brothers, Angelo Jr (Angie), Darrell, Eugene and Randall Musolino; and other family members and friends that expired too soon.

Gary is survived by his wife, Janice Musolino; his daughter, Suzanne Musolino; his common law spouse, Paula Musolino, step-son (Jonathan Russell), sister Doreen Archibald, sister Michele Musolino; God Son, Josh Gilfooy; and many nieces and nephews.

### Henrica (Rita) Adriana Johanna (Brokken) Baker

84, of Herring Cove, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at Parkstone Enhanced Care, Halifax.

Born on June 16, 1941, in Tilburg, Holland. At the age of 15, Rita immigrated to Canada with her family, arriving on January 4, 1956, beginning a new chapter filled with opportunity, courage, and hope.

Rita worked for Sears and later Atlantic Traders, primarily in their accounting departments, where her strong work ethic and attention to detail were greatly valued. In 1966, she retired to focus on raising her family — a role she embraced wholeheartedly. Deeply creative and exceptionally talented, Rita was an accomplished seamstress and artist. She created beautiful stained-glass pieces and intricate embroidery. She was predeceased by her husband Lincoln, parents, Joannus (John) and Joanna (Anna) (van de Sande) Brokken, daughter-in-law, Monica, nephew, David Pippy.

A loving wife, devoted mother, supportive mother-in-law, and amazing grandmother, Rita's family was the centre of her life. She will be lovingly remembered by her sons, Darren (Debbie), Rockland, Ont.; Christopher (Stephanie), Dartmouth;

and Bruce, (Cindy) Halifax; grandchildren, Alexandre, Adriana, Fiona Peasey (Zachary) Charlotte, and Maxwell. She is also survived by her brother Henk (Carol), and sister-in-law, Betty, nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

Rita was a dedicated volunteer with FEED Nova Scotia and the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) for many years, giving generously of her time.

As Rita's family, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the staff at Parkstone for their exemplary care and support of Rita especially to Danna RN. In keeping with Rita's wishes, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) of Greater Halifax, 300-7000 Mumford Road, Halifax, NS, B3L 4N9 or the Canadian Cancer society, Nova Scotia branch.

## FREE Legion Membership!



The Earl Francis Memorial Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152 in Spryfield, in conjunction with the National Office, has announced that during their 100th Anniversary, all new members can join The Royal Canadian Legion for free for 2026. And when you renew your membership for 2027 you will be entered into a draw to win a new Ford 150 truck! No, you do not have to be a veteran or serving member of the armed forces, membership is open to the general public. Becoming a member of the Royal Canadian Legion opens the door to a mix of community involvement, personal benefits, and meaningful opportunities to support Veterans. Members have the opportunity to become directly involved in programs that honour and support Veterans, including mental health initiatives like the Legion's Operational Stress Injury

Special Section (BSO Legion OSI). Involvement in various community events in Spryfield is completely optional and a fun way to meet new people and make new friends. Legion membership can help you save money, MemberPerks® gives Legion members access to thousands of offers and deals at stores and restaurants across Canada, including national chains, local businesses and online stores.

Did you know that the Spryfield Legion is now a registered warming centre during times of emergency? We have had a Generac System installed for use during power outages, the building is wheelchair accessible and our heating is being converted to natural gas. Our Spryfield Legion has lots of different activities going on including a pool league and a dart league, both of which are very well attended. Bingos are always a popular Sunday activity with the doors opening at 11 AM and games starting at 1 PM. A deck of cards and a crib board are always available to pass a bit of time with friends, and the last Thursday of the month cribbage games are held in the evening. Not sure what to have for supper Friday night, check our FB page to see what the Friday special is or just drop in and have a burger and maybe a beverage (Happy Hour is 4 to 6 PM). Drop in and check us out, we are located at 7 Sussex Street right behind the Spryfield Mall.

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# Cuttell Community Update

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

Well, here we are in the depths of winter. Winter can be a challenging time for many, and this winter feels especially heavy. I would be remiss not to acknowledge the world events that are on many people's minds. Global and political uncertainty, the constant churn of news, and the rising cost of living, all layered on top of winter, can feel like a lot. It is important to remember that we are not alone. During times like these, I believe it can be helpful to focus on what we can influence personally and locally.

In December, I attended the Strong Cities Global Summit on Public Safety, where municipal leaders from around the world discussed the pressures facing cities today. One key takeaway was the importance of social cohesion. Social cohesion matters because it supports volunteerism, neighbour to neighbour support, and our ability to respond together during emergencies. While governments have an important role to play, strong communities are also built through everyday actions. Checking in on a neighbour, volunteering locally, signing up for a program at your local community centre, or simply being welcoming all help strengthen the social fabric of District 11.

There are many municipal programs for residents of all ages that can help people stay active and connected through the winter. These include drop-in recreation programs and activities at our public libraries. For those who may need it, the Affordable Access Program helps ensure cost is not a barrier to participation. Check out Halifax's Recreation programs on [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca)

Volunteering is another meaningful way to meet new people and make a positive difference. Whether you are interested in food security, environmental protection, cultural events, helping youth, or working with seniors, District 11 is home to many community organizations doing great work to support residents and strengthen neighbourhoods. If you are looking for a place to start, [nsvolunteer.ca](http://nsvolunteer.ca) is a helpful resource.

Speaking of getting engaged, HRM kicked off the Suburban Plan process in January which included an open house at the Captain William Spry Community Centre. This will be of particular interest to residents of Herring Cove, Spryfield, and Armdale. The Suburban Plan will guide future development in communities within the urban service boundary and shape how our communities grow. The process will examine development, transportation, parks and recreation, public spaces, natural assets, and broader community goals. I believe this is one of the most important planning initiatives for our city. Suburban land use planning can support complete communities, public transit,

active transportation – places where people can live, work, shop, play, and learn. It can determine the way we feel, experience, and move around our communities. The Suburban Plan is expected to be completed in 2027, with opportunities for residents to participate throughout. If you missed the open house in Spryfield, there is an online survey, as well as a project newsletter you can sign up for to stay up to date. Look for more information on the Suburban Plan at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca).

Every winter I also hear from residents about snow clearing. Spryfield Sambro Loop includes both municipal and provincial roads, with maintenance handled by the appropriate jurisdiction. Residents are encouraged to check whether their road is municipal or provincial through the interactive snow clearing map on the HRM

## The Maguire Report

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

Following serious concerns raised by residents about congestion and unsafe conditions on Purcells Cove Road near Parkhill, I met directly with HRM staff to address what's happening and what needs to change. The key issues I raised were:

1. Residents reported individuals directing traffic without legal authority and claimed that this had HRM approval. I raised serious concerns about this practice, including who is legally responsible if an accident were to occur.

2. A new temple is being built further up the street, which could significantly increase traffic volumes and the likelihood of incidents if planning and enforcement are not addressed now.

3. I questioned how large structures were approved in small residential communities, and asked for a review of:
  - a. The land use permissions for the temple
  - b. The parcel of land being used across the street for parking
  - c. Routine patrols and enforcement presence in the area.
  - d. A clear plan for managing large crowds using nearby park spaces without permits.
  - e. Installation of "No Parking" signs on both sides of the street.

I will continue pressing for solutions that prioritize safety, legality, and respect for the surrounding community.

Many of you contacted me about limited winter access to Crystal Crescent Beach, particularly around parking. After speaking directly with the Department of Natural Resources, I'm pleased to share that approximately 30 new off-season parking spaces are being added near the park entrance and work is scheduled to begin later this month. The project involves minimal

website. To check clearing standards and clearing issues on municipal roads, contact 311 or my office. For provincial roads, contact 511 or your local MLA.

Snow clearing is an important safety issue. Respecting the winter parking ban is essential, as vehicles parked on the street can block snowplows, buses, and emergency vehicles, and may be ticketed or towed. If you see a vehicle parked on the street during a winter parking ban, please call 311.

Improving snow clearing service has been an ongoing effort. This past year, HRM's Auditor General completed an audit of winter operations. The audit included recommendations focused on performance measurement, contractor oversight, documentation, and data collection. Municipal staff are currently doing internal work in response, and Council will monitor progress. I am hopeful this will lead to measurable improvements.

Halifax Regional Council is also in

the midst of its annual budget process. Balancing rising costs with service delivery and responsible fiscal management is challenging. I will be working to ensure the budget reflects shared priorities, including traffic safety, road maintenance, transportation, recreation, housing supports, climate resilience, and affordability. Residents may submit comments to [clerks@halifax.ca](mailto:clerks@halifax.ca) or sign up to speak at a budget meeting, and I encourage everyone to share their perspectives, priorities, and ideas during this important public process.

I also want to remind residents that property assessment notices have been mailed. The deadline to appeal your assessment is February 12, 2026.

Thank you for staying connected, informed, and engaged as we continue building caring communities across District 11. Please email me any of your thoughts or questions to [patty.cuttell@halifax.ca](mailto:patty.cuttell@halifax.ca). I'm honoured to be your municipal representative.

vegetation clearing, site leveling, and gravel placement with construction expected to take about one week to complete. These new spaces will improve winter access and help relieve the congestion during the off-season.

Winter has arrived in full force, and with it comes changing road conditions across our communities. I continue to stay in contact with HRM around plowing operations, road conditions, and response concerns as storms move through. I encourage everyone to slow down and increase following distances; be patient with plow operators working long shifts; avoid unnecessary travel during active storms; and watch for pedestrians; especially where snowbanks reduce visibility. If you are experiencing a persistent plowing or safety issue on your street, contact me directly. Your safety is always the priority.

With colder temperatures, many families are eager to get outside and enjoy skating. I want to strongly remind everyone to never assume ice is safe. Before skating on lakes or ponds, please check with HRM or local authorities to confirm conditions are safe. Remember, ice thickness can vary widely — even on the same body of water — and mild weather, moving water, and runoff can make ice unpredictable. No winter activity is worth the risk. Please take the extra step to confirm safety before going out.

I am glad to share information about the Harrietsfield Market, operated by Chebucto Connections, providing free fresh produce and non-perishable food to residents of Harrietsfield, Williamswood, and Sambro. The Market will continue to run in 2026 with the following upcoming dates: February 10th and 24th, March 10th and 24th, and April 7th and 21st. Hours will be from 1pm to 3pm and

they are still operating at the Harrietsfield Community Centre at 1138 Old Sambro Rd. This program is open to everyone in these communities and is intended to help supplement grocery costs. Proof of address is required. No pre-registration is needed. Programs like this quietly make a real difference, and I strongly encourage anyone who needs support to make use of it.

It came to my attention that the JL Ilsley Girls Hockey Team were wearing old, mismatched jerseys. Working with parents, I was happy to help purchase brand new team jerseys so they can take the ice feeling proud and unified. They absolutely deserve it. Go Judges!

It's been great to celebrate local talent heading to the Olympic stage — including Troy Ryan from Spryfield as head coach and several outstanding Nova Scotians supporting Team Canada. Our communities produce incredible people, and it's something we should always be proud of.

Congratulations to Gemma Vale on having her script selected and bringing her vision to life with "The Haunting on Sambro Island." Our local arts community continues to grow, and it's always worth celebrating the talent coming from our own backyard.

Whether it's traffic safety, winter conditions, community access, youth sports, food security, or local culture, my focus remains the same: listening, following up, getting answers, and pushing for results

Thank you for your continued support, your messages, and your engagement. I especially want to thank you for the trust you place in me. I'm incredibly proud to serve as your MLA, and I remain committed to being visible, responsive, and focused on the issues that matter in our communities.

# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



## FEBRUARY

### Food Banks:

- St. Paul's Family Resource Institute (173 Old Sambro Rd). Food Bank clients call the Food Bank line, 902-477-5090, on Tuesday and leave a message. Those messages are answered on Tuesday and then the food orders are filled with pickup on Wed. between 9 am and 10 am
  - Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) has an Emergency Food Cupboard which can be accessed every two weeks.
  - Emmanuel Food Bank: (322 Herring Cove Rd). If you would like help with food, please call 902-477-1954 before 10 am Tuesday 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 - All Memorial pool tournaments are open to members of any legion along with family members of the person being memorialized.

### Harrietsfield Williamswood Community Centre events:

- Currently taking bookings. Please call, email or message us through our Facebook page, phone at (902) 446-4847, or email hwcc@outlook.com
- Valentine's Dance Thursday Feb 12th 6:30-8 pm Grades 3-6 \$5 at the door Canteen open
- Mobile Food Market \*free produce to community members! Tuesday Feb

10th and 24th 1pm-3pm

- Our "Community Votes" Gold winning After school program has part time and full time spots available! Grades Pre-primary to six! Contact Cara at hwcc@outlook.com
- We are looking for new volunteer Board Members to join our team! Do you care about your community and want to make a difference? No experience needed- just a big heart and willingness to help!

### 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 February 21, 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.

### 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](mailto:stellamaristwelvebaskets@gmail.com)
- Seniors Social Tea. Join us for refreshments, snacks, and friendly conversation in the Stella Maris Hall. The second Wednesday each month, 1-3pm. All are welcome. More info: [david.h@stellamarishalifax.com](mailto:david.h@stellamarishalifax.com)

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

- Please contact St. Paul's directly for up-to-date information on water availability. The outdoor tap is now off for the winter months.

### Spryfield Legion/Forever Young Seniors Club

- Chase the Ace draws are conducted

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

These Satellite Businesses are: Mishoo's Take Out 1 W Pennant Rd, Now We're Cookin' 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

- Our UFMSS is looking forward to sharing a huge "milestone" with our members, volunteers and everyone in our community in 2026. On April 18th, 2 - 4 pm, we will be celebrating the 30th. Birthday of our Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield at the Capt. Wm. Spry Community Centre. Please join us for memories, birthday cake and reconnecting with past members and volunteers.
- 2026 Memberships are now available - Individuals \$15.00, Students & Seniors \$10.00, Families \$20.00, Groups & Organizations \$55.00. For more information, please call Pat at 902-497-3683 or email [urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfarmspryfield@gmail.com)

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

**Crafts and Conversation** Tues and Thurs from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Shared Program Room at 16 Sussex Street.

Free drop-in. Refreshments. For more information, check out [info@halifaxweddingchapel.com](mailto: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](mailto:rhburke.54@gmail.com)

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

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# I'll Never Tell

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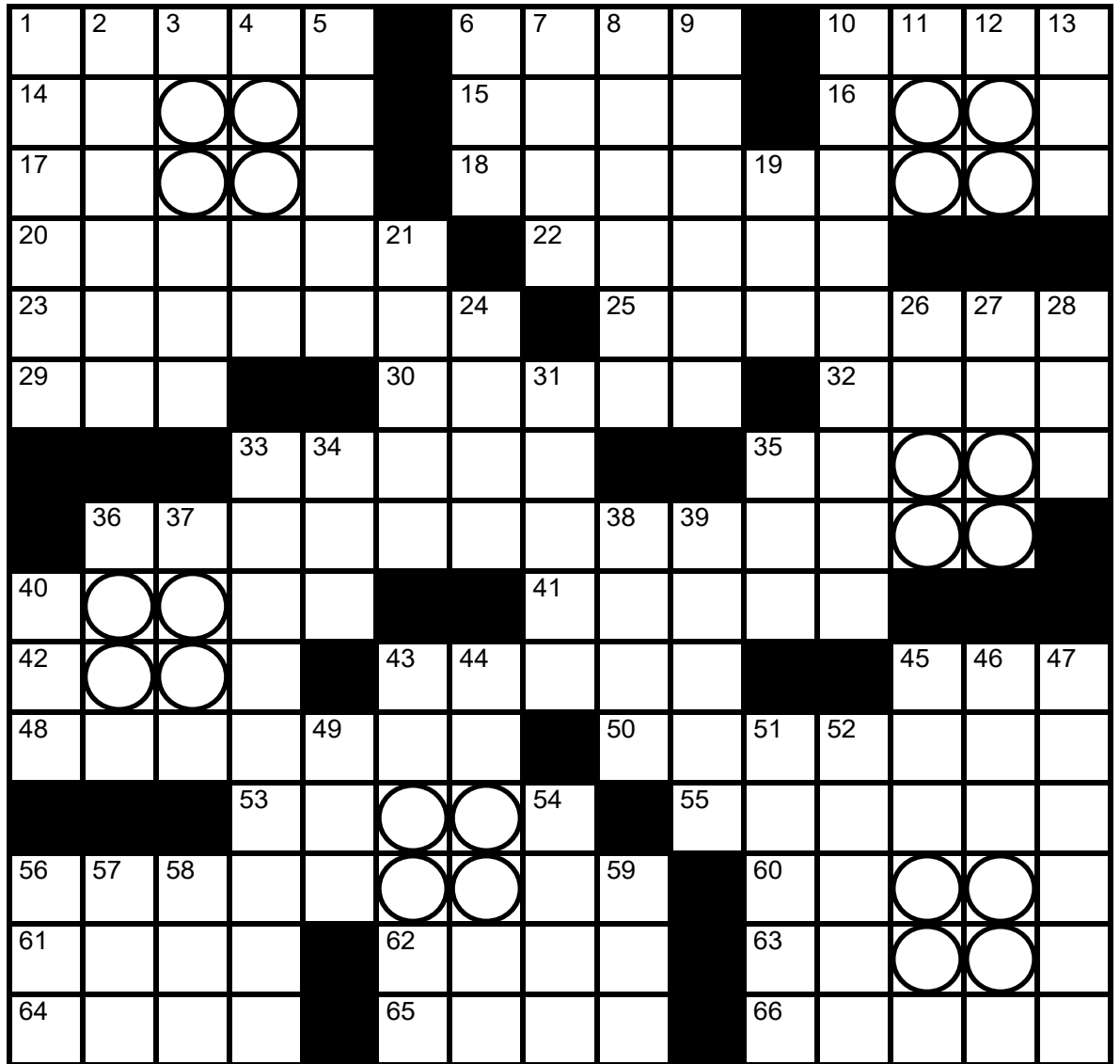
## Across

- 1 Turkish elders
- 6 When doubled, 8-Down
- 10 Count in "A Series of Unfortunate Events"
- 14 French box or bistro
- 15 "... against \_\_\_ of troubles": Hamlet
- 16 After dark, the way it sounds
- 17 Flummox
- 18 With no uncertainty
- 20 Favouring in a fight, with "with"
- 22 Dry-sounding deodorant
- 23 Adjust for balance
- 25 Squeezes through to enter
- 29 Aykroyd or Levy
- 30 Admit doing, slangily
- 32 Big name in shirts
- 33 Wallpaper, carpeting, lightening, etc.
- 35 Three-Rs subj.
- 36 Treat news discreetly, as depicted by the sets of circled letters in the puzzle
- 40 Where wreckers can make a haul
- 41 Cursor controller
- 42 Keep running in neutral
- 43 Tom Connors' signature move
- 45 Be picky?
- 48 Typically
- 50 "The Last \_\_\_" (Tom Cruise blockbuster)
- 53 Travis with a twang
- 55 Like a spy operation
- 56 Oskar played by Liam Neeson, 1993
- 60 "Sunshine on \_\_\_" (The Proclaimers hit)
- 61 It might be cloven
- 62 Slick, sleek swimmers
- 63 Soup scoop
- 64 \_\_\_ Crap (B.C.-based cereal brand)
- 65 Part of iOS: Abbr.
- 66 Does in, as a dragon

## Down

- 1 Shamed
- 2 Lady who barely rode a horse?
- 3 Closeted
- 4 Music festival town in B.C.'s north
- 5 \_\_\_ evil, hear ...

- 6 Scammed
- 7 "I could \_\_\_ little help over here"
- 8 Under wraps
- 9 Mohawk or mullet
- 10 Social distance between acquaintances, it is said
- 11 Pot top
- 12 "The pond" body: Abbr.
- 13 Tina who wrote "Bossypants"
- 19 Use an excavator
- 21 Big name in luxury leather
- 24 Trike horn sound
- 26 Stated
- 27 Global: Abbr.
- 28 Unspecified, as a math power
- 31 \_\_\_ code (discount access)
- 33 Strip of official license
- 34 Tenth book of the N.T.
- 35 "Now I get it" utterances
- 36 Baby butters
- 37 "..., \_\_\_ tête, Alouette, ..."
- 38 Names, in Nîmes
- 39 Ill-fated rapper Shakur
- 40 Meas. across a circle
- 43 Trombone parts
- 44 Red Rose or Lipton rival
- 45 Tater tots brand
- 46 Not entirely
- 47 Allotments to the church
- 49 Keats' Grecian subject
- 51 Gangsters' gals
- 52 Relating to an eye layer
- 54 Contact nos.
- 56 Sound advice to a confidant?
- 57 Lovebird's warble
- 58 Fri. or Mon. of a long weekend
- 59 Last of first?



# Be prepared and stay safe!

Winter is a very unpredictable season in the Maritimes and it is best to be prepared for the worst.

Your home survival kit should contain enough basic supplies to last for at least three days. These supplies include one gallon of water per person, per day if you are on a well. Non-perishable food items such as canned goods, nut butter, trail mix,

and protein/cereal bars. Don't forget the manual can-opener!

Flashlights and extra batteries are important, but glow sticks can be a great way to light up stairwells, and bathrooms during the night. They are safe, will last most of the night, and can be stored before use for a very long time.

If you are among the fortunate,

and have a generator, there are general guidelines that need to be followed to ensure you, and your family, stay safe. Never run a generator inside. Carbon monoxide is a silent killer. Never run it near an open window. Be sure it is kept clear of ice and snow. Finally, never run it when you can't monitor it.

Your car should have its own kit with blankets, water, protein bars, and a first aid kit. In the winter your

car kit should also include a bag of salt or sand, a shovel, orange cones, jumper cables, and a long-handled scraper. If you are unfamiliar with the area you plan to drive through, especially in the winter, make sure you have downloaded a map for offline use. It is not uncommon to find yourself in an area with spotty, or nonexistent, cell service and the last thing you need is to get lost on a routine trip.