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## 3rd Spryfield Scout Troop had extra help from the Army's 36 Service Battalion



Pte. Siderth Talukdar, Pte. Ronald Eusebio, Sgt. Graham Dentey, Scouter, Christopher Parsons, Pte. Logan Decoste, Scouter, Dan Drabble, Scout Emery Parsons, Cpl. Edmund Bates, Cpl. Joshua Renouf, WO Jim Hastey, Scout Aurora Vokey-Marshall, Pte. Dan De Castro, Pte. Davinia Divine, Scout Christopher Vokey-Marshall, 2lt. Adrian Gee, Cpl. Hannah Robertson, Cpl. Brandon Timmons, Scout Huxley Pugh, Cpl. Donald Thompson, Nita Horn, Pte. Eaton Huggins, Scout Kamden Kelly, Godfred Biney, Scouter, Shane Pugh, Raghav Dangwal, Former Scout Jordan Matthews, Cesar Rinon, Sananda Dangwal, Naresh Kumari, James Hingley of Atlantic Junk. The Photo was taken by Krystal Kelly who also volunteered and is the mother of Kamden Kell

by Dan Drabble  
 Troop Scouter  
 3rd Spryfield Scout Troop has been spearheading a Highway Cleanup of the Old Sambro Road on a 3.1 km section starting at the "4 Way Stop" by St. Paul's United Church and continuing South to the Fish Brook Bridge just beyond the Irving Service Station. We have been conducting this cleanup for just under 20 years.

This Spring 2026 Highway Clean Up was held Saturday morning, the 30th of May, with a meeting time of

0830 at St. Paul's United Church Hall. The weather for this year's Volunteer cleanup crew, which numbered 31, was perfect. A special thanks to the 14 extra volunteers from the Army's 36 Service Battalion - Halifax Company under the direction of Sgt. Graham Dentey. This addition of Volunteers actually doubled our usual numbers making this year's clean up one of the most (if not the most) successful ever. Sgt. Graham Dentey was at one time a Scout in my Troop at 1st Jollimore.

From the start time of about 0900

when all groups were delivered to their starting points until the finish time of 1200, we had picked up 2,700 lbs of garbage including 14 tires of which 4 were studded, on rims and in plastic bags! Other items of interest were a \$10, \$20 and a well worn \$100 dollar bill. (Hopefully the Bank will accept it in our Scout account) Also on the 'found list' was a diver's licence, Credit Card, bicycle and an Apple Cell Phone as well as the usual dumped construction debris from a number of small-time contractors.

*Clean up crew picks up over a ton of trash and more!*

Probably the most crucial part of the clean up was James Hingley of Atlantic Junk who volunteered to pick up all the collected 2,700 lbs of garbage and deliver it to the Dump in his truck and trailer. This included the processing of the tires from the junk collected.

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# Crown Land in Backlands Wilderness considered for protection!



Proposed Crown Lands to be protected in the Halifax Backlands. Map: Jennifer Escott, Backlands Coalition

by Kathleen Hall, Chair Backlands Coalition

The Nova Scotia government is currently considering a proposal to permanently protect a 505-hectare area of Crown Land in the Halifax Backlands wilderness area in Spryfield, pending public consultation.

You have a stake and a say in protecting this unique wilderness area in our HRM community. If approved, the proposal would see the site designated as the future “Herring Cove Backlands Wilderness Area.” The protected area

would centre around the lower Mc-Intosh Run, and it accounts for more than 37% of the overall Backlands. Your input is critical. You can help add this unique piece of provincial wilderness, Crown Lands and water bodies into permanent protection.

Please use this hyper link <https://tinyurl.com/378yap9f> to give your feedback and support provincial protection for the “Herring Cove Backlands Wilderness Area” by 28 July 2026! Your feedback will help secure this land for generations.

This is truly opportune news for environmentalists, conservationists, outdoor enthusiasts and the many HRM communities who want to protect and preserve this natural, wild land.

For more information see the CBC news story about this important announcement.

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## Scout Troop

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A special thanks for donations and support for the Troop goes out to Patty Cuttell, Steve Murphy Sr., Steve Murphy Jr., Hank and Judy Bird, Spryfield Sobeys Sean MacDonald and Renne Moulton. As well as ‘Clean Up Poster’ work from Maria Rosario and Bruce Holland of the Spryfield Business Commission.

Truly a Community Event. Thanks to all Volunteers who came out. Planning Next Year!

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

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

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

**Emmanuel Anglican Church** (322 Herring Cove Rd., 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**

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4pm Sunday: 8am and 10am

Weekday Masses: Tuesdays: 7pm Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9am Fridays: 9am (followed by 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration) 1st Saturdays: 9am Tuesday 7pm Masses: First Tuesday: Healing Mass Second Tuesday: Mass and Adoration Third Tuesday: Mass and Adoration Last Tuesday (Sep-May): Eventide Candlelight Prayer

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

**St. James United Church** (3811 Old Sambro Rd)

Sunday worship services are at 10:30 am.

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](http://www.sambrojollimorepc.com); email address: [office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com](mailto:office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com); phone 902-868-2791.

**St. James Anglican Church** (1 Harrigan's Road)

Sunday mornings at 10:30am alternating each Sunday with Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer

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Lay Minister: John Richardson (902) 233-3465

**Wayfarers' Church** (328 Herring Cove Road)

Sunday Worship 10:30am  
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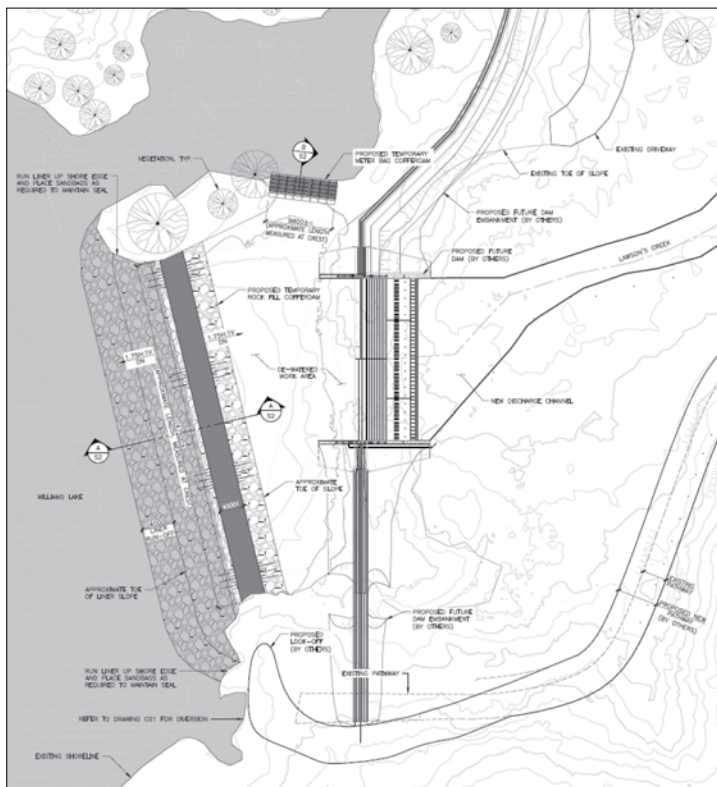
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## Cofferdam – next phase of replacing old Williams Lake Dam



Build Nova Scotia's engineering schematic of the temporary cofferdam on the lakebed next to the old dam

by Cathy Vaughan

Installation of a cofferdam is the next essential phase of Build Nova Scotia's construction project to replace the deteriorating, 250-year-old dam on Williams Lake.

A cofferdam is a temporary dam built on the lakebed next to the old dam to create a dry, stable, safe work area for crews and heavy construction equipment to operate. It looks like a sculpted rock pile of clean, densely compacted rocks, gravel, clay, and sand and may include a geotextile, waterproof impermeable liner. The density and weight of the rocks provide a stable foundation for the watertight barrier around the construction area.

Once the cofferdam is installed, the lakebed can be cleared of rocks and natural debris and crews and equipment

can begin to dismantle and remove the old dam. Then work will begin to excavate the site down to bedrock to prepare for construction of the new concrete dam.

As part of this construction phase, lake water levels will be temporarily lowered to not only accommodate the installation of the cofferdam but to ensure that the temporary cofferdam remains stable throughout the project. Water levels will be continuously monitored and adjusted as evaporation and rain events naturally occur.

The cofferdam has specifically engineered sloped compacted rock walls which face the lake waters and fend off waves, lake currents, and weather-caused erosion. Piping next to the cofferdam will allow excess waters to drain into the existing Lawson's Creek. Once the new dam is built, this temporary cofferdam and pipes will be removed.

There are several important safety features of cofferdams covered by Canadian Dam Association guidelines, federal environmental and in-water regulations, provincial engineering codes, and national dam occupational health and safety guidelines.

Cofferdams must be watertight to keep the construction site as dry, stable, and safe as possible; able to

withstand existing lake water pressure, waves, and major meteorological events and use materials that are clean and easy to dismantle and recycle. Build Nova Scotia's team continues to work closely with its on-site partner, Dexter Construction Company contractors, to ensure the required safety and environmental standards are achieved.

Completion of the new dam is projected for this fall, with restoration

and replanting of the area scheduled for the spring of 2027. As with any construction build of this complexity, conditions do change throughout the phases of this project. Adjustments may be required and will adhere to environmental standards and safety guidelines.

For updates on this important project, check Build Nova Scotia's website and follow Williams Lake Conservation Company social media.

## St. Paul's Family Resources Institute

by Donna Martin

Mid-April, I entered the White Sails Bakery on Peggy's Cove Road with a donation letter in hand. I was canvassing for donations for our Auction, held on May 24th. Leaving the letter with the manager, along with contact information, I left.

The following day, my phone rang. It was Lindsay Moussi, from White Sails Bakery. She shared that they had a gift certificate for us and also wanted to offer one other thing. She continued to say, "On your donation letter I had noted that you offer a free lunch, on Tuesday's called Soup's On. We would like to prepare a meal in June, if that is possible?" She continued to share that June was the birthday month of their late daughter, Kennedy, who passed in October 2022. In honour of Kennedy, they want to offer something to the community, and a meal seemed fitting as Kennedy loved to help in the kitchen.

June 23rd, was the chosen date, a delicious meal was shared at Soup's On. A big thank-you to Lindsay and Charbel Moussi, and their team.

The Moussis are well known for

their community support, including feeding the evacuees and firefighters during the 2023 wildfires in Hammond Plains and Upper Tantallon.

The next time you are out for a drive, drop in and enjoy a Kennedy square while viewing the beautiful scenery from one of their picnic tables. They are located at 12930 Peggy's Cove Road.

The community gardeners were busy digging up plants, creating gift baskets, and baking treats. Tables were lined with quality, used items, needing a new home. Hotdogs and hamburgers were ready for the grill. All in preparation of our fourth annual Flea Market and Barbecue, held on June 6th. A big round of applause to all who volunteered their time and skills. Not only are events like this a fundraiser, but it's also a connection with the community. Thank you all for your support.

Give Kristen Hollery, our Executive Director a call, at 479-1015, as we still have some openings for our Summer Day Camp. Guaranteed to offer your children a fun filled summer.



## DISCOVERING OUR PAST



### Old St. Augustine's Church in Jollimore

by Iris V. Shea

St. Paul's and St. George's Anglican Churches in Halifax contain many records of the very early Church of England settlers in Mainland South. When St. Luke's Cathedral opened in 1848 on the corner of Church and Morris Streets, it was the church of choice until it burned down in 1905. Its first rector, Reverend William Bullock, and his assistants travelled to the Church of England congregations at the North West Arm District (later known as Jollimore), Harrietsfield, Spryfield, Ferguson's Cove and Herring Cove to perform baptisms, marriages and burials in private houses. The information was recorded in St. Luke's Church records. In 1887 St. Luke's Cathedral established St. Augustine's Mission on the western side of the Northwest Arm, using the building that had been opened in 1866 as Cunard School. William Cunard, the owner of the property on which the school was built, had been an active member of St. Luke's and was instrumental in having a



Old St. Augustine's Church, ca. 1948

schoolhouse built on his one-acre lot.

Lay readers held services on Sunday evenings and when the school building became dilapidated and was torn down in 1891, cottages were rented for Sunday services. Three hundred dollars had been raised towards the purchase of a site for a new building, and a plan was submitted for a chapel at a cost of \$1000. These plans were abandoned because of

Etta Jollimore, Mrs. Bert Jollimore, Mrs. Strachan Jollimore, Mrs. Fred Bignell, Miss Gladys Jussup, Mrs. Sam Jollimore, Mrs. Lillian Boutilier, Miss L. Tuff, Mrs. Jessie Powell, Miss Owens, Mrs. John Sandall, Mrs. William MacLlreith and Reverend Francis Holborrow.

In 1947, a Girls' Auxiliary was formed, organized by Mrs. Fred Bignell and Mrs. George Melvin. Members of the executive were President, Pat White; Vice President, Beryl Francis; Secretary, Jane Harboard; and Treasurer, Jean Church. At the Thanksgiving Youth Sunday Services Reverend B.C. Strople presented membership cards to the above executive and to members Barbara White, Elsie Chaddock, Betty Chaddock, Betsy Innes and Fern Rainforth. The girls paraded from the home of Mrs. James Burgess with the entire Sunday school and their teachers. Ernest Scarfe carried the Sunday school banner.

From 1910 to 1940 St. Augustine's Chapel was the responsibility of All Saints Cathedral. During the 1940s Reverend Carl Holm of St. James Church in Armdale was the minister in charge. Emmanuel Church in Spryfield took over the responsibility of St. Augustine's in 1951, changing its status from chapel to church. In 1955 St. Augustine's became a separate parish and the little stone church was no longer large enough to serve its overflowing congregation. A new and larger St. Augustine's officially opened on the Purcell's Cove Road in 1964 and in October 1964 the old stone building was deeded to the City of Halifax for the sum of \$5000 plus \$250 for the real estate fee.

The church building sat idle for another 12 years. In June 1976 the 80-year old stone building became a centre for outdoor recreation and environmental education. Vandalism created the need to replace the stained glass with regular glass in the beautiful front facing Gothic-style window. The Adventure Earth Centre now provides recreation and learning programs to adults and children, making full use of the former church building and Sir Sandford Fleming Park with its beaches, Frog Pond, and many nature trails. Old St. Augustine's was registered as a Municipal Heritage Property on 26 September 1985. Many changes have been made to the inside of the building, and there is concern about changes being made to the old Gothic-style window facing the road. The role of the Heritage Advisory Committee of HRM is "to facilitate the ongoing maintenance, preservation, restoration, and the reuse of a heritage property through financial incentives and municipal regulations." Changes are currently being made to the gothic-style window facing the street and, hopefully, the Heritage Advisory Committee is monitoring the changes.

the high cost but the ladies of St. Luke's Parish held a sale which raised nearly \$1000 with which they purchased stone to help build a chapel. By 1894, St. Augustine's Mission was again hoping to erect a chapel but without success. In 1895, Sir Sandford Fleming came to the rescue by donating a piece of the land he had purchased from Frederick Jollimore. Fleming's one condition was that a chapel be erected "within twelve months for the purpose of conducting regular services of Divine Worship." Should these services be interrupted for a period longer than six months, he or his heirs would repossess the property. These conditions were to remain in place for twenty years, at which time the chapel would become the property of the Corporation of St. Luke's Parish.

The first service was held in the new St. Augustine's chapel on 27 September 1896. Built of rough ironstone with granite trimmings, the attractive gothic style chapel served the community for the next sixty-eight years. The bell in its roof tower, later relocated to the porch roof, was from the old fire station on Spring Garden Road and could be heard up and down the length of the Arm, calling parishioners to worship. The first child to be baptized in the new chapel, on 16 November 1896, was Allen Jollimore, son of Samuel and Annie (Wilkie) Jollimore.

The Ladies Guild held their first meeting on Thursday 23 February 1928 at the home of Mrs. R.T. MacLlreith. Guild members were Miss Addie Jollimore (recording secretary), Mrs. Castens, Mrs. Joe Boutilier, Mrs. George Boutilier, Mrs. F. Pye, Mrs. Ches Milton, Mrs. R.T. MacLlreith, Mrs. Stephen Innes, Miss Margaret Chaddock, Mrs. Thomas Scarfe, Miss Marion Scarfe, Mrs. Dan Serrick, Mrs. Alexander Jollimore, Miss

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Events like this depend on the support of our community, our sponsors, and our tireless volunteers who help set up, run the event, and take down afterwards. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to fish, purchase tickets, bid on the auction, or have a snack.

We encourage you to support our fabulous sponsors: Able Engineering, Abu Garcia, AshMeg Seafoods Ltd., Blackburn Fisheries Ltd., Canadian Tire Spryfield, Caravan Fisheries, Clements Metal Works, DAR Murrelly and Tackle, DLL Renovations, Dylan's No Frills, MacLeod's Auto, Meade's Year Round Contracting, Nick and Maggie Merritt, Mishoo's, N&K Renovations, Oceanview Fisheries, OSCO Concrete, RBC, Red Wing Shoes, REgroup, Renda Fabricators, RKO Steel, Sackville Kinsmen, Sambro Fisheries, Salon Resource Group the Head Shoppe, Shay Developments, Stokdijk Construction, and Walls Metal Roofing Inc. We couldn't have done this without them,

and they deserve kudos for stepping up to support this important inclusive community initiative.

Congratulations to this year's winners: #1 Adult Bass - Jeremy Jarl; #2 Adult Bass - Tyler Hubley; #3 Adult Bass - Shane Kirk; #1 Adult Trout - Andrew Leblanc; #2 Adult Trout - Tey Hamilton; #3 Adult Trout - Travis Kirk; #1 Child Bass - Simon VeenHuis; #2 Child Bass - Tucker Clements; #3 Child Bass - Chase Smith; #1 Child Trout - Carson Henneberry; #2 Child Trout - Simon VeenHuis; #3 Child Trout - Maddie Henneberry; Sapphire Reels - Shane Kirk and Donnie Macleod; Striper Rod - Brian Doucette; Penn Rodd and Reel - Dan Leblanc; Mud Kitchen - Gus Reyno; Fire Pit - Kim MacKay; 50/50 draw of \$898 - Andrew Leblanc; \$100 gift card early bird prize - Rosie Kirk; Adult Kayak - David Gray; Adult Chair - Mike Ferguson; Youth Kayak - Renley Woodill; Youth Paddleboard - Haven James.

Steve Clements of Clements Metal Works kindly agreed to build the dock in smaller stages so we can get started right away with the money we have on hand. He's going to build a gangway and two floating docks. It will be exciting to see more progress on the project!

We still have to raise a little over \$100,000 in order to proceed with the next phase. If you or your business would like to donate towards this project, please reach out to Kim MacKay at 902-475-1583.

Stay tuned for further updates as things progress!

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

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## Big trout. Bigger smiles!



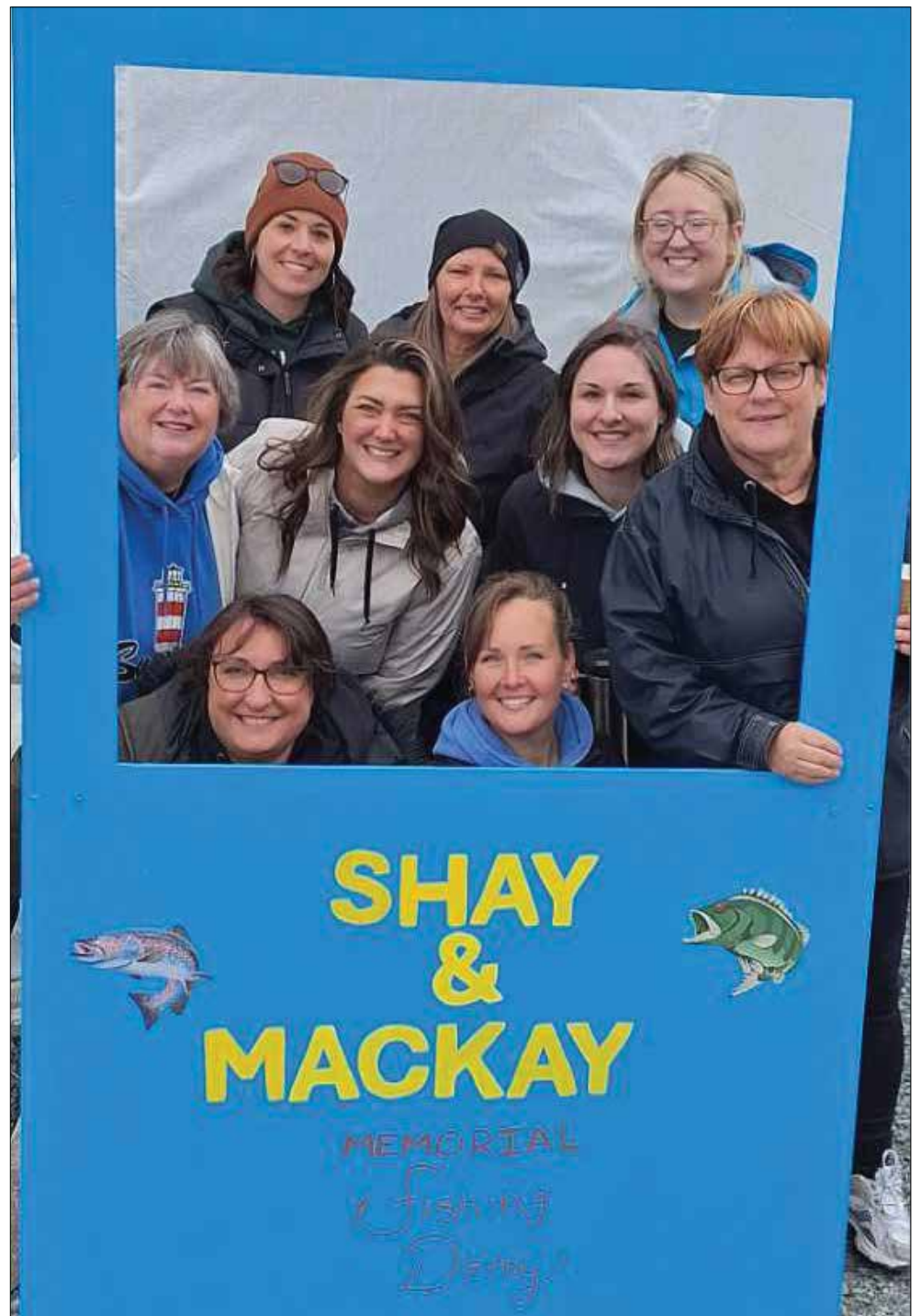
by Robert Blom  
Halifax Wildlife Association

It's all about the kids having fun, being outdoors, learning how to fish, and experiencing the thrill of the catch!

The 30th Annual McNamara Trout-a-Rama held in June on Cunard Pond on Williams Lake is sponsored by the Halifax Wildlife Association and supported by the province's McGowan Lake Fish Hatchery.

An enthusiastic gathering of fishers and families with 102 kiddos registered - 107 trout went home with them!!

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# LifeSchoolHouse: Building community one invitation at a time

by Melissa Boucher-Guilbert

Many of us say, “It takes a village,” but community doesn’t simply appear on its own. Over the past five years, volunteering with LifeSchoolHouse has taught me that strong communities are built through intentional effort. Relationships grow through repeated opportunities to meet, share, learn, and contribute. They are built one conversation, one invitation, and one shared



experience at a time.

Those experiences have also led me to explore a simple question: What does

it take to create a space where people can gather around skills, creativity, and mutual support?

The answer is simpler than you’d imagine. All it takes is an invitation. No matter what the gathering’s purpose, whether we meet through workshops, community conversations, repair activities, or creative gatherings, people are consistently looking for meaningful ways to connect with others. They tell us they want places where they can learn something new, meet new people, and build relationships. So when people crave more connection, one suggestion I like to make is “make an invitation.”

This can be, and I’ll even argue that it should be, a simple invitation. Grab a tea or a coffee or even ask for help with something. Remember the good old days of borrowing a cup of sugar? It still works. People like to help. Knocking at the door and being vulnerable enough to ask for help or make an invitation is the first step to breaking down the proverbial walls.

At its heart, our community folkschool model is built on the belief that everyone has something to offer. Each of us has knowledge worth sharing, and everyone benefits from learning something new. Practical skills matter. Creativity matters. Most importantly, relationships matter.

This summer, LifeSchoolHouse Spryfield is continuing to invite local residents to participate in our monthly

Community Maker Swap, contribute to the Public Pantry, and attend our barter-based workshops.

Each initiative offers a different way for neighbours to connect and contribute.

The Community Maker Swap is a gathering that provides an opportunity for local makers, crafters, artists, gardeners, bakers, and hobbyists to share or trade handmade goods, creative projects, and vouchers for services. No money is required to participate—only a willingness to contribute and connect.

The Public Pantry is a small wooden structure on Punch Bowl Drive where neighbours can take or give non-perishable food and hygiene products. Guided by the principle of “help yourself, help others,” the pantry is accessible around the clock and sustained through the generosity of local residents. What continues to inspire me is how the pantry reflects the best of community life: people giving when they have extra, receiving support when they need it, and trusting that others will do the same.



Our Barter-Based Workshops are as varied as our community members. Each session typically highlights a neighbour who generously shares their skills, knowledge, or creativity with others. Rather than charging a fee, we invite participants to bring a barter item as a gift for the facilitator. These contributions help acknowledge and compensate for the time, materials, and care that go into sharing skills with the community.

While each initiative is different, they all serve the same purpose: creating opportunities for neighbours to meet, share skills, and support one another. The next opportunity to participate will be the Community Maker Swap on Friday, July 24, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the small park across from Sobeys in Spryfield, at the corner of Herring Cove Road and Williams Lake



Road. The event is designed to be informal, welcoming, and family-friendly. Whether you create handmade cards, knit scarves, grow vegetables, make candles, bake treats, paint artwork, repair tools, or simply enjoy meeting creative people, there is a place for you.

The Community Maker Swap is a reminder that community involvement does not have to be complicated. Sometimes it begins with sharing a skill, offering a helping hand, or simply starting a conversation. Across Spryfield and the surrounding areas, many organizations rely on volunteers, participants, and neighbours willing to lend a hand. Every hour volunteered, every skill shared, and every conversation started helps create a more connected and resilient

community.

LifeSchoolHouse believes that strong communities are built when people move from being consumers of community services to active contributors in community life. Sometimes that begins with something as simple as bringing a handmade item to a park and meeting someone new.

If you’d like to learn more about the community folkschool model and the ideas that inspire our work, we invite you to visit our website. For information about upcoming workshops, community events, and the July Maker Swap, follow LifeSchoolHouse: Spryfield on Facebook, visit our Eventbrite page, or email us at [melissa@lifeschoolhouse.com](mailto:melissa@lifeschoolhouse.com).

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# Birds of the Backlands – Ruffed Grouse



Ruffed Grouse, perched in an Aspen, East Pine Island Pond – Halifax Backlands. Photo: Joshua Barsz Donham, April 22, 2023

If you are walking on one of the Norawarren Trails in the Halifax Backlands in Spryfield this month and hear rustling near the edge of the trail – Stop! Look down! You may be lucky enough to see a mother Ruffed Grouse with as many as a dozen tiny grouse chicks running haphazardly about her searching for beetles among the leaf litter.

Habitat: Ruffed Grouse are woodland birds and prefer the early-stage forest that follows a fire or clear cut-

ting. A forest fire in 2009 burned close to 2/3 of the Backlands and subsequent forest regeneration is providing abundant ideal habitat for grouse. The trees that provide grouse with food - buds, leaves and twigs - are early successional forest species: white birch, grey birch, aspen, and alder.

Habits: Male and female grouse live separate lives, only coming together to mate. In April and May, male grouse ‘drum,’ to attract females and ward off other males. They beat

their wings against the air, producing a sound much like that of an outboard motor starting up, from an elevated ‘drumming-post’ - a stone, log, or mound of earth surrounded by trees. When a female approaches, the male performs a courtship display, puffing himself up and extending dark neck feathers to form an umbrella shaped collar or ruff, whence the species gets its name. Bobbing his head and fanning his tail, he struts about to and fro.

Nesting: Female grouse nest by hollowing out a depression in the ground at the base of a rock, tree, or stump in the forest which has a clear view from which to spot approaching predators. She lines the nest with her own feathers and bits of soft vegetation. Ruffed grouse have cryptic colouration, mottled patterns of brown, grey, rusty red and black, which makes her virtually invisible when sitting on the nest. She lays as many as 14 eggs, one egg each day, that hatch within three weeks. Grouse chicks leave the nest and begin foraging for food themselves the day they hatch. Within 5 days the chicks can make short emergency flights from ground to low tree branches. While adult



grouse feed almost exclusively on tree buds and twigs supplemented by nuts, seeds and berries in summer, chicks initially feed on protein rich insects. After a few weeks they transition to a plant diet beginning with soft leaves, berries and flowers.

You don't have to go far into the Backlands to hear a grouse drumming in the spring. These days you most often see or hear the young families scuffling about the forest floor. Grouse are remarkably adept, particularly given their stocky physique, at balancing gracefully on the slender upper branches of towering aspen. So, if you want to see a Ruffed Grouse, don't forget to - Stop! Look up!

Learn More: Video on Ruffed Grouse in the Backlands, Spryfield. <https://tinyurl.com/y8esx4w3>. List of ground nesting birds in the Backlands. <https://tinyurl.com/5etcyas9>

## Duke of Kent Lodge presents cheques to two local Food Banks



Above: Keith Smith, Duke of Kent Lodge presents a cheque for \$1250.00 to Tom Beckett Duke of Kent Lodge and Liz Mahoney from the Emmanuel Food Bank



Left: Kristen Hollery from St. Paul's food bank receives a cheque from Tom Beckett, Duke of Kent Lodge for \$1250.00

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# What's happening at the Urban Farm Celebrating 30th Anniversary

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by Sam Ramsay  
 People gathered at the Spryfield Community Centre on April 18th to celebrate the 30th Founding Anniversary of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield. The community room was set up with information about the Society's history, awards they've received, and information about their current programs.

Tea, coffee, and a variety of sandwiches were available, which attendees enjoyed while perusing the displays and chatting with members and volunteers. There was also a cake, decorated with the number 30 and an image of the Society's beautiful and iconic quilt. The handmade quilt was designed by Michele Raymond and Marjorie Willison in 1997 and was hung at the front of the room for everyone to admire.

After a little time to socialize, some members of the Society gave speech-

es, talking about the Urban Farm, its importance to them and to the community, and some of the history that led to its creation. Certificates were presented by Councillor Patty Cuttell, recognizing the founding members and long-term volunteers that helped the Urban Farm become what it is today. Founding member certificates were given to Michele Raymond, Marjorie Willison, and Patricia MacLean, and certificates for 15, 25, and 30 years of volunteer service, respectively, were given to Donna Mitchell, Janet Kidston, and Patricia MacLean. A certificate of congratulations to the Urban Farm as a whole was presented by MLA Brendan Maguire. Members of the Society gave a sincere thank-you to all members and volunteers, as well as Mr. Ralph Medjuck, Councillor Patty Cuttell, MLA Brendan Maguire, and everyone else who has supported them over the past 30 years.

Before it was time to cut the cake, Patricia MacLean reminded attendees about the Society's "Come Grow With Us" program. In the past, the program has allowed young families to learn how to grow their own vegetables, and in 2014 Marjorie Willison compiled the lessons learned into a book, "Come Grow With Us - A Family Guide to Growing Vegetables". This year, the Society is raising money to provide copies of the book to youth participating in the program, which is being led by community leaders from the Spryfield Boys & Girls Club, Chebucto Connections/Pathways to Education, IWK Youth Garron Centre, and the Discovery Centre. A \$100 donation can provide 12 copies of the book, and any leftover books will be given to students at local schools.

Once all announcements were made and certificates were given, Michele, Marjorie, and Patricia cut into the

cake and served it to the attendees. Socialization resumed and the event started to wind to a close. The Urban Farm Museum Society, however, is still going strong and will be busy throughout the year, tending to the farm and helping the local community stay connected to nature.

The Urban Farm itself, which includes a variety of garden plots, berry bushes, apple trees, and monarch butterfly gardens, is located not far from the Captain William Spry Community Centre, with entrances off Kidston road, Tartan avenue, and Rockingstone road. Volunteers are always welcome, and various events are held at the Farm throughout the year, including the Strawberry Shortcake Social in July, and the School Farm Day/Harvest Fair, which will be held on September 19th from 2-4 PM and which features cake and baby farm animals.



Top of page: Members gather for group photo; Top row above, left to right: lively discussion about all things gardening; middle: refreshments enjoyed by all; right: Patty Cuttell presents award to Janet Kidston; Bottom row, left to right: Brendan Maguire discusses seeds with members; middle: Patty Cuttell presents award to Dona Mitchell; right: Michele Raymond addresses the room

# Cuttell Community Update

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

Happy Canada Day, District 11!

July is a wonderful time to reflect on what brings us together as Canadians. In a time when national unity matters more than ever, I am proud to live and serve in a district that reflects that spirit every day—through kindness, inclusion, and a deep sense of community.

Over the past few months, I have attended a wide range of community engagements, including the Suburban Plan Open House, the Spryfield Mainstreet Workshop, the Herring Cove Workshop, and my Town Halls in Herring Cove and Williamswood. These meetings have been extremely valuable, and I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to participate.

Across these conversations, several consistent themes have emerged. Residents continue to emphasize the importance of responsible growth, environmental protection, and maintaining the character of our communities. Road safety has also been raised repeatedly as a major concern, particularly around traffic speeds, pedestrian safety, and infrastructure gaps. These priorities are reflected in the work I will continue to advance at the municipal level, and your input is critical in shaping those decisions.

Community engagement opportunities will continue. I am still working to confirm dates for the Herring Cove Road Corridor Project Open House, which will examine proposed improvements to this key access route in District 11. Public engagement is expected this summer, so please keep a look out for information. I will also be scheduling my remaining open houses for Spryfield and Purcell's Cove this fall, following the summer holiday period. With so much going on, it has certainly been a challenge to fit everything in—but I remain committed to ensuring residents have opportunities to stay informed and engaged.

I have also been hearing a great deal of concern from residents about a proposed development on land behind Kidston Lake, and I understand the importance of this area to the community. Residents have raised valid questions about environmental protection, servicing, traffic impacts, and the long-term planning context. The lands are currently part of a site-specific request within the Regional Plan Review process. This process includes technical analysis, staff recommendations, and multiple opportunities for public input before any decisions are made by Council. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and participate. You can follow updates and provide feedback through the municipality's engagement platform at <https://cityofhalifax.ca/engagementhq.com/regional-plan>, which serves as the primary source for Regional Plan materials and ongoing consultation opportunities.

As we head into the warmer months, I want to again emphasize something critically important: Before You Burn. I know I mentioned this last month, but it bears repeating. Checking daily burn restrictions is essential to protecting our homes, communities, and natural areas during wildfire season. Please check conditions before lighting any outdoor fire at [beforeyouburn.halifax.ca](http://beforeyouburn.halifax.ca). Residents are also encouraged to sign up for

hfxALERT, the municipality's notification system for emergency information and updates.

I have also had the pleasure of attending several wonderful community events over the past months. The Spryfield and Area Multicultural Society Holi Festival, celebrating culture and connection in District 11, had a great turnout. Special thanks to Usha Goel and all the volunteers, performers, and organizers who make this event so special. I also attended Jollimore Days, the Urban Farm Annual Plant Sale, a local Bird Walk, and some school spring fairs. All great examples of the vibrant and engaged community we are fortunate to have.

## The Maguire Report

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

One of the things I'm most grateful for as your MLA is the opportunity to see firsthand what makes our community so special. Every week, I meet residents who volunteer their time, support local causes, look out for their neighbours, and work hard to make our corner of Nova Scotia a better place to live. It's that sense of community spirit that continues to inspire me, and June was another month filled with examples of people coming together to strengthen and celebrate our community.

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of helping launch the new Coast to Classroom program, an exciting initiative that introduces students to Nova Scotia's seafood industry and the many career opportunities connected to our coastal economy. I especially enjoyed speaking with students participating in the Local Industries 11 pilot program and hearing their enthusiasm for learning about marine ecosystems, sustainable fishing, and ocean technology. Investing in young people and helping them see the opportunities available right here at home is something I'm always proud to support.

I was also honoured to join members of Nova Scotia's Italian community in celebrating Festa della Repubblica. This year marked both the 80th anniversary of the Italian Republic and the 50th anniversary of the Italian Canadian Cultural Association of Nova Scotia. It was a wonderful evening that celebrated culture, heritage, and the generations of Italian Nova Scotians who have helped shape our province and our communities.

Throughout June, I continued hearing from many residents about the condition of our roads. In response, I worked with the Department of Public Works to help identify priority pothole repairs on provincial roads throughout our area. I want to thank everyone who took the time to reach out, provide locations, and share their concerns. Your feedback helps ensure that the issues affecting our community are brought directly to the attention of those responsible for addressing them.

It was also great to see the Spryfield Farmers Market open for its tenth season. Local markets are about much more than fresh food. They bring neighbours together, support local businesses,

and help strengthen our local economy.

I encourage everyone to continue supporting the incredible vendors, farmers, and entrepreneurs who make these community spaces thrive.

Another important milestone this month was progress on the Williams Lake Dam Project. Work moved forward on preparations for the replacement of the aging dam, including activities that will support the construction of a new dam and fish passage. This project represents a significant investment in public safety, environmental stewardship, and the long term future of the area, and I look forward to seeing that work continue.

June was also a time for reflection and celebration. During Pride Month, I was proud to stand alongside members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and reaffirm my commitment to building a Nova Scotia where everyone feels respected, welcomed, and valued for who they are. Pride is a celebration of diversity, but it is also a reminder that we must continue working toward inclusion and equality every day of the year.

As we marked National Indigenous History Month, I took time to reflect on the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Mi'kmaq people. Living here in Mi'kma'ki gives us all an opportunity and responsibility to continue learning, listening, and supporting meaningful reconciliation. Recognizing the past and building stronger relationships for the future is work that belongs to all of us.

I was also encouraged to see continued progress in early learning and childcare across Nova Scotia. Expanding access to affordable childcare, creating new spaces, supporting educators, and improving access to information for families remain important priorities. Reliable childcare is essential for families, workers, and our communities, and I know many families are eager to see these improvements continue.

As always, I want to thank everyone who reached out to my office this month, attended community events, shared concerns, offered ideas, or simply stopped to say hello. Hearing directly from residents helps me be a stronger advocate for our community.

Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt

ties for youth recreation in District 11.

I would also like to acknowledge the recent announcement of Halifax's new Fire Chief, Deryn Rizzi, who will assume the role in August following a national search. Her experience and leadership will support the continued strength of Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency as it serves our growing region.

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to the Natal Day Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Spryfield Lions Club. This is always a well-attended event and an excellent opportunity to connect with neighbours and celebrate together. Join us August 3rd from 8-9:30am at the Sobey's parking lot. Sadly, this will be the first Natal Day celebration without King Lion Clyde Paul.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and connected July. Honoured to serve as your municipal Councillor.

thank you to all of the teachers, school staff, parent volunteers, students, community partners, and organizers who helped make this year's school spring fairs and festivals such a success. These events don't happen without countless hours of planning and volunteer effort, and they create memories that students and families will carry with them for years to come. Thank you for everything you do to support our schools and strengthen our community.

It is an honour to serve this community, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to make our area an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

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# LOCAL OBITUARIES

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## Vincent John Murphy

Age 71 of Halifax. It is with extreme sadness that we announce the passing of our brother, Vincent Murphy, on April 4, 2026, at Melville Lodge. Born in Halifax, he was a son of the late Vincent and Josephine (Peach) Murphy.

Vincent loved cats, watching movies, playing cards, and rock music, especially Led Zeppelin.

Vincent is survived by his brothers, James (Yvonne) Murphy of Edmonton, and Joseph, Robert, William, and Ralph Murphy, all of Halifax; sisters, Cathy (Jim) Martin of Ketch Harbour, JoAnne Murphy of Ottawa, and Elizabeth Murphy of Halifax; as well as many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Martin Murphy; nephew, Corey Murphy; niece, Natasha Murphy; and sister-in-law, Pam Murphy.

Vincent is now at peace and has been called home to be with his loving mother.

Vincent's family wishes to express a special thanks to everyone at Melville for taking care of Vincent for the last 15 years.

## June Bernice Stropole

With great sadness, we announce the passing of our beautiful mother, June Bernice (Robinson) Stropole, surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Born in Halifax, she was a daughter to the late William and Florence Robinson.

June was a lifetime member of Em-

manuel Anglican Church, Spryfield, NS, where she was in the ladies auxiliary. She was a proud member of the ODD Fellows Lodge and the Spryfield Lionesses. When June first started working, she worked at Moir's Chocolates, and later took care of many community children while their parents were at work. More recently, she dedicated her time to Seniors for Seniors. June loved to sing and dance to Charlie Pride's music. June was a social lady, she loved to laugh, and to make others laugh, have her chats on the phone, dance and play cards with her friends, but above all, her children and their families was her world. She loved each and every one in their own special way. Each of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren have unique, and personal memories of and with Nan that will remain a part of them forever.

June is survived by her loving children, Pam Penny (Wayne), Darlene Divirgilio (Nick), and Paul (Joanne Fitzgerald). Nan will forever be remembered with love by her grandchildren, Richard Penny, Andrea Glazebrook (Jared), Ryan Randall (Courtney), Brittany Randall (Corey Arthur), and Bobbi Stropole (Zem), her treasured great-grandchildren, Keegan, Ava, Jorja, Lucie, Landon, Ella, Porter and Caleb. She is also survived by numerous, too many to mention, cousins, nieces, nephews, former neighbours, and a very long list of friends.

June was the last surviving member of her immediate family and was predeceased by her parents, her loving and devoted husband, Donald "Donnie" E. Stropole in 2013, as well as all of her eleven siblings, and many other family members.

## Jean "June" Redden

1934 – 2026

It is with broken hearts that we, the family, announce June's passing on May 23rd, 2026, surrounded by those who loved her at the Valley View Villa, Riverton, at the beautiful age of 92. June was born in New Ross on April 21st, 1934, to the late Arthur (Lynwood) and Samantha Turner. She moved to Halifax with her sister Fay as a young woman, she found a job at Simpson Sears. She met the love of her life, Carl, who won her over with his charming humour, and married in 1955 in Spryfield, raising two daughters. She was a stay-at-home Mom until her girls were older, and she then returned to work performing clerical duties at a doctor's office part-time. She also volunteered at her church, teaching Sunday School, and at Camp Hill with her sister, Fay.

June's home was welcome to all, and the best aromas always filled the air from her cooking and baking. She was a true Christian woman, always giving thanks for everything and leaning on our Lord. She saw the good in everyone. She will always be remembered for her kindness, gentleness, compassion, and her love for all her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers. All who knew June loved her; she became a "second Mom" to many. She was the glue that held our family together, and was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin, mother-in-law, trusted friend, and lovely wife.

She will be greatly missed by her daughters, Kim Redden (Rick), Wind-

sor, NS; and Wendy Clark (Tim), Pictou, NS; her grandchildren, Blair, Morgan (Laura), Aaron, Amber (Ryan); her great-grandchildren, Liam (Magdalen Islands), Sawyer, Story, and bonus great-grandchildren, Drew and Michael. June was predeceased by her loving husband of 51 years, Carl; sisters Gwendolyn (Jeep) Bezanson, Fay Armsworthy; brothers, Lynwood and Aldon Turner.

The Family would like to thank all the nurses, care providers, and staff at Valley View Villa, Riverton, for their extraordinary kindness and compassion shown to June during her time there. You were all so wonderful.

Family flowers only by request, in lieu, donations in June's memory can be made to any charity that benefits children. June's favourite colour was yellow, so if anyone would like to wear yellow, please do.

## Royce Allen Schnare

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Royce Allen Schnare, age 100, of Sambro on June 4, 2026. Born October 18, 1925, in East Pennant. He joined the army at 18 and was sent overseas to England during WWII, where he learned and served as a mechanic for several years. Upon return, he worked at the Fish Plant in Sambro, now Sambro Fisheries. He married Irene Hamm in 1951. He then worked in Halifax at Isnor Motors as a mechanic. A few years later, he partnered with Heinz Grabka, and they opened the North End Texaco service station on Gottingen Street in Halifax. He worked there until he retired. He could then be found tinkering around in his garage and working in his garden.

My dad was a kind man, a loving husband, and a wonderful father, who loved pets of all kinds from kittens to horses. He enjoyed the simple things in life, get-togethers with family and friends, Saturday night card games, dances and just life itself. He loved going for drives on Sundays and taking trips on vacation to various Provinces and to the New England States. He also enjoyed attending weddings; there were few he and Irene missed, no matter how far away. He stayed in his own home in Sambro until December 2023, then he moved to Camp Hill Seniors Complex.

Royce was predeceased by his loving wife of 72 years, Irene Schnare (Hamm); His parents, Hannah (Young) & Arthur (Sandy) Schnare; and 10 siblings: Loretta, Arthur, Rhoda, Vera, Oliver, Leslie, Weldon (baby), Nettie, Earl, and Velma.

He is survived by his daughter, June; son-in-law, Alan; and grandson, Jeremy Dempsey. We will miss him. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. We would like to thank Trisha and Loraine for their help while Dad was still living at home and to Lorne for his visits while in Camphill. Also, thank you to the caring staff at Camphill 5 East Garrison Wing for their kind and compassionate care.

Donations can be made to St. James United Church in lieu of flowers.

## Caroline Rae Benoit

76, Truro, formerly of White's Lake. It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our Matriarch, beloved mother, Mrs. Caroline Rae "Ma Belle" (Hallett) Benoit. Caroline passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family and friends, on Saturday, May 16, 2026, in the Palliative Care Unit at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro.

Caroline had a deep love for music,

dancing, long drives, and cruises. She cherished spending weeks at the camp, but above all else, her greatest joy came from time spent with her family. She had the biggest heart, always ready to help anyone in need, and she loved to share whatever she had with others.

She is survived and will be forever missed by her loving sons and daughters-in-law, Shawn and Tanya Benoit, White's Lake; Leonard Benoit, Halifax; Michael and Lisa Benoit, Spryfield; Paul and Amy Benoit, Salmon River. She will also be dearly missed by her honorary daughter, Tami Hinch, Prospect Bay; honorary son, Paul (Kelly) Evans, Halifax; her cherished grandchildren, Cole, Sydney, Kyla, Kara, Kaylee, Cassandra, Brittany, Jenna, Madison, Brooklyn, Victoria, Chyanne, Maddie, Alex, Alison, Christopher; seven great grandchildren.

Caroline is also survived by her sisters, Frankie Bennett, Valerie Cameron, Diana Leigh Hallett; brother, Robert (Kathy) Hallett; many nieces and nephews; best friend and "partner in crime", Violet Anne Johnson. Along with her parents, Frank and Irene "Google" (Drysdale) Hallett, Caroline was predeceased by her beloved husband, Arthur "Artie" Benoit; sisters, Geraldine Askew, Donna Askew, Deborah Steeves; brothers, Ronald "Jeep" Hallett and Frank "Sam" Hallett.

## Morlean Ivernia Ringer

98, passed away peacefully after complications with cancer on Friday, May 8, 2026 on the palliative care floor of the QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Born in Riverport, October 14 1927, she was the eldest daughter of the late Russell and Vleits (Walters) Spindler.

Beginning from a young age Morlean was an active member of her church, participating in Sunday School and youth choir and continuing her involvement into adulthood. She was a dedicated volunteer, serving various positions from president, to treasurer, to secretary for such organizations as United Church Women's Group and the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary. She also collected for the Salvation Army, the Heart & Stroke Foundation, and delivered food with Meals on Wheels. The only thing she finished faster than a good book was her knitting, producing warm and beautiful garments for all generations of her family, as well as making baby hats for the IWK and prayer shawls for the church.

She was predeceased by her cherished husband, Terrance "Ted" Ringer, whom she married on March 26 1949, spending 56 years together, loving, laughing, occasionally bickering, but mostly busy in their kitchen, making everyone feel welcome to their table. She is survived by their three daughters, Peggy (Rodney) MacMillan, Comox BC; Patricia (Bruce) Lloy, Stony Plain, AB; and Mona (Danny) Cox, Fletchers Lake, NS, as well as 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, her sister Shirley Ross, Calgary AB and brother Lovett (Annette) Spindler, Kelowna BC and several nieces and nephews.

Morlean took her role as family matriarch seriously, sharing news between family members across the miles with letters and cards to all her "pen pals", routine phone calls, and eventually email. She enjoyed occasional trips including an anniversary to Bermuda, travelling West to see family, and going to Disney World. Although she was a homebody, she never turned down a drive back to the South Shore.



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# The Jason Doherty Memorial COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE



## JULY

### 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
- 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!

### Chebucto Family Centre (3 Sylvia Ave) events:

- Drop-In Programs:
- Family Playgroup - Mondays at 10:00am
  - Baby Playtime - Tuesdays at 1:30pm: Tuesday June 9th there will be a Public Health Nurse available and Tuesday June 23rd will be an Early Intervention Drop-In
  - Infant Massage - Thursdays at 1:15pm
- Food Programming:
- BBQ - July 8th & 22nd at 11:00am
  - Lunch to Go - July 15th & 29th at 11:00am
- For more information please visit our website at <http://www.chebuctofamilycentre.ca> or call us at 902-479-3031 ext 302 or send an email to [info@chebuctofamilycentre.ca](mailto:info@chebuctofamilycentre.ca)

### 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/>

### 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

### St. James United Church (3811 Old Sambro Road, Sambro) events:

- Strawberry Tea, Ticket Auction and Cakewalk Includes Strawberry Shortcake, Tea/Coffee
- Saturday July 11th, 1:00-3:00 PM  
Price \$7.00 (Cash Only)

### 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:

- Now that the freezing weather is behind us, the outdoor tap has been turned on and those in need may access it at any time.

### 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 would like to invite you to our 2026 upcoming events to be held at our Urban Farm Site across from Kidston Estates on Rockingstone Road.
- Strawberry Shortcake Social - Sunday, July 12th. 2-4pm
  - Evening in the Garden - Wednesday, August 19th. 7-9pm
  - Harvest Fair / School Farm Day - Saturday, September 19th. 2-4pm (Rain-date Sept. 20th)
- 2026 is the 30th. Birthday of our UFMSS with special guests, the "Barnyard Bunch" of farm animals. Enjoy games, contests, harvest food, entertainment, bubbles and birthday cake! A special invitation to all students, families, seniors, past and present members, volunteers and everyone in our community!

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 [urbanfamspyfield@gmail.com](mailto:urbanfamspyfield@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 Morrissey 902-229-5851

**Kid's Camp** Children ages 5-11 are invited to register now for Living Hope Community Church's annual Kid's Camp July 20-23 at 11 Aldergrove Dr. every evening from 6:15-8:00PM. Join us for songs, stories, activities, sports – and our favorite – Crazy Games evening! Cost: \$10/child. Register at [halifaxhal@hotmail.com](mailto:halifaxhal@hotmail.com) or 782-234-9473.

**Captain William Spry Library** We're calling all fans of magic and wonder! Please join us at the Captain William Spry Library on July 24 at 3pm for a chance to see Vincenzo Ravina, he will show you some weird and wonderful things in his unusual magic show. He will bestow luck to the unlucky, test out his Coincidence Machine, and try to divine the future.

Join us for an afternoon of wonderment and delight for all ages! Free tickets available beginning at 2:30 pm.

**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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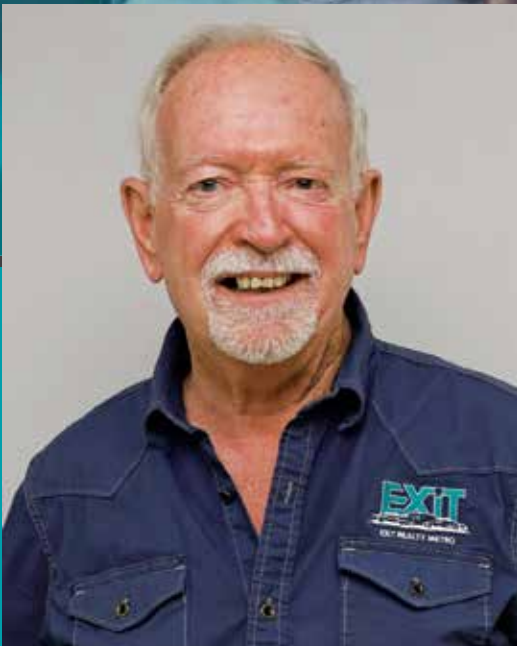
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