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Bridgewater projecting budget deficit

Deputy Mayor said he's
'shell shocked' by news

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Bridgewater's February 9 town council meeting ended with some bad news concerning the third-quarter budget.

Dawn Keizer, the town's chief financial officer, explained the town projects a deficit of \$114,000.

"I'm shell shocked," said Deputy Mayor, Bill McInnis after hearing the details of the shortfall. "This ruined my Sunday dinner, but we'll deal with it."

Ms Keizer outlined the report.

She said billed taxes were short \$77,000 because there were more adjustments and allowances than the town predicted before appeals on property assessments were made. This amount also included less transfer tax revenue than expected.

Even with subsidies from the Explore South Shore grant revenue from recreational programming, pool fees, hockey and ice rentals was down. Revenue from services such as parking meters, fines, and building and development fees were \$18,000 short.

One of the higher expenses came from paid vacations for administration. The total was \$20,000.

"The budget took into consideration that some people would take vacations that have been accumulating and some of these were unable to be taken," said Ms Keizer.

Ken Smith, chief administrative officer, claimed responsibility for that.

"I've been trying to bring down vacation banks in a phased approach," he said, adding that sick leave got in the way of some employees using their vacation time.

Other general government services had provided savings. Liability claims were under budget and the regional enterprise network hasn't started yet.

Meanwhile, the police cut \$152,000 mostly in compensation. More junior officers took positions budgeted at a higher rate of pay, and officers took time off instead of being paid in lieu. Legal fees were lower and the hours of the janitorial staff were cut back. Fewer lockups and detentions saved their budget \$68,000.

Engineering administration expected a \$98,000 loss. This was due to several long sick leaves and departmental reorganization, according to Ms Keizer.

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SNOW JOB



KEITH CORCORAN PHOTO

A plow makes its way up a traffic-free Aberdeen Road in Bridgewater during a February 15 nor'easter which blew through the province and dumped approximately 40 to 50 centimetres of snow on parts of the South Shore. Schools and provincial government offices were still closed on the morning of February 17 as snow removal efforts continued.

Maitland man faces child luring allegation

Police believe more young women were contacted

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A Lunenburg County man accused of trying to lure a child over the internet makes his next court appearance later this month.

Alexander John Ernst, 29, of Maitland is charged with single counts of sexual assault, luring a child and possessing a prohibited weapon, a collapsible baton.

Mr. Ernst has been in custody since his February 6

arrest. It was on that date that authorities, including technological and internet child exploitation police units, searched a home in Maitland. He appeared in Bridgewater provincial court on February 11.

Bridgewater lawyer Cathy Benton represented him. She told the court that, after speaking to her client and Crown attorney Peter Dostal of the special prosecutions section of the Public Prosecution Service, it appears "there may be some other matters that are coming forward" in relation to the case.

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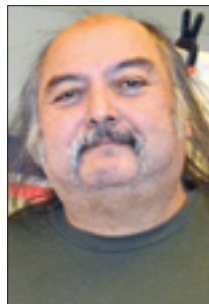
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Hailey Rodenhiser, middle, enjoyed helping to shave the heads of her newly bald cousins Allie Bruhm, left, and Taylor. The New Germany High School students were part of a fundraiser that brought in over \$2,200.

Hope for Hailey

Cousins shave heads to help the cause

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Allie Bruhm and her sister Taylor will do just about anything for their little cousin Hailey Rodenhiser of Dayspring. Their family bond was put to the test on February 12 when the two New Germany Rural High School students bravely shaved their heads in front of the entire school.

As their classmates cheered, Hailey stood on the stage in front of the school and helped cut away Allie's long hair. Her locks were sectioned into little ponytails. Taylor's hair didn't quite meet the length requirement for donation to make wigs for other children, but that didn't make her sacrifice any less meaningful, because she was doing this for Hailey.

The seven year old was diagnosed with leukemia late last year. Known as acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the disease develops when blood stem cells in the bone marrow change and no longer grow or behave normally. These abnormal cells are called leukemia cells. Over time, the leukemia cells crowd out normal blood cells.

To help the family with expenses while Hailey goes through numerous treatments that are expected to last two years, fundraisers have been going on around the county.

To join in the fundraising efforts, initially Allie said she would shave her hair if the school could raise \$500. That goal

was met in a couple of days. Others joined in setting the goal higher, and, higher and in the end, the school managed to raise over \$2,200 for Hailey and her family.

In addition to the Bruhm sisters, school janitor Greg Silver shaved his beard. Mr. Silver has had facial hair for about 25 years. Teacher Mike Wilson, who sported a long black beard, also took the plunge and went barefaced for the cause. Teacher Dale Bruhm and student Nathan Minick were also part of the afternoon pep rally and shaved their heads.

While the men were being shaved, Hailey clung to the waists of her cousins and watched. But she was excited to get in on the action when it was Allie and Taylor's turn.

Without hesitation, Hailey took the scissors and began cutting off the ponytails belonging to her cousins.

Hailey's mother, Jaunita Rodenhiser, was overwhelmed by what her nieces did for Hailey.

"They've always been a big part of our family. ... They've been helpful to her ever since she was a baby and always taking care

of her," said Ms Rodenhiser. "It was a big surprise to see that they did this and how much support [they've given]. Not just their support, but everybody at New Germany and all the community. Our Bridgewater community and Dayspring and everybody has been rallying around us. ... When it comes from family, it really touches the heart," she said.

Although the Bruhm sisters shaved their heads with smiles on their faces, Allie did admit it feels a little chilly.

"It was a big surprise to see that they did this and how much support [they've given]. Not just their support, but everybody at New Germany and all the community. Our Bridgewater community and Dayspring and everybody has been rallying around us."

Jaunita Rodenhiser
Hailey's mother

Iconic school to undergo major makeover

ACOA funding to help make Lunenburg Academy tenant-ready

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Lunenburg's "castle on the hill" is \$420,000 richer following the announcement on February 12 that the federal government will be contributing that amount toward its restoration and renovation through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

South Shore-St. Margarets MP Gerald Keddy made the announcement before a group of about 30 town dignitaries and members of the Lunenburg Academy Foundation in a former Primary classroom on the school's first floor.

"It's a great day for the future of this iconic building in the town of Lunenburg," Mr. Keddy declared of the Lunenburg Academy. Mr. Keddy also acts as parliamentary secretary to the ministers of Agriculture and National Revenue and for ACOA.

"It is a beauty burnished by history," he said, noting that the 120-year-old academy was the first structure in Lunenburg to be recognized as a national heritage building.

The federal government is contributing the money through ACOA's innovative communities fund. It's complemented by \$180,000 from the Town of Lunenburg and \$150,000 from the Lunenburg Academy Foundation and follows on the heels of a contribution from Ottawa through the community infrastructure improvement fund of \$64,823 last April. This allowed the renovations to kick off with exterior upgrades.

Lunenburg Mayor Rachel Bailey addressed the group, saying ACOA's investment will see the historic building attain new significance for the town and the regional economy. She explained the money would go toward interior renovations that would help repurpose the 18,000-square-foot building while retaining its heritage features.

"We still have a long way to go, but we're well on our way," said Mayor Bailey.

Scott Burke, development coordinator of the Lunenburg Academy, told LighthouseNOW that the money would

go toward creating public washrooms on the second floor and tenant washrooms on the third floor; upgrading the electrical system so it can handle today's modern communication systems and converting classrooms on the second floor to office and reception space. The building will also be made more wheelchair friendly.

"The entire effort is about making the building tenant-ready," Mr. Burke said.

Architectural and mechanical engineering drawings are being worked on now to form part of the construction tender documents expected to be made public in mid-March. Meanwhile, Mr. Burke is drafting a future-use business plan that he expects to be finished by the end of March. He'll then present the plan to the town council.

The renovations are expected to be completed by the end of autumn.

Mr. Burke said he would like to see the first floor used as public space, maybe with the Lunenburg library and an art gallery there. He wouldn't say who he was considering pitching for the second floor, noting that information would be made public with his business plan. However, he did say he would like to see the Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance (LAMP) remain on the third floor, where it has been based since last September.

For his part, Mr. Keddy told LighthouseNOW he would have liked to have seen an interpretive centre for Canada's newest national park, Sable Island National Park Reserve, on the first floor for those people who may not be able to venture to the park. He noted there was plenty of parking for tour buses and a wonderful view of the town. However, he admitted that so far there's not been a lot of support for the idea.

"I hope it's not dead in the water, but we've not been successful," he said.

Meanwhile, the \$750,000 being spent on the academy's renovation is a long way from the \$30,000 it cost to complete it nearly 120 years ago.

The Lunenburg Academy opened its doors to over 650 students on November 7, 1895. It is the only 19th-century academy building still intact in Nova Scotia.

Maitland man faces child luring allegation

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Mr. Ernst was remanded back into custody pending his next court appearance on February 24.

"The investigation stemmed from a report from a concerned parent who told RCMP that the accused had allegedly contacted his 10 and 12-year-old daughters via social media," provincial RCMP said in a statement released on February 10. "Further investigation allowed RCMP to identify two other vic-

tims who had been chatting with the accused, who had made arrangements to meet with him in person.

"To date, police have identified six girls under the age of 16 from the Bridgewater area that Ernst had been in contact with."

Police believe more young women from the area were contacted and law enforcement hopes to hear more information from the public about the matter.

The investigation remains open.

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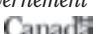
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Bridgewater projecting budget deficit

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Roads and streets saved \$106,000 thanks to the Victoria Road retaining wall not needing repairs.

"The engineering department was hoping it would be able to put the extra pavement management money in a reserve at the end of the year," said Ms Keizer. "But given that we're projecting a deficit they aren't doing that."

Sidewalk maintenance saved \$15,000. Street cleaning was in the clear as the sweeper caught fire and has been out of commission.

"Street lighting – I'm a little surprised that's over budget. All the LED lights I'm seeing around town are supposed to save money," said Councillor Andrew Tanner in response to the expectation of a \$14,000 shortfall.

Councillor Wayne Thorburne pointed out this expense may have been incurred from taking over Haven and Sherwood drives.

Regardless, in agreement with Nova Scotia Power the town doesn't have to purchase any new lights, and rates will be kept flat for the next seven years.

Sewage collection and disposal were short about \$92,000 in a number of areas. This resulted in putting the inflow infiltration program on hold.

Hurricane Arthur increased the tree removal budget by \$13,000.

"I think the expenditure is probably not significant enough to qualify us," said Ms Keizer of receiving federal funding to help with this cost.

The Bridgewater Memorial Arena's expenses are expected to be approximately \$32,000 over budget because of increased

salaries and unanticipated ice repairs, and the Lunenburg County Multi-Purpose Centre Corporation is expected to be over budget by around \$74,000.

"They're projecting a deficit for 2014-15, and also the 2013-14 surplus was smaller than was anticipated," said Ms Keizer.

The library was about \$14,000 over budget, as the rent in the new location is higher than expected.

Parks and playgrounds saved \$41,000 through less vehicle maintenance, although some work was not finished.

Councillor Thorburne cited 12 items from the capital budget not completed this year being transferred to the next.

"Every year we struggle with the budget, and if there's items in that budget that isn't going to get done it shouldn't be in that budget," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, a budget should pretty much all be spent by year's end. Because I don't think we have the workforce to carry over \$6,000 or \$7,000 every year."

Debt venture interest charges saved \$18,000, as no temporary financing has yet been done.

Transfers to other reserves included a council approved write-off of \$20,000 for 463 King Street, which is to be sold at tax sale.

The town spent \$227,000 on snow removal to the end of January, with \$167,000 left, and a reserve of \$87,000.

"Much can change. It's just the first of February and senior managers will be watching their expenditures in the coming months," said Ms Keizer, adding that some new accounting regulations, which haven't been taken into consideration may impact the \$114,000 projection.

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Dawn Keizer
Chief Financial Officer

Broad Cove man charged with 10 offences after 'domestic situation'

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A Broad Cove man faces 10 charges in connection with what police have described as a "domestic situation."

Skylar Dylan Herman, 21, faces three counts of uttering threats, two counts of mischief, and single offences of assault, assault with a weapon, break and enter, robbery and unlawful confinement.

The offences are alleged to have occurred on February 10.

Among the allegations laid out in court documents, Mr. Herman is accused of threatening to kill a woman and a man, and the words "Deth [sic] is following you," directed at the male, were found

carved in a kitchen table.

Mr. Herman is also alleged to have assaulted the woman with a knife and is suspected of breaking into a home in Middlewood.

Mr. Herman is further accused of damaging a fish tank and the tires of a motor vehicle belonging to two individuals.

The Bridgewater Police Service, in a statement released on social media, said February 10 that their agency "received a complaint of a domestic situation which occurred in the Town of Bridgewater ending in the Lunenburg County RCMP area."

The two law enforcement agencies arrested a 21-year-old after a joint investigation, the Bridgewater Police said.

King Street-area ATVer faces charges

A driver faces a trio of charges in connection with an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) traffic stop in Bridgewater.

The accusations against the man, whose age and place of residence was not released, include impaired operation of a motor vehicle, operating a vehicle

without insurance and operating an off-highway vehicle on a highway.

The Bridgewater Police Service detected an ATV in the area of King Street during the afternoon of February 10 and conducted a vehicle stop. The accused is due to appear in court on April 29.



EMMA SMITH PHOTO

Brian MacKay-Lyons' Upper Kingsburg property is full of his iconic regional architecture.

Architect receives top Canadian award

Brian MacKay-Lyons known for coastal-inspired work

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Upper Kingsburg architect Brian MacKay-Lyons has received the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada's (RAIC) highest honour.

Mr. MacKay-Lyons is known around the world for his coastal-inspired dwellings. He was selected for the RAIC Gold Medal by a panel of five Canadian architects who are all past recipients.

"The peer recognition has always been a kind of a yard stick," he said. "If you get a Grammy award it's because the other musicians give it to you. It means a lot."

Over Mr. MacKay-Lyons' 30-year career, he's published six books, and his work has appeared in over 300 publications. He's also amassed a healthy collection of awards and recognitions, including the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Firm Award, six Governor General's Medals, two American Institute of Architects Honor Awards for Architecture, 13 Lieutenant Governor's Medals of Excellence, eight Canadian Architect Awards, three Architectural Record Houses Awards and seven North American Wood Design Awards.

"I'm old-fashioned. I think if you just stick to your work, people will find you."

Brian MacKay-Lyons
Architect

"I didn't apply for this award. I didn't go looking for it," said Mr. MacKay-Lyons of his most recent honour. "I'm old-fashioned. I think if you just stick to your work, people will find you. If you're doing a good job people will figure it out."

In a statement, the selection jury called Mr. MacKay-Lyons "an authentic and original voice in the development of a contemporary expression of traditional regional architecture."

Although he studied abroad and continues to travel, his work and life remain deeply rooted in Nova Scotia.

"For me, it's really been important to be in this with my family," he said. "It's not like being an architect is somehow different from being a dad or a husband.

It should, I believe, make you better at those things."

The award will be presented at a ceremony in Calgary this summer.

Mr. MacKay-Lyons is a founding partner of MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects. He is also a professor at Dalhousie University and the founder of Ghost Lab, an educational program that took place on his family farm during the summers between 1994 and 2011.

Hospital plans power outage

Electrical panel being replaced

The public is advised there will be a planned power outage on the fourth floor at South Shore Regional Hospital between 1 and 5 p.m. on February 18.

There will be no power on the medical unit for inpatient beds, or the maternal and child health unit, according to a release.

"Contingency plans are in place to ensure safe care for patients, including battery powered lighting and additional

staffing," said the release.

"Visitation will be restricted to immediate family and those helping with patient care. Please use caution when accessing the fourth floor."

The outage will not impact the hospital's elevators or telephone system. All emergency and outpatient services will be available.

The planned outage is necessary to replace an electrical panel. Power is expected to be restored by 5 p.m.



COMMENT

Spy agencies, democracy and the Conservative government

Spy agencies are double-edged swords. On the one hand, they are a defence against those who attempt to disrupt our democracy and freedom. On the other hand, they can become the tools of the extreme right in suppressing views they do not like.

Historically our Canadian spy agencies have spied extensively on leaders like Tommy Douglas and others. In the eyes of the spy agency and the political elite, the father of medicare was a significant threat to our democracy. Spy agencies can be either a pillar supporting democracy or a force attacking it.

Spy agencies do more than spy. They also deceive. One of the "tools" they use is disinformation. They can expertly manufacture information and disseminate it to make a lie appear to be a fact. They also have the ability to use information unrelated to national security, true or false, to destroy reputations and influence elections. They can become a small, privileged few with insider information answering to the powerful. Or they can be key in keeping us free.

How can a free society protect itself from a spy agency becoming a significant threat to democracy? When should people worry? There are a number of indicators that should make us sit up and take notice that our democracy is being attacked by the spy agencies supposed to protect it.

We should become alert when parliamentary oversight is neglected and become positively alarmed when those safeguards are downgraded or ignored. We should become alert when a government is hostile to democracy. We should become alert when information about what government is doing and about trends and issues is suppressed. We should become alert when scientists, officials in the government and MPs are forbidden to speak freely to the media. We should become alert when sources of information like libraries and databases are destroyed or rendered inaccessible and research and information gathering are systematically attacked. We should become alert when the information gathered by spy agencies is used for political purposes to support some groups in society by gathering information on other legitimate groups who hold different views. We should become very alert when government agencies like the Canada Revenue Agency are increasingly used to promote some views and suppress others.

We have witnessed all of these alert signals in

Canada during the last decade. Robocalls were borrowed from the extreme right in the USA. There was the in-and-out illegal funding of the Conservative Party to finance a last-minute media barrage during an election. There was the "unfair" Elections Act. Omnibus bills were designed to stifle debate in Parliament. A government was cited by the Speaker for contempt of parliament. Parliament was shut down to avoid defeat. Information has been routinely withheld from Parliament.

There is the belief that the majority of members of Parliament do not have the right to decide who will govern. There is contempt for the Supreme Court and decisions of courts. Parliamentary officers such as the chief electoral officer, the veteran's ombudsman, the Parliamentary budget officer and the freedom of information commissioner have been suppressed. Scientists have been suppressed. The census of Canada has been degraded. Cuts to research funding has been a questionable government policy. Access to government libraries has been curtailed. Oversight of CISIS has been cut and there is complete disregard for adequate oversight of CSEC. There are monthly briefings for Canada's largest companies about the activities of women's groups, aboriginal groups, environmental groups, etc.

These are not random acts. They are a strategy. There is a good argument to be made that, with our country and our world threatened by extremists who have hijacked religions and appear to have no limits on what atrocious activity they will perform next, our spy agencies are essential. The vast majority of Canadians are appalled by the actions of so-called Islamic extremists, as we are by anyone who pretends to have a religious basis for murder, torture or rape.

I am equally outraged when told that my concern over democracy shows I am a supporter of these extremists, as Harper suggests. With this government running our country I am deeply concerned about the use of spy agencies for political suppression. I am deeply concerned about the use of security threats to undermine democracy.

This is part of the politics of fear, hatred and revenge, not my idea of Canada.

~ J Tom Webb is president of Global Co-operation and an adjunct professor with the Sobey School of Business. He lives in Mahone Bay.

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J Tom Webb
President of Global Co-operation with the Sobey School of Business

TO THE EDITOR

Wonders never cease

I have e-mailed the honourable Geoff MacLellan about his visit to Lunenburg, looking at what problems he is trying to cure.

It is sick to listen to a small portion of government and more sickening to hear and read about the biggies we are never told about. He told me it was only an estimate to the tune of \$350,000. Well, I have done many estimates too, but never did I run double the price I estimated.

I asked him if he read the auditor general's report. He said he read it at different times: "I am being open with everything so people know how we are making decisions."

If it was not for the auditor general's report, would we know what was happening? He said to me in our e-mails that he respected my opinions. My gosh. Wow!

Here are some things you can Google to get the news and gather your thoughts: Bluenose II project manager costs; beleaguered Bluenose II steering triples, Nova Scotia Bluenose II fiasco, much-anticipated report by auditor general and Bluenose II report says poor planning led to what has happened.

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TO THE EDITOR

There is no correlation between vaccines and autism

With increasing cases of vaccine-preventable diseases, I'm still really confused about some things. First of all, I don't understand why people still believe there is a correlation between the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism. Andrew Wakefield has been charged for his falsifications and stripped of his licence to practice medicine. I don't understand how his lie is still a justification for not immunizing your children.

What upsets me even more is that someone could hate the idea of raising a child with a disability, regardless of where they may fall on the spectrum, so much that they would make their child, as well as others around them, more susceptible to a fatal illness. I can't tell you enough how much this mentality upsets me.

We live in a time when information can be shared in a matter of seconds. That doesn't mean that information is always true. Whether your friend posted an article on Facebook or you follow a stay-at-home mommy blogger, I urge you to investigate further before banking your child's life on it. Check the references. Learn the facts. Speak to a health-care professional.

Letting Mr. Wakefield speak was a mistake. We don't get everything right; we're human. But I can assure you we've had a greater success rate in diagnosing and treating disorders and diseases than your favourite mommy blogger.

Although the cause of autism has not been determined, there is no correlation between the MMR vaccine and the spectrum of disorders. There is, however, a significant correlation between vaccines and immunity. Smallpox, for example, has been eradicated. This immunity has a great chance of protecting your children as well as those around them whose immune systems may be weakened.

Together we can work toward the eradication of these diseases and senseless deaths. Your children are not allowed to bring peanuts to school so that my brother can avoid an untimely death. In return, he has been vaccinated so that he may offer the same to your children.

LAUREN CROFT
Student Nurse
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

An upside to legalizing cannabis

Our prime minister would have us believe that if we vote for Justin Trudeau, he will legalize cannabis.

However, as far as I can see, Mr. Harper has already made cannabis legal for a very large number of Canadians.

I would rather see people use cannabis than the prescription drugs that are not prescribed for them.

Also, if cannabis were legalized for those who choose to use it, this would let the police have more time to investigate other crimes.

The income, if cannabis were legalized, would be enormous and may get rid of the deficit and help in many other ways.

WAYNE WHYNACHT
Western Shore

Search for photographs

The Bridgewater Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) would like to obtain photographs of the former Riverview Community School.

This is required for a possible project to recognize the former school and its contribution to our community.

As a former municipal heritage site, the building's heritage will hopefully be recognized and the school's place in our community remembered through a collection of photographs.

The HAC is very interested in preserving the former school's place in our community.

If you have a photograph of the school, staff or students please contact the DesBrisay Museum or myself.

PETER OICKLE
Chair, Bridgewater Heritage Advisory Committee
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Tired of tax burden

Not wishing to comment on the pros or cons of this recently failed initiative, but to take issue with Mr. Palango's statement that "residents aren't willing to pay...even though they pay some of the lowest taxes in the province."

Tax rate x Tax Assessment = Tax Burden.

When you consider the high assessments in Chester, it is no wonder that the Government of Nova Scotia has recently flagged the tax burden of Chester residents as meeting the municipal threshold but exceeding the municipal average and thereby awarding the municipality a yellow flag for this imbalance.

DAVID FOLEY
Chester

Bluenose has taken our minds off billion dollar submarine debacle

Regarding Mr. Tanner's rant of February 11, "Bewildered by the Bluenose"

I agree with him, of course. Save and except for the 'privy' idea.

However, I think Mr. Tanner is missing the upside to all of this. And that is the fact that the Bluenose has taken our minds off of the Billion Dollar Submarine Debacle See, you forgot all about that one, didn't you. Doesn't the \$25 million seem meniscal now? The saddest thing perhaps, is to see a once proud part of our heritage, become a punch line. Maybe she should be renamed "The Red Herring"

How many hospital beds, school programs, palliative care units, children's care centres and veterans' benefits and yes, hospital beds would the cost of one of those junk submarines have supported? Under the heading of 'oxymoron' like Jumbo Shrimp and Military Intelligence, should be the term Government Business.

How many times must we repeat the fact that no government body, under any circumstance, for any reason should be allowed to engage in any business matter of any kind when it deals with the public coffers and special projects.

Suffice to say that these projects should be headed up by those folks who are actually business people. Or at least, they should have a working knowledge of how to build a boat. Even if the plans came out of a Popular Mechanics magazine. Ahoy ..!

DAVID PENNEY
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Province open to toll highway talks

By KEITH CORCORAN
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The McNeil Liberal government is open to talking tolls to pay for improvements to major provincial highways such as Highway 103.

"I'm not opposed to the idea," Premier Stephen McNeil told LighthouseNOW in a recent telephone interview, cautioning that the province has not made a policy decision concerning the issue.

"If it made sense, if it meant we could provide safer transportation infrastructure to the citizens of this province, I think we have a responsibility at least to look at it."

Meanwhile, Lunenburg County's sole cabinet minister is in sync with his boss.

"I think toll highways is a discussion we have to have," Lunenburg West MLA Mark Furey told LighthouseNOW. Given the province's finances, Mr. Furey feels government needs to be creative to pay for services and meet the public's expectations.

"I would say everything is on the table, just in how the premier and how government is moving forward," he added. "The status quo across government is not sustainable."

"We're looking at all options in how we can deliver transportation infrastructure to the people in this province," the premier added. "At the end of the day, we want to make sure our highways are safe."

The McNeil government should already have in hand an operational and safety review of the Highway 103 system. The WSP Group — which has offices in Dartmouth, Halifax and Truro — was contracted at a cost of \$78,420 to use its engineering expertise to consider factors such as geometrics, design, passing lanes, enforcement and twinning as part of a study that is expected to guide short- and long-term fixes for the notorious South Shore highway.

More than 20 people were killed on Highway 103 between 2008 and 2012 alone.

The single deadliest crash on the highway took place in May, 2007, when six lives were claimed after two motorbikes and a car came together on an untwinned section in Blockhouse.

Construction of an interchange in the Ingramport area of Halifax County is underway with the intention of a connecting road being built between Highway 3 and Highway 103 and future twinning plans destined between exit 5 at Upper Tantallon and exit 6 near Hubbards.

Highway 103 between Upper Tantallon and Yarmouth is a



FILE PHOTO

This crash occurred on Highway 103 near the Cookville exit in July, 2013. The McNeil Liberal government is open to talking tolls to pay for improvements to major provincial highways such as Highway 103.

mixture of four-lane controlled access, two-lane controlled access and two-lane non-controlled access sections.

Lunenburg County's voice in the provincial cabinet says he supports any measure that ensures better safety on Highway 103. Driver education is an important consideration, Lunenburg West MLA Mark Furey noted, pointing out that lack of seatbelt use, excessive speed and distracted driving continue to be leading causes of traffic fatalities.

Bridgewater resident given time served, probation for vehicle thefts

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For his involvement in a series of break-ins and thefts involving motor vehicles, a Bridgewater man was sentenced to two years of probation and time served.

Tyler Frederick Briffett, 22, received credit for the 160 days he has spent in custody. His probation terms include a curfew for the first six months of the order with conditions including to be of good behaviour and to stay away from the co-accused in the case and several other people and their residences.

Mr. Briffett pleaded guilty in Bridgewater provincial court on February 5 to a number of charges, including motor-vehicle theft, property mischief, taking a motor vehicle without consent, pos-

sessing property obtained by crime and breaching a court-ordered condition.

The offences date back two years, beginning in September 2013 when authorities were notified that a Toyota Corolla was taken from the Mayfair Drive area of Bridgewater. Law enforcement found the vehicle extensively damaged in the woods off St. Phillips Street. A Dodge Ram was taken in another incident, provincial Crown attorney Lloyd Tancock explained to the court. Another occurrence saw a \$400 guitar go missing from a vehicle in the Meldrum Avenue area of Bridgewater, the court heard. Mr. Tancock indicated that items in the vehicle had been thrown around.

Another vehicle owner discovered a swastika marked

on their automobile, and cigarettes and cash were missing from the inside.

The last incident, in October 2013, had authorities find a Ford Escape on its roof in the area of Meldrum Avenue still running with no one around.

Mr. Briffett's involvement was connected to the cases, Mr. Tancock indicated, also noting that several co-accused were charged in connection with the occurrences.

Lunenburg lawyer David Hirtle represented Mr. Briffett in court.

Mr. Briffett addressed the court briefly indicating that he is more focused on positive goals and staying away from crime.

THE COURT REPORT

■ **Left accident scene.** A Queens County man was fined \$650 and banned from driving for a six-month period after admitting to leaving the scene of an accident. **Justin David Ernst**, 22, of Charleston pleaded guilty to the charge in Bridgewater provincial court on February 11. Mr. Ernst provided a statement to police in which he admitted leaving the scene of a June 2014 North Street crash in Bridgewater because he did not have insurance. The chain reaction three-vehicle crash occurred with a white vehicle rear-ending another vehicle and forcing that auto to rear-end a motorbike.

■ **Theft of rum.** A woman from Tantallon is sentenced to six months of probation with conditions to be of good behaviour and stay away from a Hubbards-area liquor store after she stole a bottle of rum. **Marie Profit**, 46, admits to placing a pint of rum up her sleeve while in the Hubbards store in February 2013. She pleaded guilty to a theft charge in Bridgewater provincial court on February 11.

■ **Under the influence.** A Halifax County man has to pay \$1,300 in fines and won't be able to drive in Canada for one year after he pleaded guilty to an impaired driving-related offence. **Cecil Leslie Hutt**, 41, entered a guilty plea during Bridgewater provincial court proceedings on February 9. Mr. Hutt was behind the wheel of truck that approached a police checkpoint in Maitland in the early morning hours of December 13, 2014. He failed a roadside screening test and later registered breathalyzer readings of 130 and 120 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit is 80.

■ **Breached probation.** Failing to show up for scheduled appointments with a probation officer has earned **Tyler Joseph William Tanner**, 20, more time on his conditional sentence. The Wileville man pleaded guilty in Bridgewater provincial court February 4 to failing to comply with a probation order. He did not show up for the appointments as part of a previous probation sentence, the court heard. Judge Paul Scovil ordered an additional 15 months be added on to the sentence with conditions including provisions that Mr. Tanner abide by house arrest and complete any counselling as required, which may include help for substance abuse, anger management, violence prevention and job skills training. Mr. Tanner will have one year to pay a \$100 victim fine surcharge.

■ **Suspended sentence for theft.** Taking jewellery from a Robinsons Corner business translated into 15 months of probation and 30 hours of community service work as part of a Windsor Road woman's suspended sentence. **Dawn Theresa Saulnier**, 35, pleaded guilty in Bridgewater provincial court on February 4 to a charge of theft under \$5,000. Video surveillance showed Ms. Saulnier in September 2014 taking the tags off the items and either putting them on or placing them in her pocket, the court heard. Judge Paul Scovil ordered her, as part of the probation, to complete any counselling as ordered, which may include professional help for mental health and substance abuse. She is to pay \$440 in restitution to the Chester-area business and also stay away from the property.



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PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Public Meeting Notice –

Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Please be advised that a meeting of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) is scheduled for Thursday February 26, 2015, commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the following matters:

- 1) Proposed Amendment to Blockhouse Secondary Planning Strategy & Land Use By-law regarding Restricted Developments
- 2) Discharge of Development Agreement: PID 60610151 (Lunenburg Yacht Club, 734 Hermans Island Road)
- 3) Any Other Planning Matters.

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Man guilty of six charges sentenced to weekends in custody

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A Halifax man must serve 45 days in custody during weekends and he was placed on a year of probation after admitting to six offences.

Joseph Tilden Morton, 21, must keep the peace and be of good behaviour as part of his probation, in addition to staying away from people who have criminal records. Mr. Morton has to pay \$600 in victim fine surcharges and make restitution to the RCMP in the amount of \$1,228 to cover the cost of a damaged security camera.

Mr. Morton was sentenced February 10 in Bridgewater provincial court after pleading guilty to three charges of failing to comply with court-ordered conditions and single counts of property mischief, resisting arrest and marijuana possession.

Reading the facts in relation to the matters, Crown attorney Craig Harding said that on July 27, 2014, police in Bridgewater responded to reported vehicle break-ins occurring in the St. Andrews Street area. Mr. Morton was pointed out to officers, but the accused ran and did not stop when police repeatedly asked him to do so, Mr. Harding told the court. Police located Mr. Morton in a residential driveway, and he

tried to hit an officer as he was being taken into custody.

"Once in RCMP cells, Mr. Morton was caught on camera damaging the cell camera," Mr. Harding said.

The accused was released on an undertaking following the incidents with conditions to stay in his residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. seven days per week. On December 15, 2014, police in Chester conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle around 9:25 p.m. and subsequently identified one of the individuals in the vehicle as Mr. Morton, the court heard.

He was released on conditions, but, about a month later, police in Bridgewater

found seven grams of marijuana on him after authorities received a call in the area of LaHave Street reporting two males believed to be under the influence of drugs. Police also found two more grams of marijuana in the console area of the vehicle that was the subject of law enforcement's investigation at the LaHave Street service station.

Bridgewater lawyer Cathy Benton represented Mr. Morton in court.

He apologized to the court when Judge Paul Scovil asked him if he had anything to say before passing sentence. "I didn't mean for all of this to happen," Mr. Morton said.

Bridgewater resident breaches probation, gets conditional sentence

By **KEITH CORCORAN**
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A four-month conditional sentence was handed down to a Bridgewater man who has a history of breaching court-ordered conditions.

Sending a message that individuals cannot ignore orders handed down by a court, Judge Paul Scovil ordered house arrest for John Douglas Selig, 49, with conditions including that he keep the peace and be of good behaviour and complete any counselling as directed, which may include help for substance abuse.

Mr. Selig was sentenced in Bridgewater provincial court on February 5 on one count of failing to comply with a probation order. He pleaded guilty to the charge during a previous court appearance.

Provincial Crown prosecutor Lloyd Tancock felt Mr. Selig had ample opportunities to avoid breaching conditions. "There has to be consequences" for not meeting compliance, Mr. Tancock indicated to the court.

Mr. Selig was sentenced to a year of probation in November 2013 on a number of offences. Despite attending one of his earlier appointments with a probation officer, he did not show up for a session in April 2014. Mr. Selig did not respond to the probation office's contact requests over the next couple of weeks, the court heard. A letter was sent to him in late April requesting he attend a scheduled session. He did not show up for that meeting either. There was no further contact until the breach charge was sworn in June 2014, Mr. Tancock indicated.

"Mr. Selig has a rather extensive record for failing to comply with orders," Mr. Tancock said. "He has eight previous convictions under the criminal code for breach of probation" and four other failing-to-comply-related offences.

Mr. Selig was represented in court by Bridgewater lawyer Bob Chipman.

"It would appear his non-reporting is really due to a lack of organizational skills as opposed to deliberate non-compliance. He is now making more of an effort to report," Mr. Chipman told the court, referring to his client, pointing out, however, "that does not provide a defence to the charge."



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Speech-language pathologist lobbies for program expansion

By **KELSEY POWER**
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More South Shore Primary students could have the chance to perfect their pronunciation and improve their reading and writing with the aid of additional speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and new Kindergarten Language and Literacy in the Classroom (KLLIC) kits.

“Bridgewater Elementary has three Primary classrooms, and, realistically, with the number of needs there, I can’t take my time to do all of the three classrooms, so I’m doing one, and I don’t like that,” Sheri McGill, an SLP, told South Shore Regional School Board on January 30, 2015.

She was advocating the expansion of KLLIC, a proactive research-based program supporting reading and writing skills for Primary students.

“It is language and literacy based, and initially it is delivered by SLPs in the classroom, but our hope is we build that capacity with the classroom teachers,” said Ms McGill.

After working with SLPs for two years, teachers should be able to implement KLLIC, with the help of its kits, independently.

Jeff DeWolfe, director of programs and



Sheri McGill answers questions from the South Shore Regional School Board about Primary language and literacy program: KLLIC.

KELSEY POWER PHOTO

student services, requested the presentation because the allocation of speech and language services is a problem for the board.

“This piece was missing from our [literacy] intervention,” said Mr. DeWolfe, who said he would try and support the program, depending on its budget, by preparing kits and looking at SLP allocations.

“We did a gap analysis from the province which tells us where we’re short anyway, so we could actually in a systematic way implement KLLIC in more Primary classrooms,” said Mr. DeWolfe. “That really is one of our

goals moving forward.”

Originally designed by SLPs for the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board of Ontario, the program has been used by select SLPs, teacher and schools in Nova Scotia since 2010.

KLLIC augments the language arts program by targeting specific language skills: articulation of sound, phonological awareness, print awareness, grammar, basic concept development and other literacy outcomes.

“As we know, past Primary and Grade 1 there’s not a whole lot of time in the classroom to focus on those basic skills,” said Ms McGill. “We see the wheels come off in Grade 3, but they’re already off a lot of the time in Grade Primary.”

KLLIC is implemented over a 20-week period, divided into 10 cycles and centered around a particular book with its own activities and goals for a period of

two weeks.

An SLP introduces the book by reading it in class and doing related activities with the students. He or she then leaves behind a kit with various classroom activities the teacher can carry out for the next two weeks. The SLP then has a chance to pull out particular students or small groups who may be struggling with a similar area to work one-on-one.

“There are activities that can go home with parents and an intro letter for each cycle so parents know exactly what we will be targeting. ... We’re always available for consultation,” said Ms McGill.

“We’ve got nothing but positive feedback from the teachers ... It gives them that extra awareness of some of those literacy and language skills to work on, but also some novel ways and new ways of hitting those outcomes.”

Expanding the program, however, requires time and money.

“Everything comes in sheet form and it all has to be cut, so there’s a lot of upfront prep work for that. But once it’s done, it’s done,” said Ms McGill. “The kits are sturdy and last for a long time.”

This process took her 80 hours.

She currently only owns five kits, and preparing the kits is an issue even if teachers are trained to run the program.

At the moment, the time of the SLPs is a trade-off. Time teaching is time away from individual students who need their assistance.

But expanding this service might be beneficial overall.

“As someone who’s been involved in early childhood and in working with kids with learning disabilities or special needs, we know that phoneme awareness sequencing is absolutely critical to decoding skills. So many of the kids with severe learning disabilities, that’s the root of their problem,” said Theresa Griffin, District 6 representative.

“So taking a very proactive, preventative approach is very critical, and I’m delighted to hear that is what you’re doing.”

If it’s implemented, the program will be offered at the Early Years Centre in New Germany.

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Crate manufacturer succeeds by thinking outside the box

TecBox going from strength to strength

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When Rainer and Margit Bressmer came to Nova Scotia as business immigrants from Germany in 2004, their intention was to build rental cottages on the property they bought at Port Medway and to bring visitors from near and far.

Little did they realize that the foundations of their life on the South Shore would eventually rest on a business going from strength to strength building crates for airplane parts shipped around the world.

However, that's how things worked out for the owners of TecBox International, based in Rhodes Corner.

Their lives are in transition once more. When LighthouseNOW met with them recently, they were in the process of selling the business to a couple living near Tantallon, Don and Ketty Barnard.

The Bressmers began looking at life outside the box when the construction company they worked for in Germany went bankrupt. In their early fifties, they felt they were getting passed over for younger employees in the more choice jobs but were not willing to settle for drudgery just to pay the bills. They thought about moving outside of the country, and eventually landed in Nova Scotia with their two school-aged daughters.

The discovery that the land they intended to build their cottages on was designated as protected by the Department of Natural Resources put a halt to their rental business plan. With no income on the horizon, they considered moving back.

"The plan failed after three months of being here, and we had no plan B," recalled Mr. Bressmer in an interview with LighthouseNOW.

"It was very scary," his wife added. However, with two daughters now in school, they decided to stick it out and look to buy a business.

Mr. Bressmer went on a marathon business hunt, approaching brokers, banks, chartered accountants and anyone else he could think of who might know someone selling or thinking of selling a business. Dan Jennings of BDO in Bridgewater eventually put him in touch with a sole proprietor who had a verbal agreement with Maurice Guitton, founder of Composites Atlantic, to build crates for the airplane parts it ships around the world. He ran the operation with two employees from a dirt-floor Quonset building on the current TecBox property.

The German couple saw the potential,

bought the business assets and, in 2005, set up shop. Along with the deal came the inventory, machinery and know-how offered by the previous owner. At the time, the company was producing about 2,500 crates a year, bringing in about \$250,000 in sales.

"I had no idea about the crating industry. Zero experience. But then I found out it's not magic," said Mr. Bressmer.

The challenge was more on the administration side, with the accounting and inventory systems needing major work, he noted. Equally, he said the lumber to build the crates was strewn randomly outside and brought in to defrost as required.

Of greater concern, perhaps, was the fact that there was no official contract in place with Composites; it was just a deal struck between the previous owner and Mr. Guitton.

"Originally, I was scared of the situation as it was a one-man show with one customer. But I came to the conclusion that the chances of success were greater than the risks."

He said the founder of Composites was very positive about the changeover and warmed to his European mentality. The gentlemen's agreement continued.

Over the years, the German owners invested some \$300,000 in expanding the facilities, insulating and creating storage areas and putting in a septic system and a mobile office. Ms. Bressmer, who had been working in Lunenburg as a hotel manager, joined TecBox in the office in 2007 to help with the accounting and invoicing.

As Composites expanded, there was increasing pressure on TecBox to keep up with the demand for crates. The aircraft parts company began producing a variety of larger units such as the takeoff and landing flaps for Airbus' ATR 72 and the ventilation system for Boeing's 787 Dreamliner, requiring TecBox to produce larger and larger crates. It was a development that wasn't entirely unwelcomed, since there was greater profit in the larger crates.

The crating company faced a further challenge in 2009, when Composites was contracted to provide parts for Northrop Grumman's F-35 fighter jet, and the aircraft company insisted that all parts be transported in cardboard boxes.

"I had no idea or clue about cardboard



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Pictured are TecBox owners current and future. From the left are Rainer Bressmer, Ketty Barnard, Don Barnard and Margit Bressmer.



boxes," admitted Mr. Bressmer.

However, he set out to learn, attending a number of trade shows and eventually hooking up with a company in Connecticut owning the patent on a special reinforced cardboard system – Wood Free Crating. Mr. Bressmer convinced them to give him the rights to Atlantic Canada, they invested in the relevant machinery and they were back in the game with Composites' latest undertaking.

Meanwhile, TecBox was venturing into additional markets, taking on Kentville's Weavexx Corporation as a customer. Weavexx manufactures filtering fabric for the pulp industry and ships its product around the world.

The crating company has also branched out to include customers such as Chester Basin's Kiln Art, providing secure packaging for fragile items. It also applied for and received ISO recognition so that it can pitch to even more companies.

In 2012, it won the export achievement award at the Lunenburg-Queens Business Excellence Awards.

There are now five full-time employees: Ms. Bressmer, who works three-quarters of the time; a part-time accountant; and two contract workers who come in at peak times.

The company now produces about 5,000

crates a year from locally sourced materials with sales in the region of \$850,000.

Its owners are now ready to retire while they're young enough to enjoy travelling, and the Barnards are keen to take over.

A South African, Mr. Barnard first came to Canada in 1986. He has worked in Canada, the U.S. and Southeast Asia, first as an engineer with Phillips and later

branching off to work in the advertising, marketing, film and television industries.

He also learned about TecBox through BDO and was impressed by its cleanliness and efficiency. He told LighthouseNOW that in a lot of ways TecBox's operation is not dissimilar to a large film studio.

Although he still connects with his engineering side, Mr. Barnard is

looking forward to promoting the business. Ms. Barnard, whom he met in the Philippines, is training as a bookkeeper and will help keep the accounts.

"I definitely want to use my marketing and advertising experience to expand and get more customers. We also have the opportunity to diversify and do some light manufacturing," said Mr. Barnard.

He says more and more large companies are concentrating on their core businesses and subcontracting out other areas.

"I think there's good potential for us in that."

"I came to the conclusion that the chances of success were greater than the risks."

Rainer Bressmer
TecBox owner



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One size doesn't necessarily fit all

Every day we send dozens of messages to clients, colleagues, friends and family. Many of those messages are in the form of phone calls, e-mails or texts. We might write a few hard-copy memos or letters. We have a variety of channels at our disposal, but do we really pay attention to the channels we are using to ensure they are the right ones for the circumstances? When it comes to choosing the correct medium to send a message, one size doesn't necessarily fit all.

To truly communicate, you must make sure that the receiver interprets your message the way you intend, which is true not only of the content but also of the tone. Choosing the best way to send the message can have a major impact on the clarity of your communication.

E-mail, texting and social media are frequently used to connect with customers and clients.

Unquestionably, these are useful tools to get your message across quickly, but are they always the best ones? Many of us have developed the habit of using e-mail for every situation, when sometimes a phone call, a formal letter or face-to-face contact might be better suited. How many times have we fallen into the murky waters of sending multiple e-mail messages back and forth, with each message asking even more questions to try to clarify points and provide more information, when a phone call would have settled the matter quickly?

Perhaps a situation calls for a face-to-face conversation because it is of a sensitive nature or involves a complex issue that may be difficult to put in writing. Despite a few limitations, alternatives such as videoconferencing, Skype and FaceTime provide good opportunities for meeting if an actual face-to-face conversation is not possible. E-mail – and texts even more so – is notorious for conveying the wrong

tone in the message you want to send. The absence of tone of voice or facial expression in an e-mail leaves your message wide open for misinterpretation. Inappropriate use of capitals or underlining or bolding the wrong items can convey a negative tone and sense of abruptness that you did not intend. Furthermore, some of us may use e-mail to avoid confrontation, which may not be the best course of action.

Texting and social media are also valuable ways to connect with customers and co-workers, but remember that the rules of professional communication still apply. Questionable comments, slang and abrupt language still should be avoided. Using very few words to convey your message accurately can be a challenge; however, even in a tweet of 140 characters, you are still responsible for conveying the image your business wants to project.

On the other hand, we might be in the habit of sending out traditional hard copies of letters or memos for everything, when an electronic format may be preferred. We are in a connected world, and many of the people we communicate with are expecting to be reached electronically. However, it is certainly appropriate to use a formal letter or memo to convey significance or importance or when the recipient prefers a more formal mode of communication. Again, it is important to think about the overall impression you want to create.

Finally, whichever channel you use to communicate, think about the individual receiving the message. What works for one recipient does not necessarily work for another. Knowing your audience and his or her preference, the purpose of your message and the cost of the channel to be used are all important considerations. A little planning and reflection will help to ensure your effectiveness as a communicator.

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Coleman's Autohaus in Hebbville is becoming part of Steele Auto Group.

Coleman's Autohaus changing hands

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Coleman's Autohaus is changing hands, but Bob Coleman is staying put.

Bridgewater is his home, and he's dug in.

The dealership, which Mr. Coleman started in 1985, will become part of the Steele Auto Group, it was announced this week. The dealership will continue to be called Coleman's Autohaus.

"I'm just going to take some time off. I'm still keeping the building across the street where I collect the old cars. So I'm still going to play with old cars and boats and still be active in lots of things in the community," said Mr. Coleman.

His decision to sell was more spontaneous than planned, Mr. Coleman explained. He wasn't looking to sell when Rob Steele approached him. But, when presented with a proposal, he began to ask himself questions, to do his "soul-searching." He asked himself whether the time was right and whether the Steele Auto Group was right for the dealership and the community.

Mr. Coleman came to appreciate that although the corporate headquarters of Steele Auto Group is in Halifax, each dealership has its own identity. What Steele possesses is an appreciation of the local market and what it lacks is a "cookie-cutter approach to business."

"The only person that's changing is me in the seat. ... Is this company the right fit? And I can say with 110 per cent, yes," said Mr. Coleman.

Rob Steele, president of Steele Auto Group, said his company wants to maintain the business that customers know. He suggested that brand appeal and loyalty are influential, but dealerships are part

of the community. And their market is the community.

"These businesses are community-based businesses and they rely on the community for their success," said Mr. Steele.

As for the name, Mr. Steele said there isn't a plan to change it at this point.

"It will remain [Coleman's Autohaus]. It's a known name in the community," said Mr. Steele.

The dealership moves approximately 400 to 500 new and used cars annually. Mr. Steele said those numbers are significant and are indicative of the success Mr. Coleman has had in developing the business.

"There are some brands that just have a higher market share typically in markets. Bob has done such a good job in that market that he has probably a higher market share than what the Volkswagen brand typically would have in [similar-sized markets in Canada]," said Mr. Steele.

Mr. Steele said the move into Bridgewater is part of a larger strategy of scaling up the business outside of the metro area. In the last two years they have expanded into New Brunswick and Newfoundland.

Both Mr. Coleman and Mr. Steele view Bridgewater as an excellent place to do business.

Mr. Coleman said he feels the same enthusiasm for the town now as he did when he came 30 years ago and he has an equal optimism for its future.

"The future here is very bright. There's a lot of good things happening," said Mr. Coleman.

And although Mr. Steele said there are no immediate plans for further expansion in Bridgewater, he wouldn't say no if another chance arose.

"It's a stable community to do business in," he said.

LighthouseNOW is pleased to introduce **KELSEY POWER**

Originally from Chester, Kelsey graduated from the Bachelor of Journalism (Honours) program at the University of King's College in May. Her Honours project focused on documentary filmmaking in Canada and was published in the King's Journalism Review.

While in university, Kelsey took online, television and investigative workshops.

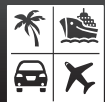
After graduation she interned at The Chronicle Herald and has occasionally been freelancing for this publication since then.

She is excited to be part of the LighthouseNOW team and looks forward to meeting the many interesting people who make this area special.

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Some parking meters in Lunenburg were virtually impossible to access following recent storms.

Storm-day ticket blitz upsets some Lunenburgers

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A winter snow event coupled with what some considered an overzealous commissioner caused a number of irate motorists in Lunenburg on February 10.

Just before 10 a.m., with snow falling steadily, one of the two commissioners engaged by the town to carry out parking enforcement began her duties writing tickets in the town parking lot, continuing along Lincoln Street and elsewhere for her allotted one hour shift.

Although the town had given notice that commissioners would be enforcing meters for four hours a week throughout the winter months, no patrols had reportedly been carried out since the end of November.

Many people thought the timing of the February 10 ticketing to be unfair, considering the weather and several earlier heavy snowfalls which resulted in large banks which made meters difficult or impossible to access. One of the upset residents was former town councillor and Lincoln Street businessman Jamie Myra, who took to social media to vent his anger about the situation.

"So as you all know we have been hit with some 'never ending' snow falls lately and in fairness to the Town's Public Works department they have been working very long hours to try and catch up with the removal process so I have no complaints there," Mr. Myra posted on his Facebook page.

"But then the town sends out the meter police today in the middle of another snowfall to write parking tickets when you can't even get to the majority of the meters without having to climb over snow banks. If anybody on council or staff can try and justify this then I want to hear their logic.

"Remember folks, the town's stance has always been that meters are there to help with 'traffic flow' and not for a revenue source," he continued. "Well the only problem we have had in town the past month with 'traffic flow' is that there hasn't been any!!!"

Mr. Myra's post drew numerous comments, most of which supported his opinion.

Meanwhile, council met that very evening and the issue of the day's parking

ticket blitz was discussed.

Deputy Town Manager Peter Haughn told council the commissioners have other work and schedule their shifts with the town weeks ahead of time. That was apparently the reason the commissioner in question made her rounds during the storm.

Town Manager Bea Renton said the commissioners also had been given no formal direction to not ticket cars during certain weather conditions.

"They really need to know that and the contract doesn't speak to that," she said.

Councillor Peter Zwicker reiterated Mr. Myra's statement that the purpose of parking enforcement is to keep the traffic moving, saying that is necessary during the summer months when traffic is heavy, but not so in the wintertime during the slower months.

"If you do listen to the merchants, January and February is pretty slow in terms of traffic on Lincoln Street and some of the other areas," he said.

Councillor John McGee agreed and made a motion that meters not be enforced from January to March.

Following the discussion, that motion was amended to read that commissioners are not to enforce meters up to the end of March but continue to enforce other, non-metered, forms of parking infractions during that period.

That motion was defeated 3-2, with Deputy Mayor Danny Croft and Councillors Tyler Hayden and Peter Mosher voting in the negative.

Mayor Rachel Bailey and Councillor Thom Barclay were not in attendance.

The town's current contract with the Corps of Commissioners expires March 31, 2015.

Bridgewater man gets house arrest for domestic assault

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A domestic assault has merited a month of house arrest for a Bridgewater man.

Barry Rodrick Schrader, 58, will also have to serve a year of probation following his term in custody. Mr. Schrader was sentenced in Bridgewater provincial court on February 12 after pleading guilty to a single charge of assault.

The terms of the sentence include conditions that he exhibit good behaviour, abstain from alcohol and complete any counselling as directed, which may include substance abuse, anger management and spousal partner violence intervention and prevention programs.

During sentencing, the court heard that the latest offence is the second such domestic violence charge against Mr. Schrader involving the same victim. Judge Paul Scovil indicated both offences involved alcohol.

"I don't know how you can say, when this is your second offence of a domestic violence like this, both with alcohol, [and] the fact that you say you drink most days, that you don't have a problem," the judge told the accused. "You're deluding yourself. You're not deluding anyone else. You have a problem, sir."

You have a problem with violence. You have a problem with domestic violence and you have a problem with alcohol. The sooner you accept that [and] deal with it the better your life will be. Do you understand that?"

Mr. Schrader replied with a "Yes sir." Police received information that Mr. Schrader and his spouse had been drinking and had pushed each other one night in September 2014, provincial Crown attorney Lloyd Tancock indicated to the court. Mr. Schrader called 911 to report he was in need of medical attention as "his wife attacked him," Mr. Tancock explained as to the facts of the case. An assault charge against the spouse was dropped.

The couple still resides together, the Crown indicated. Mr. Tancock said he hoped Mr. Schrader embraces the chance to deal with issues in an appropriate manner so that he is not back before the court.

Bridgewater lawyer Bob Chipman represented Mr. Schrader in court.

In addressing the court, Mr. Schrader told the judge that he was "just sorry it happened and [I] feel bad about and I have to do whatever, you know, you order me to do and I'm gonna do my best to do it."

Judge Scovil suggested it was not about the accused doing his best, as a court sentence would have to be complied with in full.

"You have a problem with domestic violence and you have a problem with alcohol."

Paul Scovil
 Provincial Court Judge

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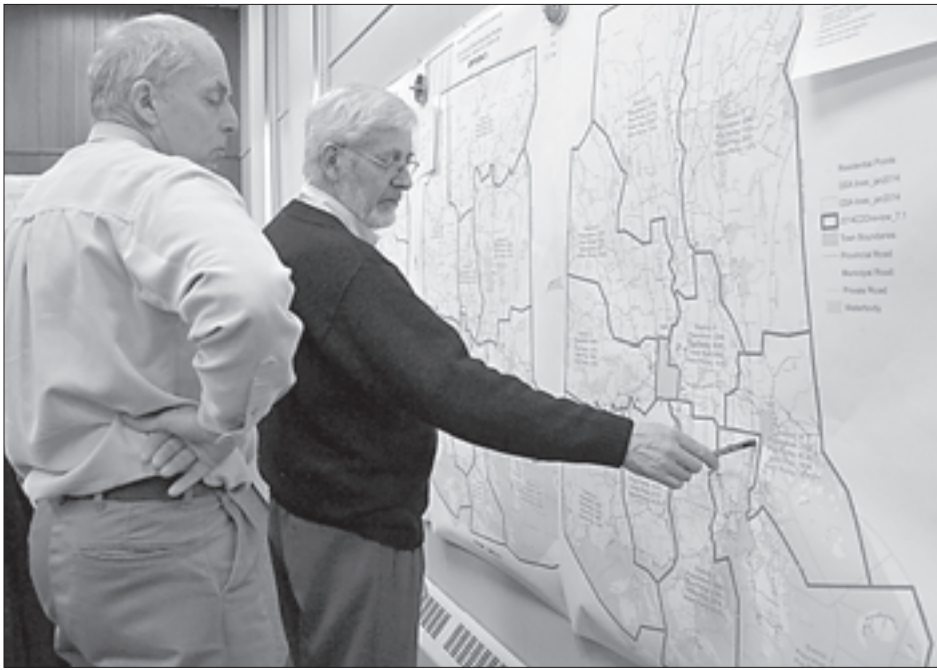
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MODL councillors Michael Ernst and Frank Fawson look at the new boundary review maps during a February 10 workshop on the issue.

Deadline looms as MODL tries to settle new district boundaries

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The Municipality of Lunenburg (MODL) is running out of time to decide on new district boundaries.

"Your timeline shows that you're pretty much bumping on the end of your extension already once you go through all the public consultation," deputy CAO Alex Dumaresq told council at a recent workshop on the issue.

Every municipality in the province has been tasked by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (URB) with redrawing electoral boundaries.

In December of last year, MODL asked for an extension after it couldn't come to a consensus and it was given until the end of June.

In November 2014, municipal staff presented three options to the public, none of which went over well with the roughly 50 residents who attended the meeting.

"The key messages that the municipality heard were don't divide small communities, don't split planning areas," said municipal planner Jeff Merrill at the February 10 workshop.

After hearing feedback, council decided not to make a decision. Now, it's starting the process over, trying to settle on boundary maps that it will show to the public a second time.

At last week's workshop, six new maps were posted around the room. Councillors were given 20 minutes to review them and then rank their top three favourites.

"It's really a compromise. What works best for the entire municipality as a whole?" said Mr. Merrill. "Not everyone is going to be happy."

And few councillors were. "There's a couple of these maps that don't sit well with me, and there are probably maps that aren't going to sit right with anyone here," said Council-

lor Claudette Garland.

Councillor Terry Dorey said one of the three maps chosen was nearly identical to one the public wanted thrown out.

"Don't mislead the people," said Councillor Dorey at the meeting. "If we're not going to listen to the public, don't bother to have public meetings. Just go ahead and do your thing ... and hope that eventually the rocks that are directed in your direction will stop being thrown."

During the first round of public consultation on the boundary review, some residents said the process lacked transparency.

By starting over, new municipal CAO Kevin Malloy hopes to change that.

"I'm really concerned about any form of criticism coming back that we're not completely transparent and open," said Mr. Malloy at the meeting. "If I'm going to make a fault, it's going to be that I'm being more transparent."

But Councillor Martin Bell wondered whether the municipality should just let the URB decide.

"I'd rather the guy in Halifax tell me what the boundaries are. I don't feel that individual councillors should really be involved in the process," he said.

Mr. Dumaresq responded by saying that although the process is difficult, "council has an obligation."

"You've been asked to take that role, as uncomfortable as it is," said Mr. Dumaresq. "We have a process set up for you to minimize the disruption that it's causing. You've been provided an obligation, a moral obligation to go through with this."

The three boundary maps that council voted on, along with a number of other options, will once again be reviewed by the boundary review committee. Council will then present another round of options to the public during two public consultations in the coming months.

Thief gets house arrest as part of conditional sentence

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A local woman will spend six months on house arrest as part of a one-year conditional sentence for breaching court orders and shoplifting.

Damara Mae Peterson, 26, recently pleaded guilty to two counts of theft and two charges of failing to comply with a probation order. Although court documents list her residence in Dayspring, she will serve her house arrest in Buckfield, Queens County.

Her conditional sentence, handed down by Judge Paul Scovil during Bridgewater provincial court on February 12, includes provisions to complete counselling as directed, which may include help for mental health and substance abuse issues. She must also exhibit good behaviour and keep the peace.

During the mid-afternoon of March 1, 2014, Ms Peterson paid for some, but not all, items from a store off Dominion Street in Bridgewater, the court heard. She was arrested by authorities after leaving the store, provincial Crown prosecutor Lloyd Tancock explained. When she was taken into custody, law enforcement discovered she was subject to a probation order.

Security officials at the LaHave Street

shopping centre were tipped off on January 5 by grocery store security personnel that a suspected shoplifter was entering the mall, Mr. Tancock explained to the court. Security spoke to the suspect, identified as Ms Peterson, in the mall near the lotto kiosk. Staff people from various stores were asked by security to be vigilant as Ms Peterson went into different shops in the mall. Ms Peterson was seen taking items without making attempts to pay, Mr. Tancock indicated.

When confronted outside the mall by security, she showed items she stole.

"She was in possession of items from Coles book store, Carlton Cards, Blue notes store and the Dollarama," Mr. Tancock said. "Several items totalling \$131, roughly, in value [and] all of which were recovered and able to be returned to the various stores."

Ms Peterson was still subject to a probation order at the time.

Another provision of her conditional sentence is to remain away from the Bridgewater Pharmasave and the Bridgewater Mall.

Bridgewater lawyer Bob Chipman represented Ms Peterson in court. He indicated his client's emotional issues have led to some of the offences. Mr. Chipman said she is involved in an education program and is taking steps to deal with other issues, including substance abuse.

Man receives two months in custody after flight from police

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A provincial court judge sentenced a Whynotts Settlement man to two months in custody to be served on weekends after he earlier pleaded guilty to a trio of charges, including flight from police.

Joseph Matthew Robar, 21, will have to serve a year of probation following the period of custody and is banned from driving in Canada for two years. Terms of his probation include that he exhibit good behaviour, abstain from alcohol and complete any counselling as required, which may include help for substance abuse.

Mr. Robar was sentenced February 5 in Bridgewater provincial court after admitting, during an earlier court appearance, to charges of flight, operating a motor vehicle while disqualified and failing to comply with the conditions of an undertaking.

Crown prosecutor Lloyd Tancock said that on February 20, 2014, the Bridgewater Police Service was conducting a checkpoint on Dufferin Street when they encountered a red Mazda car around 10:30 p.m.

An officer spoke to the male driver and detected an odour of alcohol from the occupant's breath, Mr. Tancock explained to the court.

The officer asked to see the driver's registration and insurance information. "The officer made a few steps toward the rear of the vehicle to check the licence

plate. At that point the driver pulled his door closed and sped off," Mr. Tancock told the court. "Police officers attempted to pursue the vehicle however due to [the] rate of speed that it left travelling [officers] quickly lost sight of the vehicle."

Police video captured an image of the fleeing vehicle, and an image was posted on social media in hopes the public could identify the car and driver. Mr. Tancock indicated the public came forward with tips leading to Mr. Robar. The accused was subject of a one-year Canada-wide driving ban at the time, as he was convicted in May 2013 for impaired driving, the court heard.

Mr. Robar was on court-ordered conditions to stay away from alcohol when Bridgewater officers found him highly intoxicated off Empire Street, urinating in a driveway on June 7, 2014.

Mr. Robar was represented in court by Bridgewater lawyer Bob Chipman.

Mr. Robar, when asked by Judge Paul Scovil if he had anything to say to the court before the passing of sentence, admitted to having "made a lot of stupid, poor choices in the last couple of years" of his life but suggested he is starting to get a handle on things.

Mr. Chipman suggested his client has some growing up to do and could stand to harness his energy into his work and home life. Mr. Tancock told the court that Mr. Robar needed to be held accountable for the choices that brought him before the courts.

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MODL spruces up office building considers renos or move

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The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) is thinking about the future of its aging home.

The 46-year-old structure on Aberdeen Road in Bridgewater is beginning to show its age and Deputy CAO Alex Dumaresq said as a result, maintenance costs are rising.

Staff are also running out of space.

"We do have some space constraints. [In the basement] people are kind of piled on top of each other," said Mr. Dumaresq after a February 10 council meeting.

Council has deemed the building a top priority for 2015. It placed it third on a draft list of 10 projects MODL wants to focus on this year.

The strategic priorities list was approved in principle by council on February 10. It's now been handed over to the audit and finance committee before coming back for final approval with the capital budget.

Less expensive maintenance work on the municipal building is ongoing, with a new paint job for the council chambers completed in December and repairs to the roof.

"We had a roof leak last winter, so we can't just sit on that," said Mr. Dumaresq. "We had to patch the roof, but we know that the roof membrane is aging and will need replacement."

The building also needs new window sills and the brickwork needs to be stabilized. The longer-term issues include finding more office space and making the building more wheelchair accessible.

MODL creates a top-10 list of priorities each year. It helps senior management decide where to put the money when they're crafting the capital and operating budgets in the spring.

The 2015 budget is expected to come before council for approval in May.

Mr. Dumaresq said he doesn't know how much up-

grades will cost or whether it makes more sense to find a new building all together.

That's what councillors will discuss in workshops in the coming months.

"When we start talking about those larger capital items, where you have a little more discretion, that's where council is leery about making significant investments if the long-term plan doesn't involve staying here," said Mr. Dumaresq.

"Council is interested in looking at what its financial obligations would be to stay here and what options it has if it decides it's not in the financial best interest of the municipality to stay."

The strategic priorities list doesn't include required projects, such as the boundary review, that the municipality must complete.

Marketing and developing Osprey Village is MODL's first priority. Other projects on the list include the much-publicized Sherbrooke Lake issue at number four, staff pensions at number two and the development of an immigration strategy at number 10.

"Council needs to make sure they have the staff to carry out their objectives and that the staff have the resources that they need, and they need to make sure they're doing that in the most cost effective way possible," said Mr. Dumaresq when asked why the MODL building ranked as high on the list as it did.

He added that this has been an issue that's been around for years that hasn't been dealt with.

"Council is leery about making significant investments if the long-term plan doesn't involve staying here."

Alex Dumaresq
Deputy CAO, MODL

Draft top 5 MODL projects for 2015:

1. Osprey Village Master Plan and Marketing
2. Pensions
3. MODL Administrative Building
4. Sherbrooke Lake
5. Open Spaces on Private Drives Decision

Nova Scotia ponders lifting Sunday hunting ban

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The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reviewing the province's Sunday hunting ban, beginning with two months of public consultation.

"We are one of two jurisdictions in the country that doesn't allow Sunday hunting, so we think the time is right to engage Nova Scotians in a conversation about where they want our government to go on this," said Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill.

But Jeff Bishop from the Forest Products Association of Nova Scotia (FPANS) is worried about what it means for the rights and safety of private landowners.

"In initiating Sunday hunting, it puts [private landowners] in a spot of now they're not able to be on their land without that worry on any day of the week," said Mr. Bishop, executive director of FPANS.

The group has been trying to canvass support since November, when they sent a letter of opposition to DNR and every mayor, warden, MLA and MP in the province.

Mr. Bishop said over two thirds of the woodland in the province is privately owned, and while many hunters ask for permission to use private land, just as many don't.

"When it comes to active harvest sites in a forestry operation, we hear of close calls. When the hunters are just over the hill and shooting and quite close to a forestry operation."

However, Minister Churchill said hunting remains one of the safer outdoor activities.

"There has been no major incidents when it comes to hunting in the province of Nova Scotia. It is a safe activity. It's actually safer than some of

the other sports that we kind of take for granted as being safe."

Hunting season runs roughly from the beginning of September to the beginning of December, with small game hunted until February.

Mi'kmaq communities can hunt on any day. Changes to the Sunday hunting ban were floated around in 2011 when then natural resources critic Andrew Younger called for a change to the legislation.

At a February 10 council meeting, the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) agreed to support FPANS and voice their opposition to Sunday hunting.

"They're looking for more accidents to happen if you've got more people in the woods and you've got hunters too," said Councillor Cathy Moore, adding that hunting season falls at the same time as Christmas tree harvesting.

Councillor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson agreed. "It's nice to know that you have one day a week that you can be in the woods and feel safe about being there. So I really would like to see it stay to the six days."

The consultation period on this issue runs from February 13 to April 10 with an online survey. Minister Churchill said the government will collect the information and it will, "play a big part in how we move forward."

"I would hope to have the information in and be in a position to make a decision for the next hunting season, if that's possible," he added.

In the meantime, Mr. Bishop said his group will be following up with local municipalities and will be "making some noise between now and then."

"Our hope is that the some 25,000 to 30,000 private woodlot owners in this province will stand up and tell the Minister, "No," said Mr. Bishop.

Dozens of chimney fires reported over last month

Firefighters in the county have responded to at least 25 chimney fires within the last month.

Cleaning your chimney regularly greatly helps reduce the risk of a chimney fire, so I encourage all homeowners to regularly do so. It could save you from losing your home in a fire.

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Finally, with yet another recent snow storm behind us, it is important to remember to keep your walkways and steps or decks cleared of snow from all exit doors of your home. This way, in the case of an emergency, responders can reach you safely and in a timely manner.

Meanwhile, Lunenburg County firefighters answered 40 calls for service last week, 21 of which were medicals.

On February 9 at 1:31 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a fire alarm sounding on Dufferin Street in Bridgewater.

Later that day, at 10:24 p.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a fire alarm sounding on Dufferin Street.

Then, at 10:31 p.m., Tri District firefighters responded for a vehicle in the ditch in Newcombville.



EVAN DAHL
Dahl Dispatch

On February 10 at 6:18 p.m., Day-spring firefighters responded to a chimney fire in Rhodes Corner.

Shortly after, at 6:35 p.m., New Germany firefighters responded to a strong odour from a furnace in Barss Corner.

On February 11 at 8:07 a.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a fire alarm sounding on Bluenose Drive in Lunenburg.

At 4:35 p.m. that day, Bridgewater firefighters responded to a two vehicle accident on King Street in Bridgewater near Starr Street.

At 6:42 p.m., New Ross firefighters responded to a chimney fire in the Forties.

On February 12 at 1:45 p.m., Mahone Bay firefighters responded to a fire alarm sounding on Kinburn Street in Mahone Bay.

Then, on February 13 at 7:04 p.m., Mahone Bay and Blockhouse firefighters responded to a car with fluids leaking on Highway 103 near Exit 10 after a collision with a deer.

On February 14 at 4:33 a.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a single vehicle accident with entrapment in First Peninsula.

At 7:40 a.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a fire alarm sounding in Fauxburg. It was a false alarm.

At 9:49 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to an explosion in a kitchen with propane at a business on High Street in Bridgewater.

At 10:42 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a fire alarm sounding on Hollingsworth Drive in Bridgewater.

On February 15 at 2:26 p.m., LaHave firefighters responded to a chimney fire in West LaHave.

At 4:19 p.m., Tri District firefighters responded to a chimney fire in Bakers Settlement.

At 6:21 p.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a tree that fell on wires on Lawrence Street in Lunenburg. There was also reported to be an explosion.

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Lunenburg looks to sell land

Implementation report next step in process

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Lunenburg council has taken the first step towards selling a piece of town-owned land located at the corner of Lincoln Street and Blockhouse Hill Road.

The issue was first proposed back in October when council asked staff to review the pros and cons of disposing of the land, the benefits of having restrictive covenants on its development and how many lots could be created if it is subdivided.

In his report to council February 3, deputy town manager Peter Haughn reported that development officer Bill Plaskett had determined the property to be approximately 9,400 square feet.

It is located in the Old Town residential zone where the minimum lot size is 2,400 square feet, "so the lot is well in excess of this minimum requirement."

"The minimum yard requirements are zero, front; four feet, side; and 12 feet, rear, which leaves plenty of flexibility for locating a building," the report said.

Mr. Haughn said he contacted planner Jeff Merrill to do some basic calculations on what building constraints might be associated with the property, taking into consideration the lot's size and the town's setback requirements.

He came back with several possible scenarios that could see the lot developed as one piece or subdivided into two, three or four lots.

The report said that selling the land would generate revenue not only immediately through the sale but also down the road in annual taxes and in water and sewer charges once it is developed.

Putting the property up for sale to the public would also be attractive as there are very few available lots left in Old Town, and new housing would increase the town's population and perhaps attract new businesses and employees to the community.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the report said the land is currently green space and could be maintained as such.

"Although there are a number of small, thin trees on the property which hamper the view, proper thinning could increase the view plane from the Blockhouse Hill trailer park area to the harbour making it more attractive for campers, as well as anyone walking or driving in the area."

Mr. Haughn pointed out that leaving the area undeveloped would make for a less-congested corner intersection, and the locations of driveways would have to be considered by the town engineer.

"We are unsure if there would be a demand for small lots in this area and there is expense in developing the lots which then may not be productive."

Following discussion, council approved a motion by Councillor Peter Mosher that they proceed with the sale of the property in a three-lot configuration.

Mayor Rachel Bailey was the lone dissenting vote.

Staff was then directed to prepare an implementation report as to exactly what steps must be taken to proceed with such a sale.

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Pieces of a puzzle *Women help survivors of infamous Ideal Maternity Home*

Riva Barnett's New Jersey accent masks her Nova Scotian roots.

The 69 year old spent the first four months of her life at the notorious Ideal Maternity Home in East Chester.

She's one of hundreds of "butterbox babies" who were adopted by American couples and grew up south of the border. When Ms Barnett was 30 she started searching for her birth mom armed only with a Halifax phonebook.

She sent a letter to every person with the same name as her mother, about 75 in total.

"When you're adopted, you're a puzzle and you don't have too many pieces of that puzzle. So I was trying to fill in the pieces," said Ms Barnett, on the phone from Union, New Jersey.

Ms Barnett counts herself lucky. She was chosen from the home when many others weren't. Now, she helps run a website that connects adoptees from the infamous home to their birth families.

Ms Barnett works with Faith Slayter, a Dartmouth woman who's known as a fierce advocate for adoptees. Together, this team of two, separated by a border and hundreds of kilometres, is trying to piece together the past for survivors of the Ideal Maternity Home.

Lila and William Young opened the doors of what they advertised as a "mothers' refuge" in the late 1920s.

They operated the home throughout the Second World War, before it was shut down in 1945. With abortions illegal in Nova Scotia, many young women found themselves at the couple's doorstep, pregnant and out of options.

The women were given a place to hide until the baby was due and were often put to work in the laundry or kitchen to pay for their stay.

The Youngs ran a booming business in Chester, connecting babies with families who were desperate to adopt.

"But if the baby was handicapped in any way and unmarketable, then it would be a financial drain on the home," said Ms Barnett. "So they then needed to do away with the child, and that's when it became quite gruesome."

The chilling details are now well known to most Nova Scotians. Babies were sold to couples who

were willing to pay as much as \$10,000, a small fortune at the time.

Those who were "unmarketable," either because of their health or skin colour, were left to die and buried in small wooden boxes from the creamery.

On July 7, 1940, Violet Eisenhower gave birth to Faith Lu Tanya at the home. The healthy baby girl was eight pounds, six ounces, but two weeks after giving birth Ms Eisenhower was told her baby had died.

She always believed her child was still alive, and decades later, she, along with Faith Slayter and others, went back to the Chester cemetery to find out for sure.

"Where I worked all the girls were asking for time off to go Christmas shopping. I asked for time off to exhume a grave," said Ms Slayter with a sharp laugh.

Ms Slayter, a long-time member of the advocacy group ParentFinders, has spent over 20 years connecting adoptees with their birth families.

She stood beside Ms Eisenhower as a butterbox coffin was lifted from the ground. She's tracked people down in grocery checkout lines and spent hours on the phone or wading through old newspapers searching for clues.

She's also spent years lobbying the Nova Scotia government to make adoption records open and accessible.

"It's left up to the adult butterbox baby or adoptee to sort out all the mess that was created by the birth parents and the government by calling it a dirty little secret," said Ms Slayter.

She has a full-time job but is working on six cases in her spare time. Three of those are adoptees from the Ideal Maternity Home.

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Faith Slayter from Dartmouth has spent the last 22 years fighting for better access to adoption information in Nova Scotia.

She asks them to chip in occasionally for long-distance calls, but she doesn't charge a fee.

Ms Slayter gets regular phone calls from Ms Barnett, who runs the survivor website, with names of people who are searching and need help.

The Ideal Maternity Home Survivors website was started by author and survivor Bob Hartlen years ago, and Ms Barnett took over when he died.

The site lists the names of hundreds of people born in the home, including those who have reunited with their families. Ms Barnett estimates they've had 10 reunions in the last year.

"[Ms Barnett] is trying to sort [information] and find people and see if they're still living. I mean, that's a big job to take on," said Ms Slayter.

Almost two decades ago, Ms Slayter found out she had an older brother who had been adopted by an American family.

"Everybody has a gift in life, and this is my gift, and I think I was supposed to find out about my brother so that I could help other people," she said.

Now, she'll do just about anything to find someone.

"I never give up. Never. Never. Never," said Ms Slayter, seated in a busy coffee shop in downtown Halifax one evening.

She had an open notebook in front of her and a pen in her hand.

Ms Eisenhower died in 2002 at the age of 80. With only a button and a few bone fragments left in the makeshift coffin, there wasn't enough DNA to determine if the baby was her daughter.

"She died not knowing where her daughter is, and her daughter is still out there somewhere," said Ms Slayter. "She was sold to a couple who came in the night and took her away."

For many of the survivors of the home, who are now in their 60s, time is running out.

Sandy Schwartz was born in East Chester, grew up in New Jersey and now lives in Florida. After learning about his adoption, he spent years trying to find information on his own before he connected with Ms Barnett and Ms Slayter.

He knew his birth name, John Andrew Howe, and had been searching for a woman with the same last name. Only, his birth mother had since married, changed her name and had 12 kids.

With the help of Ms Slayter, in August of last year he found the woman he thinks is his birth mom.

But she'd died just months before.

"That really hit home like a lead balloon," said Mr. Schwartz. "All of a sudden, realizing that I'd come that close. Like had I found out five years ago, 10 years ago, perhaps I would have been able to contact her."

When Mr. Schwartz's adopted parents died, his birth certificate and naturalization papers, which he'd seen as a kid, were lost. He said he doesn't have proof that he was born in East Chester and that his name was John Howe.

Without it, he said the family that might be his is reluctant to welcome him with open arms.

"Now that [my birth mother] passed away, I'm like a black mark on her memory to them and not just a black mark but a maybe black mark. In other words, they don't want to believe it to begin with," he said.

Mr. Schwartz spent years dealing with the anger and bitterness of finding out his "life was just basically a lie." He wants answers about his family's history that he can pass on to his kids and grandkids.

"It's lonely being on a family tree having a branch all to yourself," said Mr. Schwartz.

But he's thankful for the help he's received from Ms Slayter, whom he calls "an angel."

"Just knowing that there's somebody out there that cares," he said. "Even [if] they haven't found anything, at least they care about who I am."

After mailing 75 letters, Ms Barnett finally got a response back from her birth mom. She travelled from New Jersey to Philadelphia, where her mom was living, to meet her for the first time.

"It was not a warm, fuzzy experience," she said. "She really, basically, was disinterested in me and my family. ... You'd think that she might be happy. But that wasn't the case, because the guilt was embedded in her and she couldn't deal with it."

Ms Barnett didn't find a relationship with her birth mother, but she did find answers.

She also stumbled upon a group of people who had spent years searching, just like her.

In 1997, Ms Barnett was one of dozens of people who congregated in East Chester for a butterbox babies reunion. It was her first time in Nova Scotia.

"I felt like I was home," she said. "It was a very powerful feeling, and I have that same powerful feeling when I get together with the other members of our group."

Ms Barnett turns 70 this year and is planning a joint 70th birthday with a group of women who were also adopted from the Ideal Maternity Home and who now live in New Jersey.

"They're sisters as far as I'm concerned," she said. "We share a bond that's difficult to understand, I guess. We've all walked the same path, essentially, and we understand."

"It's lonely being on a family tree having a branch all to yourself."

Sandy Schwartz
Ideal Maternity Home Survivor



The Ideal Maternity Home in East Chester was open from the 1920s - 1940s.

Staff sit with babies on the lawn in front of the home. About 300 "survivors" were adopted from the home, with the majority growing up in New York and New Jersey.

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LIFESTYLES

Hillside Pines embraces spontaneity

New philosophy focuses on residents

By **PAULA LEVY**
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Hillside Pines Home for Special Care in Bridgewater has de-institutionalized its care model and adopted the Eden Alternative. The Eden Alternative is a care model that strives to reduce loneliness, helplessness and boredom in homes for the aged while focusing on the wishes of its residents.

Administrator Marisa Eisner said for its efforts the facility has earned membership in the Eden Alternative Registry. The registry honours those organizations committed to transforming traditional approaches of care into a person-directed alternative.

"Eden is a philosophy for the way we provide care," said Ms Eisner. "Everything we do here, every decision at every level, we need to have the elder at the centre."

To put that philosophy into practice, elders are involved in any decisions that affect them, including being a part of interviewing new staff.

Ms Eisner said this move to the Eden philosophy was part of the Hillside Pines' strategic planning process in which elders, their families, staff and community members were consulted.

"Really what we identified was elder-centred care. This Eden philosophy ... we've done it for a long time. But this gives us a focus and a purpose of really paying attention to what we're doing so it becomes ingrained in our vision, mission and values and it's become ingrained in what we do every day. It allows us to get away from a medical model," she said.

Resident Jennifer Gunn is the elder council president, and for the first time since entering long-term care she feels at home.

"Since I've come here ... I feel so involved," said Ms Gunn, noting she feels empowered in every aspect of her life. "It's not one person making the ideas and passing them along ... we talk about it."

Ms Eisner said Hillside is now guided by the 10 principles of Eden, which focus attention on creating a home for residents to live in and fosters healthy relationships among residents and their caregivers.

One of the principles of having an elder-centered community is allowing more spontaneity. Dietitian Pascale Love said the adoption of the Eden philosophy means there is now less structure and more freedom around daily decision-making.

"Not everyone is getting up at the same time or going to bed at the same time. It's based on what the elders want so it's different for everyone. We've always striven for that, but our processes have gotten in the way. But we are really striving to be more flexible," said Ms Love.

She cited breakfast as an example. Residents are no longer expected to get up and have breakfast at a specific time. Instead, they get up and have breakfast when they want. And, they leave the dining room when they choose.

"It's more relaxed, like being at home where you can change your mind and take your time," said Ms Love. She said they're working towards getting more choices around lunch and dinner.

"For us it's about getting better. And, getting better is having more choices and being more fluid during the timelines,"



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Hillside Pines Home for Special Care held a celebration on February 4 to mark its membership in the Eden Alternative Registry. Pictured here in front of their new plaque are, from left, Angela Davidson, Jenny Gunn and Michelle Greek. The Eden Alternative focuses care on person-directed care.

said Ms Love.

Along with flexibility around meal-times, Ms Love said, there is also more spontaneity in general. Residents can decide to do any activity they like, and staff will try to make it happen.

"If a group woke up in the morning and wanted to play cards, we would figure it out. They can play at 9:30 in the morning if they want to. They don't have to wait until it's been scheduled."

In addition, all staff are encouraged to interact more with residents. As an example, she said there is one dietary staff member who will take the time to paint the fingernails of elders, and under the Eden philosophy, that sort of interaction is encouraged.

"Previously she would have worried about the time away from the process of

providing meals," said Ms Love.

Ms Eisner noted that the residents are happier and the staff are more content because they're encouraged to take the time to develop relationships with residents.

"They have permission to spend time with residents. If a staff [member] wants to sit on Jennifer's bed and read her the newspaper, that's not seen as a waste of time. That's seen as very valuable, and it's supported," said Ms Eisner. "It's more important than doing the dishes. They still have to be done eventually, but it can be done later."

Ms Eisner said Hillside Pines becoming a member of the Eden Alternative Registry doesn't mean their work is finished. She said it will be a never-ending journey of improving care.



People and their pets

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Janelle (Knickle) Price of Upper LaHave has had Pickle Knickle since he was 12 weeks old. He's a good-natured feline that prefers to play with pieces of paper rather than toy mice.

Owner: Janelle (Knickle) Price of Upper LaHave

Pet: Pickle Knickle, 6 years old, domestic short-haired

His story: This feline was adopted from SHAID Tree Animal Shelter when he was 12 weeks old. He's grown into a whopping 17-pound kitty. But don't let his size fool you. He's a cuddly and playful cat who likes to spend his nights sleeping on Ms Price's pillow. Although he's relatively quiet, he can be demanding from time to time. When he wants attention but is not getting his way, he has been known to resort to knocking over lamps.

Seniors' Safety Program gets provincial funding

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The province has announced \$20,000 in funding for the South Shore Safe Communities Initiative Association to help deliver the Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Program for 2015.

Minister of Seniors Leo Glavine made the announcement February 9.

The grant is part of a \$278,000 initiative being distributed to 14 community groups in the province.

Lunenburg MLA Suzanne Lohnes-Croft said the grant "will allow the association to further its important work of helping keep our loved ones safe."

"I have heard from many seniors who have directly benefited from this program," she said. "It offers them tools to help stay in their homes and communities. This is great news for seniors and their families."

Senior safety grants help provide information or services to seniors in their homes or through group presentations and workshops, such as one-on-one visits from safety program coordinators, seminars, professionals and experts, and materials.

South Shore Safe Communities Chairman Paul Fynes said the Seniors' Safety Program was originally operated by the Bridgewater Police Services but was expanded in 2014, based on need, to include

the entire county.

He said that would not have happened without the continued support of the provincial Department of Seniors, the United Way of Lunenburg County, the Community Health Board and the five municipal units in the county which all contributed financially to the initiative.

"The contributions from the funders has allowed us to hire an additional person bringing us up to the equivalent of one full-time person," Mr. Fynes explained. "For me, the real story here is all the municipalities and the community see the value and are working together."

He said, in addition to the financial contribution from the municipalities, they also joined in forming a seniors' safety advisory partnership which includes one councillor from each unit, the Bridgewater Police Services, RCMP, South Shore Safe Communities and the senior safety coordinator.

"The contribution from the United Way really got the ball rolling and enabled all this to happen," he added.

Mr. Fynes said we are all getting older and many of us will greet the challenges of aging with success.

"[However] many of us will find such tasks as driving more difficult, some of us will get dementia and many of us will be targets from scam artists," he said. "Decisions we make today will become complex problems tomorrow. The Seniors' Safety Program provides some help."

LIFESTYLES

Music program for kids at risk provides safe, creative space

By **EMMA SMITH**

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Before the music lesson begins, kids noodle away on instruments almost as big as they are.

One girl pulls a white bass guitar out of its case and a nine-year-old boy begins plucking the top string of a guitar.

"I can play Smoke on the Water on one chord," he says. "I've learned how to play the D, the A and the G so far."

Every Monday afternoon, 15 kids from the Chester area gather at St. Stephen's Anglican Church for Musical Friends.

It's a program that teaches the eight and nine year olds how to sing and play guitar, bass or piano. For those who come from volatile homes or are bullied at school, it's a chance to escape.

"If you've got issues at home then isn't it nice to be in a place where they say, 'good job?' It's a safe environment," said Dawn Harwood-Jones, a long-time choir director who started the program last year.

Each week, the kids are picked up on foot from their school, they're fed, and then the music begins.

The younger kids, who meet first, learn to sing and dance while the older kids learn instruments.

"The biggest thing about it is that it has to be free and we have to be able to give

rides home to kids who need rides home," said Ms Harwood-Jones, adding that many low-income families live outside the village.

"If you're poor and living outside of the village, your child has to get on a bus, which means they have no extra-curricular activities," she said.

On February 9, the large room where the kids met reverberated with high pitched squeals and the confident strum of many tiny hands. Seven kids sat in a row facing music director David Findlay as he showed them how to play a G chord.

"I want to play lots of instruments, so when I have kids, I'll teach them how to play an instrument," said one boy before the practice began.

The building where the kids meet was built a few years ago by St. Stephen's church. Reverend Gordon Druggett said the program is a perfect fit.

"Part of the vision ... of this new building was that it be used by the community," said Mr. Druggett. "To have it used in this way goes right along with that intention and philosophy."

The program costs about \$16,000 annually to run. This year, Musical



EMMA SMITH PHOTO

Program director Dawn Harwood-Jones helps a piano student during the February 9 lesson.

Friends received a \$10,000 grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada, with a three-year commitment to provide smaller sums each year.

Earlier this month, Ms Harwood-Jones spoke at a Municipality of Chester council meeting and received \$2,500 more.

All of the instruments are lent to the program and some are donated so kids can take them home to practice.

Ms Harwood-Jones, who is originally from Montreal, has lived in Chester for over 30 years. She's spent much of that time working with youth in the arts, and said programs such as this one are about providing kids with "gateway music."

"It's not about creating a bunch of professional musicians. That's not what this program is about at all," she said. "Our aim is to create a love of it and those who want to get more serious will go on."

It's also an outlet for energy and creativity.

"You teach the kids self-expression and they don't resort to fists anymore," said Ms Harwood-Jones.

Musical Friends is planning a fundraising event this spring where the kids will perform songs they've learned or wrote themselves.



Although Ashton Rodenhiser initiated Art Happening in Bridgewater, she's not a professionally trained artist. She considers herself an art dabbler.



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STORY TIME

Four-year-old Callie Lohnes, left, sits next to teacher Shelly George and classmates Tyson Cook and Kasey Howe during story time at Small World Learning Centre in Bridgewater.

10 Things

Ten things you didn't know about ...

Ashton Rodenhiser of Upper Northfield, founder of the Bridgewater Afterglow Festival.

1. Knows sign language.
2. Married her high school sweetheart Troy.
3. Has a diploma in early childhood education.
4. Is a trained graphic facilitator and has started her own business in facilitation and event planning.
5. Although she initiated Art Happening Bridgewater, she isn't a professionally trained artist. Rather, she considers herself an art dabbler. In the past she has painted, felted, knitted and made jewelery.
6. Her husband is a horticulturist and without realizing the connection, she named her daughter Fern.
7. Has been to Kenya twice. The first time, in 2009, she worked in a school for a month. She returned in 2011 with 700 books and helped the teachers set up a library.
8. Grows her own vegetables.
9. Plays guitar, bass, mandolin and autoharp and sings. Currently jams with The Basil Joudrey Road Band.
10. Raises chicken and laying hens.

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Helping children unplug

Outdoor adventures are part of the scouting movement

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For more than 100 years, Scouts Canada has brought a world of adventure, out-

door experience and friendship to Lunenburg County's children and youth.

The international organization began in 1907 in England. The next year, the first Scout troop in Canada was formed in Cape Breton. The Scouting movement

found its way to Bridgewater in 1914. The first group to receive a charter was the Bridgewater group in 1918, followed by Chester and New Germany in 1921. Since then, there have been over 25 Scout groups chartered in Lunenburg County.

Scout registrar Jim McCorry has been involved for 40 years as a leader but his first experience with Scouts began when he was seven years old as a Cub.

"At that time it was the thing to do. Everybody joined Cubs," said Mr. McCorry. "It was fun. Camping ... doing crafts, earning badges for collections ... the camaraderie, the fun you had at meetings with kids and youth your own age."

As he grew older, he went from one group to the next and continued his adventures.

Scouts Canada offers five programs: Beaver Scouts, for five to seven years olds, Cub Scouts for eight to 10 year olds, Scouts for 11 to 14 year olds, Venturer Scouts for 14 to 17 year olds, and Rover Scouts for 18 to 26 year olds. Mr. McCorry said that for the first time in its history there is a Rover Scouts group in this area.

"Scouts taught me citizenship. They teach you working together. They teach you honesty and they teach you a lot about outdoors and nature," said Mr. McCorry. "There's a lot of good role models in Scouts."

Most of Sterling Rae's experience with Scouts is as an adult. He signed up when his son became involved as a Beaver. He has since moved on to adulthood, but Mr. Rae continues his commitment to the group. One of the most exciting events for Mr. Rae's group is to build and spend the night in a quinzhee. A quinzhee is a shelter made by hollowing out a pile of settled snow.

"One little boy was timid about doing it. He didn't even want to come to the camp. ... He chose to sleep outside. It was about 10 degrees inside the quinzhee, which is very comfortable in a sleeping bag. He was cozy and warm and would do it again," said Mr. Sterling. Although not all members of the troop wanted to spend the night in the snow shelter, Mr. Rae said this year two members took on the challenge, and the remaining members slept

in a camp.

Although its numbers have declined over past few years, in 1992 there were nearly 900 youth registered in the Lunenburg district. Today there are 145 children and youth involved in Scouts in either the 1st Caledonia Group, 1st Chester Basin Group, 1st New Germany Group, 2nd Maitland Group or the 3rd Bridgewater Group.

"It's always been growing until the last 15 years," said Mr. McCorry. "It plateaued, and the numbers started to go down. But they're starting to come back now."

Mr. Rae and Mr. McCorry agree that electronics are partly to blame for the decrease in interest in Scouts. But there are also other organizations competing for children's time.

"Kids have to choose between sports and Scouts," said Mr. Rae. "They have tournaments on the weekends that take them out of the camping part of it." However, he did note there have been scouts that have managed to be a part of both.

Mr. McCorry added that many people believe that scouting has no relevance in today's society. But he disagrees.

"[Scouts] teaches you all the skills that you can learn from any other program," said Mr. McCorry. "It teaches you people skills, self-esteem; it teaches you respect for nature, the environment and other people. It's a great teacher for respect of cultural awareness. ... And, it makes you a more rounded individual."

He noted that there are few organizations that takes their members outside on a bright starry night to learn the constellations or that can provide First-aid assistance when needed.

One of the most fun annual events is the car rally which happened last weekend. Mr. McCorry said the children make their own cars and race against their peers.

"That's just another example of how they learn skills," said Mr. McCorry.

Scouts have fun adventures discovering new things and experiences they wouldn't discover elsewhere. Along the way, they develop into capable, confident and well-rounded individuals, better prepared for success in the world.

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Eagle watch results

Jim Wolford posted the preliminary results of the Sheffield Mills and Area Eagle Watch, collected from 16 parties in the field, totalling 30 people. Count time was over designated areas and lasted for one hour, between 10 to 11 a.m. The bald eagle tally consisted of 575 birds, but there might have been an overlap of around 20, which would set the number counted at 555. Sixty-two per cent were adults and 38 per cent were immature. Other raptors seen included 68 red-tailed hawks, two rough-legged hawks, two sharp-shinned hawks, one merlin, one barred owl and one snowy owl. Other birds included one American robin, 150 Bohemian waxwings, 20 horned larks and 80 snow buntings.

Ruth Searle reported a large flock, of 60 plus Bohemian waxwings in the trees beside the Quinlan condos in Mahone Bay. On February 8, there was a group of 150 Bohemian waxwings in Lunenburg and also 150 American robins. On that day I also saw a peregrine falcon come in over the Lunenburg Harbour and put fear into all of the birds nearby. An exciting bird for Ruth Estey of Garden Lots was a northern goshawk, which perched atop a spruce in her yard. In Upper Kingsburg a sharp-shinned hawk was reported by Lucas Doran. Another sharp-shinned hawk was patrolling at the feeders of Cathy Ramey in Lunenburg and was seen by many birders searching for the brown thrasher. Some were successful in sighting the thrasher and others not. I can be included with the not side despite multiple attempts.

Other good birds were observed at the same location, such as a female red-bellied woodpecker and a fox sparrow. I was birdwatching along Kissing Bridge Road in Lunenburg when a barred owl startled me. It almost hit me in the head and must have thought that I was something good to eat, although there were hundreds of other birds in the area at the time. It could have been after my hat also. I recently read about a barred owl stealing hats off the heads of joggers.

Mary Nickerson of Middlefield phoned to let me know that her woodpeckers had returned after a long absence. She told me about a song sparrow that kept trying to get food at a homemade suet feeder, but a hairy woodpecker was pecking at the sparrow and chasing it away. At Lower LaHave, Sylvia Mossman counted 35 snow buntings. David Walmark of Kingsburg recorded 51 perched on his house roof. Donna and Richard Smith were thrilled to have a flock of 25 show up at their bird feeder in Scarsdale, the first snow buntings they

have seen there in about 30 years.

Finches galore have shown up at multiple locations. I had 28 pine siskins arrive in LaHave. Reports of this species came to me from multiple locations. Joyce Allen of Mahone Bay had some common redpolls and also American tree sparrows arrived for the first time. Redpoll reports have been plentiful. On February 8, I found American tree sparrows at many locations. I counted at least 40 in Lunenburg. Lucas Doran of Upper Kingsburg saw 12 American goldfinches and from my travels there seems to be more of this species around now.



JAMES HIRTLE
Bird Notes

Frances Anderson of Grimm Settlement was pleased to have a northern flicker. Ms Anderson also saw a brown creeper and still has some red-winged blackbirds about. On January 24, Joyce Allen was busy photographing a belted kingfisher at Corkum's Island when she saw a deceased dove on the road. Shortly after that Joyce saw an American crow carrying the dead bird off. At her place in Mahone Bay, Mrs. Allen still has northern cardinals

on a daily basis. Bernie Rogers counted 68 Canada geese heading south over Oakland. Deborah Rogers was lucky enough to get a photograph of a great horned owl having a feast in the marsh by her house. Ms Rogers reports that the dark-eyed juncos and finches are really enjoying the millet that she is putting out for them.

Other notable sightings for the province included over 1,000 Bohemian waxwings at Lower Sackville, brown-headed cowbirds, fox sparrows, a rusty blackbird, at least three Cooper's hawks, a pine warbler, and a Wilson's snipe. The Eurasian kestrel is still tending around Hartlen's Point and the fieldfare is still present at Apple River.

I will be leading a field trip for the Nova Scotia Bird Society on February 21. All who wish to attend are welcome, even if you are not a member of the Bird Society. Pre-registration is necessary; so please contact me. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the community centre parking lot in Lunenburg. Drive past the Save-Easy and Tim Horton's then turn in just before the bowling alley to find the Community Centre, skating rink and skateboard park. We'll bird around Lunenburg itself and then go out to Blue Rocks and then along to Corkum's Island and out as far as Bayport. Bring binoculars, a field guide if you have one, warm footwear and snacks. This trip will last approximately four hours. Storm date is February 22.

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All the King's daughters

For a new settlement to survive and thrive, it needs a growing population. In other words, the birth rate must be higher than the death rate. Growing a settlement is difficult when there are only 3,215 individuals involved. It is near impossible when this number includes 719 eligible bachelors and only 45 unmarried women.

The first census in New France revealed 528 families lived there during the winter of 1665-66. There were 2,034 males and 1,181 females. The census was taken by Intendant of Justice, Police and Finance, Jean Talon, who was appointed by Louis XIV, King of France. His mission was to increase the colony's self-sufficiency and organise its financial administration. An important component to succeed in this was to see the colony's population drastically increase.

His final census indicated he was successful. During his appointments (1665 to 1668 and 1670 to 1672), the population grew to 7,600 inhabitants in spite of the incidents of scurvy, smallpox and other diseases in the settlements.

Talon's success was due to several factors. He imposed penalties on bachelors, which included limiting their hunting and fishing privileges with the hope of encouraging them to settle down and start a family. Talon also persuaded young men to marry aboriginal women. Large families were encouraged, and families of 12 members or more were rewarded with four hundred livres.

One key component in Talon's plan was the importing of single, young women from France. He solicited the king, asking for eligible spinsters who were willing to settle in the New World. Louis XIV delivered.

Between 1665 and 1673, more than 900 'filles du roi' (translated to 'daughters of the king') arrived in Quebec. The king of France paid for their

passage to North America; their only purpose was to marry and have children. When the event took place, the king provided the young woman with a dowry that included, amongst other things, a chest, knives, thread, shoes, chickens and pigs.

Talon's actions had positive results for New France. In a letter to King Louis in 1673, he wrote, in looking at the results of the 1671 Census, that 700 children were born during the year, according to registered baptisms.

The Filles du Roi website (<http://www.fillesduroi.org>) contains a list 737 women sponsored by the king to settle in the colony. The database includes the woman's given name, maiden name, the name of the groom, date of marriage and information on additional marriages. The site also includes a list of Carignan-Salières Regiment officers and soldiers who married the imported women.

Author and Genealogist Dick Eastman wrote a post entitled Les Filles du Roi (<http://blog.eogn.com/2015/01/31/les-filles-du-roi>) in which he shares some of the information he discovered on these young women. He provided a list of websites — both English and French — to help readers find additional material. The comment section includes interesting information and a few links.

Eastman concluded stating the women usually found husbands within a few weeks, and some married within days of arriving. He wrote that since many of them produced large families, hundreds of thousands — if not millions — of people in North America today can find one or more of these young women in their family tree.

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Clue: Deduce E

RO P QVWDRSGDW BVXDK
 RGCV P BRCT PGM RK PYY QT
 URXKDYO, XRSUC UD QD BPPYDM
 CUD YVGD KCWPGSDW?

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MISLTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Tremble from fear | H | Wood fragment | L |
| 2. Become accustomed | A | Take as one's own | O |
| 3. Speak unclearly | U | Be of importance | A |
| 4. Bottle-dwelling sprite | I | Category | R |
| 5. Valiant | B | Lung fur | C |
| 6. Immigrant's NY island | I | Mr. Presley | V |
| 7. Metal alloy | W | Harass and tease | S |
| 8. Live-in babysitter | N | Mrs. Reagan | C |
| 9. Pursue | H | Desist | E |
| 10. Sweepstakes | R | Patterned halter neck | W |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	5			2	7			6
		2			5	3		

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

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Crossword puzzle by Walter Feener

ACROSS

1. Make mournful sounds
5. Part of p.m.
9. Not us
13. Farm measure
14. Organic fertilizer
15. Infrequent
16. Firing of a gun
17. Become a member of
18. Pond plant
19. Hanging ornament, such as a locket
21. Fifth Greek letter
23. No longer burning
24. Highest part of the head
25. Extravagantly emotional
28. Marijuana cigarette
32. Cut open
33. Bread baked in one piece
35. Theatrical piece
36. Grown-up
37. Saw-toothed
39. Youngster
40. Pleasant smell
42. Musical beat
43. Find insufferable
44. Narrate again
46. Having a degree of elasticity
48. Abundant in foliage
50. Watch pocket
51. Variant of rummy
54. Kings, queens, princes, and princesses
58. So be it
59. Register as a student
61. Italian greeting
62. Air pollution
63. Burn with steam
64. Beneficiary
65. Sharpen on a whetstone
66. Write with a keyboard
67. Doing nothing

5. Kick a football
6. Cereal plant
7. Mocking smile
8. Lethargy
9. Gym shoe
10. Passageway between rooms
11. Consequently
12. Have as its thought
14. Non-Jewish person
20. Black-and-white seabird
22. Stockholm native
24. Organization that helps poor people
25. Watered fabric
26. Jargon
27. Arrange in order
29. Deadly
30. Overdo it on stage

31. Calculate the value of
32. Ski lift
34. Great reputation
37. Gross revenue
38. Like a 1000 percent profit
41. Mixture
43. Portable barbecue
45. Most modern
47. Kind of sauce
49. Sudden liking
51. Ready money
52. Bullets
53. Inert gas
54. Part in a play
55. German art song
56. Comet part
57. Days of long ago
60. Talk to a beat

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DOWN

1. A yellow jacket is one
2. Want badly
3. Appliance used to press clothes
4. Disappointment

CryptoQuote

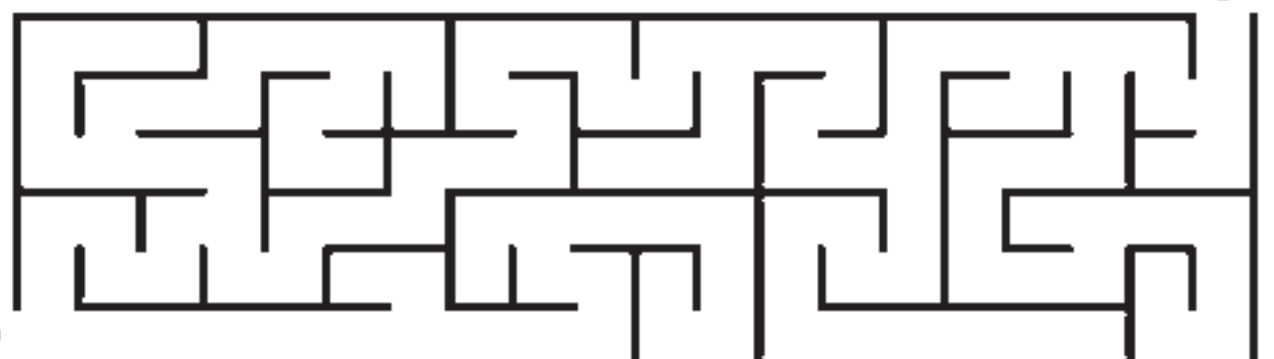
AXYDLBAAXR
 is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three letters X for the two O's and is right letters apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are a hint. Each week the code letters are different.

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 ABZ ASTW ST KBHG JMP
 ABZSHWRPJW. G.O. BZ B
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Kids' Maze

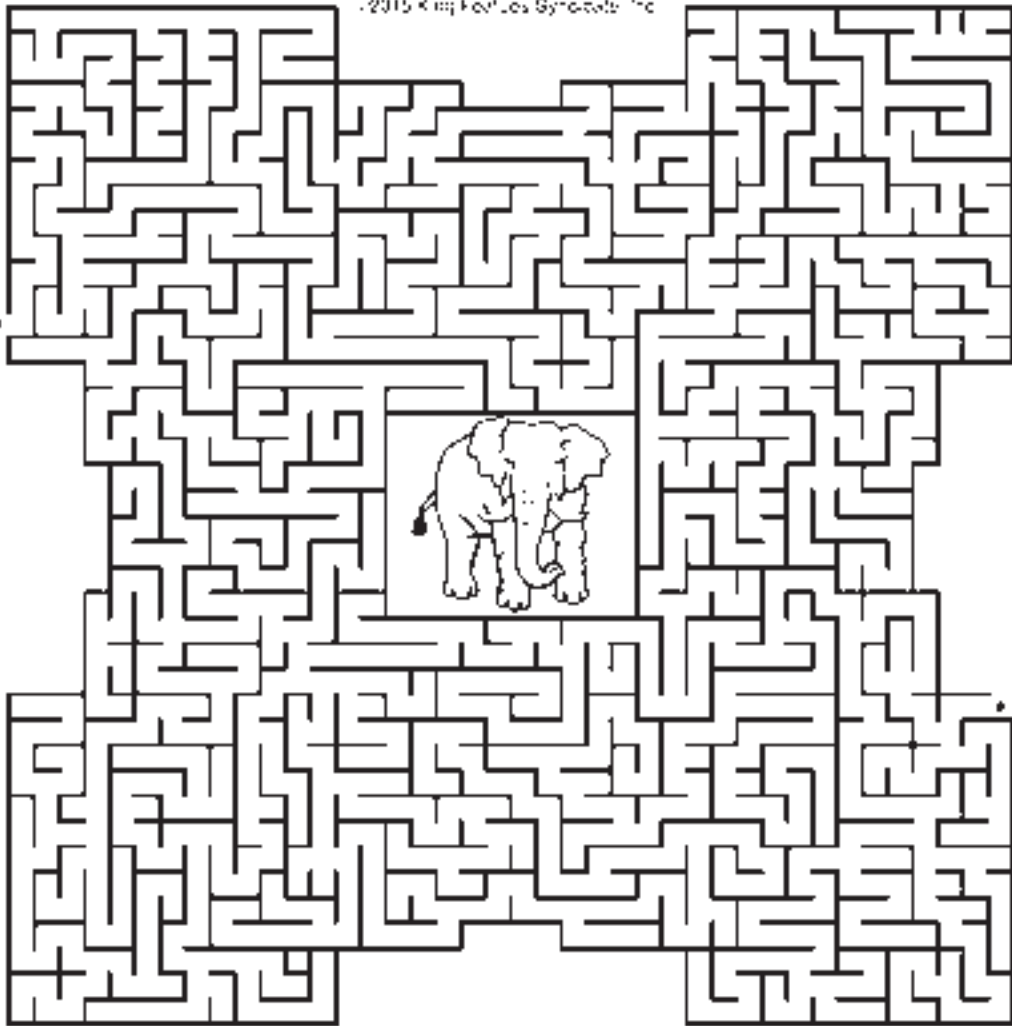


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by Helene Hovanec

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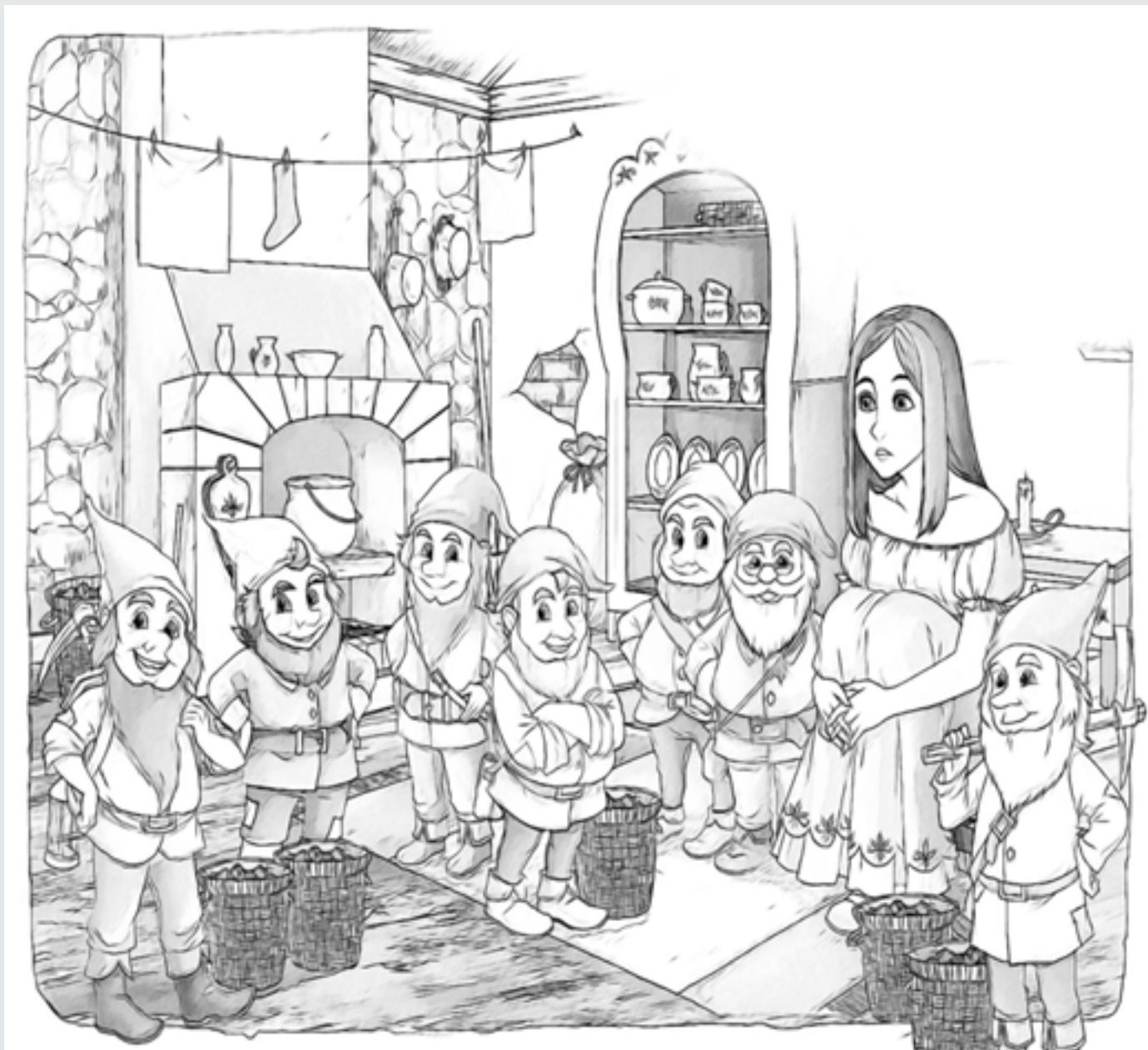
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BSPVOE.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY DOLNHOFF



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 C A I S Y W F I S S O E P E N
 I J H K I E N E I C R G R P
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| Fluffy | China | London | Tea |
| Cucumber | Christmas | Hansen | Latin |
| Charm | Coffee | Ground | Water |
| Cherry | Quadruple | Japanese | |

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MOVIES

WEDNESDAY 02/18

Evening

8:00 SHOW "Deadly Hope" (Crime Story,2012) Alana De La Garza, Sandrine Holt. A woman's colleague is murdered and she discovers that she was the intended victim. (14+)

THURSDAY 02/19

Evening

8:00 SHOW "My Boyfriends' Dogs" (Drama,2014) Erika Christensen, Teryl Rothery. Woman wound up single and now proud owner of her boyfriends' dogs. (14+)

FRIDAY 02/20

Evening

8:00 SHOW "Fire Quake" (Action,2014) Nigel Barber, Zoë Barker. The introduction of a new energy source goes awry when it starts destroying planet earth. (14+)

The government asks the Mutants to help stop a dictator intent on starting World War III. (PG) APTN "The Insatiable Moon" (Drama,2010) Rawiri Paratene, Sara Wiseman. Arthur, a self-proclaimed second son of God, sets out to save the world he loves.

SATURDAY 02/21

Evening

4:00 ASN "It's Complicated" (Romance,2009) Meryl Streep, Steve Martin. A divorced couple rediscovers the spark they once had while at their son's graduation. (18+)

dancing lessons and discovers a passion for dance. (14+) TBS "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" (Comedy,2009) Kevin James, Keir O'Donnell. A mall cop, trying to become a police officer, helps protect his mall against criminals. (14+)

BRAVO "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World" (Romance,2012) Steve Carell, Keira Knightley. A man sets out to find his high school sweetheart only to be joined by his neighbour. (14+)

the military suspects them of committing a crime. (14+) CBC "Cats and Dogs" (Comedy,2001) Voices of Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins. A cat bent on world domination escalates the ongoing war between felines and canines. (PG)

troubled teens. (14+) SPACE "Immortals" (Action,2011) Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke. A mortal, chosen by Zeus, is sent to stop King Hyperion's quest to find a weapon. (18+)

MONDAY 02/23

Evening

8:00 SHOW "Infected" (Sci-Fi,2008) Glenda Braganza, Domy Falsetti. An unlikely accomplice helps news reporters in their efforts to prevent an alien invasion.

TUESDAY 02/24

Evening

8:00 SHOW "Web of Desire" (Drama,2008) Dina Meyer, Adrian Hough. An ambitious doctor succumbs to the desires of an online confidant, risking her career. (14+)

MONDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 23. Table with columns for time slots (6:30-11:30) and program titles like National, ET, Big Bang, Murdoch Mysteries, etc.

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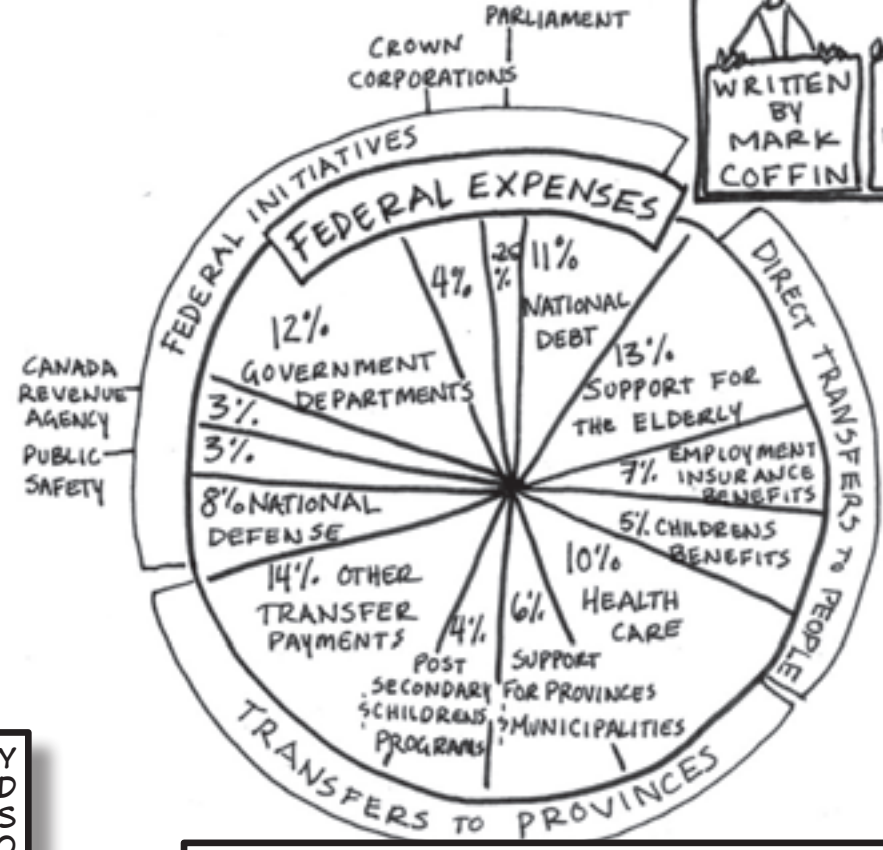
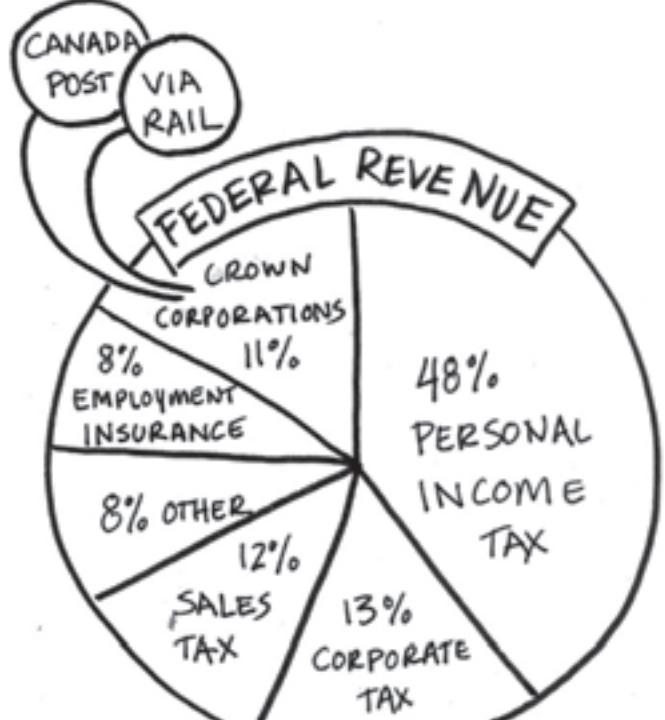
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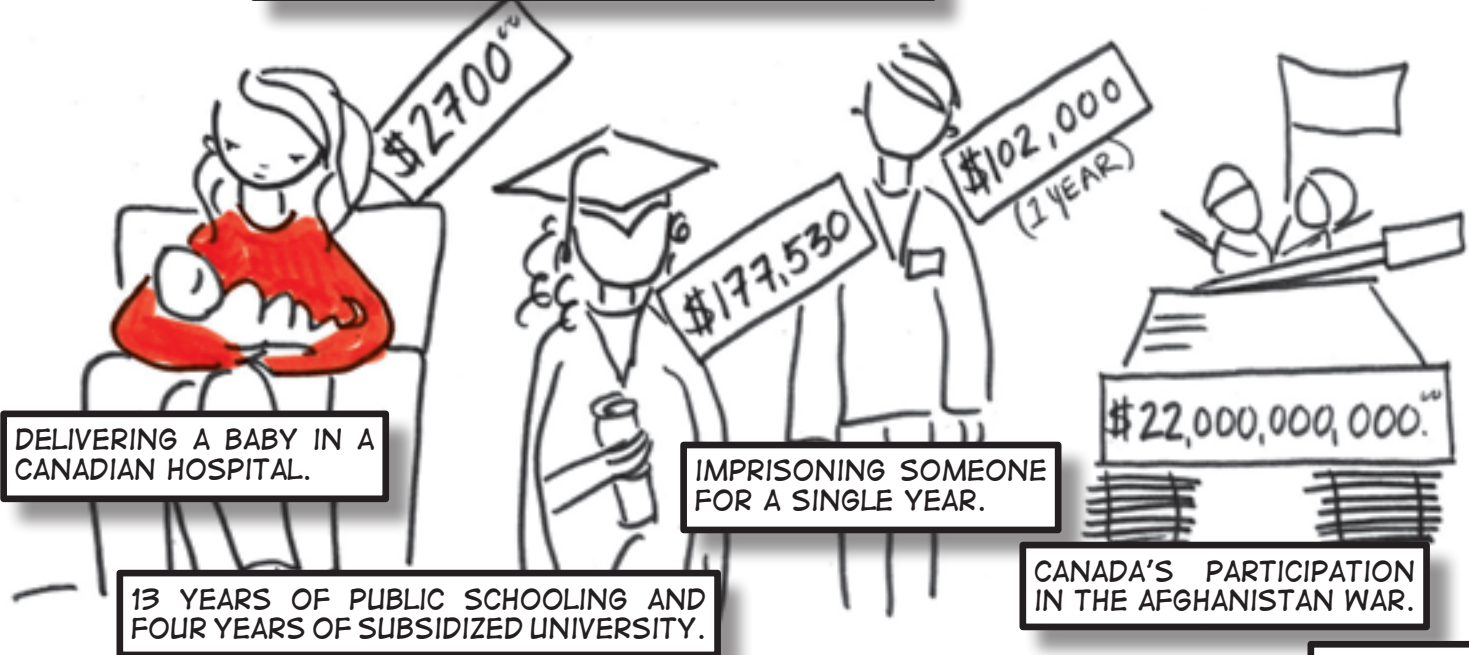
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GAYLE WILSON PHOTO

On February 9, the Margaret Hennigar Public Library hosted the opening ceremony for "The Thundermaker," a multimedia art exhibit created by Alan Syliboy.

Thundermaker exhibit touches down in Bridgewater

By **GAYLE WILSON**
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Typically the domain of hushed whispers and silent reading, Bridgewater's Margaret Hennigar Public Library was the backdrop of an explosion of colourful art, resounding drumbeats and Mi'kmaq chants last week.

On February 9, the library hosted the opening ceremony for "The Thundermaker," a multimedia art exhibit created by Alan Syliboy running until February 27 and based on the story of Little Thunder. Mr. Syliboy is an acclaimed Mi'kmaq artist who was raised in Truro and now lives in Millbrook First Nation.

The exhibit also includes works by a number of other First Nations artists.

Held in the corridor immediately in front of the library at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre, the opening ceremony featured a performance by the 10 members of the Women of the Shore big drum group. Led by Krystle Retieffe, a Mi'kmaq artist living in Blockhouse, the women sang and chanted, encircling a large drum.

The Thundermaker exhibition, which will be travelling among select libraries throughout the province, is taken from the Mi'kmaq legend of the stone canoe, in which the Thundermaker story is embedded. Although it's believed to date back more than 150 years, the stone canoe legend was only discovered in the library at Acadia University in 2003 by poet and essayist Peter Sanger.

Speaking to LighthouseNOW at the ceremony, Mr. Syliboy said it took four years to translate the legend, which was later made available in a book called "The Stone Canoe" illustrated by Mr. Syliboy and published by Gaspereau Press.

Through various forms of art, viewers of the exhibit are invited to follow Little Thunder as he learns about his Mi'kmaq identity. The creation begins with a series of text panels illustrated with Syliboy's drawings, and culminates with a tipi containing a projected animated film of the story. Nova Scotia Community College students created the animation under the

direction of Mr. Syliboy.

"This is where he becomes the Thundermaker and throws thunder for the first time," Mr. Syliboy explained to the group of people who had gathered for the event.

Speaking later to LighthouseNOW, he added, "This is the story that launched my writing career." Mr. Syliboy will be writing and illustrating a book called "Thundermaker," which is due to be released by Nimbus Publishing in April.

Mr. Syliboy's work is influenced by the indigenous Mi'kmaq rock-drawing and quill-weaving traditions. Working in acrylic and mixed media, he creates vibrant images revealing the themes of family, searching, spirituality, struggle and strength.

He trained privately under influential artist and activist Shirley Bear, who is an Order of Canada recipient, and went on to attend the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

He designed a butterfly gold coin for the Royal Canadian Mint in 1999, which was limited to 25,000 copies that sold out. In 2002 he was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal. He has also acted as featured artist and Aboriginal consultant for CBC Television's production "Drum!" and his artwork was included in "Muiniskw," a CBC Television animated special.

In 2009, Mr. Syliboy collaborated with Nance Ackerman and Paton Francis to create the animation "Little Thunder" for the Vancouver 2010 Olympics, which presented the Little Thunder character in motion. The animation was later featured in a national and international travelling show called "Canada's Best," which has been in 40 festivals around the world. It was voted best animation in Montreal in 2011.

He also painted twelve 4-foot by 8-foot panels entitled "People of the Dawn," which were later shortlisted for the Lieutenant Governor's masterworks art award.

The Margaret Hennigar Library will be hosting a number of other programs to coincide with the "Thundermaker" exhibit, including after-school workshops on drum and rattle making and Mi'kmaq moons. For the adults, there will be a screening of the film "The People of the Kattawapiskak River," a talk on Mi'kmaq medicine and tea with Laurie Lacey and a storyteller circle with Deborah Thompson.

Debut novel digs deep into small-town life

By **EMMA SMITH**
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At fourteen, author Stephen King replaced the nail in his wall with a spike to better hold the heaps of rejection letters he received.

It's an idea writer and first-time novelist Sarah Mian always liked.

"It's almost like he's collecting them to be war medals," she said in a recent interview. "Because you believe that some day they'll be funny. It will be like, 'Look at what I went through to get here.'"

Ms Mian has been writing since she was a child. She's told stories on CBC Radio and had her work published in prestigious literary magazines, and like Mr. King, she's amassed her own collection of 'No thank you's.'

But then she got a yes.

In January, Ms Mian's first novel, "When the Saints," was published by HarperCollins.

About a week later, her first review in the Toronto Star trumpeted it as "a new Canadian classic."

"It's a huge relief," said Ms Mian. "I think I freaked out a couple of times ... before it came out and was like, 'Uh oh. What if this is a piece of shit? What if everyone else is like, I don't get it?'"

"When the Saints" follows Tabby Saint, the oldest daughter in a dysfunctional family, who returns to her rural hometown after a decade away.

What she finds isn't pretty. The novel deals with the weighty reality of small-town life and the struggles of inter-generational abuse.

Ms Mian started working on the story in 2008 never thinking it would turn into a book.

"It was just going to be an exercise that I thought would be useful, and then the character of Tabby Saint just wouldn't shut up, basically," she said.

Ms Mian, who lives on the beach in Queensland, grew up in Dartmouth with two siblings and a single parent.

"The Saints are not the Mians at all, but definitely my upbringing gave me a frame of reference having grown up

in kind of a rough neighbourhood with one parent ... so making ends meet was always a bit of a mission," she said.

The fictional towns of Solace River and Jubilant and the archetypal small-town characters in the book come from Ms Mian's own love of rural Nova Scotian life.

She even held her book launch at her favourite dingy dive bar.

"Going to small-town dive bars is, to me, like going home. That's why I had my book launch at Gus' Pub in Halifax because I just smell that stale beer smell, and I just feel really comfortable there."

While writing the book, Ms Mian spent time at the Banff Centre for the Arts, where she worked with editors and talked with other writers over late-night bottles of wine.

She's also part of a writing group and says these creative friendships are necessary.

"True writers, they can't stop even if they wanted to, and so it's kind of a life sentence," said Ms Mian, laughing. "To not have anyone to share that with or to vent about that with, I think would make it really, really hard not to become a raging alcoholic."

Shortly after the book was released, Ms Mian woke up to a call from her best friend telling her to get to a computer quick.

"I really wasn't sure if the book would translate outside of Nova Scotia, and so to read that amazing review it was exciting as hell," said Ms Mian of the Toronto Star review from January 24.

Since then, she's had a parade of phone calls from people who've responded to the story of the Saints.

"I want to be doing this forever and I want to be doing more of this," said Ms Mian. "So if this book is successful that means that I get to write another one."

She has a government job in Bridgewater, but dreams of being an "old-fashioned writer" who wakes up in the morning and plops down in front of an empty page.

For now, Ms Mian's agent is trying to get "When the Saints" published in the U.S. However, she believes she's bound to get more rejection letters, and said she wants to read every single one.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sarah Mian's first novel "When the Saints" was released in January.

Young Actors Studio launched

South Shore Players and the South Shore Centre for the Performing and Visual Arts Society has announced the launch of the South Shore Young Actors Studio.

The new initiative's mission is to offer lessons for voice, body and mind through creative improvisation, staging, role-playing, games and professional techniques, augmented by external tools such as videography, props, make-up and costumes.

The studio will host a young actors' March-break workshop at the Mahone Bay Centre each day from March 16 through March 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An evening performance will be held on March 20 at 5 p.m.

The instructors for the workshop are

What: Young actors' workshop
Where: Mahone Bay Centre
When: March 16 through 20
Info: 902-543-4455

Marthanne Williamson and Liesje Wagner, both professional performers and members of South Shore Players and the South Shore Centre for the Performing and Visual Arts.

Ages 10 to 16 are included; however, other age groups will be considered.

For more information contact Ms Wagner at 902-543-4455 or e-mail dolivertwist2014@gmail.com or southshoreyoungactorsstudio@gmail.com

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Baking for warmth

The snow just doesn't seem to want to stop. When I'm not shoveling, I'm trying to warm up — just enough to go out and shovel some more! These are the best days to close myself in the kitchen with a hot oven and a cup of coffee, and get baking. Here's what's coming out of the kitchen this week:

Gingerbread Granola

Lots of sweet spices in this dish help warm up a chilly winter morning. Try with warm milk if you want a little extra oomph to start the day.

Ingredients:

- 4 c quick rolled oats
- 1 1/2 t cinnamon
- 1 t ground ginger
- 1 t allspice
- 1/2 t cloves
- 1/2 t salt
- 1/2 c butter, melted
- 1/2 c brown sugar
- 1 t vanilla
- 1/3 c finely chopped candied ginger

Directions:

Preheat oven to 340°F. Lightly butter a large baking pan or rimmed baking sheet and set aside.

Combine oats, cinnamon, ginger, allspice, and cloves in a mixing bowl. In a second bowl, whisk salt, melted butter, brown sugar and vanilla together. Add oat mixture and candied ginger to wet ingredients and blend thoroughly.

Transfer granola to prepared pan or sheet and spread out evenly. Bake, stirring every 10 minutes, for 40 minutes.

Cinnamon Rolls

This is the absolutely perfect treat for a Sunday morning snowstorm.

Ingredients:

- Dough:**
- 1 T yeast
 - 1/2 c warm water
 - 1/2 c warm milk

- 1/4 c white sugar
- 1/3 c melted butter
- 1 t salt
- 1 egg
- 3 1/2 c all-purpose flour

Filling:

- 1/2 c melted butter
- 3/4 c white sugar

1 T ground cinnamon

Glaze:

- 1/4 c melted butter
- 2 c powdered sugar
- 1 t vanilla extract
- 1/4 c hot water

Directions:

Butter a large mixing bowl and set aside.

Combine yeast, water, milk, and sugar in a bowl and stir gently to combine. Let sit until yeast bubbles, about five minutes.

Add melted butter and salt and whisk to combine. Add egg and whisk again.

Incorporate flour and knead until dough is smooth, adding more flour if necessary.

Place dough in prepared bowl and cover lightly with plastic wrap. Let rise until doubled in size, about 1 1/2 hours.

Generously butter a large baking pan and set aside.

Combine all ingredients for filling in a small bowl.

Punch dough down and roll out on a floured surface to an even rectangle about the size and shape of a cookie sheet. Brush filling evenly over the dough.

Roll the long side of the dough inward to create roll. Cut into 12 or more slices and place in arranged baking pan. Loosely cover with plastic wrap and allow to rise in a warm place for 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Bake until browned, about 30 minutes.

Combine all ingredients for glaze in a small bowl and drizzle over warm baked rolls. Enjoy warm or cool.



ELISABETH BAILEY

Betty's Bite



ROBERT HIRTLE PHOTO

HEATING THINGS UP

From left, Jamie Junger, Grace Pinch and Catherine Green were among the entertainers at the 15th annual Coldest Day of the Year held at the Fo'c'sle Tavern in Chester February 7 in aid of the Chester Drama Society.

MARQUEE

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The annual Music and Mediation for Lent Series will be presented over seven weeks each Wednesday at noon at St. John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'Dockyard Boxer' rocks on 'Rebuild'

Alternative band releases first full-length album

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Their name might be a bit unusual but their music is right on key.

Dockyard Boxer, a four-member alternative rock group from Lunenburg County is set to launch its inaugural CD later this month.

The band, which formed in 2004 as "First to Fall," is made up of James Ramey on bass, Mike Smith on drums, Shawn Selig on guitar and James Smith on guitar and vocals.

"The name was actually Shawn's idea. We were going for something with an East Coast feel kind of thing, and that just clicked," Mike Smith explains.

Mr. Ramey said the rebranding of the band was an effort to "drop the whole teenage angst thing, mature a tiny bit and distance ourselves from the old stuff."

The new name also marked a change in direction musically as the group shifted its focus from primarily metal to alternative rock.

"We used to do covers when we first started," Mr. Smith explained. "Metallica, Misfits, Iron Maiden, but we kind of got rid of that whole style."

They've stopped doing cover versions of other group's songs as well and are now concentrating exclusively on writing their own material.

The new album, entitled "Rebuild," contains 12 tracks with Mr. Selig and James Smith primarily composing the

music and lyrics and all members of the group contributing input on the arrangements.

"We do it collectively. Shawn will bring an idea to the table or I'll bring an idea to the table, and then we kind of have free rein over our own individual parts and that kind of thing," Mr Ramey said.

While the group members are all Lunenburg County natives, the majority of their public performances have been staged in Halifax, most recently at Casino Nova Scotia.

They still, however, make occasional appearances on their home turf; last year they played in Bridgewater during Canada Day celebrations and also at Riverfest.

"We'd like to play outside the city eventually, for sure," Mr. Smith said.

"Rebuild," which was recorded at Smash Box Recording Studio in Cape Breton, is slated to be available to the public February 28; however, a date for an official launch event hasn't been decided.

"We've been trying to generate a buzz with people. We did a music video and promotional material for the album," Mr. Smith said. "When the 28th rolls around, that's when the ball will start rolling a little more, and we'll see if we can plan some support shows."

The official video of one of the cuts from the new album, "Wide Asleep," can be seen at <http://vimeo.com/77627295>.



BÉATRICE SCHULER PHOTO

FAST FINGERED FIDDLER

Wayne Hiltz performed during a recent country music show at the Dayspring fire hall.

Music to their ears

LAMP has new two-year lease on Academy space

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The Town of Lunenburg has signed a new agreement to lease the bulk of the third floor of Lunenburg Academy to Rossini Opera Festival Nova Scotia (ROFNS) to continue operation of the Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance (LAMP).

LAMP originally signed a four-month lease on the space in June 2014, which ran from September to the end of December.

The new lease, which is two years in duration, is retroactive to January 1, 2015, and ends December 31, 2016. It includes the entire floor with the exception of room 303 and its adjoining cloakroom, which are currently being leased to West Island College Class Afloat.

Rossini Opera will pay the town \$5,000 per month for the space and had to pony up a \$10,000 security deposit prior to signing.

The festival has the option to renew the lease for a further two years "upon such terms and at such rental as the parties shall mutually agree upon, providing they give three months' advance notice prior to the expiration of the current

lease."

The motion to approve the agreement indicated that the town was leasing the space to the festival for what is considered less than market value as is permissible under the provincial Municipal Government Act.

"The council considers that Rossini Opera Festival Nova Scotia is carrying on an activity that is beneficial to the town by establishing a centre for higher musical preparation entitled the Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance, a centre where young professional musicians can prepare auditions, prepare for competitions, expand repertoire, interact with other musicians and transform themselves into talented technicians, and mature, balanced performing artists, and by the ROFNS providing an extensive community outreach program involving teachers, staff and students," a resolution contained in the motion stated.

LAMP general manager Susan Corkum-Greek said that everyone involved with the organization is delighted with the agreement.

"LAMP had a very successful first season last fall. Town council needed to see this was real and that we could do the things we promised to do before entering into a longer lease, and that was fair enough," she said. "However, with this new 24-month agreement we have the terms we need to move forward with our planning and programming, as well as making some investments in the building to enhance the space for our classes and performances."

Ms Corkum-Greek said the academy and the communities of Lunenburg and the South Shore are the true stars of their show.

"Our students and guest artists last fall all told us how much they loved their experience here, and we had fantastic support from music lovers here on the South Shore, as well as from Metro, the Valley and further afield," she said "Right now, we're just a month away from the start of our spring term, so this [lease approval] is good news and great timing for us. We're looking forward to welcoming a new group of students and guest artists, to resuming our school and public outreach programs and to hearing some truly incredible music here at the academy."



Dockyard Boxer are, from left, Shawn Selig, Mike Smith, James Ramey and James Smith.

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Sailing coach wins national award

Matt Morash named instructor of year



Lesley Taylor and Matt Morash are pictured receiving their Sail Nova Scotia community coach of the year awards. Mr. Morash has recently also been named instructor of the year by Sail Canada.

Liam Hodder was scared of sailing when he started at age 11; he ate limes because people told him that sailors got scurvy. And when Mr. Hodder arrived at Hubbards Sailing Club (HSC) to begin lessons, Matt Morash, an HSC coach at the time, threw a shoe at him. Mr. Hodder's been a sailor ever since.

That was one of the stories Mr. Hodder recounted during a speech he delivered this past fall when Mr. Morash stepped down as the club's head coach to join the club's board of directors as the learn-to-sail director.

Mr. Hodder's speech figures prominently in a letter, written by HSC board member Bill Doane, nominating Matt Morash for the Nova Trophy community coach of the year award, which Mr. Morash won last November. Mr. Hodder noted in the letter that he had to wear sunglasses while reciting his speech in order to hide the tears welling in his eyes.

"Yeah, I was wearing sunglasses. I cried a little bit," Mr. Hodder, 17, said in an interview with LighthouseNOW this week.

Frank Denis, executive director of Sail Nova Scotia, was so moved by Mr. Morash's story that he sent the letter to Sail Canada, nominating Mr. Morash as instructor of the year. On Friday, February 6, at a gala banquet in Toronto, Mr. Morash won that award, too, having been chosen from sailing instructors across Canada.

"Matt has been an asset not just to Hubbards Sailing Club, but to sailing in Nova Scotia," said Mr. Doane, who didn't know his letter had gone on to Sail Canada, but wasn't surprised when he found out Mr. Morash had won the national award.

The Hubbards club is proud, Mr. Doane said, of what members call the "vibe at HSC," and he credits Mr. Morash with helping create it.

"He's been a big part of shaping what the club is, the attitude of the club," said Mr. Doane.

What jumped out for Mr. Denis from the letter

was Mr. Morash's attempt to make sailing a quality experience for every child who joins the program, seeking ways to engage each child on an individual basis, and especially the first-timers, for whom the first exposure to sailing is always important.

"Kids will have so many options for sport out there that without a quality first experience they're probably not going to be lifers in the sport," said Mr. Denis.

According to Mr. Doane, during Mr. Morash's tenure as head coach the sailing program at Hubbards went from 30 kids to between 70 and 80 sailors every two weeks. The club runs four two-week camps through the summer, plus other sessions on the spring and fall shoulder seasons.

Mr. Morash, who started a job as a mathematics and science teacher at Forest Heights Community School in September, says that his instructing philosophy has been to teach kids less about sport and more about caring.

"The philosophy at Hubbards Sailing Club is that we teach life skills through sailing, and I've always tried to teach kids how to care for something and care about something," said Mr. Morash.

He began sailing when he was 15, when his family settled in the area. He's been coaching for eight years and been head coach for the past two.

What he enjoys about sailing instruction and teaching math and science is what he calls the "aha" moment, the moment when kids "get it."

Mr. Hodder is one of the many sailors for whom the penny dropped thanks to Mr. Morash. The former not only overcame his fear of sailing but also became a coach at HSC, again inspired by Mr. Morash, whom he considers not just a mentor but a friend.

Mr. Hodder's enthusiasm about his friend winning the award, then, is easy to understand: "I think it's absolutely fantastic and definitely well deserved. He put in a lot of hard work."

Going cross-country

Skiers compete at Canada Games

Two cross-country skiers from Mahone Bay who found a passion for cross-country skiing early in life are competing for Nova Scotia at the 2015 Canada Winter Games starting this week.

Hanna Longard, 18, and Colin Ward, 17, both started skiing in the backyards of their respective Mahone Bay homes.

"One of my favorite things to do when I had friends was to take them out back and teach them how to ski," said Ms Longard, a first-year student at Mount Allison University.

Ms Longard knows that skiing will be a lifelong passion for her, and she is grateful to her parents for introducing her to it, but for the next two weeks all her concentration will be on her three, possibly four, events.

Each female athlete competes in three disciplines: the 7.5-km classical technique, the 1,400-metre sprint and the 10-km free technique. Then four skiers will be chosen from the team of five to compete in the four by 3.75-km relay, with two classical-technique legs and two free-technique legs.

The male athletes compete in the same disciplines but at different distances: the

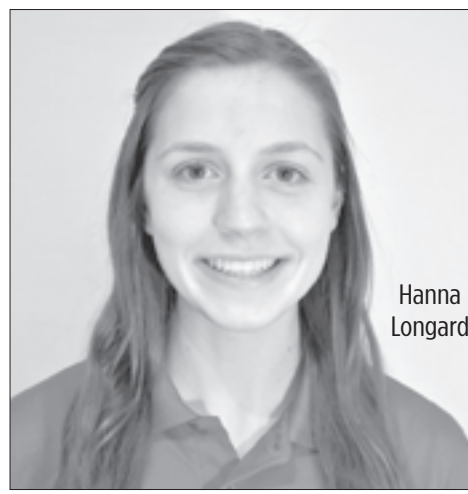


Colin Ward

10-km classical technique, the 1,500-meter sprint, the 15-km free technique and the four by 5-km relay.

For Mr. Ward, a Grade-11 student at Park View Education Centre, the thrill of the hunt is what he's looking forward to, testing himself against racers from other provinces.

"The games will be a really exciting experience to race with some really high-level athletes, some people from other



Hanna Longard

provinces who are pretty well world-class," said Mr. Ward.

Both Ms Longard and Mr. Ward are veterans of Nova Scotia cross-country but first-timers at the Canada Games. Ms Longard participated in the 2011 Canada Winter Games, which were held in Halifax with Ski Martock and Ski Wentworth as venues. It was an opportunity that she called "inspiring."

Ms Longard, known for her skiing

technique, says her goal for her races is to focus on the moment and put everything into each race. She expects to cross the finish line knowing she has nothing left in reserve.

Mr. Ward sees his advantage in the mass-start races, when all the racers leave the start line at once and jockey for position at the head of the pack. The other start type is interval, when skiers are sent off every 30 seconds.

Defining a specific result is difficult, Ms Longard and Mr. Ward agree, as they will be racing in a field of skiers the majority of whom they have not yet competed against. But they both know they have to ignore the other skiers during their races, zeroing in on skiing their race to the best of their ability.

They both want to enjoy the moment and savour the experience and ambiance of the games.

The Canada Winter Games are in Prince George, British Columbia, from February 13 to March 1. The cross-country skiing events take place during the second week of the games, on February 23, 24 and 26, with the relays on February 28.

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Jacob Myra, left, and Walter Flower will be trading home ice at the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre for the high-energy atmosphere of the Canada Winter Games next week. The pair will be suiting up for Nova Scotia's hockey team.

Go west, young men

*Hockey players begin
Canada Winter Games odyssey*

By **PATRICK HIRTLE**
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Two members of the Charlie's Pizza South Shore Mustangs are about to get a once-in-a-lifetime chance to represent Nova Scotia at the Canada Winter Games.

Forward Jacob Myra of Chester and defenceman Walter Flower of Lunenburg were named to Nova Scotia's hockey team for the Canada Winter Games, which kicked off this past week in Prince George, BC.

Already wrapped up in the middle of a hotly contested Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League playoff run, both Jacob and Walter agreed that the chance to wear their home province's jersey at a national event of the magnitude of the Canada Games only adds to an already exciting time of year.

"All the hard work has paid off through the years," Jacob said with a laugh.

The pair, he explained, were tabbed a couple years ago when they were part of the provincial U-14 program.

"We had the first tryout, and since then they've pretty much been evaluating us. This year, we had four tryout sessions," he said, noting that scouts also observed them during their major midget games as well.

Both Walter and Jacob put in extra time on and off the ice this year to in-

crease their stamina and strength and to make themselves not only better athletes but also better players.

The duo engaged in off-ice training through 902 Athletics in Bridgewater, and Jacob even went so far as to take extra early-morning time on the ice to work on his puck handling and footwork.

All the extra effort should pay dividends, especially in a tournament where teams are assembled from pieces collected from every corner of the province.

"I don't think chemistry is too much of an issue," Jacob said. "We get to know each other over the years and with the camps that we go to."

The pair will leave Halifax for Prince George on February 21, and the first game is against Team Quebec the following day, with time for only one practice in between.

Jacob said he expects to see a lot of time working as a grinder killing penalties and skating on the Nova Scotian third line. Walter knows that his role is as a puck-moving defenceman, and he expects to see time on the power play.

Regardless of role and ice time, Walter said that, without question, the group of Bluenose hockey players is committed to doing everything they can to land on the podium.

"It's going to be good to go out there and have a good experience with everyone," he said. "But, obviously, the goal is to get a medal."

Mustangs sweep Cape Breton West

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It may have looked as though the Charlie's Pizza South Shore Mustangs had an easy go of it in the first round of the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League playoffs.

After all, the Mustangs cruised to a four-game sweep of the Cape Breton West Islanders, sealing things up with two victories on the road last weekend.

But sometimes series numbers can be misleading.

In fact, in three of the four South Shore victories the outcome was decided by two goals or less.

That fact wasn't lost on Mustangs bench boss Brad Muise, nor on his players.

"Many times, throughout each game, without the continued discipline to our team structure and front loading the battle level, things could have been much different," Mr. Muise said.

"Our players were resilient and did not give the Cape Breton West squad much life at all at any point throughout the series."

The South Shore's commitment to team defence, in tandem with goaltenders who were equal to the task when challenged, ultimately gave the Mustangs the edge in the series.

But, Mr. Muise noted, Cape Breton West used its speed and size to pose a physical challenge, one that his own team

couldn't help but respect.

"They're a very good team that many expected to be a league contender at the beginning of the season. Myself and our players have a ton of respect for that team," he said.

"Prior to the start of the playoffs, my counterparts in the league thought this series was going to be the battle to watch in the first round. They were right. It was intense, especially in Port Hood on the weekend."

Normally, a team wouldn't have the luxury of taking a deep breath and relaxing, even briefly, after a hard-fought playoff-series win.

But, because of the Canada Winter Games, the Mustangs will now have a three-week break before kicking off the league semifinal round.

"I gave players a few days off upon returning from our road trip Sunday night," Mr. Muise explained. "Players are banged up a little, bruised and tired, as they should be."

The Mustangs resumed on-ice activity on Thursday of last week, and the next few weeks will be dedicated to intense practices, video sessions and getting the group ready to face the as-yet undetermined semifinal opponent.

"We'll also make sure they get the proper rest and nutrition required, [and], as with all our practices, they will be intense with game carryover value in everything we do," Mr. Muise said. "Again, details are important. Our players expect that. No time to take it easy."



BEATRICE SCHULER PHOTO

SQUARING OFF

Stuart Lindsay, in back, and Abby Rafuse square off during a recent wrestling practice at Centre scolaire de la Rive-Sud. Also pictured is coach Shawn Swinimer.

SPORTS

The form a dream takes

Victor Swinimer takes on national officiating role

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As Victor Swinimer was sitting as the centre official before an audience of several thousand, it slowly began to click for him – this was the result of more than 35 years of perseverance and dedication.

Mr. Swinimer worked as one of the officials at the Karate Canada National Championships in Richmond, BC, earlier this month, the culmination of a martial arts career that began in 1979.

“I was always interested in karate. I

grew up with the original ‘Kung Fu’ series,” he said with a laugh.

“When I was older, a couple of us shared a house in Mahone Bay, and there was a karate club down the street. I thought, ‘Hey, this is kinda cool,’ so I joined up.”

Mr. Swinimer would go on, from those early days, to run a karate club in Western Shore for four years, before moving on to guide the development of the Bridgewater Uechi Ryu Karate Academy, operating out of St. Joseph’s parish hall on Pleasant Street.

Having travelled to world camps and

competed in national-level events himself, Mr. Swinimer began to turn some of his focus to officiating at the urging and with the support of other officials, including Dave Griffin and Milton Bourque of the Nova Scotia Karate Association.

Last year, after about six years of training, Mr. Swinimer was ratified to serve as an A-level official, and at this year’s national tournament he worked in both kata, which is a routine performed by an individual, and kumite, which is sparring against an opponent.

“Being an official isn’t an individual accomplishment,” Mr. Swinimer said. “There’s a lot of people standing behind you and giving advice. It’s a long road.”

Working a national-level event as an official proved no small challenge for Mr. Swinimer, especially since there is a high demand for officials from the Maritime provinces.

“Maritime officials are prime because the three big provinces – Ontario, BC, and Quebec – send a large contingent of athletes, and you can’t have two officials from the same province in the ring,” he explained. “So there’s a huge demand for Maritime officials.”

The experience was enthralling, Mr. Swinimer said, particularly when those less-expected but inspiring moments came along.

“I was in on gold-medal matches this year as a head official,” which was great, he continued, “but the thing this year that was absolutely amazing, we had a

division for athletes with disabilities. It’s hard enough for someone without a disability to get up and perform in front of 3,000 people, but these athletes – I was amazed. Their spirit and what they put into it ... that was the biggest thing I’ll take away.”

As inspiring as officiating at the national level was, Mr. Swinimer said that back in Bridgewater things are a bit challenging right now for the the Uechi Ryu Karate Academy, as membership often has its ebbs and flows.

“Clubs like this are probably Bridgewater’s best-kept secret,” Mr. Swinimer said.

“You get a lot of ups and downs ... and unless people get involved in it, we’re not going to be here, as our numbers over the past three or four years have steadily decreased,” he explained.

But, he added, karate is the kind of activity that has almost universal appeal. You don’t have to be a particular age to enjoy it and get the physical benefits from it, and it’s the kind of martial art that you can begin learning at any stage of your life, old or young.

“You don’t have to be an athlete to be involved in a martial art. You don’t have to be an ‘A’ student and you don’t have to be young,” he said.

“I hope anyone who is interested will do what I once did – come in and take a look.”

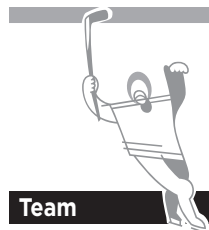
For more information on the Bridgewater Uechi Ryu Karate Academy, contact Mr. Swinimer at 902-543-9551.



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GYMNASTICS AWARENESS

The Kippers Gymnastics Club held free classes for day cares during gymnastic awareness week from February 7 to 14. Pictured, from left, are Lily Chapman, Ryan Shankle, instructor Melissa Peck and Kaydence Feener.



HOCKEY STANDINGS

Maritime Junior A Eastlink Division

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	PTS	GF	GA	PIMS	PP%	PK%
Pictou County Weeks Crushers	42	27	11	3	1	58	162	148	773	20.6	76.6
Yarmouth Jr. A Mariners	41	25	12	0	4	54	184	136	1088	24.0	84.2
Truro Bearcats	40	21	15	0	4	46	155	126	968	18.8	81.6
Valley Jr. A Wildcats	39	17	15	3	4	41	132	138	768	16.7	79.1
South Shore Lumberjacks	40	12	25	3	0	27	113	161	1373	18.5	80.7
Amherst Ramblers	38	11	23	2	2	26	140	201	1091	14.0	77.2

Nova Scotia Major Bantam

Team	GP	W	L	T	SOL	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
Dartmouth Whalers	32	30	2	0	0	0	141	44	60
The Novas	33	25	8	0	0	0	118	67	50
Bedford Barons	33	23	9	0	1	0	123	80	47
Landworks Gulls	32	20	8	0	3	1	104	74	44
Pro Hockey Life Harbour Storm	33	18	13	0	1	1	93	94	38
Newbridge Senators	33	18	14	0	1	0	92	85	37
Truro Bearcats	32	14	11	0	5	2	94	83	35
Joneljim Cougars	33	15	16	0	1	1	105	115	32
Scotsburn Crushers	32	13	16	0	2	1	79	105	29
ACCEL Hawks	33	11	19	0	2	1	84	128	25
Western Hurricanes	32	5	25	0	0	2	56	137	12
Kings Mutual	32	3	27	0	1	1	42	119	8

Standings February 13, 2015.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Nova Scotia Major Midget Best of Seven Playoff Series

CHARLIE'S PIZZA South Shore Mustangs vs Cape Breton West Islanders

Saturday, January 31 at Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre: Cape Breton West Islanders **2** – CHARLIE'S PIZZA South Shore Mustangs **5**

Sunday, February 1 at Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre: Cape Breton West Islanders **1** – CHARLIE'S PIZZA South Shore Mustangs **2**

Saturday, February 7, 6 pm at Port Hood: CHARLIE'S PIZZA South Shore Mustangs **2** – Cape Breton West Islanders **0**

Sunday, February 8, 12 pm at Port Hood: CHARLIE'S PIZZA South Shore Mustangs **3** – Cape Breton West Islanders **2**

Schedule for Round 2 Series has yet to be announced (February 13, 2015).

Victor Swinimer of Bridgewater Uechi Ryu Karate Academy was recently part of a team of four officials from the Maritimes to work the Karate Canada National Championships in Richmond, BC.



PATRICK HIRTLE PHOTO



BOWLING

Lutheran Church Bowling League

February 3: Team Standings: Wally's Gang, 84; Weebles, 70; The Unpredictables, 70; The Untouchables, 64.

L.S., Verlene Silver-Corkum, 112. L.T., Rose Cook, 297. M.S., Andy Crouse, 118. M.T., Andy Crouse, 332. L.S., no mark, Margie Roy, 80. M.S., no mark, Brian Conrad, 88.

Lunenburg Bowling Alley League

Men's League, January 19: H.S., Weebles, 70. H.T., Doug Murphy, 382. T.H., B-52's, 1,674.

Maryann Corkum, 138. L.T., Maryann Corkum, 334. M.S., Scott Doucette, 139. H.T., Scott Doucette, 371. T.T., Try Hards, 1559.

Ladies' League, January 13: H.S., Val Feener, 122. H.T., Val Feener, 324. H. no mark, Heather Lantz, 90. 300's, Paulette Conrad, 308; Crystal Myra, 340; Kim Veinotte, 342, and Candance Warren, 309.

Mickey Mouse, January 18: L.S., Michelle Doucette, 120. L.T., Michelle Doucette, 336. M.S., Chad Rafues, 144. M.T., Charles Znick, 348.

Early Birds, January 21: H.S., Colton Whitman and Kim Veinotte, 119. H.T., Colton Whitman, 327. H. no mark, Dot Lantz, 86.

AYB stats: January 31: Tiny Tots: G.S., Ella Nodding, 79. G.D., Ella Nodding, 223. **Peewee:** G.S., Summer Hoskins, 62. G.H., Summer Hoskins, 172. B.S., Brandon Bouchie, 90. B.T., Brandon Bouchie, 244. **Bantam:** G.S., Gracie Lantz, 114. G.T., Alicia Jackson, 301. B.S., Nathan Allen, 109. B.T., Nathan Allen, 299. **Junior:** G.S., Dallas Wellman, 110. G.T., Carrie Wellman, 296. B.S., Hunter Dorey, 117. B.T., Hunter Dorey, 284. **Senior:** G.S., Makayla Smith, 100. G.T., Makayla Smith, 2,901.

Canexel, January 14: L.S., Rocky Hunt, 140. L.T., Mark Knickle, 378. M.S., Courtney Tremere, 121. M.S., Courtney Tremere, 352.

Money League, January 15: H.S., Jody Lantz, 131. H.T., Jody Lantz, 345. H.S., Courtney Tremere, 124. H.T., Courtney Tremere, 331.

Lucky Strikes, January 16: L.S.,

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MEETINGS

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If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours! Call AA 1-888-853-7222, (902)530-0001

Lunenburg Navy League Annual General Meeting, February 23, 7 p.m., 95 Victoria Road, Lunenburg. Election of officers. Everyone welcome.

DANCES

Friday, February 27. Centurions playing at Mahone Bay Legion, 8:00-11:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Goodwill Offering

COMMUNITY

Homemade Ice Cream and Apple Pie Social. Branch LaHave Hall, February 28, 6-8 p.m. \$5/ serving. Snowdate: March 1

Lions Crib Tournament, Riverport Community Centre, February 21, 7 p.m. Prizes and canteen provided. All welcome.

CHURCH

"Singing for Fuel" Emmanuel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Saturday, February 21, 7 p.m. 90 Hirtle Road, Exit 16, Middlewood. Richard Mailman, Blest Hearts, Mervin Mailman, Richard Burgess, The Royal Junkit, Seldon and Dottie, Rick Robar and Karen Woodsworth. Come join us for an evening of gospel music and fellowship. Refreshments to follow.

SUPPERS

Chinese Food Take-Out, Friday, February 27, 4-6 p.m. Wesley United Church, 22 Drews Hill Road, Petite Riviere. Egg roll, sweet & sour chicken, vegetable fried rice, stir-fried vegetables, fortune cookie, \$10. Reservations recommended. To pre-order call Karen 902-693-2130, Mariam 902-688-2866 or David 902-688-1396 or e-mail kwent@staff.ednet.ns.ca

BREAKFASTS

February 21, Saturday: Riverport and District Firemen's Breakfast, 7:30-11:30 a.m., usual menu, \$8 adults; \$3 children 6-12; children 5 and under free.

BREAKFASTS

Breakfast. Tri District Fire Rescue Station 1, Newcombville. Bacon, eggs, sausages, hash browns, toast, baked beans, coffee, tea, juice. Saturday, February 28, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Adults \$8, children \$4, 5 and under free

February 21, Breakfast, 9-11 a.m. Blandford Community Centre. Pancakes, sausages, bacon, baked beans. Adults \$7; youth \$3.50; under 5 free. Snow date Sunday, February 22 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 22, Breakfast/Brunch at Mahone Bay Legion, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 children, 5 & under free

VARIETY SHOWS

February 22, Sunday, Variety Show, Italy Cross, Middlewood and District fire hall, 1:30 p.m. Dave Burbine and Traditional Country. Canteen, 50/50 draw. Admission \$6. Proceeds for the fire department.

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TENDERS



Request For Proposals Village Of Chester

The Village of Chester is seeking request for proposals:

To conduct a study to determine the feasibility of changing the current status of the Village to a Township or amalgamation with MODC (Municipality of the District of Chester)

Proposals will be received in writing either by mail or hand delivery, no later than 12:00 noon local time, March 15, 2015, by the following:

Iris Tolliver, Clerk Treasurer

Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 620, Chester, NS B0J 1J0

Civic Address:

27 Pleasant Street, Chester, NS B0J 1J0

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TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION pursuant to an Order for Foreclosure, Sale and Possession granted by the Court, unless before the time of sale the amount due to the Plaintiff on the Mortgage foreclosed, plus costs to be taxed, are paid:

PROPERTY:

All those lands and premises known as Lot SL-1, Civic No. 668 Hirtle Road, Middlewood, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, PID No. 60302247, as more particularly described in the Mortgage recorded at the Lunenburg County Registry of Deeds in Book 897 at Page 659. The lands have not been registered pursuant to the Land Registration Act. SUBJECT TO a Right of Way over those two hauling roads which pass over the above lands.

A copy of the description of the property, as contained in the Mortgage foreclosed, is on file at the Sheriff's office and may be inspected during business hours.

DATE OF SALE: Thursday, February 26, 2015

TIME OF SALE: 12:15 p.m., local time

PLACE OF SALE: Justice Centre, 141 High Street, Bridgewater, NS

TERMS: 10% deposit (payable by cash, certified cheque or solicitor's trust cheque) at the time of sale, remainder within 20 days upon delivery of deed.

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 Solicitor for the Plaintiff



TOWN OF LUNENBURG NOTICE

FUEL OIL TENDER

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Call for Expressions of Interest COMMERCIAL SPACE AT HB STUDIOS SPORTS CENTRE



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Closing date: March 15th @5:00 pm EST. **Please submit resumes to:** Clayton Croucher Interim Senior Administrative Officer email: saokim@qiniq.com



Financial Controller

Reporting directly to the company owners, the Financial Controller will be an integral member of the management team, and will be expected to manage and provide strategic input pertaining to all financial matters, prepare and analyze internal financial documents, ensure compliance with all accounting, and tax regulations and prepare annual forecasts and other related matters. This role will also require management of the HR and Safety functions for the group of companies.

The Financial Controller will be responsible for:

- Overseeing all accounting functions, general ledger maintenance, internal and system controls and HR/staff management of the Company;
- Oversee inventory, fixed assets and intercompany functions
- Managing cash flow;
- Preparing annual financial operating and capital budgets;
- Completing timely and accurate monthly internal financial statements including analyzing monthly operating results against budgets;
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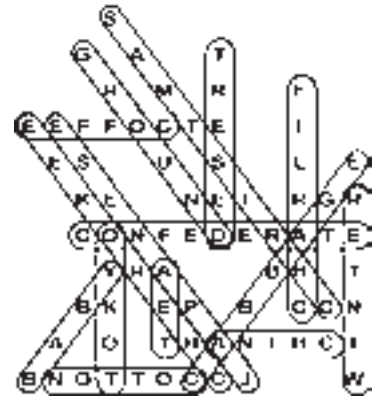
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February 18, 2015

ROSE:



CryptoQuip

answer
If a foreigner comes into a city and is a l by himself, might he be called the Lone Stranger?

CryptoQuote

answer
How prophetic L'Enfant was when he laid out Washington, D.C. as a city that goes around in circles.
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Answer

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Answer
How do ranch workers get a lot of laughs?
They horse around

Crossword Solution

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EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



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THANKS

The family of the late Robert (Bobby) Levy, who passed away November 10, 2014, express sincere thanks to family and friends who supported us during this sad time. Phone calls, e-mails, cards and food sent to the home, and donations sent to many charities were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Rev. James Haughn and Rev. Sherrolyn Riley for their words of comfort. Special thanks also to the staff of Shoreham Village Nursing Home for the great care and love they gave to Bobby while he was with them. To Family Pallbearers, to Bob, Christine, and staff of Mahone Funeral Home, we are very appreciative. God Bless, Frank and Joan Levy.

BIRTHS



REGIMBALD: Hi, my name is Delilah Jane Herman Regimbald. I was born December 21, 2014, at a birth house in Richelieu, Que. I weighed 7 lb, 13 oz. My proud Momma and Daddy are Lori-Lee and André Regimbald, of St. Hubert, Que. My awesome big brother is Emerson. I am the seventh grandchild of Sheila and Eugene Herman of Camperdown, NS, and the fourth grandchild of André and the late Eva Regimbald.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS



60th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to our parents, Glenwood and Marion Lowe, of Auburndale, on reaching this milestone on February 16, 2015. Best wishes to both of you on your special day. Love, Kevin, Randy, Wanda, Darren and Nikki, and their families.

FAMILY ALBUM



Happy Birthday to Goldie Whycott, who will turn 90 on February 22, and her husband, Fred, who will turn 88 on March 2, from their three children, their spouses and families, Linda (Gary), William (Virge), and Valerie (Tony). All the best to you mom and dad. Love and best wishes from all of us.

OBITUARIES



Evelyn Louise Wentzell

Evelyn "Louise" Wentzell, of Auburndale, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, in the South Shore Regional Hospital, after a five year courageous battle with cancer. Born in Bridgewater, September 14, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Harold Cecil and Margaret "Sally" Ellen (Frank) Tompkins. She is survived by her husband Wayne Douglas Wentzell; sisters Elizabeth Durling (Luke Dugas), Digby; and Donna (Paul) Conrad, Hebbville; nieces, Tracey (Dave) Macmillan, PEI; Tammy (John Cramb)

Brown, Rio de Janeiro; nephews, Darren (Tina Cooper) Durling, Halifax; Scott (Toni) Wentzell, Bridgewater; Jimmy (Chrissy) Wentzell, Middle LaHave; Barry (Selena) Wentzell, Hebbville; several great-nieces and nephews; and one great-great niece; aunt Goldie (Gordon) Martin, Bridgewater; mother-in-law, May Wentzell, Bridgewater; brother-in-law, Gary (Cathy) Wentzell, Auburndale. Louise was predeceased by her father Harold; mother Sally; sister, Dianne; and brother-in-law, Fred Trupp.

Louise was a teacher in Bridgewater for 35 years. The lives she has touched shows by the undeniable love and sincere affection displayed by her former students.

Louise lived a quiet simple life; to her family, her friends and other people around her she gave much, but she asked for very little in return. She always put others before herself. Soon after her retirement, she followed her dream and ventured out on a trip across Canada in 2007, with her husband Wayne. They had such a wonderful time, they ventured to New York in 2008.

Family was extremely important to Louise, she treasured every moment she spent with them. Since she was a young girl, Louise enjoyed spending time in Broad Cove for family gatherings. Louise also cherished spending time with family at Christmas.

Funeral service was held 2 p.m., Sunday, February 8, 2015, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater, with Rev. Greg Smith officiating. The organist was Barb Milbury. The hymns were "In the Garden" and "Jesus Loves Me." The eulogy was given by Louise's niece, Tracey Macmillan. Burial was at the Midville Branch Cemetery. Pallbearers were Larry Robar, Gerald Corkum, Lorraine Hebb, Phillip Hebb, Troy Wentzell and Cory Emino.

Floral tributes were: Casket spray, husband, Wayne, sisters, Elizabeth (Luke) and Donna (Paul), and brother-in-law Gary (Cathy); Rose-in-hand, Wayne; Casket garland roses, Evangeline, Leah, Nathan, Cameron; Heart Wreath, Wayne's nephews and their families; floral arrangement, Ducky, Bud, Linda, Fred; floral arrangement, David and Monique; house plant arrangement, Pat and Dave Purdy.

Memorial donations were made to The Rose Fund, All Saints Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, St. Mark's Anglican Church, Canadian Cancer Society, The Journey Room, The Family, Midville and District Fire Department, Bridgewater Baptist Building Fund, Bridgewater United Church, The SHAIID Tree Animal Shelter, The IWK Health Center Foundation, and The Nova Scotia Retired Teachers Legacy Foundation.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank all those who offered their help, love and support during this very difficult time. Thanks to Dr. David Bars and staff for their care over the past number of years. A sincere thank you to Dr. Robertson and Dr. Hasegawa for their care during the past five years. A heartfelt thank-you to the staff in the Chemo department and the nurses on the 3rd and 4th floors at the South Shore Regional for their kindness and support. A special thank you to the staff of Sweeny's Funeral Home for their help and support. Sincere thanks to Rev. Greg Smith for his service, to Barb Milbury for playing the organ and to the pallbearers. Thank you to Friends of the Fireman for organizing the reception. Thank you for numerous donations made in memory of Louise, for the phone calls, visits and donations of food, sympathy cards, and all other acts of kindness. There are no words to express how much we appreciated everything.

OBITUARIES



Mary Gertrude Gilmour

GILMOUR, Mary Gertrude - age 90, of Bridgewater, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2015, in the South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Born in Oxford, England, she was a daughter of the late Henry and Emily (Cooper) Room. Mary is survived by her daughters, Susan Harris, Moncton, NB; Patricia Freeman, Bridgewater; Dawn (Wade) Jollymore, Wileville; grandchildren, Mary (Louis), Lawana, David (Katherine), Michael (Tammy), Ian (Natasha), Laura, Leah and Anna; great-grandchildren, Brian, Daniel,

Adriane, Claire, Chase, Ronan, Hannah, Brooklyn and Matthew; great-great grandchildren, Grayson, Amethyst and Sapphire; along with sister-in-law, Nini Room; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 67 years, David; sister, Margaret Room in infancy; brothers, Bertie, Jack, Frank, Cyril and Robert.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sweeny's Funeral Home, Bridgewater, where visitation will be held 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, February 17. A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2015, in Bridgewater United Church, Rev. David Campbell officiating. A private family interment will take place prior to the memorial service. Family flowers only, please. Memorial donations in Mary's memory may be made to charity of choice. On-line condolences may be made by visiting <http://www.sweenysfuneralhome.com> or by messaging condolences@sweenysfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Margaret Ann Mariah Rhodenizer

It is with sadness that the family of Mary Margaret Ann Mariah Rhodenizer, 73, of Riverport, announces her passing on Saturday, February 7, 2015, at the QEII Health Sciences Centre, VG Site, Halifax.

Born in Dartmouth, she was a daughter of the late George and Margaret (Arnold) Verge.

In her earlier years, Mary worked in a civilian position at the Department of National Defence, Halifax, and later was employed as a secretary in the office for Dr. David Keddy, Mahone Bay. She was an avid reader, loved travelling, collecting treasures and the special times she spent with her husband and family sailing on their wooden schooner. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; daughter, Jana (David) Patton, Martin's Brook; and grandsons, Wyatt and Liam Patton.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy. 3, Lunenburg. In keeping with Mary's wishes, a private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to SHAID Tree Animal Shelter or to a charity of your choice.

The family would like to thank Ann and Leon Beaver, the VON, the doctors and nurses at the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, Lunenburg, and the VG, Halifax.

Phyllis Emelyne Nauss

NAUSS, Phyllis Emelyne - age 94, of Mahone Bay, passed away Monday, February 9, 2015, at Mahone Nursing Home, Mahone Bay.

Born in Oakland, she was a daughter of the late Eva (Eisnor) and Harry Hiltz.

She enjoyed a life of good friendships and her trips across Canada and Europe. Phyllis was a wonderful, caring person who loved being with all of her family at the camp during the summer months. She especially loved the company of her grandchildren. Phyllis was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She filled her days during the warmer months in her vegetable garden.

Phyllis is survived by her children, Janet Burgoyne, Susan (Arthur) Veinotte, Karl (Susan) Nauss; grandchildren, Tara (Jan), Peter, Jennifer (Leam), Craig (Danalee), Leslie Ann (James), Melanie (Matt), Cheryl (Kenneth); great-grandchild, Eva-Kate. She was predeceased by her first husband, Edwin Andrews; second husband, Enos E. Nauss; sisters, Carey, Daisy, Lillie, Jean, Doris; infant sisters, Ivy and Helen; brothers, Keith and Paul.

A memorial service was held 2 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2015, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mahone Bay, Pastor Adam Snook officiated. Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Mahone Nursing Home for their care given to Phyllis.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Mahone Funeral Home, P.O. Box 200, 32 Parish St., Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0 Tel. 902-624-8241. On-line condolences may be sent to the family by visiting <http://www.mahonefuneral.ca>



PRESCHOOL PLAY

Two-and-a-half-year-old Jake Crouse from Voglers Cove recently attended the HB Studios Sports Centre for a preschool drop in event for parents and children.

CHRISS HERMAN PHOTO

Lunenburg defers final reading on sewer discharge bylaw amendments

By **ROBERT HIRTLE**
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Lunenburg has deferred second reading of amendments to its sewer discharge bylaw.

Changes to the legislation call for additional requirements for food establishments to maintain their grease traps and prevent the discharge of fat, oil and grease (FOG) into the sewage collection system.

FOG has been creating problems in the town's sewage treatment plant, its wet wells and other facets of the system.

First reading was given to the amendments back in December with second and final readings being delayed to February 3 due to a weather-related meeting cancellation.

At that gathering town engineer Marc Belliveau told council he had been contacted by a half dozen restaurateurs in response to a notice he had circulated about the changes.

One written response came from Katherine Eisenhauer, owner of the Savvy Sailor Café on Montague Street.

Ms Eisenhauer wrote that the kitchen at her restaurant is below the main sewer hookup.

"As a result, all waters are

pumped from the kitchen up to the Montague Street connection," she wrote. "I am therefore very diligent about making sure any FOG is disposed of either by composting, or when not possible by collecting in old oil buckets and disposing. I am sure that my pipes would clog far ... quicker than the town's."

She said the Savvy Sailor works with only a small amount of oil on a flat-top grill and that it is collected and composted properly.

"I do not have a deep fryer on site and never will as it is not only a stipulation of my lease but not something that I am interested in anyhow," she said.

Ms Eisenhauer felt it is inappropriate for the town to group all food-vending sites in the same category and voiced concerns about the logistics of installing a grease trap in her kitchen.

"I can appreciate that of course there is not zero amount of oil that would end up being washed off dishes, but I could, with confidence, say that no more than an average household would

enter the sewers," she added. Mr. Belliveau told council that most of the calls he received were for clarification of the amendment and the majority already have grease traps in their businesses.

In fact, he said only one other food outlet in town is not equipped with such a device.

"I don't know how you could exclude one person and require others to. It's a bit of a tough situation," he told council.

At the suggestion of Mayor Rachel Bailey, council agreed by consensus to defer second and final readings of the amendment for further consideration.

Mr. Belliveau was asked to query restaurant owners who expressed concern about the amendment as to whether it would be helpful to be granted a time extension to install the fat-separation devices.

He also agreed to show them photographs of the problems FOG causes in the sewage system so they would better understand the rationale behind the bylaw.

"I don't know how you could exclude one person and require others to."

Marc Belliveau
Town engineer

Tax credit for volunteer responders safe from government chopping block

By **KEITH CORCORAN**
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Nova Scotians should brace themselves for change as the province's finance minister edges closer to tabling a "tough budget" for the upcoming fiscal year.

"The current year we're in ... we're at a \$220-million deficit estimated right now and we have a big gap to close," Diana Whalen told LighthouseNOW in a recent telephone interview. "As a government we are committed to getting to a balanced budget."

It's expected the McNeil government will rein in spending. "This will be a tough budget," she said.

The Department of Finance expected to host a February 5 public meeting in Bridgewater to get a sense of what locals had

to say about the budget and the recent tax and regulatory review. Stormy weather conditions postponed the session, which, as of this writing, had not been rescheduled.

One of the recommendations put forward by a consultant in the tax review was to stop the \$500 tax credit for volunteer ground search and rescue personnel and volunteer firefighters. Ms Whalen said she heard from supporters of the credit that it is an important tool for recruitment and retention. Such volunteer organizations provide a valuable service, she said. Therefore, the recommendation to scrap the tax credit will be ignored.

"It was very, very clear that this would be damaging to an essential service," Ms Whalen noted, confirming the recommendation has been "taken off the

table." She cleared up any confusion about free vehicle registration that is accessible to personnel of those volunteer groups. Ms Whalen said that item was not part of the tax review and will still be made available. The free-registration measure "won't be impacted," she pointed out. "That definitely will remain unchanged."

Meanwhile, Ms Whalen suggested it is paramount that she hear from Nova Scotians about the nearly four dozen proposals contained in the tax review report.

Comments can still be submitted via e-mail at taxreview@novascotia.ca, by using the hashtag #nsbudget on Twitter or by mail to the Department of Finance and Treasury Board.

MEMORIAMs



FRASER: In memory of our loving parents Truman and Florence Fraser, who passed away February 22 and March 19, 2013. Remembering you is easy. We do it every day, Missing you is a heart-ache That never goes away. Forever loved and missed by your family.

FRAUSEL, Gerald: In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Never more than a thought away. Quietly remembered every day. Missed every day by wife Betty, children Diane, Karen, Tammy and Rickey and families.

HARRIS, Christopher: In memory of Christopher, who passed away on February 19, 2007. There is a place within our hearts That we keep just for you, As long as life and memories last We will love and remember you. No matter how life changes No matter what we do, A special place within our hearts Is always kept for you. Always loved by his Mom and Dad, Jim and Phyllis; sister Valerie and Allan; aunt Pearl.

WOODWORTH: In loving memory of my husband, Bruce Woodworth, who passed away February 18, 2014. Beautiful memories, silently kept, Of a wonderful husband I'll never forget. Love, wife Lorna.

MEMORIAMs

In loving memory of Ralph Ritchie. May 8, 1936 - February 12, 2012; and Ritchie Jodrey, February 4, 1954 - February 14, 2014. We little knew that morning God was to call your name, In life we loved you dearly In death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you You did not go alone, For part of us went with you The day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one The chain will link again. Forever loved and missed by wife Emily and family to Ralph, and like a mother and brother to Ritchie. We miss and love you both.

JOUDREY: In loving memory of Hilda Joudrey, who left us 10 years ago on February 16, 2005. Remembering you on this day We're comforted by so many memories, Though absent, you are very near Still loved, still missed, still very dear. Loved and always missed by son William, Judy and family.

KAISER, Ruth Vera: In loving memory of a sister and aunt, who passed away February 22, 2014. A special person, a special face Someone we love and can't replace Never selfish, always kind These are the memories you left behind. Miss you every day, Enid, Judy and family.

MEMORIAMs



WOODWORTH, Bruce Leroy. In loving memory of our brother, who passed away February 18, 2014. It has been a year Treasured memories keep you near, No need for words, except to say Still loved and missed in every way. Remembered and loved by all the family.

DEATHS

Jesse Dwayne Croft - 22, Italy Cross, died January 26, 2015, in QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

Marion Belle Wentzell - 84, Bridgewater, died January 27, 2015, in South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

Helen Marguerite Pearman - 85, Bridgewater, died January 31, 2015, in South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

Rubie Dollie Corkum - 93, Mount Pleasant, died February 6, 2015, in Queen's Manor, Liverpool. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

Russell James Seaboyer - 66, Centre, formerly of Lunenburg, died February 6, 2015, at home. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

South Shore holds string of blood clinics

Attendance vital due to storm closures

By **KELSEY POWER**
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While winter hinders everyday business and schools, it also impacts the availability of individuals to donate their blood.

Canadian Blood Donor Services came to the Chester Legion Monday, February 9, 2015.

Even though this was a scheduled event, increased attendance was of the utmost importance.

"It's just extra important that we have it filled with donors. For today in Chester, we're hoping to have 72 donations," said Deborah Macgillivray, territory manager for Nova Scotia mobile Canadian Blood Services.

The current need is due to nature, as recent storms have caused regular clinic cancellations and lower than usual attendance at clinics. Canadian Blood Services even published a media advisory February 3, 2015 to help replenish the national inventory of blood.

"It's unsafe for donors or staff to get to the venue," said Macgillivray. "Because we had to shut down clinics

across the province we 'lost' donations that day."

Brenda Boutilier, a resident of Tancook Island and a regular blood donor, made the trip to Chester on February 9 specifically to give.

"I think it's important to give blood because you never know when you might need it yourself," she said.

Canadian Blood Services visits Chester five times a year. These visits are part of regular blood donor clinics across Nova Scotia to help hospitals sustain their daily needs for patients.

"We could really use more donors," said Macgillivray. "Our donor base in Chester is very dedicated but very small. If anybody of the age 17 or older feels they are eligible to [donate], they can call us at 1-888-2-DONATE."

Canadian Blood Services covered the South Shore last week. Tuesday was spent at Liverpool's fire hall, and Wednesday to Friday blood donations were taken at the Nova Scotia Community College in Bridgewater.

"I'm just hoping winter stays away so we can stay where we are," said Ms Macgillivray. "We'll collect what we can."



KELSEY POWER PHOTO

Xlomara Arias, a phlebotomist with Canadian Blood Services, takes a donation from Brenda Boutilier, who came from Tancook to give blood at a recent Chester Legion clinic.

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Services for February 22, 2015

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
25 Phoenix Street, Bridgewater, 543-4106
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015
Lent 1

8:45 a.m. Celebration & Praise
8:45 Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship (Communion)
12:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting
3:00 p.m. HC Service @ Drumlin Hills
7:00 p.m. Lenten Psalm Study

Wednesday, February 25 "May the Peace of Christ Jesus be with you today and always"

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5:30 pm Community Café

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First Sunday in Lent — Rev. Catherine Robar
9:00 a.m. St. James', LaHave BAS Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. St. Mary's, Crousetown Holy Communion

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9:15 am Choir; 11:00 am Worship and Sunday School
12:00 pm Youth Singers' Practice

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7:00 pm Church Council

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11:00 a.m. Ken Scott
7:00 pm Hymn Sing

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Ash Wednesday

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2015
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5:00 pm Pancake Supper
TUESDAY - Quilters Group at 9:00 am
Jr. Choir at 6:15 pm, Sr. Choir at 7:00 pm

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10 am — Holy Eucharist (BAS)

AGM - Sunday, February 22nd following 10 am service
Thursday, February 26 Holy Eucharist & Bible Study 10 am

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Meditation: "When God Smiles"
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
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