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Veterans awarded with highest French honour

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In the middle of a bustling room full of people waiting to congratulate them, 91-year-old Frank Hammond reached across the aisle and grabbed Ralph Hebb's hand.

"We're war buddies," he said.

The two World War II veterans were honoured on Monday for their help in liberating France from Nazi control. Both spent years fighting in Europe during the Second World War, and both travelled back to Normandy this summer to mark the 70th anniversary.

This week they came together again to receive the prestigious Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour in front of a large crowd at the Royal Canadian Legion in Bridgewater.

"France will never forget what you did for her," said Consul General of France Vincent Hommeril during the ceremony. "The whole French population remembers that it was the sacrifices made by Canadian soldiers that helped France to free herself from the Nazi domination."

The local veterans were awarded medals to add to the long list of honours they've already received for their service. MP Gerald Keddy, Municipality of Lunenburg Mayor Don Downe and Bridgewater Mayor David Walker attended the event.

"It's overwhelming," said Mr. Hammond, who sat with his wife, Marion, and their three sons.

Mr. Hammond was born in Saint John and enlisted with the Canadian

Navy when he was 18. He fought from 1941 to 1945.

Now, he often shares the experiences of those years with new generations. He's spent the last 14 years speaking to school children each November 11.

"All I have left are memories, and they're not staying with me too much now. I live in the past, I suppose, and can't keep up with the future," said Mr. Hammond, pointing to his walker.

Mr. Hebb, who's 95-years-old, served in the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. He trained in Halifax and boarded a ship for England in July, 1943.

During one night in September, 1944, Mr. Hebb's unit rescued roughly 2,400 British paratroopers near Arnhem, Holland.

"The night we brought the paratroopers back it poured all night. It was some wild. My oh my. But it was good for us because the other ones had to take it too," he said.

But when Mr. Hebb returned to Nova Scotia in 1946, things weren't easy. He hadn't seen his friends or family in years.

"It's hard to say it, but it was a hard thing to return back," he said. "I mean, you were lost."

Mr. Hebb's son, Lynn Hebb, who was at the ceremony, said his dad doesn't like to talk about the war.

"The first 27 years he was back, he never said a thing about it. It's not like the current guys coming back from Afghanistan who need help and get it," he said.

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VALERIE LEDUC PHOTO

95-year-old Ralph Hebb, pictured, along with 91-year-old Frank Hammond, was honoured during a December 15 ceremony at the Bridgewater legion.

Resident 'glad to be alive' after being trapped by flood

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Home workshops can be dangerous places, but most safety concerns are about tools and equipment. Last week,

Daniel Bolivar of Branch LaHave nearly drowned in his.

"I'm glad to be alive," he told LightHouseNow.

Mr. Bolivar and his wife Karen live on Bruhm Road near Zwicker Brook. They had been keeping an eye on water levels

throughout last Wednesday's downpour. When they returned from their daughter's home around 9 p.m. water was overflowing the banks of the brook and was lapping at the foundation of their home.

Mr. Bolivar went down the basement stairs from the kitchen to turn off the

power. The electrical panel is in his workshop, which is attached to the basement.

The water was already shin-deep as he made his way through the basement and through the door that leads to his workshop.

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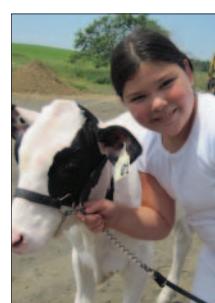
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Section of Bruhm Road washed away

Minister tours areas affected by flooding

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With water levels subsiding, officials will have a better look at provincial infrastructure to see if there's enough damage to trigger a cost-sharing application to the federal government to help cover the expense of putting things back to rights.

Nova Scotia Emergency Management Minister Mark Furey said information is being gathered to assess what support may be available. Mr. Furey, the MLA for Lunenburg West, was in Branch LaHave December 12 to get a closer look at what resulted a couple of nights prior from high water pressure that was too much for a culvert and washed out a section of the Bruhm Road.

A number of secondary roads flooded as result of heavy rainfall.

Mr. Furey said it's too soon to tell what could be in store for private property owners who have experienced damage not covered by insurance.

"I think the assessment is the most important part of that process to determine how much damage exists," he explained at the Bruhm Road site. "There's some factors that have to be considered.

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Mark Furey
Nova Scotia Emergency Management Minister

Neil indicated.

Bruhm Road residents are all too familiar with flood damage inconveniences. A bridge on the West Northfield end of the road was replaced a couple of years after 2003 flood damage closed the original span.

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Insurance damage is not covered under the disaster financial assistance program that the federal government supports. Those types of things will be factored into the assessment that's completed."

It's expected the assessment will be finished over the "next number of weeks," Mr. Furey said.

Nova Scotia Emergency Management can make an application to Ottawa for federal financial assistance when public infrastructure damage reaches about the \$1-million mark. Paul MacNeil, a disaster financial assistance manager with Nova Scotia Emergency Management, suggested it's also too early to talk about whether or not that figure will be reached.

"We'd really be speculating at this point," he told LighthouseNOW.

It's better to wait until the province's transportation department engineers have had a good look at provincial infrastructure, Mr. Mac-



VALERIE LEDUC PHOTO
Frank Hammond thanked everyone for coming after he received his medal from Vincent Hommeril, Consul General of France.

Veterans awarded with highest French honour

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Today, many of the men Mr. Hebb and Mr. Hammond fought alongside during their years in France have passed away.

"[Mr. Hebb] is one of the last surviving members of the engineering unit of 79 men," said Lynn Hebb. "It's kind of like a remembrance for all the guys that dad was with."

The Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour is one of the highest national orders of France and was created by Napoleon Bonaparte to honour his best soldiers. The first award was given out more than 200 years ago.

After Monday's ceremony, French wine was served.

Resident 'glad to be alive' after being trapped by flood

TRAPPED from A1

Another door from the workshop opens to the outside. Moments after he entered the workshop, that outside door burst open and a torrent of water crashed in, throwing Mr. Bolivar off his feet.

"The power of that water was just unbelievable," he recalled later.

Recovering his balance, he considered the workshop's outside door as a means of escape. All he could see was the black of night and a churning mass of water in his backyard. The water looked like it was already level with his above-ground swimming pool, 50 inches off the ground.

"I thought if I went out there I would get swept away and nobody would find me," said Mr. Bolivar.

Meanwhile, the pressure of the rising water forced the door that lead back to the basement shut behind him, and he wasn't able to pull it open. He was trapped.

Mrs. Boliver, who was elsewhere in the home, heard her husband's calls for help. She went down the basement stairs and waded into the cold swirling water, which by then was chest-deep. In the darkness, she made her way past the pool table and washing machine, which were floating, to the workshop door. Pressing her shoulder against it, she managed to wedge the door open just enough for Mr. Bolivar to grab the top with his fingertips. Together, they forced it open far enough for him to squeeze through. Once they were inside the basement proper, the workshop door slammed shut again. They both then waded to the basement steps and up to the kitchen at ground level.



Daniel Bolivar of Branch LaHave says he nearly drowned after flood waters trapped him in his workshop.

Luckily, neither was injured in the event, although Mr. Bolivar admitted he still has "mental anguish."

That, and recognition and appreciation of the heroic efforts of his wife.

"She's a brave woman anyway, but she says she must have been working on adrenalin," he said with pride and the hint of a smile.

In their 27 years on the property, the Bolivars had never seen Zwicker Brook so high. The flooding in their home began when a culvert that takes the brook beneath Bruhm Road became plugged,

backing the water up onto their property.

Eventually, the culvert and then the road itself gave way, and the force quickly sucked the water back out of their basement. Mr. Bolivar's tools, jacket and wallet were among the debris in its wake. Meanwhile, the Bolivers' swimming pool was wrenching free and wrapped around trees on the banks of the brook.

Now the Bolivars are in "cleanup mode" with the help of friends and family. At the same time, they're cataloguing all the property losses and damage for insurance purposes and any help they

might hope for from the province in the form of disaster relief.

However, the Bolivars are not hopeful that they will receive a considerable amount of assistance from their insurance company, which will only cover damage up to 12 inches on the property and only in respect to water coming up from the sewage drains at ground level. There is no payout on damage above that height or from water pouring into doors and windows.

"People should be aware of what they're not covered for," Mr. Bolivar advised, saying he believes the majority of the assistance, if it comes, will be from the province.

With more than 100 mm of rain falling in some areas in the county, there has been extensive damage to various roads and private property.

Lunenburg West MLA and Emergency Management Minister Mark Furey toured the area in Branch LaHave where the culvert and road were washed away on December 12. He said the municipalities and the province will be working together to assess the situation and determine what, if any, support will be available for homeowners and to repair major infrastructure.

"Insurable damage is not covered under the disaster assistance program that the federal government supports," he commented, adding, "Those types of things will be factored into the assessment."

The minister expected the assessment to be completed over the next couple of weeks.

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County hit hard by heavy rainfall

Storm causes road closures, washouts, flooded basements

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Last week's downpour left many residents and emergency responders dealing with several road closures, washouts and flooded basements. Parts of the province received more than 100 mm of rain.

Lunenburg MLA Suzanne Lohnes-Croft was one of the many residents dealing with the aftermath. She was welcomed home from caucus last week by a flooded basement and a body of water that had formed in the yard of her Mahone Bay home.

"I came home and I saw the road was flooded in front of my house and both yards were full of water," she said.

"When I went in the house, the sump pumps were working. ... But when I opened the door to the basement [I] saw I had about six to nine inches of water in my basement."

She quickly called the Mahone Bay fire department, and emergency responders arrived and dealt with the matter in about an hour, she explained.

"There was just so much water that my two sump pumps couldn't handle the flow of water that was coming down," said Ms Lohnes-Croft, adding that a small river across the street from her home had overflowed causing water from the street to seep into the basement.

"I went to bed probably around quarter to two. It was still raining," she said, noting that a high tide was expected around 11:40 p.m. that night.

Mahone Bay was one of the areas in the county hit the hardest by flooded basements, explained Heather Mac-

Kenzie-Carey, the Regional Management Emergency Organization (REMO) coordinator for the area.

"In Mahone Bay they probably had about eight or nine flooded basements that Mahone Bay fire responded to yesterday," she said.

The New Germany area was hardest hit by flooded roads along the LaHave River, she said. No one had to be evacuated from their homes, she added.

Ms MacKenzie-Carey suggested that homeowners who have basements that are prone to flooding should ensure that sump pumps are working. She advised residents to respect road barricades and to stay away from fast-moving water.

"In any low-lying areas in the road, you can suddenly be in quite a bit of water," said Ms MacKenzie-Carey, adding that residents can phone 511 for up-to-date road conditions.

Anyone with a well in the areas affected by the flooding should test their water, she said.

Last week was just one example of the work of emergency responders, said Ms Lohnes-Croft, explaining that many volunteer firefighters were working long after midnight.

"They could be home looking after their own properties, but instead they're out looking after us," she said.

"It was really nice to know that you have them and you can call them and get that kind of service."

For details on keeping your well water safe and reading the results of a water test visit <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse> or call the local environment office at 1-877-9ENVIRO.



BÉATRICE SCHULER PHOTO

A cottage on Cabin Road on Lake William is pictured after last week's downpour.

"I came home and I saw the road was flooded in front of my house and both yards were full of water."

Suzanne Lohnes-Croft
MLA



BÉATRICE SCHULER PHOTO

A car drives on the flooded road near Camp Kadimah.



Water pours out a manhole cover on King Street in Bridgewater.



Volunteer firefighters were needed December 11 to help recover this vehicle from the LaHave River in the Cookville area. No one was inside the automobile and it's believed the high water moved the car from a riverfront property.



KEITH CORCORAN PHOTO

Weather conditions are believed to have factored in the collapse of a bridge on the Branch LaHave side of Brumh Road, north of Bridgewater. Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal crews block a section of the strip.

COMMENT



This fall, an 85-year-old driver with medical issues had his driving privileges suspended after smashing into close to a dozen vehicles over a four-block span of King Street in Bridgewater.

Nova Scotia should ensure fitness of oldest drivers

Many provinces require elderly drivers to take health, visual and cognitive ability tests to ensure they are fit to drive safely.

Nova Scotia has no such regulations.

It's time for that to change.

We need to ensure our oldest drivers, many of whom are in their 80s and 90s, can make split-second decisions behind the wheel, see properly and fully comprehend rules of the road.

We are not alone in our concerns.

A survey of middle-aged adults last year from insurer Liberty Mutual found a majority of respondents were concerned about their parents' driving habits, but less than one quarter had had a discussion about that with them.

Meanwhile, we have witnessed numerous scary incidents involving elderly drivers close to home, including one this fall when an 85-year-old driver with medical issues had his driving privileges suspended, but only after smashing into close to a dozen vehicles over a four-block span of King Street in Bridgewater.

Opponents will say legislative changes are unfair and unnecessary. We agree there is no doubt that losing the right to drive can be traumatic and negatively impact lives. For many seniors, especially in rural areas, driving is their primary means of transportation. It's also an important part of living independently, especially in an area without a reliable public transportation system. That's a separate issue which also needs to be addressed by our governments.

Regardless, the reality is being unable to drive should be seen as an inevitable part of the aging process, and not a lifelong right of adulthood.

Opponents of regulating older drivers may also argue young drivers are far more likely to be involved in crashes. That's true. However, when measured per km, crash rates for elderly drivers spike.

According to Statistics Canada, people aged 70 or older have a higher accident rate per km than any group except young males, and those elderly drivers are far more likely to be involved in fatal collisions.

Therefore, argues Statistics Canada, in the context of an aging population, the balance between road safety and the autonomy some people associate with driving is a growing concern.

Increased age alone does not necessarily directly link to increased risk of traffic accidents, but declining vision, hearing, cognitive abilities and motor skills do, and those all naturally deteriorate with age.

A 2009 Canadian community health survey determined 43 per cent of seniors with level 3 vision — that is, they could not recognize a friend on the other side of the street, even with glasses — still had valid licences. Further, 36 per cent of seniors at levels 5 and 6 cognitive abilities had valid drivers licences even though they were very likely to have a great deal of difficulty thinking clearly and solving everyday problems.

We require rigorous standards for our young drivers. Why not for our older drivers as well?

"The main difference between older and younger drivers is that young drivers are high risk because

of their inexperience and risk-taking behaviour, but they improve over time. Older drivers don't," said Mary Kelly, a professor of insurance at the school of business and economics at Wilfrid Laurier University who was an expert witness at an Ontario human rights tribunal that ruled higher insurance premiums for older drivers are a valid response to their elevated crash rates.

In recent years, the Canadian Medical Association Journal has advocated for a graduated licensing program for seniors similar to the ones in place for young drivers, including a proposed system of driving limitations imposed at a given age which could be removed following certification of good health and abilities.

We agree.

Other jurisdictions have already acknowledged similar measures make good public policy.

For example, in Ontario, at age 80, every two years drivers must renew their licences and take tests for motor skills, memory and vision, have their driving records reviewed and sit in on classroom education sessions, all of which determines whether or not further assessments are required, such as road tests. In Alberta, drivers at 75 and older are obligated to disclose whether they have medical conditions which could compromise their driving ability. British Columbia requires fitness tests at age 80.

But Nova Scotia? Nothing.

"There are no regulations or policies specifically related older drivers," Department of Transportation spokesman Brian Taylor recently told this newspaper.

"That said, a doctor or a family member can ask to have someone retested."

Should the onus really be on doctors or family members? That's an unfair burden to ask them to take on, and risks ruining professional and personal relationships.

We need an impartial and independent means of doing it. In other words, legislative changes.

This would put the responsibility on individuals to prove competency rather than force concerned loved ones or doctors to be the bad guys.

Legislation also does not have to be viewed as stripping elderly drivers of their rights. Proper legislation could validate good drivers and not only make our roads and highways safer, but be fair and give many people, including older drivers, better peace of mind.

However, as MacLeans Magazine once put it, "Few public policy issues are as fraught with competing interests and short fuses as that of elderly drivers."

It would take tremendous political will to risk the ire of such a powerful demographic group of voters, but make no mistake, it is the right thing to do.

Perhaps coupling the legislative changes with some larger commitment to solving the public transportation issues facing our rural communities would help ease the transition.

Ignoring the problem is not the solution.

~ Stacey Colwell

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TO THE EDITOR

Straight pipe enforcement falls on deaf ears

Attendance was impressive at a water symposium held at NSCC in Bridgewater on November 15.

Although there were a number of water-related topics discussed, the focus of the conference and panel discussion quickly gravitated to the straight pipe issue plaguing us on the LaHave River, i.e., the illegal practice by some residents of dumping their raw sewage directly into the river.

Surely this subject has been kicked around long enough, and it is time for our provincial government to take leadership to bring this practice to an end.

Unfortunately, to my knowledge no local MLAs nor their designated representatives were present at the conference. If they had been, perhaps they would have left with a sense of the frustration felt by some residents that this practice is still tolerated.

Legislation prohibiting straight pipes is already in place, but it is not being proactively enforced by NSDOE. The government needs to develop initiatives and programs to start the resolution process.

A number of suggested initiatives have been passed along to government officials, but to date they have fallen on deaf ears.

Lunenburg West MLA Mark Furey has suggested that this issue needs to be "provincially driven," since the problem also exists in other areas of the

province.

Well, how about the constituents who live on the LaHave River? Are our voices not enough to warrant action?

Here lies an opportunity for elected officials in Lunenburg County to demonstrate initiative and take leadership to represent positive change and support the law.

WAYNE MULOCK
Upper LaHave

Where is the Lunenburg CEC?

The introduction of Collaborative Emergency Centres (CECs) to Nova Scotia was one of the NDP government's many success stories. The NDP brought CECs into existence, and they have proven to be the best thing since sliced bread for the Nova Scotia health-care system.

The McNeil Liberals now have the whole health system in turmoil, and they have ignored this innovative, cost-saving and patient friendly CEC approach. The Lunenburg CEC was announced at NDP MLA Pam Birdsall's Lunenburg constituency office in December 2012. Two years later, the Lunenburg CEC is nowhere to be seen or heard. There is no local health board to work on the CEC, or even to discuss the issue, now that the Liberals have dissolved them. There have been no announcements from the premier or the health minister about the Lunenburg CEC.

If the McNeil Liberals know anything at all about the status of the Lunenburg CEC, perhaps they can take some time to inform us. As a resident of Lunenburg County and Pam's proud husband, I would be very disappointed to see all of her intensive effort on the Lunenburg CEC go for naught.

HARRY COVERT
Mahone Bay

Bring back public health nurses in schools

I'm writing in response to your article "One Third of Students Enter Primary Without Necessary Skills" (December 10, A14).

It cannot be stressed enough the effects that cuts over the years have made on education and health. One of those cuts involved the public health nurse. Before these cuts, each nurse made contact with all the newborns in her district.

Mothers could contact them for support, ask questions and count on their help in providing for their children. Public health nurses made regular visits to our schools and their knowledge and services were a valuable asset and helped ready children and their families for school.

If we want to improve the skills of our young, I suggest we bring back the public health nurse.

LIZ HAMILTON
Lunenburg

Is seeing believing?

Well, it was a great thing to see the wheel of a schooner laid by the wharf and to see the wonderful demonstration of the wheel turning by one finger after all the gizmos were installed, and to say, "It is finally done. We corrected what was wrong."

Now we wait for the day it sails out of the harbour under full sail. Then say, "Yes, it is accomplished." It's one thing, standing still, to say "I can jump a fence." Trying such? Wow. That's another story.

Will there ever be another schooner built with a three-ton rudder? The taxpayers paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to correct what went wrong. Now will the schooner be able to sail the waters of the USA? It had to meet the approval of the American inspectors. What happened with Canadian inspectors was the BluRobot II, built for America. We taxpayers paid for the doom-and-gloom riggers and smooth sailing.

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Lunenburg

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Twin the 103 now

Mr. Premier, I would draw your attention to your comments that the federal government should pay for the Yarmouth ferry.

That might be great if you as the premier of Nova Scotia would protect the people that you were elected to protect, the people who have to travel the 103 to Metro from the ferry.

You have shown no leadership to protect these people. There have been over 70 deaths over the last 10 years on Highway 103, and the CAA has said that Highway 103 is the second-worst highway in Canada.

Why not protect your residents first and then protect the tourist industry?

I lost my son in 2008 because this highway wasn't twinned, so I'm asking you to do the right thing and twin the 103 highway now.

BRUCE HETHERINGTON

It's resolutions time

With 2015 fast approaching, it's time we turned our attention to the future and to what we as residents can expect from our provincial government in the year ahead.

For 2015, I'm keeping my government resolution list short. It's not that a multitude of problems don't exist, but to ensure that some things get accomplished:

1. Resolve to remove straight pipes from the LaHave River and Lunenburg front harbour.
2. Resolve to have an MRI machine at South Shore Regional Hospital so patients don't have to wait eight months for an appointment and travel to Yarmouth or Kentville.
3. Resolve to improve safety on Highway 103.

DARRELL TINGLEY
Lunenburg

Local people care about towns

Write regarding the impending provincially mandated decision regarding Chester's future, either to be blended into the municipality or become a town.

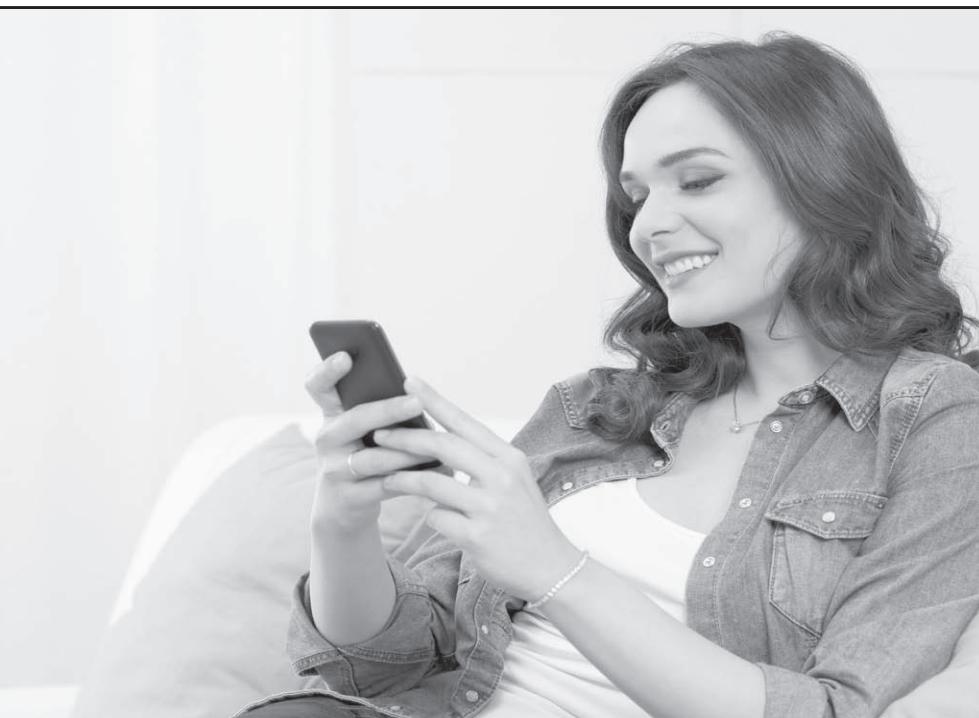
If the blending option is followed, Chester's appeal as one of the prettiest villages in Canada will soon disappear.

Tax revenue will be redirected to other areas in the municipality, true, but the current village will not be able to remain as appealing as it is, because zoning will be weakened so as to allow commercial sprawl and height increases. It is impossible to conclude that the municipality's population as a whole will have the same priorities as the current village commission regarding the appearance of the village.

There will be no one to ensure that infill development is compatible with unique historic and cultural assets.

Local people care about their town; others fend for themselves.

PETER MCCURDY
Chester





KEITH CORCORAN PHOTO

The October 2 crash scene involving the Hyundai Sonata, Pontiac Vibe and Acura ILX. Police have closed the case without laying any charges.

Elderly driver involved in multi-vehicle incident won't be charged

Several vehicles struck in downtown Bridgewater on October 2

By KEITH CORCORAN
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The 85-year-old driver at the centre of a multi-vehicle incident in Bridgewater's downtown a couple of months ago had "medical problems" and won't be charged in connection with the matter, police indicated.

"The gentleman has had his driving privileges suspended by the Registry of Motor Vehicles. He remains in hospital," Bridgewater Police Service Chief John Collyer told LighthouseNOW in an e-mail.

"This matter has been concluded with no charges laid as the elderly driver sustained ... medical problems at the time of the initial incident."

Chief John Collyer
Bridgewater Police Service

Close to a dozen vehicles, some parked and some moving, sustained damage, starting in the area of the King Street and Maple Street intersection and ending four blocks later, northbound on King, with a three-vehicle crash near the Victoria Road intersection.

Four ambulances and Bridgewater volunteer firefighters were among responders summoned to the corner of Victoria and King to deal with the crash involving a Pontiac Vibe, an Acura ILX and the Sonata during the lunch hour. A section of King Street was temporarily closed while emergency crews worked the scene and police investigated.

Firefighters used specialized equipment, the Jaws of Life, to free the Sonata driver from his wrecked car. A second set of jaws helped free a person from inside the Vibe.

Two men, ages 30 and 48, and a 58-year-old woman were assessed by paramedics at the scene and taken to the Bridgewater hospital by ambulance for further examination. Injuries sustained by the trio were believed to be non-life-threatening.

THE COURT REPORT

Failed breathalyser. A Cherry Hill man, **Bernard Kimbal Rhuland**, 70, was banned from driving in Canada for a year and ordered to pay \$1,300 in fines after pleading guilty to failing the breathalyser.

The charge stems from an incident this summer when a vehicle approached a mid-afternoon police checkpoint. An officer noticed the smell of alcohol on the driver's breath and requested a roadside screening test. The driver failed the test and was arrested. Later, at the police station, the driver registered breathalyser readings of 110 and 100 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit is 80.

Mr. Rhuland was sentenced during Bridgewater provincial court proceedings on December 10.

Committed assault. A Sunnybrook man received a conditional discharge and probation after admitting to assaulting a woman he's in a relationship with. **John Michael Gurney**, 44, pleaded guilty to a single count of assault during Bridgewater provincial court on December 11. During an evening in March, Mr. Gurney and a woman had drinks with other individuals at an apartment in the Centre area. At some point the woman asked the accused to leave, noted Crown prosecutor Craig Harding, reading a statement of facts into the court record. Mr. Gurney left but later returned. He struck the woman twice in the back and backside and "rammed" her into a table, the court heard. He also damaged a door. Mr. Gurney's probation includes a condition that he successfully complete any counselling that may be ordered, including counselling for mental health, anger management, spousal-partner violence and substance abuse. He has since paid restitution for the damages, the court heard. The couple has reconciled.

Flooded basements keep firefighters hopping

It was a very busy week, with Lunenburg County firefighters answering 84 calls for service from Monday, December 8, to Sunday, December 14. Sixteen of these calls were medicals.

Lunenburg responded to a fire alarm at 12:10 a.m., December 8, on Bluenose Drive.

New Ross responded to a single-vehicle rollover at 11:32 a.m., December 8, in Aldersville.

Cornwall responded to a fire alarm in Newburne at 12:42 p.m. that afternoon.

Cornwall responded to a report of a large unattended brush fire in Middle New Cornwall at 3:45 p.m. It turned out to be a controlled burn, so they were cancelled.

Northfield responded to a four-wheeler on fire in a yard in Lower Branch at 4:34 p.m. Oakhill firefighters assisted. The fire had spread.

Bridgewater responded to a power line fire touching a house on South Street at 7:36 p.m.

On December 9 at 7:50 a.m., Blockhouse responded to a van in the ditch on Highway 103. Mahone Bay assisted.

At 8:16 a.m., Oakhill responded to an accident on Highway 103 as well. Northfield and Blockhouse assisted.

Mahone Bay responded to a fire alarm on Edgewater Street at 1:03 a.m. December 10.

From December 10 to 11, Mahone Bay firefighters responded to 12 flooded-basement calls, three in Clearland and nine in Mahone Bay on Main Street, Parish Street and Clearway Street.

Blockhouse also responded to two flooded-basement calls around the supper hour December 10, both in Blockhouse.

Chester responded to three flooded basements, in East River Point, East Chester and Chester during the storm.

Lunenburg responded to a fire alarm on Lincoln Street at 6:38 p.m. December 10.

Tri District responded to a flooded basement in Newcombville at 8:41 p.m. that night.



EVAN DAHL
Dahl Dispatch

alarm that afternoon.

Tri District responded to a single-vehicle accident in Newcombville.

Bridgewater responded to a car that hit a pole on Dufferin Street at 10:00 p.m. that night.

On December 12 at 10:47 a.m., Bridgewater responded to a fire alarm on North Street.

On December 13 at 4:42 a.m., Lunenburg and Riverport responded to a fire alarm sounding in Rose Bay.

Hebbville and Bridgewater responded to an accident on Highway 103 in Hebbville at 5:30 p.m. that afternoon.

Dayspring responded to a truck off the road in Upper LaHave at 7:13 p.m.

On December 14, New Ross responded to an accident in the Forties at 8:19 a.m.

Bridgewater responded to a fire alarm on Alexandra Avenue at 1:16 p.m.

Pleasantville responded to a horse stuck in mud in Lake Centre at 2:26 p.m.

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Driver registers breathalyser reading nearly three times legal limit

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A Bridgewater driver refused to provide a second breath sample after his first breathalyser reading was nearly three times the legal limit.

Christopher Millen, 35, was sentenced to \$1,625 in fines and banned from driving anywhere in Canada for one year after pleading guilty to refusing to comply with a demand. The Crown withdrew an impaired driving charge. Mr. Millen's sentencing took place during Bridgewater provincial court proceedings on December 10.

Mr. Millen's lawyer, Alan Ferrier, characterized the circumstances surrounding the incident as "isolated," brought on by a "rather emotional and dysfunctional situation within his family" that led to a poor decision.

Mr. Millen is remorseful for his behaviour, Mr. Ferrier told the court.

Just after midnight, November 23, a bouncer from a downtown establishment and a cab driver alerted a Bridgewater police officer to a grey truck turn-

ing onto King Street, the court heard.

Reading the facts of the case, Crown attorney Michelle MacDonald told the court that the "highly intoxicated" driver had been advised not to get behind the wheel.

The police officer observed the truck make sudden turns without a turn signal being activated. The officer, driving a marked cruiser, activated his vehicle's emergency equipment and the truck pulled over. The officer noticed that the driver, identified as Mr. Millen, had a strong smell of alcohol on his breath and showed signs of impairment. The driver was taken to the police station where an initial breath sample of 250 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood was registered. The legal limit is 80. The driver refused to provide a second sample, Ms MacDonald told the court.

Judge Paul Scovil suggested Mr. Millen was fortunate not to have killed or injured himself or someone else by taking to the roadway.

"You obviously should have known [when] people told you not to drive, not to drive," the judge said.

Bridgewater lawyer recognized for efforts in legal community

Bob Chipman receives Queen's Counsel designation

By KEITH CORCORAN
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A Bridgewater solicitor is on a list of lawyers recognized for their exceptional efforts in the legal community.

Bob Chipman, an attorney with Nova Scotia legal aid, received his Queen's Counsel (QC) designation, an honour awarded annually to members of the legal professional. The Department of Justice announced the QC's in a statement released December 12.

The designation recognizes "exceptional merit and outstanding contributions" to the profession, the province indicated in the statement.

Mr. Chipman, 51, said he is proud to receive the honour.

"I certainly want to set an example for newer law-

yers," he told LighthouseNOW.

The designation underlines his contributions to the practice of law and volunteering of his time to the profession and his community. He was involved in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Run for the Cure and received a fundraising award in 2003.

He currently gives time to the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society, serving on a family law standards committee and a provincial court liaison subcommittee.

Mr. Chipman, originally from Halifax, was called to the bar in 1990.

The province said an independent advisory committee makes QC recommendations to the provincial cabinet.

"In addition to merit and legal contributions, recipients must have been a member of the bar of Nova Scotia for at least 15 years and have shown professional integrity and good character."

Bob Chipman
Lawyer



KEITH CORCORAN PHOTO

Bridgewater lawyer Bob Chipman received a Queen's Counsel designation, an honour awarded annually to members of the legal profession.

Council approves funds for electrical study

By ROBERT HIRTL
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Lunenburg council has approved a proposal from a consulting firm to prepare an updated electric utility distribution study using its 2004 report as a baseline.

The study will summarize the electric utility's progress over the past 10 years and serve as a succession planning tool.

In her report to council, town CAO Bea Renton said the update will also be used by the successor to retiring electric utility manager Raymond Francis to identify and prioritize future operations and capital works.

Mr. Francis will step down in June of next year.

The 2004 report was prepared by the consulting firm of Neill and Gunter; however, that company has since been purchased by Stantec.

Engineer Robert Forbriger was a key member of the team that prepared the

original report, and he is still working with the firm, so similar quality and relevance can be expected, Ms. Renton said.

She said if the project is started in January it can be completed before March 31, and that will assist with formulating the 2015-16 operating and capital budgets.

The cost of the study based on 92 hours of labour is \$15,188 plus a contingency of \$1,519, for a total of \$17,000, which can be funded with 2014-15 electrical utility operating budget monies.



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Waste will be collected as usual on December 24 in the Municipality of Lunenburg, the Town of Mahone Bay and the Town of Bridgewater.

The Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Centre will be CLOSED on December 25, re-opening as usual on December 26.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW TOWN OF LUNENBURG "SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BYLAW"

On November 25, 2014 Lunenburg Town Council gave first reading of a proposed new Solid Waste Management Bylaw (a bylaw to provide for the separation, storage, placement, collection and transportation of solid waste resources generated within the Town of Lunenburg).

This Bylaw:

- establishes limits on waste which can be placed for collection (including, without limiting the foregoing, limits on the number of bags which may be placed at the curb and the weight of the waste to be collected),
- provides for a clear bag program (which will establish a maximum of 6 bags of residual waste per collection day, of which, in most cases, only one bag can be a green or black, opaque privacy bag and the rest will be clear bags),
- provides the type of waste that may be placed for collection and the limits thereon,
- contains provisions for specific types of wastes (including without limiting the foregoing, leaf and yard waste, bottles or glassware, ashes or soot and cardboard)
- provisions for rejection of waste, special collections of waste, and commercial containers
- contains provisions related to private collection vehicles
- contains general restrictions on waste to be collected
- contains general prohibitions in relation to waste
- provides the times when waste must be placed at the curb for collection,
- establishes the size and number of bags which may be placed for collection; and
- addresses other matters related to Solid Waste Management.

The existing Solid Waste Bylaw No. 38 will be repealed.

A copy of the proposed new Bylaw is available at www.explorelnenburg.ca or by contacting the Town Manager/Clerk brenton@explorelnenburg.ca

Town Council will give second/final reading of the proposed new Solid Waste Management Bylaw on January 13, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at the Lunenburg Town Hall, 119 Cumberland Street. The public is welcome to attend the Council meeting to make presentations regarding the Bylaw, or to make written submissions in advance by notifying the Town Manager/Clerk.



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Town says no to closing offices over Christmas holiday

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Bridgewater town council has said no to a staff recommendation to close the town hall over the Christmas holiday.

The senior management committee asked the town to consider closing the town hall to members of the public from noon on Christmas Eve until the first business day after New Year's Day, due to the low volume of customers.

"It's an operational challenge to have staff work in every department [with] a customer service focus," said strategic initiatives coordinator Amy Wamboldt during a recent meeting. The departments with a customer service component include finance, planning, recreation and engineering.

"We generally have very few members of the public coming in during that time," she said.

As part of the recommendation, Ms Wamboldt noted that while the town hall would be closed to the public, staff would be welcome to go to work if they chose to. Staff who chose to take the time off could use accumulated overtime, vacation or time in lieu and it wouldn't have a budget impact, she explained.

Ms Wamboldt said that a number of municipalities in the province have adopted the same practice, including the Municipality of Lunenburg.

"People are out doing business. I think our town office should be open, and, quite frankly, I could care less if every other town in the province is closed."

Bill McInnis
Deputy Mayor

I think our town office should be open, and, quite frankly, I could care less if every other town in the province is closed — I think we should be open," said Deputy Mayor Bill McInnis.

Mayor David Walker said he was disappointed with the timing of the request, adding that he would have given it serious consideration if it would have been brought to council earlier. He suggested that if this is the direction that senior management would like to move in, then next year they should consider presenting the request to council sooner.

Typically, the town hall closes its offices at noon on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The days in between, except Boxing Day, have operated under regular business hours.

"People want to spend some time off with their family on the holidays, and it just becomes a bit of a morale issue when we have to assign staff to work during that time — given the fact we have very few customers coming into the town hall," she said, adding that it's difficult to find staff members that are willing to volunteer to work over the holidays.

Councillor Michael Graves put forward a motion to approve the recommendation, explaining that he felt it was reasonable. However, the other members of council disagreed and the motion was defeated.

"People are out doing business. I

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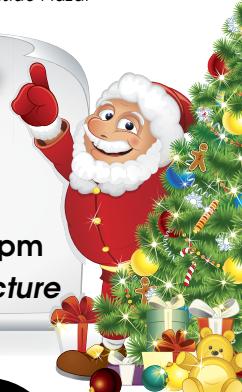
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Officials review procedures after parent says children hurt in school bus crash

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The province's ambulance service and the South Shore Regional School Board are partnering to see what procedural improvements can be made in response to road accidents involving school buses after a mom recently contacted Light-houseNOW to say children were hurt aboard a bus that crashed last month near New Germany.

"We are going to review our internal process around school bus motor vehicle collisions and have been in contact with the South Shore Regional School Board to collaboratively determine if there are gaps in the process that can be improved," Emergency Health Services (EHS) spokeswoman Stacey Brown said in an e-mail.

At the time of Ms Brown's email, none of the families of children aboard the bus had contacted EHS directly about the November 19 incident. "We've looked into this call and can confirm that based on the information provided by the caller,

Chester to fund more recreational programs

By JONATHAN WADDELL
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More money is being made available to recreation projects in the Municipality of the District of Chester.

MODC council amended an existing motion at its December 11 meeting, reallocating \$6,150 to a second call for grant applications, setting aside \$500 for new startups that may be received before year's end. Any unused portion of the latter amount will go directly to PRO Kids.

The amendment passed unanimously, surpassing the two-thirds majority required to amend an existing motion. If council had given notice of the vote and voted on the amendment at the next council meeting, only a simple majority would have been required.

The previous motion called for the remaining \$6,650 be dedicated to new start-ups, with any money left over going to PRO Kids. That motion had to be amended rather than rescinded because part of the motion had already been acted upon. Council had already approved more than \$13,000 in recreation funding.

A group that has received money from the municipality this year already, however, can't apply again for these reallocated funds, according to Chad Haughn, director of recreation and parks.

According to the request-for-decision memo presented to council on December 11 and prepared by the recreation department, recreation staff feared that if the \$6,650 was held until year's end it would not likely be spent in the community.

If a second round of applications were entertained, however, it "would probably generate interest in the community and the ability for the recreation committee to allocate most of the budgeted funds for this fiscal year," the memo stated.

one paramedic crew was dispatched to the scene. Indication when paramedics arrived on scene was there were no other injuries or patients.”

The bus was in the process of wrapping up its morning route to take students to the elementary and high schools in New Germany and had more than 30 kids aboard. Accounts from the scene were that neither the adult male driver

"Some of [the students] had a few bumps as a result of the impact," but were

bumps as a result of the impact but were otherwise okay, Denise Crouse, the school board's transportation coordinator told LighthouseNOW at the time. The students were loaded onto other buses and taken

to school, although some students ended up going home.

A Hyundai Accent collided with the bus in Watford. The sole occupant, a 16-year-old driver, sustained broken teeth and a facial gash. Road conditions at the time were described as being

Cheryn Johnson-Goodwin said in an e-mail to LighthouseNOW that her daughter, who was aboard the bus, was diagnosed at the Lunenburg hospital with a concussion and strained neck muscles following the incident.

The daughter called her mom via cell phone while still in her bus seat.

"She was complaining her head hurt and had a headache as a result of hitting

her head off the metal framing of the seat in front of her upon impact of the car," Ms Johnson-Goodwin's e-mail read. She said other children were also injured.

"The whole situation has myself and another parent for sure very upset for the last few days."

two facts that not all parents were aware and there were ... children with injury but had not been checked at the scene or even upon arriving at the school," her e-mail continued. "Yes our children's injuries were minor in comparison to the young fellow driving the car but they were injuries nonetheless."

Ms Brown encouraged Ms Johnson-Goodwin to contact EHS directly concerning the matter.

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Storm shorts hospital electrical panel

Two patients had to be moved from fourth floor

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A couple of patients were temporarily shuffled to another floor and a piece of diagnostic equipment was briefly rendered out of service after an electrical panel shorted out at Bridgewater's hospital last week.

Emergency crews were summoned to South Shore Regional Hospital, off Glen Allan Drive, around 9 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, when it was reported there was a smell of smoke and an electricity outage on the fourth floor.

Oakhill and Northfield district volunteer fire departments assisted Bridgewater crews at the scene with manpower and additional trucks. Responders isolated the damage to the panel, South Shore Health spokeswoman Theresa Hawkesworth told LighthouseNOW in a phone interview.

The fourth floor is home to the hospital's medical and obstetrics units where there are at least two dozen beds.

"One of the first priorities was staff assessing those patients to

determine what, if any, action they had to take," Ms Hawkesworth said. "The staff ended up moving, I think, two patients to the third floor so that they could be monitored."

No additional patients needed to be moved. The hospital's ventilation systems kicked in as normal, Ms Hawkesworth indicated.

"Most of the patients were sleeping at the time so there wasn't a lot of disruption to the patients, but the ones that did require monitoring we did have to move them," she said.

Although it was hours before electricity was restored, emergency lighting was available.

"We did have ambulances on site in case we had to transfer any patients but we didn't have to do that," Ms Hawkesworth said.

Rainfall from the December 10 storm leaked through the hospital's roof and flowed out of a ventilation opening and into the panel, causing the short and tripping breakers on all the floors. The facility's emergency generator kicked in, Ms Hawkesworth said, but the circuit that supplies electricity to the fourth floor

didn't carry the current as it was supposed to.

"The power surge did knock out power to our CT scanner so we had to bring staff in to reboot that and make sure that everything was working properly," she added. "It did come back on-line as it should have. It was up and running [December 11] as it should have been."

She said the generator is back in working order and an insurance claim is being filed for a replacement panel.

The leaky section of roof has been patched and will get serious consideration for any upcoming capital work. The problematic section is not one of the areas that was subject to repairs in 2013.

Hospital staff is being credited for their effective response to the incident.

"They practice for this type of thing and I think that paid off," Ms Hawkesworth said.

Bridgewater Fire Chief Michael Nauss referred comment on the matter to South Shore Health.

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Police warn about phone scam

Caller claims to be with federal agency

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Police are advising the public about a phone scam that's recently appeared in Lunenburg County.

Lunenburg County RCMP were contacted after a local woman received a call from a man claiming to represent the Canada Revenue Agency, the government department that administers Canada's tax laws.

The caller "threatened to take the resident to court if \$1,600 wasn't paid," the RCMP said in a news release.

"The fraudster then offered to pass the resident to their billing department if the resident provided a recorded phone contract."

Lunenburg County RCMP Cst. Rob James said the woman didn't

pay out any money and called the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). "She was pretty savvy," the officer said in a telephone interview.

Cst. James heard that the con has been making the rounds in New Brunswick, and it's unlikely this particular scam is limited to specific provinces.

"It's the first I've heard of it," Cst. James indicated, adding that, "I have no doubt it's been attempted before."

Information pertaining to scams such as this one is referred to a police-managed national anti-fraud centre. Cst. James indicated that, generally, police refer callers directly to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. He said a lot of the scams "are extremely difficult to act on" unless there's a lead that local authorities can pursue.

Part of the problem, police

agencies have said, is that many scams originate outside Canada's borders, where local law enforcement have little or no ability to combat the issue. Once cash is siphoned out of the country, it's gone for good.

Authorities advise citizens to be vigilant.

"Always check it out," Cst. James said. "Don't give any personal data out over the phone, like account [numbers], credit card numbers."

"If Canada Revenue wants to contact you they're going to do it through official channels, not over the phone."

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Municipality, Village of Chester agree to disagree

No common ground found at meeting about fiscal review

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In an impassioned meeting, commissioners of the Village of Chester tried to convince councillors of the Municipality of the District of Chester to support the continued existence of the village as a model of governance in the province.

In the end, the majority of councillors present seemed unmoved and no more convinced not to support recommendations that call for the end of villages in Nova Scotia, as contained in the municipal fiscal review, than when the December 5 meeting began.

The meeting opened on a point of agreement when Brenda Mulrooney, speaking as president of the Association of Nova Scotia Villages, took exception to a comment made by Andre Veinotte at the MODC council meeting of November 27.

At that meeting, Councillor Veinotte suggested that the village commission was enacting policies in areas that were outside of its jurisdiction.

Mrs. Mulrooney, in referring to the Municipal Government Act (MGA), said he was wrong to suggest that the commission couldn't involve itself in specific services.

"It doesn't go and differentiate as to who has to provide them. It does say that one over the other is favoured," said Mrs. Mulrooney.

Warden Allen Webber, in a conciliatory note, said that he agreed with Mrs. Mulrooney's take on the matter.

"I agree with you on the service stuff," responded Warden Webber. "I am well aware of what the MGA allows you to do and what it does not. So I can't speak for Councillor Veinotte, nor would I, but you're right you do have those areas."

Other than agreeing to disagree, the meeting saw no other agreement between the council and commission for the remaining 55 minutes, during which time many points and arguments were repeated.

Mrs. Mulrooney cited the Municipality of the County of Kings, which contains seven of Nova Scotia's 22 villages and has come out against recommendations 13 and 14, as an example she wished MODC would follow.

"I do know that Kings is really supporting their vil-



FILE PHOTO

Councillor Brad Armstrong has been an advocate for residents of the Village of Chester to have the right to self-determination.

lages and it's unfortunate that this council has decided not to," said Mrs. Mulrooney.

Commissioner Wynand Baekern suggested that it was a mistake for the municipality to accept the recommendations in their entirety and not examine each one individually.

"I think there is more value to look at the individual recommendation because every municipality is different and every application suggested in these recommendations has a different outcome in every different municipality," said Commissioner Baekern.

Warden Webber reiterated council's rationale for ac-

cepting the document as a whole – for the benefit of the exercise and the province, all municipalities are going to have to swallow the good with the bad.

"And if people start cherry picking and only support those that benefit them directly and don't support the things that are benefitting others, we're going to end up with a document that nobody will support any of it," said Warden Webber.

The warden went on to express the view, shared by others on council, that the village model of governance has become obsolete.

Councillor Brad Armstrong continued to advocate for village residents' right to self-determination.

Tempers flared when Mr. Baekern suggested that the council's position on recommendations 13 and 14 had eroded the trust between the two bodies and would injure their future working relationship. Several councillors took exception to his comments, saying that they would be capable of working with the commission in the future.

Each side aired its grievances, dredging up past sources of friction between council and the commission.

During the meeting, both sides speculated as to whether the McNeil government would accept the recommendations.

Premier Stephen McNeil responded to a question about the report in question period on November 13: "I have said to villages across this province, the same as I have said to towns and municipalities, that this government will not force anyone to amalgamate, but we will work with communities that want to amalgamate."

The premier, in his response, referred to the review report as a "piece of paper for consultation."

He also seemed to distance his government from the report, saying "This was a document put together by municipalities. It was chaired by the Chair of the UNSM, Mayor Corkum." According to a description of the provincial municipal fiscal review on the Government of Nova Scotia website, however, deputy ministers from various departments and Department of Municipal Affairs staff participated in the steering committee and working group.

MODC council had to submit its written comments on the recommendations, as did all municipalities, towns, cities and villages, by December 15.

Furey confident commissioners, councillors share views of constituents

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Municipal Affairs Minister

be contingent on the feedback," said Mr. Furey.

During the 20-minute interview the minister returned often to the theme of consultation and dialogue in enabling the government to define a path forward.

"At the end of the day, ultimately, government will make the decisions that are necessary ... what's important to me is that those decisions are informed decisions and we reach those based on the consultation process, and that's the stage we're at right now," said the minister.

He reaffirmed the government's pledge to municipalities that they would not be forced to amalgamate with other municipalities, saying that any new forms of government would be achieved through dialogue.

He was not aware that the premier had extended that commitment to villages as well.

During question period on November 13, the premier responded to a question from the NDP's David Wilson, the member for Sackville Cobequid. "I have said to villages across this province, the same as I have said to towns and municipalities, that this government will not force anyone to amalgamate, but we will work with communities that want to amalgamate."

Minister Furey did say that the core message is the same, that change will come through discussion.

"I wasn't aware of what the premier had said. ... I think that's consistent with what I've said. We'll pursue future models of government through dialogue, through open transparent dialogue," said the minister.

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Chester meets to discuss municipal fiscal review

About 50 people attend session allowing residents to hear from village commission

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An eleventh-hour meeting in Chester to provide information to village residents about the municipal fiscal review exposed old wounds and got an agreement from village commissioners on a long-sought fire advisory group, but accomplished little else.

With about 50 people in attendance on Wednesday, December 10, despite the atrocious weather, it was hard to discern a consensus among residents about the future of the village in the face of two recommendations in the review that would bring an end to the village model of government in Nova Scotia.

It seemed like too little too late for the councillor who represents the village on the Municipality of the District of Chester (MODC) council.

"It was good to hear what people had to say. You know, obviously people are thinking about the situation we kind of find ourselves in here in the village core. I think it was important to get started. But, unfortunately, the time is so short" said Brad Armstrong after the meeting.

When Councillor Armstrong spoke during the question-and-answer period of the meeting, he sought agreement from the village commission on a fire advisory group that would allow areas that purchase fire services from the village to express opinions about the service.

Municipal warden Allen Webber raised the issue during a tense MODC committee-of-the-whole meeting on December 5, when the Village of Chester commission pleaded its case. Commissioners resisted making any commitment then, instead suggesting that views from the outlying areas were already represented since the majority of firefighters on the Chester volunteer fire department live in those

areas.

At the Wednesday-night meeting, Councillor Armstrong wanted, in his words, "an olive branch" to extend to council proving that the commission was willing to cooperate, hoping that it may change council's position on the question of villages. Commissioners rebuffed his request.

Chester resident John Carroll, a former village commissioner, asked the commissioners to reconsider, arguing that the warden asking for agreement on the advisory group would provide Councillor Armstrong with something to return to council with.

Mr. Carroll then sought a show of hands from residents in attendance to see if they were in favour, and a majority raised their hands. Then he asked for a show of hands from the commissioners. Commissioners William Zinck Jr., Brenda Mulrooney and Bill Nauss agreed. Wynand Baeken did not raise his hand.

Mr. Carroll then asked for a show of hands for those who wanted to remain independent from the municipality. An overwhelming majority raised their hands.

At the beginning of the meeting, attendees were told by Commission Chair William Zinck Jr. that commissioners were not looking for opinions because they didn't want to have a debate. They would take questions, but only from village residents.

Prior to Mr. Carroll's intervention, a few residents stood at the microphone and registered their dissatisfaction. One asked how residents could make their opinions known to the commission. It took a few moments for commissioners to provide an answer, and they looked unprepared for the question. Another resident asked if the commissioners have the "wisdom and foresight" to understand what residents wanted without actually

asking residents what they wanted.

Commissioners did say there was a poll on the village website. As of December 8, 69 votes had been cast: 44 in favour of remaining a village, 20 in favour of becoming a town and five in favour of joining the municipality. However, the poll does not require proof of residency to vote.

The fact that a previous attempt to turn Chester into a town was defeated in two plebiscites was also brought up during the meeting.

Carol Nauss, another former commissioner, chastised people for making reference to what she called a "divisive" period that pitted neighbour against neighbour.

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Chester council wants status quo on districts

Plan is to retain seven elected members

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The Municipality of the District of Chester council adopted a report confirming that the municipality should keep seven municipal districts and seven councillors at its December 11 council meeting.

The motion to accept the report produced no debate and passed unanimously.

"I think it provides some consistency for the electors, you know, keep it the same at this particular point. Everybody's not wondering where are the boundaries, what district they're in, et cetera," said Brad Armstrong, councillor for District 3, during the meeting.

No other councillor spoke on the issue.

Keeping the status quo will leave the average number of voters per district at around 1,100.

The review began in 2013 with discussion of the mayor or warden system. A report was developed by municipal staff that was presented to council and to voters through a public engagement strategy. Fifty responses were received from the general public, with the vast majority supporting keeping a warden.

According to the application that was presented to council and will now be sent to the Nova Scotia Utility and Re-

view Board (UARB), most of the concerns about adding a mayor would be the cost associated with adding another person to council.

According to the Municipal Government Act, a mayor is a member of council elected at large, or across all the electoral boundaries, to lead the council, and a warden is elected to council by electors from a single district and then chosen by councillors to chair the council.

"I think it provides some consistency for the electors."

Brad Armstrong

Councillor

application states that the municipality's population in 2006 was 10,741, and it is 10,599 in 2011, a decline of approximately 1 per cent.

Each of the seven districts has experienced a loss of voters, but all losses remain within the plus-or-minus-10-per cent variance required by the UARB.

Having received council's approval, the application will now be submitted to the UARB for review. It's expected that the UARB will then undertake its own public meeting, likely to be held in Chester at some point in 2015, to ensure that all boundaries are in place for the next municipal election, in 2016.

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Ryan DeCenzo rides in a bowl that was constructed on the rocks.

Ramps dismantled after filming of video

In September, a team of skateboarders and photographers ventured to the abandoned Aspotogan Sea Spa near Hubbards and transformed it into a skateboarding paradise.

They came away with "Last Resort: Aspotogan," a 13-minute video produced by Red Bull that premiered on December 4 in Halifax.

But long after the video shoot has ended and the dream park has been dismantled, local skateboarders are still struggling to find funding for their own permanent park.

The video shows seven skateboarders jumping down stairs, dropping into a large concrete bowl and sliding across the resort's roof. The skatepark was built by the Zenga Brothers and the video was directed by Alex Craig.

"The crew worked tirelessly to create a skatepark unlike any other by building custom features using materials found around the resort, spanning across three floors and 175,000 square feet of smooth concrete," said a Red Bull press release.

The Aspotogan Sea Spa was an ambitious development project that was abandoned more than 20 years ago when the developers ran out of money. It was supposed to be one of the premiere seaside resorts in Eastern Canada.

Steve Hare is a skateboarder from Hubbards and the owner of ProPour Concrete Services. He built the bowl that's featured in the video.

"It was pretty amazing just to be so close to my own hometown and being on the edge of the ocean building a skatepark," he said. "Generally we're building parks for municipalities in public parks in cities or towns. So it was a little bit different setting."

After the filming was done, the crew dismantled the structures they'd built as part of a contract with the owners of the resort.

"It would be great to have a space like that, but unfortunately the thing with indoor skateparks is there's so much overhead, and generally skateboarders don't

have a ton of money to put into doing their sport," said Mr. Hare.

That's the problem Bridgewater councillor Andrew Tanner has run into. He needs to raise \$750,000 to see the town's long-awaited permanent skatepark become a reality.

"My first response [to the video] was, 'Wow, that's really cool,'" said councillor Tanner. "My second response was, 'I better place a call to Red Bull and see if we can get some money out of them to help with our permanent park here in Bridgewater.'"

Grinder's Square All-wheels Family Park is a proposed park that will replace the temporary one behind the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre. With skateparks already built in smaller places like Chester and Lunenburg, councillor Tanner said it's time for Bridgewater to build one.

He said he's received lots of support from the skateboarding and BMX community and added that the temporary park is always full.

Mark Feindel, a member of the planning committee, said that without a permanent place to skate, skateboarders will get creative.

"If you don't have spaces to go, you find places to go," said Mr. Feindel, who's been skateboarding for 20 years. "Skateboarders definitely see an urban environment in a very different way than most people. We'll see a set of stairs and it will be something we can skate on."

Without the funds, the planning committee is considering downgrading the original plans to something more manageable.

"It's a pretty daunting task to raise \$750,000," said Mr. Feindel. "So at this point we're actually toying with maybe trying to scale down the original design so that the money that we'd have to raise is a little more palatable."

The Red Bull video was filmed in HD and can be viewed at www.redbull.com/lastresort.

Abandoned resort transformed into skateboarding paradise

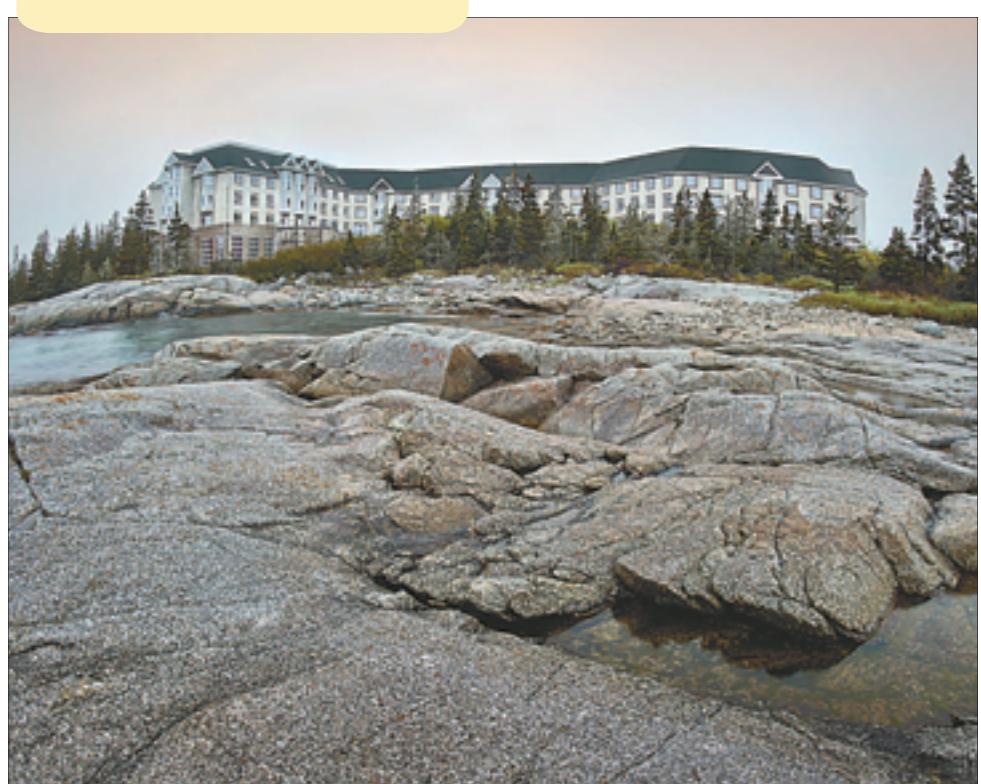


What: "Last Resort: Aspotogan"
Where: www.redbull.com/lastresort

When: The video premiered on December 4

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Skateboarder Ryan DeCenzo does a trick in the old Aspotogan resort.



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The Aspotogan Sea Spa resort in Hubbards was abandoned over 20 years ago.

Report says Collaborative Emergency Centres working well

Lunenburg still on waiting list

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The provincial government says that a consultant's report on seven of Nova Scotia's eight Collaborative Emergency Centres (CEC) shows the teams are working well.

The report, prepared by health-care and social-policy consultant Mary Jane Hampton at a cost of \$88,000, was released December 19 and contains 18 recommendations.

It says the key finding is that the CEC model "has been successful in providing access to urgent and emergency care services" but that "utilization of CEC services during the overnight shift has been very low."

"Alternatives should be explored that would maintain the high level of quality and degree of access in a more cost effective way," the report continued. "One approach might be to examine whether overnight urgent and emergency services could be capably delivered by EHS paramedics with an enhanced role to provide a broader range of 'treat and release' and 'treat and follow-up' services in the home than is presently within their scope."

Other significant recommendations include improving standards, practices and policies; improving information technology systems to share patient information across health-care systems; public education about services available in their communities; and supporting team development among health-care workers.

Health and Wellness Minister Leo Glavine said the evaluation "clearly found that individuals and families were in need of better primary health care."

"I know more Nova Scotians are in the same situation today and this report will help spark conversation within communities, districts and the new provincial health authority about how to move forward," he said.

The announcement did not address what will happen at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg, which

has suffered through constant ER closures in recent years due to staffing shortages.

The then-NDP government announced in December 2012 that Lunenburg would be added to the list of CEC-equipped facilities "which would focus on providing enhanced access to primary care including same-day or next-day medical appointments with a variety of health-care professionals including collaborative primary-care teams."

During a visit to the South Shore earlier this fall, Mr. Glavine said that Lunenburg would be getting some form of CEC but did not reveal a timeline.

NDP health critic Dave Wilson, who as minister of health originally announced a CEC for Lunenburg two years ago, remained critical of the current government and its failure to open more CECs.

"Just look at what's happening at hospitals like Northside Westmount in Cape Breton and at Roseway and Fishermen's Memorial along the South Shore," he said. "Ongoing emergency room closures at these facilities could have been prevented had Minister Glavine opened more CECs. But improving primary care isn't this minister's priority."

Mr. Wilson called on the government to double the number of CECs in the province over the next three years.

"CECs are cost neutral so Minister Glavine really has no excuse for not opening a single one," he said. "Perhaps if Mr. Glavine was more focused on providing better care instead of picking fights with health-care workers, the province would be in a better place today."

He said the government should be committed to providing 24-7 service where the need exists.

Ms Hampton said that residents in communities with CECs had relied on emergency departments because they didn't have ready access to their primary health-care providers.

"By expanding collaborative health teams, extending their hours into the evenings and weekends, and guaranteeing same-day, next-day appointments, people have been able to get more appropriate access to care."



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It is hoped the creation of a Collaborative Emergency Centre at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital in Lunenburg will cut down on the number of emergency room closures at the facility.

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4-H has become a family tradition

Four generations learn livestock and life skills

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Twins Grace and Anna Barry, 10, are the fourth generation of girls in their family to enter into the Nova Scotia 4-H program.

The Newcombville residents joined the nationwide youth program last year. But their grandmother, Corrine Zinck, was the first of their family to become involved. As a Grade-7 student at the Wileville school, Ms Zinck signed up when her school started its first 4-H club. Called "Snappy Fingers," the club concentrated on sewing.

During that time, 4-H clubs were strictly project clubs. Wileville had a calf and sewing club under the 4-H umbrella. It later became part of the Hill 'n' Dale 4-H Club. Today, 4-H clubs encompass as many projects as they have trained leaders. Ms Zinck's involvement resulted in her mother becoming a leader. The school-aged child stayed with 4-H until she turned 21. Then she took on a leadership role.

"As a leader you see the development of these kids. You see the members grow and develop their self-confidence," said Ms Zinck. There was no question that she would involve her own children in 4-H.

"For me it's the whole issue of building self-esteem and self-confidence and leadership development," she added.

Ms Barry became involved in 4-H when she was 10 years old. She, too, had no question that her children would be involved in 4-H as well.

"I did dairy and rabbit. I did foods, first-aid, photography and crafts," said Ms Barry.

But the greatest benefit that Ms Barry wanted to pass onto her daughter was public speaking.

"The key thing is public speaking. Just to have those skills when they grow up ... that confidence, that's huge," said Ms Barry.

Each 4-H club hosts a general monthly meeting and follows parliamentary procedures. Long before they get into formal public speaking, members give regular

reports on their projects. The members run the meeting and choose a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and club reporter.

In addition to the monthly meetings, 4-H members meet with their project leaders when necessary to work on their projects.

Anna has chosen cake decorating and horse basics and has also taken on the role as club reporter this year. Since she is a little shy, reporting on club happenings is helping Anna come out of her shell.

Grace has two projects, gardening and calves. She is already working with the calf she plans to show in next year's exhibition.

"When they're really young, they're really stubborn," said the confident and well-spoken 10 year old of the calves. "You can barely get them out of the barn." But patience and persistence result in training the calves to walk with a halter and be handled.

You don't necessarily need to own animals or live on a farm to do livestock projects. Ms Barry said local farmers often welcome 4-H members as a way of giving back to the community. It also benefits the farmers because the animals that have been assigned to a 4-H member grow up to be unafraid of humans and are therefore easier to handle.

4-H members choose a project in either livestock or life skills. Livestock projects include horses, dairy, dog obedience, goats, sheep and rabbits. Life-skills projects include cake decorating, computers, crafts, first-aid, foods, garden, photography, scrapbooking, sewing and small engines. The availability of the projects is dependent on the availability of leaders.

In Lunenburg County there are eight clubs. After each member chooses a project, he or she is subsequently assigned to a 4-H leader who specializes in the particular skill.

At the end of the year, club members can take their completed projects to the South Shore Exhibition. First or second place earns members a chance to compete in the annual Nova Scotia Exhibition in Truro.

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Above, Grace Barry poses for a photo with her 4-H project in livestock.



Anna Barry concentrates on her cake decorating project for achievement day.



Corrine Zinck, back right, involved her daughter Diane Barry, left, in 4-H. Being a member had so many benefits that Ms Barry involved her twin daughters Grace, front left, and Anna, in 4-H too.

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Lest we forget

Program gives students more in-depth look at the Great War

By ROBERT HIRTLÉ
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This year's 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War has brought the horrors of the five-year conflict to the forefront in many ways.

One of the more interesting commemoration initiatives along the South Shore is a project developed by Theresa Workman of South Shore Public Libraries entitled "Lest We Forget."

"It is a project that the Halifax Public Libraries started, and I learned about it at a conference," Ms Workman recalled. "It came about because Library and Archives Canada is digitizing files of all the World War I veterans because it's the 100th anniversary. I was kind of excited about it and we ended up getting a little funding from Cultural Opportunities for Youth."

She said the project teaches youth about the importance of archival skills and the wealth of information that is available through Library and Archives Canada.

"So what I do is I go into the classroom and basically tell them the highlights of World War I. This program isn't about the dates or the battles ... this program is about the men and the women who actually went to war and fought, and it helps the students learn that they were boys and girls and young men and young women, just like they are from their own communities" she explained.

The files Ms Workman selected to share with the students are all from small communities in Lunenburg and Queens counties, names she gleaned from First World War cenotaphs in the area.

"I think it's interesting for the kids to identify with the people ... we have Hebbs and Veinottes and Zwicker and Wentzells, names that are common," she says. "That's what the kids learn, that these were real people and not just numbers on a page. And when you tell them that 60,000 Canadian died, and that's like all of the people in Lunenburg and Queens Counties and then some, it brings it home how awful that must have been and how many people that was that died."

Ms Workman has visited three schools in the area and has three more booked for next spring. She has presented the program to about 125 students in Grades 7 to 12 and the response from them, as well as from their teachers, has been positive.

"I have the kids and the teachers all do reports, and I'm getting some wonderful comments," she says.

Sarah Gates, a teacher at New Ross Consolidated School, said that everything in the program was relevant to her students.

"I loved the individual binders, with each student getting to know their person," she said. "Also, the PowerPoint really set the stage for what type of conditions the actual people dealt with. [It] really humanized these people."



SARAH GATES PHOTO

South Shore Public Libraries communications coordinator Theresa Workman helps New Ross Consolidated School students Dawson Levy, foreground, and Casper Naugler with service records from the "Lest We Forget" program. Deanna Elliott is pictured in the background.

Dreaming big

South Shore Players look to future in former school

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To many it might be viewed as pie in the sky, but to members of the South Shore Players (SSP) it's a dream that they hope is inching closer to reality.

Ron Swan, who serves as president of the non-profit group as well as its artistic director, recently addressed members of the Lunenburg County First! Chowder Club to outline an interesting proposal that would have a profound effect on the area's arts and culture community in the future should it become a reality.

Mr. Swan recently joined his colleague Liesje Wagner, who served as director of the group's hugely successful 2014 production of, "The Wizard of Oz," in outlining SSP's proposal to turn the former Centre Consolidated School into a centre for the performing arts.

Now in their 21st season, the SSP started out in 1993 performing at the Lunenburg community centre before moving on to the Pearl Theatre.

The group has now outgrown that facility, and the need for larger premises is paramount.



ROBERT HIRTLÉ PHOTO

Ron Swan, left, president and artistic director of South Shore Players, chats with David Friendly and Liesje Wagner, who respectively produced and directed the troupe's recent successful run of the Wizard of Oz, at a recent gathering of the Lunenburg County First! Chowder Club.

After Centre School was closed as an educational facility in March 2012, it became the property of the Municipality of Lunenburg (MODL) and the idea of converting it into an artistic hub began to take shape.

"We've always had it in the back of our minds that we wanted our own home," Mr. Swan said. "All of a sudden Centre School came up. We had been there with the kids and whatnot and we thought that probably you could take the gymnasium and convert it into a theatre."

Around that time, MODL Mayor Don Downe and his family happened to be attending SSP's production of "Annie" and Mr. Swan took the opportunity to discuss that possibility with him.

"And that's where it started to gel," Mr. Swan said.

Not long after, Ms Wagner was in contact with economic development officer Dave Waters, who arranged for them to tour the former school.

"As soon as we walked into that building, right away, we saw it — this could be absolutely magnificent," Mr. Swan recalled. "What we want to do is create an incubation facility that can draw resources to this facility for either the theatre or the fine arts or fine crafts or television production."

Mr. Swan said the group was given challenges by the municipality, which they feel they have met.

"It was like we were being tested ... everything we were being asked for I think we made delivery on," he said, adding, however, that they do not at the moment have a commitment from the municipality to go along with the proposal.

"But we are working in good faith. We have gone ahead and done what they wanted us to do and one of the major things you have to do is a business proposal," he said.

That's where Lunenburg-based arts consultants Novita Interpares entered the picture by responding to a request for proposals from SSP to complete such a plan.

That document is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

"We have no intention of competing with anybody or putting anybody out of business," Mr. Swan said. "What we want to be is a facility where we can start bringing bigger acts into town, especially in the tourist season."

Ms Wagner told the audience that the new centre is not intended to be a burden on the taxpayer either, but for that to happen it will need an anchor that can guarantee overhead and maintenance costs for the facility.

She believes that can be accomplished through the creation of a sound stage and film-television production centre located in the elementary section of the former school.

"We have a minimum \$300 million film-television industry in Nova Scotia. Even if we grab 10 per cent of that, or one per cent of that, isn't that worth getting here?" she said. "Even though we know we are facing a very big job here, it's a very wonderful thing for us to do and we're going to do it."

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Root-Vegetable Tart

This dish is fun for a family to make together. Not to mention, it's an excellent way to entice the children to eat their vegetables.

Ingredients

- 1 pie crust (store bought or homemade)
- 4 large carrots
- 2 large beets
- 2 large turnips
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp paprika
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- salt to taste

Directions

Preheat oven to 375° F. Lay the rolled-out pie crust in a pie or tart pan and set aside.

Peel the exterior skin off all vegetables and discard. Slice off the small ends, leaving the root ends on. Carefully peel large strips of each vegetable with one hand while holding on to the root end. Combine peels in a mixing bowl with melted butter and toss to coat.

Combine sour cream, paprika and black pepper in a small mixing bowl and



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stir thoroughly. Smooth sour-cream mixture evenly over the bottom of the pie crust in the prepared pan.

Roll a small strip of carrot into a circle and place in the centre of the dish, gently pushing down into the sour-cream mixture. Roll other strips around the centre and work outward in concentric circles, alternating types and colours of strips, until reaching the outer edge. Sprinkle lightly with salt.

Bake until vegetables are tender, about an hour.

Cranberry Ginger Punch

Great at a party or with a meal, this punch complements just about any kind of holiday food.

Ingredients

- 1 litre apple juice
- 1/2 litre cranberry juice, unsweetened
- 1/4 cup lime juice, fresh or bottled
- 1 litre ginger ale
- 6 cups ice
- sprigs of mint to garnish

Directions

Combine apple juice, cranberry juice, lime juice, ginger ale and ice in a punch bowl and mix to blend. Serve by placing a sprig of mint in each cup and pouring the punch over it.



Root-vegetable tarts are fun for families to make together.

Ham Glaze

Some glazes are spicy and some are sweet—this one is a little of both.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup spicy mustard
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 tsp ground cumin

ground pepper to taste

Directions

Combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl and whisk together vigorously.

Apply glaze to ham, reserving any leftovers to use as a dipping sauce. Bake ham in oven or heat in slow cooker.

LAMP going community carolling

The Lunenburg Academy of Music Performance (LAMP) invites one and all to help it celebrate the holiday season with an evening of Christmas carolling December 21 at 7:30 p.m.

"You helped us light the LAMP, now come bask in the glow," artistic director Burt Wathen said of the event, which will include the decoration of a Christmas tree in the Lunenburg Academy's third-floor foyer.

Residents are invited to bring ornaments to add to the tree.

"Think simple homemade decorations like paper chains and snowflakes, or that box of ornaments you no longer use," said LAMP general manager Susan Corkum-Greek.

The school has four excellent vocal coaches – Mary Knickle, Barbara Butler, Edmund Brownless and David Findlay – coming to work with participants in hopes of singing carols in four-part harmony.

"But don't let that idea scare you off," said Ms Corkum-Greek. "This is meant to be an evening of fun and celebration."

If the weather cooperates, participants will carol from the academy through Old Town to the Lunenburg bandstand. In the event of poor weather, there will be carolling at St. Andrew's

This event is a fun way for us to say thank you."

Burt Wathen
Artistic director

Presbyterian Church.

This fall, LAMP completed its first season, welcoming performing artists and students from across the world. Visiting artists also performed school programs in front of 2,500 school children, welcomed weekly audiences of 40-50 preschoolers, gave concerts at Harbour View Haven and hosted free weekly Light Music presentations.

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The Branch LaHave 4-H Club's awesome autumn

It has been a busy fall for the Branch LaHave 4-H Club. At the first general meeting on September 8, the 2014-15 4-H theme was announced: "Plant a Seed and Grow with Our 4-H Team in 2015." The Light Horse Project hosted its annual fun show, which had a great turnout and was a fantastic time.

Closing September's run of events was the 37th Annual Nova Scotia 4-H Provincial Show, held at the Nova Scotia provincial exhibition grounds. Lunenburg County had many members competing at the provincial show and brought home several champion ribbons.

October's general meeting was a long one, but it had great results. The new executive was elected, with Hailey Nauss as new club president, Kacie Steadman as vice-president, Katherine Lahey as secretary, Holly Laird as treasurer, Katie Dauphinee as club reporter and Amelia Pernette and Catherine Joudrey as sick and visiting committee members.

The club also organized a pumpkin-carving evening and entered the carved pumpkins under the group section in the Mahone Bay Scarecrow Festival pumpkin walk. To finish off the month of October, a senior members' workshop was held with motivational speaker Tyler Hayden. It consisted of team building and leadership activities and was lots of fun.

At the general meeting on November 4, club Christmas donation ideas were discussed, and it was announced that the club Facebook page is up and running. The Draft Horse Project hosted a 7-km

trail ride and barbecue fundraiser in Mr. Wilfred Joudrey's tree lot, with a total of 17 riders, both 4-H and non-4-H, attending. A prize was awarded for the muddiest horse, and a draw was held for several other prizes. Both the horses and the riders did a great job.

On November 18 and 20, members took goodies such as a basket of apples and baked goods to CKBW and Country 100.7's office, as part of National 4-H Month. On November 29, our club participated in the Lunenburg Christmas Parade, with rabbits, shelties, a goat, dogs, a duck and four mini horses.

The monthly general meeting was held on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Branch LaHave hall. Families brought a food bank donation and \$5 each toward purchasing a \$140 dairy cow for a needy family overseas through Food for the Hungry. This was a fantastic opportunity to give, as our \$140 will be matched four times by donors. The family in need will receive a donation worth \$600, which includes the cow, necessary veterinary and animal husbandry training, and sustainable setup assistance. The club is very excited about this opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving.

In December, the annual county family skate will take place. The 4-H Lunenburg County council meeting was held on December 9.

Happy Holidays from the Branch LaHave 4-H Club.
By Katie Dauphinee, Branch LaHave 4-H club reporter

Anna Barry is enjoying her second year as 4-H reporter.



New Club Reporter

Every month of the upcoming year, Hill 'n' Dale 4-H Club news will be reported to the Progress Bulletin newspaper by Anna Barry. This is Anna's second year as a junior member, and she's doing cake

decorating and horse basics projects.

Watch for her monthly reports to learn what the members are doing and what the Lunenburg County 4-H program involves.

New Year's Levee in Mahone Bay

The Mahone Bay New Year's Levee will be held at the Mahone Bay Legion from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on January 1.

The event is co-sponsored by the Ma-

hone Bay Legion, the Town of Mahone Bay and the Mahone Bay Area Lions Club.

Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship.



Lions Bill Alexander and Louise Veinot promote Diabetes Tag Day in New Germany.

Diabetes tag day results

November is recognized internationally as Diabetes Awareness Month.

More than nine million Canadians live with the disease, and the onset of Type 2 diabetes in children is on the rise.

The New Germany and Area Lions Club wants people to know that diabetes

awareness and control is more important than it has ever been.

On November 28, the club hosted Diabetes Tag Day, raising \$317 for diabetes research within the province. Donations were collected at the New Germany Freshmart.

New Germany Cancer Society update

A meeting of the New Germany and area unit of the Cancer Society was held on November 21 at the home of Nora Nauss with seven members present.

Special guest Anna Thomas of the Nova Scotia division of the Cancer Society was in attendance. During 2014, the unit participated in several projects.

During the month of January, the group promoted a ban on the sale of flavoured cigarettes. Approximately 120 people signed cards to be presented to the government.

Daffodils were sold the first week in April, a campaign that was successful.

The Service of Hope church service was held in April at the Barss Corner Baptist Church with good attendance.

The door-to-door campaign was also

successful this year. The unit participated at the health fair held at the high school on October 30 to promote information and assistance offered by the Cancer Society.

The New Germany and area unit of the Cancer Society continues to strive in the fight against cancer. Our unit wishes to applaud all those who support it through monetary donations and volunteering their time.

The winners

The winners of the quilt raffle sponsored by the Middlewood Sewing Circle were: First prize: Helen Brown, Hebbville. Second prize, Marilyn Cross, Hebb's Cross.



Pictured making a presentation to the food bank from the local Kiwanis club are, from left, Kiwanian Nelson Cutler, Gloria Hubley, and Bridgewater Inter-church Food Bank coordinator and Kiwanian Frank Dunham.

Kiwanis celebrates 100 years

The local Kiwanis Club recently established a member challenge to celebrate Kiwanis International's 100th year serving the children of the world.

The challenge was for the local club to contribute 100 cans of soup to the Bridgewater Inter-church Food Bank.

The goal was reached at the Kiwanis Bluenose local club meeting on Friday, December 5.

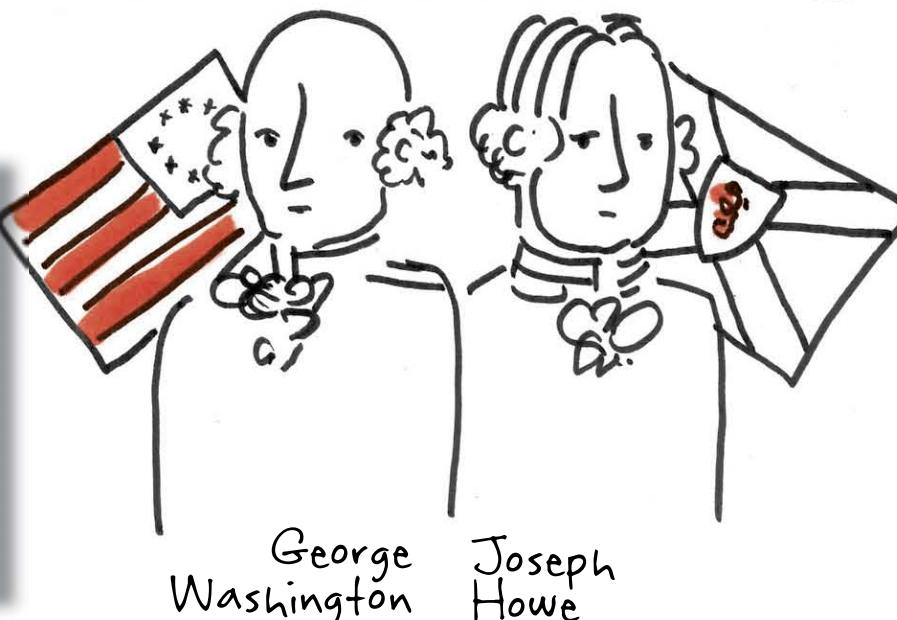
This is but one of the many challenges established by Kiwanis local club as it serves the children and seniors of the area.

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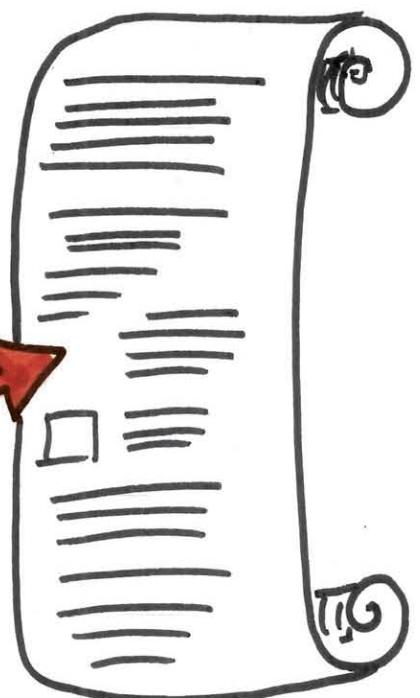
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NEITHER THE CANADIAN NOR AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONS MENTION POLITICAL PARTIES AT ALL - THAT IS, POLITICAL PARTIES AREN'T A PART OF THE RULEBOOK FOR BEING THE GOVERNMENT. EVEN STILL, POLITICIANS IN BOTH COUNTRIES DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO CREATE THEM.



IN CANADA, PARTIES WORKED WELL FOR POLITICIANS FOR TWO REASONS:

- THEY HELPED ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES CHOOSE THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT,
- HAVING A POLITICAL PARTY GAVE THE PRIME MINISTER A WAY TO RELY ON HIS PARTY MEMBERS' CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR HIS AGENDA.

SIMPLY PUT, POLITICAL PARTIES MADE IT EASIER FOR POLITICIANS TO GET THINGS DONE.



AT THEIR BEST, POLITICAL PARTIES CAN BE A VEHICLE FOR LIKE-MINDED CANADIANS TO CHANNEL THEIR VALUES AND INTERESTS INTO GOVERNMENT POLICY. THROUGH THE POWER OF TEAMWORK, LIKEMINDED LEGISLATORS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO FIGHT FOR THE PRIORITIES OF CANADIANS WHO ELECTED THEM.

AT THEIR WORST, THOSE SAME PARTIES CAN BE HI-JACKED BY THE PARTY LEADERSHIP, WHOSE INTEREST IN STAYING IN POWER OFTEN OVERRIDES THE PUBLIC INTEREST. THE MP'S WHO ARE ELECTED UNDER A PARTY'S BANNER BECOME MOUTHPIECES FOR THE PARTY TO CANADIANS, INSTEAD OF THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

WHILE MEMBERSHIP IN POLITICAL PARTIES IS LOW, CANADA'S POLITICAL PARTIES REMAIN DEMOCRATIC AND THE MEMBERSHIP OF EACH PARTY HAS A VARIETY OF WAYS TO HOLD THEIR OWN LEADERSHIP TO ACCOUNT, TO MAKE PARTIES WORK BETTER FOR PEOPLE.

MANY PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED THAT PARTIES AREN'T WORKING FOR CITIZENS. THAT MAY VERY WELL BE TRUE. REGARDLESS OF HOW WELL THEY ARE WORKING FOR PEOPLE, THEY REMAIN THE MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO BECOME THE GOVERNMENT TO GAIN POWER. SINCE IT IS THOSE IN POWER WHO MAKE THE RULES, WE PROBABLY CAN'T EXPECT PARTIES TO DISAPPEAR ANY TIME SOON.



REGARDLESS OF IDEOLOGY, THE PROCESS FOR JOINING AND INFLUENCING THE DIRECTION OF ANY CANADIAN POLITICAL PARTY IS LARGELY THE SAME. NEXT WEEK, WE'LL EXPLAIN.

NEXT WEEK...



BÉATRICE SCHULER PHOTO

TOY DRIVE

Major Wilson Sutton and Major Darlene Sutton of the Salvation Army recently accepted toy donations from Kenny Burke, who annually organizes a toy drive at Boston Pizza in Cookville to support needy families at Christmas time.

Crews respond to four-wheeler fire in Lower Branch

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Emergency crews responded to a four-wheeler on fire in Lower Branch last week.

Multiple fire trucks from Northfield District and Oakhill and District fire departments were called to Harris Drive the evening of December 8.

A 13-year-old boy sustained smoke inhalation and was taken to hospital by ambulance for further assessment.

The fire spread to a nearby shed and emergency crews prevented it from spreading to the house. Northfield fire department chief John MacKay said they're not sure what caused the fire.

"I think there probably was a gas leak or the engine flooded, something like that happened [is] what I'm guessing," he said.

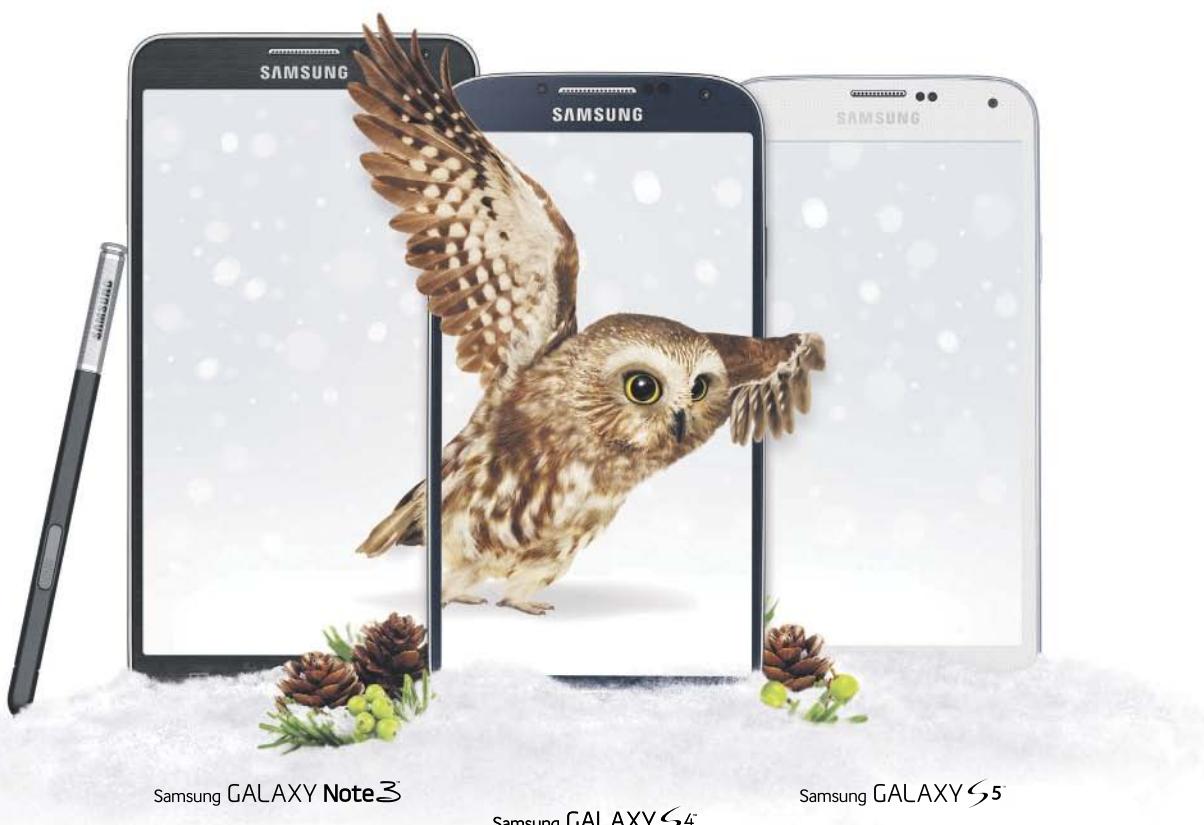
It's believed that the four-wheeler was being started at the time of the incident.

"We were fortunate to save the house given the size of the involvement when I arrived on scene," said chief MacKay.

"Luckily, there was no wind, which helped a lot because if there would have been wind, the house would have caught fire more quickly or the trees behind it would have caught fire. We were just very fortunate that weather was with us at that time," he said.

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LIFESTYLES

Kids food fair
wins \$1,000
for being
Awesome

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It would be awesome if kids ate whatever food their parents put in front of them.

That is likely the reason "Local Food Fair for Kids" won the Awesome Foundation South Shore event for November. The occasion, which took place December 3 in Liverpool, was postponed on November 27 due to inclement weather.

The winning concept is to hold a fair at which children can sample different food, recipes, vegetables, fruits, meats and fish to determine what they like, giving their parents some clue as to what they may eat and relieving parents of the burden of experimentation.

The idea is the brainchild of the Plant to Plate committee of Liverpool.

"Let's make it possible for every single elementary student from Grade Primary to Grade 5, that's our target group, to be able to taste every kind of food, locally, that we can come up with. Different types of food, too, because we're also going to have an international flavour there as well," said Heather Kelly, committed member of Plant to Plate.

Each child will be given a passport in which to record the food he or she has tried and to record the review.

"The parents can find out what the kids actually like to eat, and they may be surprised by some of the things they may have never tried or given to the child to try before," added Ms Kelly.

There will also be prizes at the end of the fair to encourage children to try as many different foods as they can.

Ms Kelly's own experience of trying to convince her son to eat what she cooked was the inspiration for the idea.

Since winning the \$1,000 from the Awesome Foundation, Ms Kelly said she has heard from the Region of Queens Municipality, White Point Lodge and others seeking to provide support for the fair.

Other finalists included Lunenburg County Consignment, which divides the cash from each sale among the seller, a charity chosen by volunteers at the shop and the shop's operating costs; the Junior Achievement company program, which aims to conduct research into youth engagement on the South Shore; and a sole participant who pledged to do one random act of kindness each week along the South Shore.

The Awesome Foundation South Shore held its first event in June and has given away \$1,000 each month since. There are more than 70 Awesome Foundation chapters in 24 countries. The first was formed in Boston in 2009.

The foundation received about 10 applications this month, which is roughly the number of applications received in previous months. But, according to Andrew Button, the quality of applications have improved in the past seven months.

"What I've noticed is, while the number of applications has stayed relatively consistent, I'm finding the type and the quality of submissions, how much thought people are putting into them, has gone up significantly," concluded Mr. Button.

The next Awesome Foundation event will be in Bridgewater in January.



Pictured from left are Awesome South Shore winners Sarah Allen, Traci Hatt, Heather Kelly, Sherry Dauphinee, Victoria Conrad and Allie Jones. In front is Noah Stevens.

JOHN McCARTHY PHOTO

A promotional flyer for the Hyundai Boxing Week Event. The top features the Hyundai logo and 'HYUNDAI' in large letters. A large graphic of a steering wheel and a car are integrated into the word 'WEEK'. To the right is a calendar for December 2014 with red boxes highlighting specific dates. A large promotional offer on the right side includes '\$7,000 OFF PURCHASE FINANCING FOR UP TO 96 MONTHS' and '\$1,250 IN BOXING WEEK PRICE ADJUSTMENTS'. Below these are four sections featuring the 2014 Santa Fe Sport, 2014 Accent, 2015 Sonata GL, and 2015 Elantra L, each with their own financing offers and awards. The bottom of the page encourages visitors to 'VISIT HYUNDAICANADA.COM FOR DETAILS ON OUR ENTIRE LINE-UP!'.

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LIFESTYLES

Mark Winfield of the Lunenburg County United Way with all the cheques.



VALERIE LEDUC PHOTO

100 Men South Shore picks United Way as winning charity

\$6,000 donated to food banks in the area

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It took a group of 35 men just 50 minutes to donate \$4,900 to the charity of their choice at the Comfort Inn in Bridgewater last week.

The 100 Men South Shore group, which prides itself on being an "unorganization," had gathered for its third meeting this year in the hotel's convention room at 6:30 p.m. on December 4. By 7:20 p.m., the men were shaking hands and walking out the door, having decided that United Way Lunenburg County was the most deserving of three charities that presented their cases in strictly regulated and timed presentations that night.

When emcee John Vissers declared the United Way the winner, one of the founders of 100 Men South Shore, Jonathan Lewis, shouted from the back of the room that his own personal foundation would top up the \$4,900 to a neat \$6,000.

The other groups vying for the men's money were the South Shore Waldorf School and the South Shore Health Services Foundation.

Lisa McFarlane, who described herself as "a parent and board chair," spoke on behalf of the Waldorf School.

"We have this little school in Blockhouse that is actually attracting people to the area."

Lisa McFarlane
South Shore Waldorf School

The South Shore Regional Health Foundation's development officer, Bernadette Jordan, was vying for money for the Journey Room project. The idea is to have a "warm and wonderful space" similar to the sunshine rooms at hospitals in Yarmouth, Truro and Halifax where cancer patients and their families can engage with professionals for counselling, wig fitting and various massage techniques, including reiki.

"We believe we need it in our community," Ms Jordan told the audience.

She said the money from 100 Men South Shore would go toward covering the estimated \$160,000 structural cost.

In the end, however, it was Mark Winfield, speaking on behalf of United Way Lunenburg County, who managed to persuade the group that his charity was worthy of the money. Mr. Winfield is a tax partner at BDO Canada and a founding member of 100 Men South Shore. Citing statistics showing that 16 per cent of the population of Lunenburg County is living below the poverty line, which amounts to 7,800 people, Mr. Winfield said that money donated to the United Way would go directly to food banks in the area.

In keeping with the group's no-fuss formula for handing out money to deserving organizations, no explanation is given as to why one charity is chosen over the others.

Spawned from the 100 Men Halifax chapter and the broader 100 Men Who Give A Damn group that has chapters throughout Canada and the world, 100 Men South Shore has no board and no bank account and gives no receipts. All charitable contributions are given directly to the charities themselves.

The South Shore group doesn't even have 100 members yet. However, its three founders - Mr. Lewis, who owns Eastport Financial Group; Tim Harris, president of Tradewinds Realty; and Mr. Winfield - are hopeful they will get there eventually.



Advocacy has been a life long passion for Todd Leader, director of community health services of South Shore Health. At age 10, he wrote a letter to the editor of the Cape Breton Post advocating that boys should be allowed to wear long hair.

10 Things

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Ten things you didn't know about ...

Todd Leader, director of community health services for South Shore Health

1. In 1987, sang in a six-person ensemble during the Canada Winter Games opening ceremony. It was aired on national television.
2. Plays guitar.
3. Was into musical theatre during high school.
4. Is a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He achieved brown belt in his teens and returned to the sport later in life to achieve the black belt in his 40s.
5. During his undergraduate study in Cape Breton University, he served as a student assistant chaplain.
6. Married for 26 years to his best friend, Alma.
7. His greatest passion has been trying to improve people's health and well-being
8. Has taught at Saint Mary's University for 24 years. His greatest honour in life was be awarded the excellence in teaching award.
9. Is a self-professed sci-fi nerd.
10. When he was 10 years old he wrote a letter to the editor of the Cape Breton Post advocating that boys should be allowed to wear long hair.



People and their pets

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Tanie Lynne Wyman has her owners well-trained. Here owner Linda Wyman takes her for a ride on the four-wheeler at the family's camp in East Hants.

Owner: Linda Wyman of Bridgewater

Pet: Tanie Lynne, one year old, beagle

Her story: This female beagle is extremely precious to her family. She brings an abundance of love to her well-trained owners. She loves all seasons and enjoys games of chase in the yard. One of her favourite activities is riding on the back of a four-wheeler or snowmobile at the family's camp in East Hants.

LIFESTYLES

The double-crested cormorant

I was pleased to find a double-crested cormorant by the bridge in Riverport on December 7.

This is a bird that is not easy to find during most winters here, especially for those that keep a winter list, which starts on December 1 and runs until February 28. During this time, the cormorant that we see here is the great cormorant. It has a white throat patch, which sets it apart from the double-crested, which has a yellow-orange throat patch. The double-crested cormorant that I located was a juvenile bird. The double-crested cormorant takes its name from the two rarely seen tufts on the crown. I've personally only seen these tufts about three or four times. Linda Wires, who studied these birds for many years, has written that the tufts are only seen for a few weeks during the breeding season.

From her book I learned a lot about the history of the double-crested cormorant, including the fact it has been around for more than thirty million years and now lives on every continent, and thrives even in the arctic. There are six different species in North America and the double-crested being the most widespread. In the 19th century the double-crested cormorant was almost wiped out due to plume hunting before making a comeback in the first half of the 20th century. The rally was halted when farmers started using DDT and other chemicals that contaminated waterways. After DDT was banned and environmental protections were put in place, the double-crested cormorant began its second return. Since then, war has been declared on the double-crested cormorant by fishermen and fish farmers in the US. In Canada, our laws and environmental protection regulations are much better, but the bird is still unjustly penalized by many factions.

Up until around 1982, I had always referred to the double-crested cormorant as a shag. However, the shag, a European species, was a different bird altogether than our double-crested cormorant. It has different feeding habits as well, with the shag being mostly a surface feeder and the double-crested cormorant diving much deeper, to depths of five to 25 feet. Double-crested cormorants eat mostly fish of no commercial value, usually only up to six inches, although they can consume fish up to twice that size. In saltwater, their food is mainly gunnel, sculpins, sand lances, capelin, herring, flounders, tomcod, eels, butterfish, blenny, pollack, sea perch, wrasses, drum, sea catfish, gizzard shad, toadfish and skipjack. In inland fresh waters they consume mostly yellow perch, bullheads, sticklebacks,

crappies, carp, and sunfishes.

I would assume by the numbers of cormorants along the LaHave River when the gaspereau are running, that they eat fair numbers of them as well. Gaspereau are called alewife elsewhere, but in Atlantic Canada it is known as gaspereau or kiack. The double-crested cormorant will also eat salamanders and some crustaceans such as spider crabs, amphipods, shrimps, and crayfish, some reptiles, mollusks and sea worms. With a decrease in many fish species, I would assume that the double-crested cormorant has adapted to fish species other than what most books tell us.

Meanwhile, Hal Stevens of Mader's Cove had a red-bellied woodpecker for a number of days in early November. Kevin Lantz found one of these birds along Kissing Bridge Road in Lunenburg and as well a Carolina wren. The same species has frequented this area for the past three years. It makes me wonder if it is not the same bird. Kevin also had a fox sparrow and a white-crowned sparrow at his place in Front Centre. He also came across a black-headed gull at the Lunenburg Back Harbour and a barred owl on Corkum's Island. Brenda and Gregory Hiltz of Gold River had a barred owl, too, right by their house.

Sylvia Fullerton discovered a Wilson's warbler while birding in Lunenburg. After hearing reports of the American coots and ruddy duck at Kingsburg Pond, I was able to see both species. The latest report on December 8 came from David Van Rijn, who counted 15 American coots and one ruddy duck. A broad-winged hawk was spotted at Graves Island by Robert Keereweer.

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Bird Notes

Lunenburg Back Harbour and a barred owl on Corkum's Island. Brenda and Gregory Hiltz of Gold River had a barred owl, too, right by their house.

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A little genealogy help from librarians

I love my library. I can't recall the first time I step through those hallow doors and searched the shelves for the perfect book, but it was decades ago.

I used, and still use, my library for many reasons. I have borrowed music cassettes and CDs, DVDs, magazines and, of course, books. I have visited them to double-check facts, review reference material that could not be borrowed, search old newspapers for obituaries, examine maps and browse their collection of telephone books to find people across the country with the same last name who might be related.

I've also taken advantage of their community rooms, workshops and on-site on-line memberships to genealogy websites.

An immense amount of information can be found in one form or another at the library. If you can't find it, it may be as simple as asking a librarian who may know exactly where to get it. That includes material to help genealogists research their ancestors and the history of the communities in which they lived.

Librarians are the backbone of every library. They are both knowledgeable and helpful. I've never met a librarian who wouldn't go out of their way to locate a source to find information. I sometimes have odd or obscure requests, and other times I don't even know what I'm looking for. I simply know I need to solve a problem, and they often can tell me where to look to answer it.

Canadian Library Genie (<http://www.canadianlibgenie.blogspot.ca>) is taking this one-step further. Librarians Helping Canadian Genealogists Climb Family Trees is a blog written by librarians to help—you guessed it—genealogists research their family tree. Specifically the librarians who have created the blog are Elise C. Cole and David Hook.

The blog was first launched in May

2005. Although it is not as active as other blogs, it still has many relevant posts. The lovely advantage of being online is the posts are there to be found and used by visitors whenever they find them, be that today or three years from now.

Scanning the web site, several posts stand out that may interest genealogists in the Maritimes. Huguenots of New France gives details on the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland and notes a database for research. Huguenots were Protestants of France who were forced to flee in the 1500s and 1600s."

A well-known explorer in the early years of Canada—Samuel de Champlain—was a Huguenot. One post provides details on a baptism record arriving in Canada that appears to solve the mystery around his birth.

Another post every genealogist should review is Preserving Genealogy Collections. The link delivers visitors to a discussion on how to decide who would receive our research after we pass away. Although I have given this some thought, I have yet to set anything in stone. The many suggestions provided in the post could help others decide what to do with their data, official documents, photographs and books related to their family history.

Many of us have all the time in the world to decide the fate of our research, until it is too late.

Canadian Library Genie also boasts a blog roll that contains links to eleven informative genealogy sites. Some of them you've probably heard of before, but definitely worth a second look if you haven't visited for a while.

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ALL STARS

Glenn Anderson's NHL all-star team and local all stars played a charity hockey game on December 9 in Lunenburg.

Bridgewater teen lands a spot on Canada Games roster

Trampoline being held at event for first time

TERESA WAMBOLDT PHOTO
Tia Wamboldt finished second at a qualifying meet on December 7.

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A Bridgewater teen will be one of the first trampoline athletes to compete at the Canada Winter Games.

Tia Wamboldt, 17, qualified for the games on December 7 after she placed high in two qualifying meets.

"I was kind of in shock. I was like, 'Really? I'm going? Me?' It was a nice feeling," said Ms Wamboldt.

She's one of five Nova Scotian trampoline athletes who will travel to Prince George, British Columbia, in February to compete. While artistic gymnastics has been part of the games since their first year in 1967, this is the inaugural year for trampoline.

"What people continue to forget, which is a bit frustrating for the trampoline community, is that if you go back to the Summer Olympics, the only [Canadian] gold medal won in the first week was [won by] a trampoline athlete," said Susan Gallagher, head coach at Titans Gymnastics and Trampoline Club, where Ms Wamboldt trains.

Ms Gallagher doesn't think trampoline gets enough recognition, a problem she partially blames on the low number of kids who can train at a time. Unlike soccer coaches, who can have 30 kids on the field, trampoline coaches only train about six athletes at a time, and they have to take turns on the trampoline.

"It's nice that they finally recognized it as a Canada Games sport because for so many years it's not been in the Canada Games. Hopefully, it will get its due," said Ms Gallagher.

For Ms Wamboldt, the road to the Canada Games started at Bridgewater's Kipper School of Gymnastics when she was five.

"I remember my first gymnastics meet, and what I was supposed to be doing wasn't what

I was actually doing. I was just kind of dancing around and doing my own thing," said Ms Wamboldt.

Since then, she's focused her efforts on trampoline and she now trains three days a week for four hours at Titans Gymnastics in Dartmouth. It means a long drive and late nights.

"When there are things going on at school like dances and stuff I'm like, 'Oh, I wish I could go.' But at the same time, if I don't go to practice I'm not going to get any better," she said.

Even with two part-time jobs and Grade 12 to complete, Ms Wamboldt says there's something about the sport that has her hooked.

"It's like the higher you jump the more it feels like you're flying. It's just a weird feeling. A good one though."

Ms Wamboldt has been a provincial champion for the past six years, and she started competing at the national level three years ago. Last summer, she travelled to Portugal to compete in the Scalabis Cup and came in eighth.

"She's worked long and hard to get to where she's at right now," said Ms Gallagher. "When others kids are at home on their video games or socializing with friends, Tia has been here at the gym."

And most of the time her parents have been there too. Teresa Wamboldt drives her daughter to practice and goes to every competition she can.

"We actually video all of the times that she competes, and I'm always the loudest person in the video," she said.

The family is hoping to make it to BC for the winter games, but the trip is expensive. Either way, Teresa will be cheering her daughter on.

"This is her dream and me and my husband are big supporters of our daughter, and that's been our dream too," she said.

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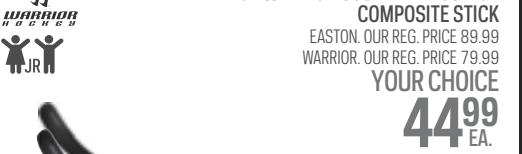
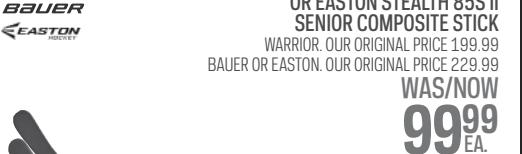
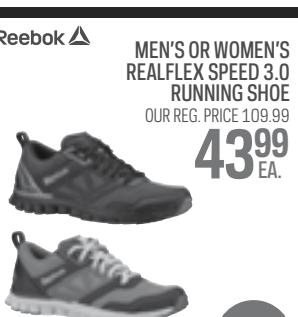
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SPORTS



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TIP OFF TOURNEY

Brandon Wentzell, left, of Bayview Community School Bobcats and Aidan Grist of the Chester Area Middle School Cougars stare each down during opening game action in a tier 2 tip-off basketball tournament held in Mahone Bay on December 13.

**BASKETBALL SCORES**

South Shore Men's Recreational League

December 17

It Gon' Rain 84

Channing Carver 19, Caleb Leary 15, Mackenzie Carver 15, Daniel Uhlman 8, Jeremiah Wagner 7, Andrew Johnson 6, Mike Zinck 5, Justin Trethewey 4, Steve Zwicker 3, Adam Harnish 2,

Eye Candy Signs Warriors 79

Chet Deveau 25, Phill Messinger 22, Nathan Halliday 15, Adam Broome 9, Nick Halliday 4, Joe Larder 3, Michael Foley 1

Lovett Carpentry 96

Morgan Smith 32, Jason Hallett 23, Sam Reeves 17, Hunter Johnston 12, Kenneth Levy 10, Wayne Pardy 2, Internetworking Atlantic 94, Chris Rideout 29, Nick Baker 26, Kyle Zinck 23, Alex Gallivetti 6, Robin Veinotte 6, Dave Brennan 4

Phoenix 88

Jarrett Hubley 23, Jeremy Skidmore 22, Ken Wright 11, Tristan Fancy 10, Justin Massey 10, Ben Foran 6, Chris Myers 6, **Mug n Anchor 77**

Dan DePalma 32, Dan Steele 11, Chris West 9, Andrew Blanchard 9, Kevin Duffie 8, Chris Kaulback 6, Paul Nickerson 2

Tune Squad 94

Juleous Grant 48, Josh Feltmate 28, Jason MacVane 9, Deon Miller 6, Brian Fells 3,

Gators 70

Jordan Brown 24, Mitchell Wier 18, Justin Plummer 10, Ryan Grezaud 9, Jake Langille 5, Shane Guest 4

**HOCKEY STANDINGS**

Maritime Junior A Eastlink Division

| Team | GP | W | L | OTL | SOL | PTS | GF | GA | PIMS | PP% | PK% |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| Pictou County Weeks Crushers | 28 | 19 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 39 | 112 | 104 | 545 | 21.6 | 72.4 |
| Yarmouth Jr. A Mariners | 27 | 15 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 33 | 114 | 92 | 727 | 26.1 | 81.7 |
| Truro Bearcats | 25 | 14 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 31 | 111 | 82 | 568 | 23.3 | 81.0 |
| Valley Jr. A Wildcats | 29 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 107 | 110 | 623 | 16.3 | 77.2 |
| South Shore Lumberjacks | 27 | 8 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 85 | 105 | 741 | 20.5 | 83.3 |
| Amherst Ramblers | 25 | 6 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 94 | 137 | 753 | 16.1 | 75.2 |

Nova Scotia Major Midget

| Team | GP | W | L | T | SOL | OTL | GF | GA | PTS |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Newbridge Academy Gladiators | 23 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 102 | 60 | 37 |
| Halifax McDonalds Major Midget | 23 | 17 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 94 | 72 | 35 |
| CHARLIE'S PIZZA South Shore Mustangs | 26 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 77 | 63 | 33 |
| Cole Harbour Pro Hockey Life Wolfpack | 25 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 62 | 30 |
| Cape Breton West Islanders | 26 | 10 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 83 | 87 | 23 |
| Valley CIBC Wood Gundy Wildcats | 26 | 10 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 130 | 20 |
| Cape Breton Tradesmen | 24 | 8 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 65 | 88 | 19 |
| Weeks Major Midgets | 25 | 9 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 79 | 18 |

Nova Scotia Major Bantam

| Team | GP | W | L | T | SOL | OTL | GF | GA | PTS |
|-------------------------------|----|----|----|---|-----|-----|----|----|-----|
| Dartmouth Whalers | 19 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 28 | 34 |
| The Novas | 21 | 17 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 42 | 34 |
| Bedford Barons | 21 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 71 | 45 | 31 |
| Landworks Gulls | 20 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 70 | 52 | 26 |
| Joneljim Cougars | 22 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 71 | 72 | 26 |
| Truro Bearcats | 19 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 57 | 46 | 25 |
| Newbridge Senators | 21 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 46 | 23 |
| Pro Hockey Life Harbour Storm | 19 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 49 | 62 | 17 |
| Scotsburn Crushers | 20 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 66 | 16 |
| ACCEL Hawks | 18 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 61 | 15 |
| Western Hurricanes | 20 | 4 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 40 | 81 | 10 |
| Kings Mutual | 22 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 85 | 3 |

Standings December 15, 2014.

SPORTS

'Jacks beat league-leading Woodstock Slammers

Club then loses to team with worst record

The South Shore Junior 'A' Lumberjacks split a pair of games this past weekend in New Brunswick.

On Friday night the club paid a visit to the Carleton Civic Centre to play the top team in the league, the Woodstock Slammers. Things got off to a great start when Matt Wright scored shorthanded just over seven minutes into the game and the visitors led 1-0.

The Slammers then tied it just over a minute later on an Angus Johnston goal.

Layton Parsons, on the power play, scored the only goal of the second frame as the 'Jacks took a 2-1 lead into the final period.

Brandon Parsons tied the contest at 4:14 of the third before Layton Parsons scored his second of the game to restore the one goal Lumberjack lead. The visitors tried to hang on for the regulation win, but the Slammers eventually tied it up when Brandon Parsons again scored to send the game to extra time.

After a scoreless overtime, Josh Shatford scored the only goal of the shootout and the 'Jacks came away from Woodstock with a huge upset over the Slammers, who were the fourth-ranked team in all of Canadian Junior 'A' hockey. It

was also the first home ice loss of the year for the Slammers.

The following night, the 'Jacks visited the team with the worst record in the league, the expansion St. Stephen County Aces. The Aces have been playing well of late after firing their head coach and general manager and hiring a new person to run the team.

The Aces found themselves up 1-0 after one on a Lucas McKay power play marker.

Curtis Hastings made it 2-0 early in the second.

Jacob MacNutt quickly replied when he tied the game on goals just over a minute apart. Both teams battled hard, but the will of the Aces came through in the end when Matt ManInnis and Parker Sanderson scored 31 seconds apart to give the home side a 4-2 victory.

It was a weekend of highs and lows for the 'Jacks as they continue to recover from off-ice uncertainty as a result of a recent change of ownership.

The franchise plays its last home game of 2014 this Friday against the Miramichi Timberwolves. It will be "Minor Hockey Night," when children dressed in their team jersey will get in free when accompanied by an adult.



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ON THE PITCH

Jenna Turner, front, and Julie Ann Lemire play in the South Shore District Soccer Association's under-13 girls' academy league.

**BOWLING**

Lutheran Church Bowling League

December 9: Team Standings: The Unpredictables, 60; Wally's Gang, 56; Weebles, 52, The Untouchables, 40.

L.S., Pat Townsend and Jean

Schrader, 94. L.T., Jean Schrader, 268. M.S., Wayne Nauss, 130. M.T., Wayne Nauss, 344. L.S., no mark, Alice Smicer, 82. M.S., no mark, Brian Conrad, 77.

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Wendy Sheppard encourages passersby to take in an Our Health Centre property walk-about in November 2013.



KEITH CORCORAN PHOTO

MP calls attention to work of Chester's Our Health Centre

Gerald Keddy in House of Commons offers kudos to group

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With a volunteer board edging closer to its fundraising goal, South Shore-St. Margarets MP Gerald Keddy recently called attention in the House of Commons to the efforts to create Chester's Our Health Centre.

"Mr. Speaker, recruiting and retaining health care practitioners can be difficult in rural Canada. This is often further challenged by the lack of modern office space designed for health care professionals," the Conservative MP told legislators in Ottawa earlier this month.

"In my riding ... a dedicated group of local volunteers is working to change that. They are fundraising to build a collaborative health care facility to service the municipality of Chester, the Hubbards area, Tancook Islands and my hometown of New Ross."

A public meeting held in recent months heard an enthusiastic response to pending plans to build a 900-square-metre building off Highway 3 in the village.

The property, architectural designs and project management services were among items donated to the project.

"Our Health Centre will attract and provide space for primary care practitioners, wellness professionals and visiting specialists," Mr. Keddy told his law-making colleagues. "The building will include a main reception area, information centre, six medical offices and additional clinic space."

"This is an ambitious project and I would like to congratulate all who have worked on or contributed toward it. This group of dedicated volunteers has already raised \$3.1 million with a goal of raising \$4.5 million."

He advised listeners to check out <http://www.ourhealthcentre.ca> to find out more about "this terrific project and see how to donate."

The centre is expected to be similar to collaborative-care centres in more than 35 communities in Nova Scotia. The facility is expected to offer new services to the area, make evening and weekend medical care available and attract new physicians.

The centre's foundation is planning to create an endowment of \$1.5 million to support program funding and ongoing operational enhancements and upgrades.

"Our Health Centre will attract and provide space for primary care practitioners, wellness professionals and visiting specialists."

Gerald Keddy
South Shore-St. Margarets MP


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FEATURE



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On October 8, construction crews worked on the roof.

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Right: By the middle of November, the walls and roof were in place.

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Below: The large panel walls were poured on site and then lifted in place using a large crane.



“We’re still not under pressure, but the timeline is moving on, and we still expect to be in for Easter Sunday.”

Rev. Brian MacArthur
Senior pastor at Bridgewater Baptist Church



JACK COCHRANE PHOTO
With the shell of the building in place, crews have started putting in steel studs and drywall.

New Baptist church still on schedule despite rough weather

By EMMA SMITH
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The new Baptist church in Bridgewater is battling the weather as it takes shape on Glen Allan Drive.

“For the first four weeks when we were doing the roof, we had a half day of rain, and ever since then it’s been pretty steady,” said Jack Cochrane, who works for contractor BD Stevens. “You can’t do the roof in the rain.”

Construction started on the 2,610-square-metre building in May, and in September the walls were lifted into place using a big crane.

“It was quite a challenge to erect because of how big it is and the access around,” said Mr. Cochrane. “So we had to come up with a game plan as to how we were going to do that because these panels weigh a lot.”

Now, the shell of the building is complete and crews have moved on to sealing the roof and doing mechanical and electrical work.

Despite the weather delays, Rev. Brian MacArthur is hopeful the original deadline will hold.

“We’re still not under pressure, but the timeline is moving on, and we still expect to be in for Easter Sunday,” he said.

The bill for the multi-million-dollar project is being paid for by donations from the congregation. The total will be close to \$6 million, and some of that will hopefully be covered by selling the old property, said Rev. MacArthur.

“We’re very hopeful that when the dust all settles and all these adjustments are made that we may have a mortgage of \$2 million on a \$6-million project,” he said.

The last planning committee meeting of the year was held on December 10. After a day of heavy rain, the group of 13 members met in the basement of the old church because the new building was too wet.

The committee is tasked with creating space for a congregation that continues to grow, even as other churches shut their doors. The new building will have a 500-seat sanctuary and a large entrance space where people can gather.

Trina Mitchell has been on the planning committee since it started in 2006. She’s excited to get into the new space.

“Every time I’m in the building my heart pounds a little bit because I just think it’s so beautiful,” she said. “It’s very unique. There are a lot of angles. It’s quite a complex structure.”

Ms. Mitchell is helping decide what to bring from the old church, which is nearly 100 years old, to the brand-new building across the river.

She hopes to move pieces of art, furniture and the stained glass windows that sit in the sanctuary.

“I would personally like to see a couple of the pews maybe in the lobby area, so there’s something that says, ‘This is where we’ve come from and this is where we are now,’ ” she said.

But as construction moves along on the new building, the question of what to do with the old one still lingers. Gordon Fevens, chairman of the planning committee, said they’ve had interest from buyers but still haven’t been able to sell it.

“Next year we’re going to have to make hard decisions once we move over to the new building, and this one doesn’t look like it’s selling,” he said. “I hate to say this, but there’s a possibility we might have to tear it down and sell the property.”

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| WEDNESDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | DECEMBER 17 | | | | | | |
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| 6 | National | ET | ET Canada | Border | Border | Survivor: San Juan (SF) | | | | Survivor "Reunion" | | | | | | |
| 8 | 6:00 News | eTalk | BigBang | Saving Hope | | "Corner Gas: The Movie" ('14) (P) Brent Butt. | | | | CTV News | CTV News | | | | | |
| 11 | CorrieSt | Dragons' Den (R) | ★★★ "The Santa Clause" ('94) Tim Allen. | | | News: The National | | | | CBC News | Rick Mercer | | | | | |
| 4 | Wild K. (R) | PBS NewsHour | Boston | Steves' Nature | | Nova | | | | Nova | | | | | | |
| 7 | 6:00 Planet | CTV News Atlantic | eTalk | BigBang | "Corner Gas: The Movie" ('14) (P) Brent Butt. | Anger M. | Hot/ Cleve. | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | News | News | Inside Ed. Chronicle | The Middle | Goldberg | Modern | Black-ish | Black-ish | Black-ish | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 7 News | 7 News at 6 | NBC News | Access H. Extra | Michael Bublé | The Sing-Off | Jewel, Shawn Stockman. | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | Jail (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Impact Wrestling | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 6:00 First 48 | Duck Dyn. | Duck Dynasty | Duck Dyn. | Duck Dyn. | Duck Dyn. | Duck Dyn. | Duck Dyn. | Duck Dyn. | Duck Dyn. | | | | | | |
| 17 | 6:CMTSpot | BestChow | BestChow | Gift of Giving (R) | "The Santa Suit" ('10) Kevin Sorbo. | Larry's Christmas (R) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 6:Sit.Room | The Situation Room | OutFront | | Anderson Cooper 360 | Somebody's Gotta CNN Tonight | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | M'A'S'H | Pawnog. | Pawnog. | Pawn Star | Pawn Star | Restore | Restore | Alaska Off-Road War. | Ice Pilots NWT "D-Day" | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Square Off | Evening News | Sportsline | Access H. Bones | | CSI: Miami | | Burn Notice | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | 6:00 Vieira | Young & Restless | Early News | National | News Hour | ET Canada | ET | Border | Border | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Sponge | "A Fairly Odd Christmas" ('12) | Toy Story | | Home Videos (R) | Wipeout (R) | JFL: Gags | Life Boys | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Johnny | Adv.Time | Regular | ★★ "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" ('09) | FamilyGuy | Amer. Dad | Archer | Robot | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | 6:00 "The Man Who Saved Christmas" | "Fir Crazy" ('13) Sarah Lancaster, Craig Pryce. | | | "Holidaze" ('13) CCH Pounder, Tatuya Ali. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 6:00 Power and Politics | Exchange with Lang | CBC News Now | | News: The National | CBC News Now | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | WBZ News | WBZ News | News | Wheel | Jeopardy! | Survivor: San Juan (SF) | | | | Survivor "Reunion" | | | | | | |
| 33 | 6:00 C.Minds | P. of Interest "RAM" | Listener "The Blue Line" | Blue Bloods | ★★★ "Instant Message" ('05) Maria Sokoloff. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Yes Dress | 90 Day Fiancé | 90 Day Fiancé | 90 Day Fiancé | 90 Day Fiancé | 90 Day Fiancé | 90 Day Fiancé | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | 6:00 Alaska | How Made | How Made | Daily Planet | Alaska/Frontier | Dude, You're Screwed | Gold Rush | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | 6:00 News | FOX 25 News at 6 p.m. | TMZ | Dish | Hell's Kitchen | Hell's Kitchen (SF) | FOX 25 News at 10 p.m. | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | 6:Hawaii5-0 | "The 12 Disasters of Christmas" ('12) Ed Quinn. | | | "Dear Santa" ('11) Gina Holden, Amy Acker. | "Merry ExMas" ('14) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | 6:00 Beverly | Stranger "Adair" (R) | Surviving Evil | Millionaire | Ex-Wives | Ex-Wives | Tardy... | Don't Tardy | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | Benchend | MatchGm. | MatchGm. | Just for Laughs (R) | JFL: Gags | JFL: Gags | Corner Gas | Simpsons | BigBang | BigBang | | | | | | |
| 41 | Div. Design | Undercover Boss Can. | Ext. Makeover: Home | ER Vets | ER Vets | Puppy | Puppy | Where Are They Now? | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | A.N.T. | Dog Blog | Gaming | Liv Maddie | Jessie | GoodLuck | Next Step | Wingin' It | GoodLuck | Win/Lose | | | | | | |
| 44 | The Middle | Seinf. | Modern | BigBang | BigBang | Browns | Payne | Browns | Payne | Modern | Seinf. | | | | | |
| 46 | 6:00 Holmes | Leave It | Leave It | House | H.Hunt | House | H.Hunt | HH Internat. | Reno. | Hawaii Life | Hawaii Life | | | | | |
| 47 | 6:00 Voyager | InnerSpace | Tactics | Castle | "Boom!" | Stargate: SG-1 | "Horizon" (Sci-Fi, 2013) | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | Storage W. | St. Wars | Storage NY | Storage | Storage W. | Storage W. | On the Hunt (R) | Storage | | | | | | | | |
| 50 | 6:NHL | SN Central | Hockey | Hockey NHL Ott.N.J. Site: Prudential Center (L) | | | | Hockey NHL Dal./Van. | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 6:BigBreak | Golf Cent. | Golf Cent. | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | Big Break: Myrtle Beach | | | | | | | | | |
| 53 | Interrupt | SportsCentre | That's H. | SlamDunk | Basketball NBA Brook./Tor. Site: Air Canada Centre (L) | | | SportsC | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | 6:00 Social | TMZ | eTalk | CSI: Crime "Bite Me" | CSI: Crime Scene | Kourtney & Khloé | The Soup | TMZ (R) | | | | | | | | |
| 55 | 6:00 Riders | News | InFocus | Reel Insights | Run Wild | Run Wild | ★★★ "Frozen River" ('08) Melissa Leo. | | | | | | | | | |
| 56 | 6:00 Abbey | Road to Avonlea | Murder, She Wrote | Columbo | | Call the Midwife | Mr. Selfridge | | | | | | | | | |

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| 6 | National | ET | ET Canada | Border | Border | Elementary | People Magazine Awards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | 6:00 News | eTalk | BigBang | The Mentalist | BigBang | Goldberg | Two 1/2... | McCarthy's | CTV News | CTV News | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | CorrieSt | Festival on Ice (R) | ★★★ "The Santa Clause 2" ('02) Tim | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Saturday Daytime | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | December 20 | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 | Noon | 12:30 | 1:00 | 1:30 | 2:00 | 2:30 | 3:00 | 3:30 | 4:00 | 4:30 | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | | | | | | |
| 6 | 7:Op. Smile | RealFish | FishCan. | Adv. North | Fishful | Decoding the Ancients | Powerboat | Driving TV | Trashopolis "Moscow" | Junk Bros. | Collectors | Collectors | Trashopolis "Rome" | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | News | | | | | | |
| 8 | 6.Juicebox | Canada AM Weekend | Marilyn Denis Show | SOS Child. | eTalk | It Is Written | The Social | SportsCentre | Corner Gas | Corner Gas | Junk Raiders (R) | Winter Wish | Marilyn | Marilyn Denis Show | The Social | eTalk | CTV News | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Busytown | Animal | Super WHY | RubySkye | Fun Hunt | Arthur | Goldfish | Edible I. | Cat/ Hat | Edible I. | Edible I. | Recipes | Kitchen | Equestrian | | Alpine Skiing FIS | | Figure Skating Final ISU (L) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Peep | Thomas | Racers | Dinosaur T. | Peg + Cat | "Curious George: A V... | Odd Squad | Wild K. (R) | Martha | Martha | Chef | Meals | Feast | Lidia's Kit. | Ming | Mexican | TestK | Cook's | Kitchens | Woodwork | Old House | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Worst Handyman | Paid | Paid | Degrassi | Winter Wish | Marilyn | Operation Smile | Gold Medal Plates | Paid | Paid | The Social | Once Upon a Time (R) | "Baby's First Christmas" (12) | Casper Van Dien. | Corner Gas | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 7:00 News | GMA Saturday | NewsCenter 5 Eye | Wild C. | Ocean M. | SeaRescue | Wildlife D | Outback | Explore | Raw Travel | Paid | Paid | Traveler | Garden | World of X Games | Football | Las Vegas Bowl | NCAA Utah/Col. St. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | 7:00 7 News | Saturday Today | 7 News Today in New England | LazyTown | Poppy Cat | Astroblast | Chica | Tree Fu | Soccer EPL (L) | | | | | Golf | | Red Bull Signature Straight Rhythm | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 7:00 Paid | Paid Program | Paid Program | ★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (Cri.'01) | Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, George Clooney. | | ★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (Cri.'01) | Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, George Clooney. | | | | | | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | | | | | | | |
| 16 | Info-Doc. | Dog B.H. | Dog B.H. | Dog B.H. | Dog B.H. | Dog B.H. | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | Criminal Mind "Big Sea" | ★★★ "Hellboy" ('04) | John Hurt, Selma Blair, Ron Perlman. | | | ★★ "XXX" ('02) | Samuel L. Jackson, Vin Diesel. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 7:00 School | Old School (R) | CMT Music (R) | #1's (R) | CMT Music (R) | CMT Music (R) | Chevy Top 20 Countdown | | CMT's Hottest | BestChow | BestChow | ToriDean | ToriDean | Cash/ Cari | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 7:New Day | New Day Saturday | New Day Saturday | Smerconish | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | Newsroom | Sanjay | Newsroom | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 7:00 Pilots | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Pawnog. | Pawnog. | Ice Pilots NWT | Ice Pilots NWT "D-Day" | ★★ "Troy" (Action,2004) | Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Watchlist | Paid | Watchlist | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Home | Paid | Paid | Watchlist | ★★★★ "The Lady Vanishes" ('38) | | | ★★★ "Les Misérables" ('35) | Charles Laughton. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | :35 Off Air | Early Morning News | Adv. North | Fishful | Saturday Morning News | | FishCan. | RealFish | Powerboat | Driving TV | Trashopolis "Moscow" | Collectors | Collectors | Trashopolis "Rome" | Simpsons | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Kid (v). Kat | Squirrel | Nerds | Numb Ch. | Sponge | Sponge | Parents | RabbidsInv | Brdwrrs | Ninja Turtle | SanjayCr | "The Flight Before Christmas" ('08) | Emma Roberts. | Christmas Is Here Again Jay Leno. | Nicky | ★★ "Snow Day" ('00) | Chevy Chase. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | Oh No | Looney | Chima | TomJerry | Adv.Time | Annoying | Scooby | "The Pebble and the Penguin" ('95) | Ice Age | Pokémon | Rangers | Yu-Gi-Oh | Bots | Beyblade | Powerpuff C'mas (R) | DrDimen. | Scooby | ★★ "Blizzard" ('03) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | 7:00 Love It | W&Grace | W&Grace | W&Grace | W&Grace | ★★ "Four Christmases" ('08) | Vince Vaughn. | "Holiday High School Reunion" ('12) | Harry Hamlin. | "Finding Mrs. Claus" ('12) | Will Sasso, Mira Sorvino. | ★★ "Surviving Christmas" ('04) | Ben Affleck. | Movie | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | 7:00 CBC News Now | | | | | CBC News Now | | CBC News Now | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | National | | | | | |
| 32 | 7:00 WBZ News | Changers | CBS This Morning Saturday | | | Lucky Dog | Dr. Chris | Innovation | RecRehab | All in With | B-Ball | Basketball | NCAA UNC/Ohio St. | | :15 Basketball | CBS Sports Classic | NCAA UCLA/Ken. (L) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 7:00 "12 Dog Days Till Christmas" | | "Christmas With Tucker" ('13) | James Brolin. | | "Pete's Christmas" ('13) | Molly Parker, Bruce Dern. | | "The Christmas Shepherd" (Family,2014) | Teri Polo. | "A Golden Christmas" ('09) | Andrea Roth. | | "Three Holiday Tails" ('11) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | My Crazy Obsession | My Crazy Obsession | Invasion Christmas (R) | Crazy Lights (R) | My 600-lb Life | My 600-lb Life | My 600-lb Life | My 600-lb Life | My 600-lb Life | My 600-lb Life | Santa | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | :Overhaul | Cold Water Cowboys | Worst Driver (R) | Daily Planet | Dangerous Flights | Mayday | MythBusters | Mayday | Mayday | Mayday | Don't Drive "Nairobi" (R) | Worst Driver (R) | Daily Planet | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | Paid | Xploration | OutSpace | Earth 2050 | Animal Sci. | Live Life | Y. Icons | Weekend Marketplace | | Paid | Tip-Off | Basketball | NCAA Syracuse vs. Villanova (L) | The Closer | Bones | | Burn Notice | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | 7:00 ReGen. | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Lost Girl "Like Hell" (R) | ★★★ "The Adjustment Bureau" ('11) | Emily Blunt, Matt Damon. | "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol" ('11) | Jeremy Renner, Tom Cruise. | "The Adjustment Bureau" | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | :Til Debt | Princess | Princess | Paid | Paid | True Crime Scene | See No Evil | Fatal Wows | Vanderpump Rules | Housewives Atlanta | Don't Tardy | Don't Tardy | Beverly Hills | Millionaire | Millionaire | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | 7:00 Laughs | Just for Laughs | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs | Just for Laughs | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs: All Access (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | 7:00 Boss | Div. Design | Div. Design | All for Nothing | Div. Design | GroceryB | Where Are They Now? | Oprah' Master Class | Oprah Prime | You Do? (R) | | SurgeonOz | SurgeonOz | Our America | Locator | Locator | CatchKillerr | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | Slugterra | StarWars | Gravity | A.N.T. | GoodLuck | Austin/ Ally | I Didn't Do It | Dog Blog | Jessie | Girl | ★★★ "Elf" ('03) | Will Ferrell. | :40 Gravity | :05 Phineas | StarWars | Gaming | Next Step | A.N.T. | Dog Blog | Jessie | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | Paid | Dog Tales | Animal R. | Dragon | Think Big | On Spot | Places | P.Affair | Atlanta | The Office | Paid | ★★ "Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat" ('03) | ★★ "Men in Black II" ('02) | Will Smith. | | ★★ "Rules of Engagement" ('00) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | Leave It | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Island | Island | Island | Island | Garage | Garage | Garage | Garage | H.Hunt | House | HH Internat. | Reno. | Hawai Life | Hawai Life | Rehab | | | | | | | | |
| 47 | 7:00 Dr. Who (R) | Timey Dr. Who (R) | Doctor Who (R) | Doctor Who (R) | Doctor Who (R) | Doctor Who (R) | Doc. Who | Ultimate (R) | Ultimate Time Lord (R) | Earth Conquest (R) | Doctor Who "Rose" | Doctor Who | Doctor Who | Doctor Who | Doctor Who | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | :00 Depart. | Departures "Australia" | Dirt Trax | RCTV (R) | Canada | Paid | Liquidator | Paid | Paid | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | | | | | | | |
| 50 | 7:00 Central | Sportsnet Central | Misplay | Soccer EPL | Evert/Southern. Site: St. Mary's Stadium (L) | | | | | Matchday | Alpine Skiing FIS | Misplay | RedWings/ MapleLeafs | NHL Classics | SN Central | Football NFL Phi/Was. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | Golf | Morning Drive | Morning Drive | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | The Golf Fix | In Play J. Roberts (R) | Academy | Top 10 (R) | Feherty "Lou Holtz" (R) | Feherty (R) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 53 | SportsCentre (R) | Barclays /:45 Soccer EPL | C.Pal./Man. C. (L) | | | Soccer EPL | West Brom vs QP Rangers | Barclays | Motoring | Hockey | Exhibition Game | IIHF Canada vs. Russia (R) | | Hockey World Junior A Challenge (L) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | Pop Quiz | Inside Box | BraveGirls | Pop Quiz | Pop Quiz | Inside Box | BraveGirls | Pop Innovators | Kardash | The Kardashians | Kardash | The Kardashians | Kardash | Kourtney | Kourtney | Kourtney | Kourtney | Kourtney | Kourtney | Kourtney | TMZ | | | | | | | |
| 55 | Bizou | Raven | Doggy | Takuginai | Louis Says | Morning | Wapos Bay | Guardians | P. Echo | Call of the Wild | The Young Riders | Longmire "In the Pines" | "Every Emotion Costs" ('11) | Nathaniel Arcand. | Exhibit A | Warrior | Riders | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 56 | Scriptures | Refi. Islam | Invasion | Daily Mass | Kalam | Words of | Interfaith | Believe | Gurbani | Watno Dur | Gaunda | Mehak TV | Punjabi | Vatan | Quran S. | Peace | Nagara TV | Punjab | Panj-Aab | Tehka | | | | | | | | |

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| 6 National | "Dear Santa" ('11) Gina Holden, Amy Acker. | | | | | | | | | | "Debbie Macomber's Trading Christmas" ('11) | News Final | Tube Tales | 6 National | Johnny Reid: C'mas | Mr. Magoo Christmas | ★ ★ "A Christmas Carol" ('09) Jim Carrey. | News Final | West Block | | |
| 8 6:00 News | ★★★ "Mistletoe Over Manhattan" ('11) | | | | | | | | | | "The Christmas Parade" ('14) AnnaLynne McCord. | News | CTV News | 8 6:00 News | Saving Hope | CSI: Crime Scene | "Best Christmas Party Ever" ('14) Torrey DeVitto. | News | CTV News | | |
| 11 5:FigSkate | CBC News | Hockey | Hockey | NHL Pha./Tor. Site: Air Canada Centre (L) | NHL | Pha./Tor. Site: Air Canada Centre (L) | | | | | Hockey NHL Cgy./Van. | | | 11 Movie | Mickey Winnie | "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" ('89) | News: The National | CBCNews | 5th estate | | |
| 4 6:O.House | Masterpiece Classic | | | | Masterpiece Classic | | | | Moone Boy Spy | Vicious | Antique | | | 4 6:Journeys | Nature | Royal Bedchamber (R) | Masterpiece Classic | Masterpiece Classic | Masterpiece Classic | | |
| 7 Corner Gas | TBA | The Social | The Listener (R) | | "Catch a Christmas Star" ('13) Shannon Elizabeth. | | | | W5 | | | | | 7 5:00 | Football NFL (L) | Kirstie BigBang | "Catch a Christmas Star" ('13) Shannon Elizabeth. | Anger M. | Hot/ Cleve. | | |
| 9 4:30 Football | NCAA Utah/Col. St. | News | Chronicle | | Charlie Brown (R) | CMA Country Christmas (R) | | | | | | | | 9 6:00 | Light News | News | ★★★★ "The Sound of Music: Sing-A-Long" ('65) Christopher Plummer, Julie Andrews. | | | | |
| 12 5:Red Bull | 7 News at 6 | NBC News | Access Hollywood | | The Sound of Music | Laura Benanti, Christian Borle, Audra McDonald. (R) | | | | | | | | 12 5:FigSkate | 7 News at 6 | NBC News | Football Night (L) | :20 Football NFL Sea./Arz. Site: University of Phoenix Stadium (L) | | | |
| 14 Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops (R) | Cops | Cops (R) | Auction | Auction | Cops | Cops | | | 14 5:30 | ★ "John Q" ('02) | Bar Rescue | Bar Rescue | ★ ★ "Training Day" ('01) Denzel Washington. | | | | |
| 16 4:30 "XXX" | Criminal Minds | Crim. Minds | "Bloodline" | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | Criminal Minds | | | | | | | | 16 Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | Storage W. | To Be Announced | | |
| 17 Cash/ Cari | JFL: Gags | JFL: Gags | Wipeout | | "The Town Christmas Forgot" ('10) Lauren Holly. | Home Videos (R) | | | | | | | | 17 Cash/ Cari | JFL: Gags | Gift of Giving (R) | Home Videos (R) | Wipeout | | | |
| 18 6:00 News | Smerconish | | "Blackfish" (Documentary, 2013) | | "Dinosaur 13" ('14) Lance Archer, Stan Adelstein. | | | | | | | | 18 6:00 | CNN Newsroom | Extra. People (R) | Back Beginning "Part 1" Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd next (R) | Back Beginning "Part 2" | | | | |
| 19 Pawnog. | Curse of Oak Island | Ice Pilots NWT | Ice Pilots NWT | "D-Day" | Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" ('11) | | | | | | | | 19 Pawn Star | Restore | Restore | Pawn Star | Pawn Star | Mountain Men | The Curse of Oak Island | | |
| 20 Movie | Evening News | TinyTalent | Watchlist | Square Off | Operation Smile (P) | 48 Hours | | | | | | | 20 Spin Off | Evening News at 6:00 p.m. | 60 Minutes | ★★★ "White Christmas" ('54) Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby. | | | | | |
| 21 Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | National | News Hour | "Dear Santa" ('11) Gina Holden, Amy Acker. | | | | | | | 21 Simpsons | Simpsons | Simpsons | National | News Hour | Johnny Reid: C'mas | Mr. Magoo Christmas | | |
| 22 Movie | Rudolph Red Reindeer | Rudolph's New Year | Year Without Santa (R) | ★ ★ "Jingle All the Way" ('96) | | | | | | | | | 22 Movie | ★ "Home Alone 4" ('02) French Stewart. | Rudolph Red Reindeer | Thunder | Nicky | Mr. Young | Mr. Young | | |
| 23 6:30 | ★★ "Blizzard" ('03) | 50 ★★★ "Elf" ('03) | James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell. | ★ ★ "Scrooged" ('88) Karen Allen, Bill Murray. | | | | | | | | | 23 Johnny | DrDinem. Dragons | ★ ★ "Jingle All the Way" ('96) | Fugget | Futurama | Awesomes | FamilyGuy | | |
| 28 6:00 | "The Santa Suit" ('10) | ★ ★ "Four Christmases" ('08) Vince Vaughn. | ★ ★★ "Love Actually" ('03) Emma Thompson. | | | | | | | | | | 28 6:00 | Snow Bride" ('13) | "The Santa Con" ('14) Barry Watson. | "Christmas Under Wraps" (Dra) | | | | | |
| 29 At Issue | National | One/One | Politics Polar Bears (R) | the fifth estate | National | MarketP. | Twin Sisters | | | | | | 29 MarketP. | Prince George (R) | the fifth estate | Prince Harry at 30 (R) | News: The National | Elizabeth: Queen (R) | | | |
| 32 Jeopardy! | WBZ News | News | Wheel | The NFL Today (L) | :25 Football NFL S.D./S.F. Site: Levi's Stadium (L) | | | | | | | | 32 5:25 | Football NFL Indianapolis vs Dallas | 60 Minutes | Undercover Boss | The Mentalist | CSI: Crime | | | |
| 33 Movie | ★★★ "Holiday Wishes" ('06) Amber Benson. | | "Back to Christmas" ('14) Kelly Overton. | | "The Christmas Sheph... | | | | | | | | 33 Movie | "To Be Announced" | | "Northpole" ('14) Bailee Madison, Tiffani Thiessen. | Mistletoe Over Manhat... | | | | |
| 34 6:00 Santa | To Be Announced | Santa/ ER | | Sex Sent Me to the E.R. | Untold Stories | The E.R. "Can't Get Up" | | | | | | | 34 6:00 Untold | Untold Stories | 90 Day Fiancé | 90 Day Fiancé | 90 Day Fiancé | My Five Wives | | | |
| 35 6:00 Planet | How Made | How Made | How Made | Fast N' Loud | Worst Driver (R) | River Monsters Goes (R) | | | | | | | 35 6:00 Alaska | Alaska/Frontier | Alaska/Frontier | Alaska/Frontier | Alaska/Frontier | Alaska/Frontier | | | |
| 36 6:00 Burn | FOX 25 News at 6 p.m. | TMZ | Bones | Sleepy Hollow | FOX 25 News at 10 p.m. | | | | | | | | 36 5:00 | Football NFL N.Y. G/SLL | Mulaney B.Burger | Simpsons Brooklyn | FamilyGuy B.Burger | FOX 25 News at 10 p.m. | | | |
| 37 5:30 | "The Adjustment Bureau" ('11) | Lost Girl "Like Hell" (R) | "Ghost Storm" ('12) Carlos Bernard, Crystal Allen. | "The Adjustment Bureau" | | | | | | | | | 37 6:00 | "The Red Tent" ('14) Pt. 2 of 2 | "Guess Who's Coming to Christmas" ('13) | Lost Girl "Big in Japan" | Satisfaction | | | | |
| 38 6:00 Million | Princess | Princess | Princess | Beverly Hills | ★ ★ "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" ('03) | | | | | | | | 38 6:00 Listing | A Stranger in My Home | Fatal Vows | Ex-Wives | Ex-Wives | Housewives Atlanta | Tardy... | | |
| 39 Just for Laughs | | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs: All Access | | | | | | | 39 Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs | Just for Laughs (R) | Just for Laughs | Just for Laughs | Seth Rogen's Hilarity for Charity (R) | | | |
| 41 6:00 Killer | Murder She Solved | | Dark Waters of Crime | Dark Waters of Crime | Motives & Murders | Murder in Paradise | | | | | | | 41 6:00 Nothing | Undercover Boss Can. | Super Soul Sunday Pr | The Rob Bell Show | Where Are They Now? Surgeon Oz | Surgeon Oz | | | |
| 43 5:00 Phineas | Good Luck | Liv Maddie | Girl | Next Step | I Didn'tDolt A.N.T. | Next Step Wingin' It | "Good Luck Charlie, It's... | | | | | | 43 Austin | GoodLuck Liv Maddie | Girl | StarWars I Didn'tDolt A.N.T. | Next Step Wingin' It Jessie | GoodLuck | | | |
| 44 Movie | Family | Mr. Box | Commun. | Commun. | The Middle | The Middle | ★ ★ "The Expendables" ('10) Eric Roberts, Jet Li. | | | | | | 44 Movie | BigBang | BigBang | BigBang | Modern Modern | ★ ★★ "300" ('06) Lena Headey, Gerard Butler. | | | |
| 46 Rehab | Renovation | Renovation | Leave It | Leave It | House | House | Income Property | Leave It | Leave It | | | | 46 6:00 Income | Holmes Makes It Right | House H.Hunt | House House | Bryan Bryan | Ultimate Garage (R) | | | |
| 47 6:00 Dr. Who | Doctor Who | Doctor Who "Dalek" | Doctor Who | | Atlantis (SF) | Doctor Who | | | | | | | 47 4:45 Doctor Who | :45 Doctor Who "The Runaway Bride" | The Librarians | Doctor Who | Doctor Who | Doctor Who | | | |
| 49 Storage W. | Liquidator | Liquidator | St. Wars | Liquidator | Mantracker | St. Wars | Liquidator | Liquidator | Liquidator | Liquidator | | | 49 Storage W. | Liquidator | Liquidator | St. Wars | Mantracker | Liquidator | Liquidator | | |
| 50 5:30 Football | NFL Phi./Was. Site: FedEx Field (L) | | | | Football NFL S.D./S.F. Site: Levi's Stadium (L) | | | | | | | | 50 4:30 Basket | Sportsnet Central | Basket NBA New Orleans Pelicans at Oklahoma City Thunder | SN Central | Sportsnet Central | | | | |
| 52 6:00 Feherty | Golf Central Special | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | BigBreak:MyrtleBeach | Big Break: Myrtle Beach | Big Break: Myrtle Beach | | | | | | | 52 6:00 BigBreak | Golf | Golf | ★★★ "The Greatest Game Ever Played" ('05) Shia LaBeouf. | "The Greatest Game Ever Played" | | | | |
| 53 4:30 Hockey | SportsCentre | | Basketball NCAA Kan.St./Tex.A&M | | SportsCentre | SportsCentre | | | | | | | 53 5:00 Football NFL (L) | | NFL Football Night (L) | :15 Football NFL Sea./Arz. Site: University of Phoenix Stadium (L) | | | | | |
| 54 6:00 TMZ | BraveGirls | Inside Box | Pop Quiz | Pop Quiz | BH Pawn | BH Pawn | ★ "A Very Merry Mix-Up" ('13) Alicia Witt. | | | | | | 54 6:00 News | Couch | Inside Box | Pop Quiz | Reign | Kourtney & Khloé | House of DVF | | |
| 55 6:00 Riders | Call of the Wild | | Longmire "In the Pines" | HardRock | HardRock | HardRock | ★ ★★ "11:14" ('03) Henry Thomas, Hilary Swank. | | | | | | 55 6:N.Things | APTN News | Arctic Air "Flying Solo" | Cashing In | Cashing In | Mohawk | Blackstone | | |
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MOVIES**WEDNESDAY 12/17****Evening**

8:00 **CBC** "The Santa Clause" (Comedy,1994) Tim Allen, Judge Reinhold. When a father mistakenly kills Santa Claus, he is magically recruited to take his place.

TOON "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" (Animated,2009) Voices of Eunice Cho, Maitre Flanagan. Sid finds himself in an underground world after he attempts to abduct dinosaur eggs. (G)

WTN "Fir Crazy" (Romance,2013) Craig Pryce, Sarah Lancaster. A marketing executive discovers a new fondness for the holidays selling Christmas trees. (G)

9:00 **ATV ASN** "Corner Gas: The Movie" (Comedy,2014) Brent Butt, Gabrielle Miller. After Dog River goes bankrupt, the residents make one last effort to save it. (PG)

CMT "The Santa Suit" (Comedy,2010) Kevin Sorbo, Jennifer Gibson. The president of a marketing firm is turned into a Santa lookalike. (PG)

SHOW "Dear Santa" (Drama,2011) Amy Acker, Gina Holden. A young woman finds a letter from a girl asking for a new wife for her dad.

10:00 **WTN** "Holidaze" (Drama,2013) Tatjana Ali, CCH Pounder. A workaholic wakes up in an alternate universe where she never left her hometown. (14+)

BRAVO "Instant Message" (Drama,2005) Marla Sokoloff, Patrick J. Adams. Successful writer Gina and executive Seth have been pen pals since childhood. (PG)

SPACE "Horizon" (Sci-Fi,2013) An FBI secretary delves into mysterious files with the codename "Horizon".

APTN "Frozen River" (Drama,2008) Melissa Leo, Misty Upham. Two women faced with desperate circumstances start to smuggle across borders. (18+)

11:00 **SHOW** "Merry ExMas" (Comedy,2014) Jodi Lyn O'Keef, Kristy Swanson. (PG)

12:00 **WTN** "Battle of the Bulbs" (Comedy,2010) Daniel Stern, Matt Frewer. Two men compete to see who can make the best Christmas display in the neighbourhood. (14+)

THURSDAY 12/18**Evening**

9:00 **ASN** "The Twelve Trees of Christmas" (Family,2013) Lindy Booth, Melanie Brown. A woman learns the historic library where she works is scheduled to be demolished.

CMT "Coming Home for Christmas" (Family,2013) Carly McKillip, Britt McKillip. A woman plans on reuniting her family back together at their old family home. (PG)

SHOW "Christmas at

Cartwright's" (Drama,2014) Alicia Witt, Wallace Shawn.

Single mom is unemployed and desperate to find a job; make daughter's holiday happy. (PG)

10:00 **WTN** "Under the Mistletoe" (Family,2006) Michael Shanks, Jaime Ray Newman. A local radio station takes over Susan's love life after an innocent call from her son.

SPACE "Silent Hill: Revelation 3D" (Horror,2012) Sean Bean, Radha Mitchell. Holly Mason is thrust into her own nightmares, in order to unlock the secrets of her past.

APTN "Coach Carter" (Drama,2005) Samuel L. Jackson, Robert Ri'chard. A basketball coach prevents his team from playing until they improve their grades. (14+)

VIS "The Man Who Saved Christmas" (Family,2002) Jason Alexander, Kelly Rowan. A disillusioned toy maker must save the day when Congress threatens to cancel Christmas. (PG)

11:00 **TOON** "Bad Santa" (Comedy,2003) Billy Bob Thornton, Bernie Mac. A conman poses as a mall Santa in order to rip off department stores during the holidays.

SHOW "Elf" (Comedy,2003) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

12:00 **CMT** "Coming Home for Christmas" (Family,2013) Carly McKillip, Britt McKillip. A woman plans on reuniting her family at their old family home. (PG)

WTN "Will You Merry Me?" (Comedy/Drama,2008) Tommy Liouat, Wendie Malick. An engaged couple must meet the in-laws, as well as becoming immersed in the holidays. (PG)

FRIDAY 12/19**Evening**

8:00 **WTN** "Surviving Christmas" (Comedy,2004) Ben Affleck, James Gandolfini. A lonely, wealthy executive pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them. (14+)

SHOW "Window Wonderland" (Romance,2013) Chyler Leigh, Paul Campbell. As the Christmas season approaches, a woman vies for the position of head window designer.

FAM "Elf" (Comedy,2003) Will Ferrell, James Caan. A man raised as an elf at the North Pole travels to New York to find his true father.

10:00 **TOON** "Hulk Vs." (Animated,2009) Voices of Mark Acheson, Michael Adamthwaite. The Hulk takes on Wolverine and then the Mighty God of Thunder Thor.

WTN "Four Christmases" (Comedy,2008) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents. (14+)

APTN "Every Emotion Costs" (Drama,2011) Nathaniel Arcand, Tantoo Cardinal. Two sisters return

to the reservation to face the community and the ceremony of death. (PG)

11:00 **SHOW** "Men in Black 3" (Action,2012) Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones. Agent J travels back in time to save Agent K from an assassination attempt. (14+)

11:10 **FAM** "The Ultimate Christmas Present" (Comedy,2000) Peter Scolari, Bill Fagerbakke. Two 12-year-old girls stumble upon a mysterious device that changes the weather. (G)

12:00 **WTN** "Surviving Christmas" (Comedy,2004) Ben Affleck, James Gandolfini. A lonely, wealthy executive pays a family to let him spend Christmas with them. (14+)

SATURDAY 12/20**Evening**

9:00 **GLOBAL** "Debbie Macomber's Trading Christmas" (Romance,2011) Gil Bellows, Aren Buchholz. A man and woman find love at the most unexpected time and have the best Christmas ever.

ATV "The Christmas Parade" (Drama,2014) AnnaLynne McCord, Jefferson Brown. A big-city morning show host finds a renewed Christmas spirit and unexpected love. (G)

ASN "Catch a Christmas Star" (Family,2013) Shannon Elizabeth, Steve Byers. A pop star reunites with her first love, but the pressures of fame could tear them apart. (G)

CMT "The Town Christmas Forgot" (Family,2010) Lauren Holly, Rick Roberts. An upscale, urban family gets stranded in a remote lumber town two days before Christmas. (PG)

BRAVO "Back to Christmas" (Drama,2014) Kelly Overton, Michael Muhney. A woman time travels to the past Christmas in order to undo the mistakes of her past. (PG)

SHOW "Ghost Storm" (Sci-Fi,2012) Crystal Allen, Carlos Bernard. Dead souls seeking revenge attack a small island in the form of a deadly electrical storm. (14+)

10:00 **CNN** "Dinosaur 13" (Documentary,2014) Stan Adelstein, Lanice Archer. The discovery of the largest T-Rex remains ever found.

HIST "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (Action,2011) Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson team up to take down their nemesis, Professor Moriarty. (PG)

CITV "Dear Santa" (Drama,2011) Amy Acker, Gina Holden. A young woman finds a letter from a girl asking for a new wife for her dad.

TOON "Scrooged" (Fantasy,1988) Bill Murray, Karen Allen. A callous executive learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is visited by ghosts. (PG)

WTN "Love Actually" (Romance,2003) Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant. Several different British

couples sort out their love lives during the Christmas holidays. (18+)

LIFE "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" (Comedy,2003) Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson. Two people try to further their careers by starting a relationship under false pretences. (14+)

TBS "The Expendables" (Action,2010) Jet Li, Eric Roberts. A group of mercenaries travel to South America to overthrow a dictator. (18+)

STAR "A Very Merry Mix-Up" (Romance,2013) Alicia Witt, Mark Wiebe. A woman forms a bond with a family that she is accidentally landed with over the holidays. (G)

APTN "11:14" (Thriller,2003) Hilary Swank, Henry Thomas. Many people's lives are affected when two accidents happen simultaneously. (18+)

11:00 **BRAVO** "The Christmas Shepherd" (Family,2014) Teri Polo. Buddy, a German shepherd born on Christmas Day, means the world to a widowed author. (PG)

SHOW "The Adjustment Bureau" (Romance,2011) Matt Damon, Emily Blunt. Mysterious forces keep a politician and a ballerina from having an affair. (PG)

FAM "Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas!" (Children,2011) Bridgit Mendler, Jason Dolley. The Duncans get separated en route to Palm Springs, and scramble to get reunited. (G)

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10:00 **CITV** "A Christmas Song" (Family,2012) Natasha Henstridge, Gabriel Hogan. The fate of two music teachers is to be decided in a city-wide Christmas carol contest. (G).

SUNDAY 12/21**Evening**

8:00 **CBC** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (Comedy,1989) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. A man plays host to numerous dysfunctional relatives during the Christmas holidays. (PG)

ABC "The Sound of Music: Sing-A-Long" (Musical,1965) Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer. A woman leaves an Austrian convent to become a governess to widower's seven children. (PG)

TOON "Jingle All the Way" (Comedy,1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sinbad. A father frantically searches for a last-minute Christmas gift for his son. (PG)

WTN "The Santa Con"

MONDAY 12/22

(Comedy,2014) Barry Watson, Melissa Sagemiller. Small-time con man is ordered to take job as department store Santa during holidays.

SHOW "Guess Who's Coming to Christmas" (Comedy,2013) Drew Lachey, Mackenzie Porter. A rock star agrees to fulfill a kid's Christmas wish in order to repair his image. (PG)

GOLF "The Greatest Game Ever Played" (Drama,2005) Shia LaBeouf, Stephen Dillane. A lower-class caddie struggles to become the first amateur golfer to win the U.S. Open. (PG)

9:00 **GLOBAL** "A Christmas Carol" (Animated,2009) Voices of Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman. Spirits visit Ebenezer Scrooge and show him the errors of his ways by revisiting his life. (PG)

ATV "Best Christmas Party Ever" (Drama,2014) Torrey DeVitto, Steve Lund. An up-and-coming event planner finds out her boss intends to hand off her business. (G)

CMT "Four Christmases" (Comedy,2008) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents. (14+)

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10:00 **CH** "Bad Santa" (Comedy,2003) Billy Bob Thornton, Bernie Mac. A conman poses as a mall Santa in order to rip off department stores during the holidays.

WTN "The Holiday" (Romance,2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. Two women with romance issues swap homes and fall for men in their new neighbourhoods.

FAM "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (Comedy,1992) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. A boy finds himself all alone in New York City and sets out to foil two bumbling burglars.

APTN "La Nativité" (Drama,2006) Keisha Castle-Hughes, Oscar Isaac. Marie reçoit la visite d'un ange lui annonçant sa grossesse miraculeuse. (G)

10:30 **BRAVO** "Angels and Ornaments" (Drama,2014) Jessalyn Gilsig, Sergio Dizio. Hopeless romantic wishes on a Christmas tree ornament for a great romance. (G)

11:00 **CMT** "Four Christmases" (Comedy,2008) Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon. A couple struggles to spend Christmas with all four of their divorced parents. (14+)

SHOW "A Merry Friggin' Christmas" (Comedy,2014) Robin Williams, Lauren Graham. While visiting his relatives a man forgets his son's presents for Christmas. (14+)

TUESDAY EVENING**DECEMBER 23**

| 6:30 | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 |
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| 6 National | ET | ET Canada | State of Affairs | ★ ★ "Christmas Lodge" ('11) Peter Benson. | News Final | E.T. Canada | | | | |
| 8:00 News | eTalk | eTalk | R. Peters Christmas (R) | "Finding Christmas" ('13) Tricia Helfer. | CTV News | CTV News | | | | |
| 11 CorrieSt | Rudolph Red Reindeer | ★★★ "A Christmas Story" ('83) Peter Billingsley. | News: The National | CBC News | Rick Mercer | | | | | |
| 4 Wild K. (R) | PBS NewsHour | Boston | Steves' | Antiques Roadshow | Antiques Roadshow | | | | | |
| 7:00 Planet | CTV News Atlantic | Degrassi | Degrassi | ★ "A Very Merry Mix-Up" ('13) Alicia Witt. | Anger M. | Hot/Cleve. | | | | |
| 9 News | News | News | Inside Ed. | Chronicle | The Great Christmas Light Fight (SF) | Castle "Montreal" | | | | |
| 12 7 News | 7 News at 6 | NBC News | Access H. | Extra | Saturday Night Live Christmas (R) | State of Affairs</ | | | | |

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CryptoQuip

This is a homophone substitution cipher where each letter used stands for another. For example, if X equals C, then X would stand for C, and so on. See the key at the bottom of the page.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 box contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: *

* Moderate ** Challenging
*** HOO BOY!

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this example, A is used for the three L's; X for the two O's and single letters; apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are not hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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XDYZEOU VECM GCMDWL

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JYTDL QGW XDYZEOU VECM

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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 E, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|----|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Gaming establishment | — — — — D | Mysterious | — — — — N — |
| 2 | Desert sanctuary | O | Foundation | E |
| 3 | Horse's girl | A | Middle | F |
| 4 | Spring bloom | F | Fake | H |
| 5 | Translucent | — — — — R | Actor Martin or Charlie | N |
| 6 | Tiny swimwear | T | Using a two-wheeler | G |
| 7 | Kellerman or Field | A | Harebrained | I |
| 8 | Homemade blanket | T | Writing plume | L |
| 9 | Rendezvous | Y | Put faith in | U |
| 10 | Wall plug | L | Begging | S |

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Crossword puzzle

by Walter Feener

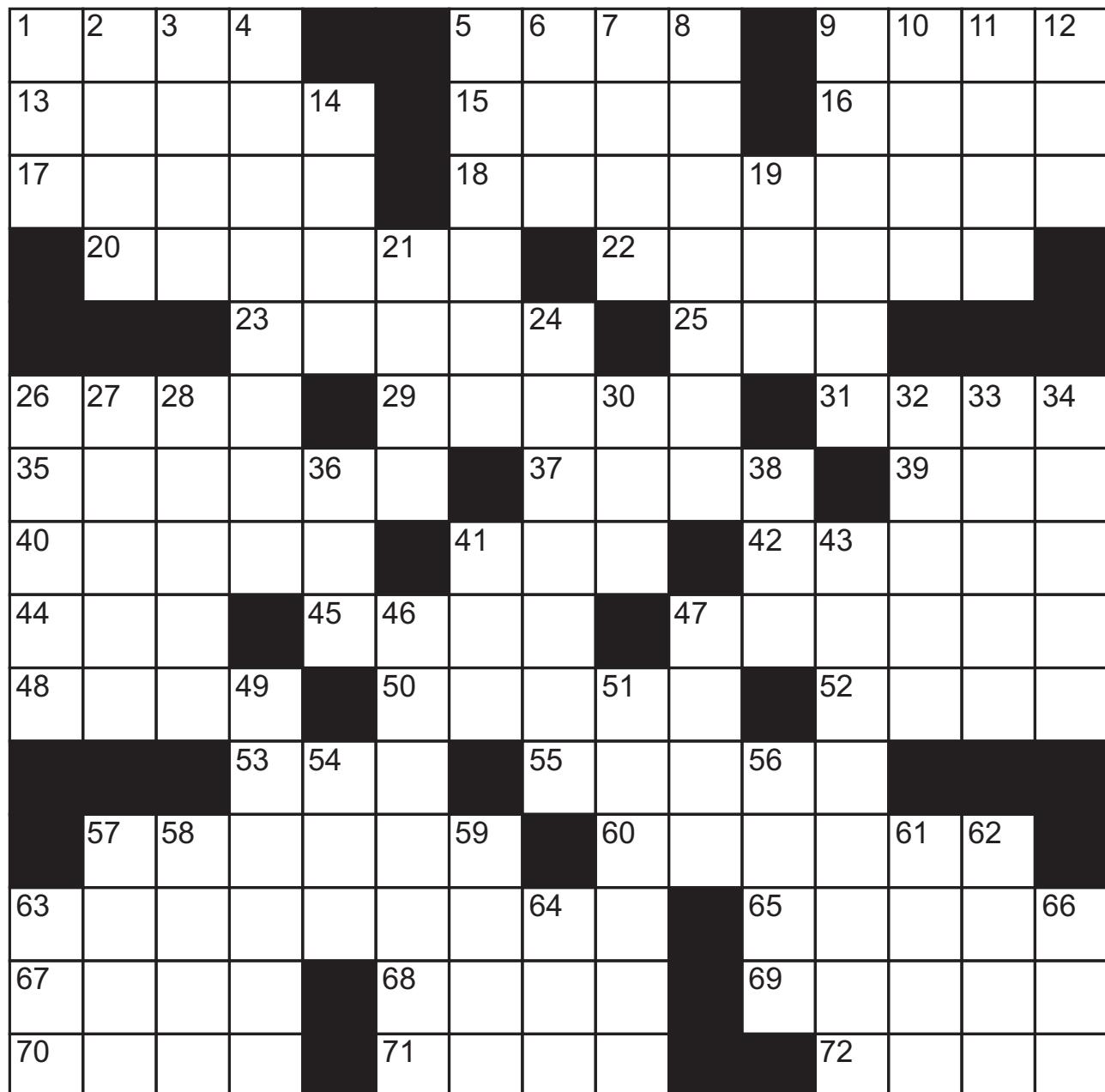
ACROSS

1. Meat and potatoes dish
5. Give a snappy comeback
9. Drink through a straw
13. German submarine
15. Call upon for help
16. Begging request
17. Woman admired for her beauty and charm
18. Travel plan
20. Bank employee
22. Part of a masquerade costume
23. Song that was once popular
25. Devoted woman in church
26. Merganser's relative
29. Like a mosquito bite
31. Major ingredient of soapstone
35. Incorruptible
37. Tree branch
39. Meadow
40. Perform better than
41. Do away with
42. Marriage site

DOWN

44. Devoured
45. Circle
47. Steal things
48. By way of, informally
50. Pasta sauce
52. Get into a dither
53. Few z's
55. Two under par
57. Summer top
60. Monkey bread tree
63. Two-chambered
65. Kind of energy
67. Vigorous enthusiasm
68. Dried up
69. Painter Davies from Manitoba
70. Be in the habit of
71. Group regarded as heretical
72. Big Wheel rider
1. Major airport
2. Help someone do something wrong
3. One and only
4. "... ___ be thy name."
5. Ghost
6. "How Great Thou ___"
7. Mentioned before
8. Equivalent word
9. Quick run
10. ___ Bator, Mongolia
11. O, in Spanish
12. 11th letter of the alphabet
14. Make aware of
19. Bird that is unable to fly
21. Blue-pencil
24. Astronomical alignment
26. Newly-weaned pig
27. Oral cavity
28. Go into
30. Crawled under the bed
32. Tailor clothes to make them fit

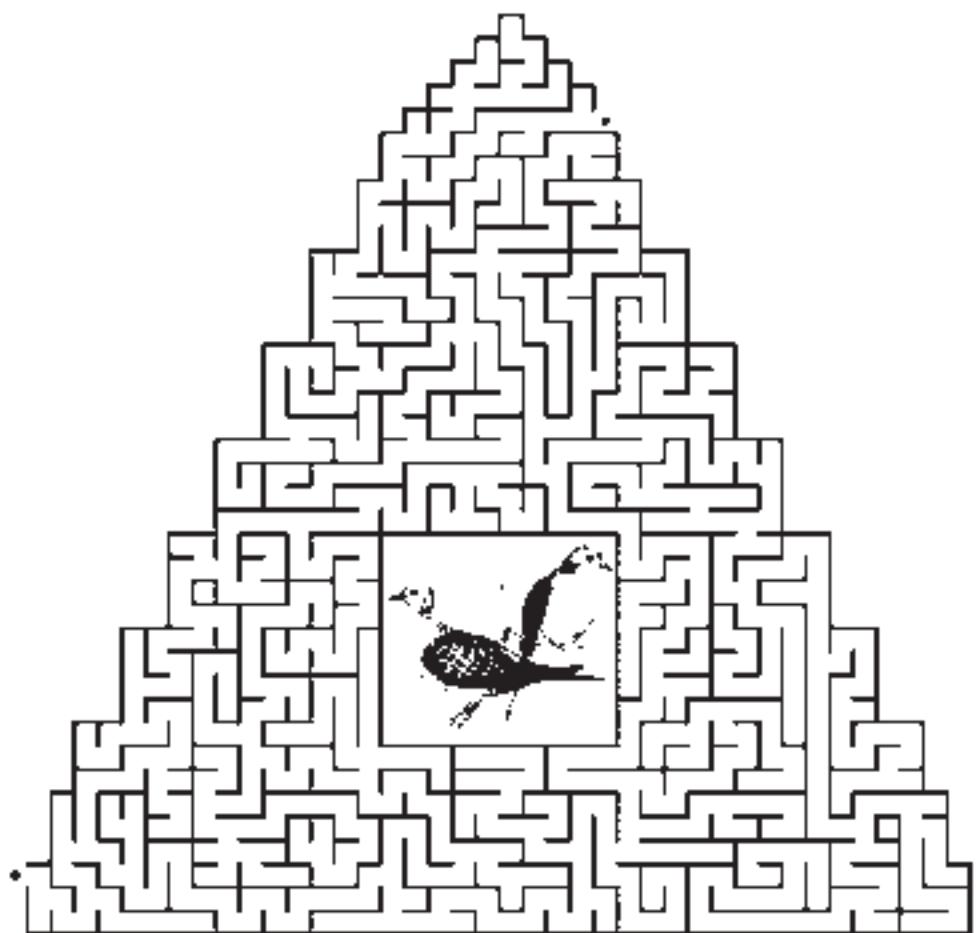
33. Permission to be absent
34. Proofreader's mark
36. Personification of the sun
38. ___! Humbug!"
41. Lobster eggs
43. Every ship must have one
46. Weigh heavily on
47. Piece of clothing worn by people in ancient Rome
49. Let go of
51. Pad of paper
54. Draw a bead on
56. Profit's opposite
57. Linoleum alternative
58. Read hastily
59. It has bark, but no bite
61. Country that helps another country in war
62. Stop short and stubbornly refuse to go on
63. Feel sure
64. Part of a curve
66. Whole wheat alternative



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Mega Maze

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**Puzzles4Kids**

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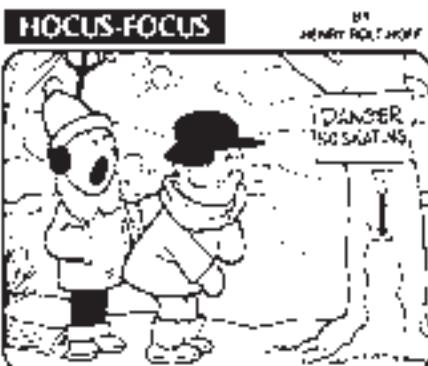
Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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To find the word, look for the letter in the first column. Then look for the same letter in the second column.

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BUSINESS

Setting the stage

Business helps prepare homes for sale

By PATRICK HIRTEL
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It may seem hard to believe, but for homeowners who are thinking about selling their house in 2015, now is the time to begin planning for that process.

After all, once the snow melts in late March or early April, the real estate market will, likewise, begin to heat up.

The reality is, it's a lot of work to prepare a home for market.

It can take a lot of planning, prepping and packing to get a home ready for sale, especially if it's a property that has accumulated a lifetime's worth

of memories and personal artifacts.

So, if you're considering making a move in 2015, now may be the time to begin preparing for sale. Jennifer Mills and her business, Salvage and Design, help set the stage for many

Staging is becoming a necessity in selling a house."

Jennifer Mills
Salvage and Design

of those sales. Ms Mills and her husband Roy have been active in home renovation and related fields since 2000.

"We've renovated a number of homes in the Lunenburg area," she explained. "The purchase of the property, the design, the hands-on renovation work and then prepping the property for sale."

It was in those early renovation projects that the seeds for Salvage and Design were planted.

Over the past 15 years, they gained a wealth of experience in preparing properties for sale. Ms Mills said that the emergence of the home-styling and home-staging services she offers through Salvage and Design was a natural evolution and meets a big need in the Lunenburg County market.

"Anyone who is a homeowner who is interested in selling their home, we can go in and stage the house, whether it is vacant or occupied," she said. "We can do the prep work and the pre-packing to basically declutter the house in preparation for selling."

Certified as a Canadian home-staging professional and with a background in drafting and event planning, Ms Mills is well versed in all the techniques designed to properly stage any home in preparation for it going on the market.

"Staging is becoming a necessity in selling a house," she said, noting it is now commonplace in Central and Western Canada.

The home-styling and staging service offered by Salvage and Design isn't only a huge help in terms of preparing a home for sale; it can also take a lot of the physical and mental stress out of the process for senior citizens looking to sell their homes.

The older population, Ms Mills said, may not have family nearby or the physical ability to



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Jennifer Mills of Salvage and Design is a home-style and home-staging specialist.

do the often demanding labour that can come with packing and preparing a home for viewing.

And first impressions can have incredibly strong impacts on prospective clients.

In an era in which the internet is increasingly becoming the first point of contact for prospective homeowners dipping their toes into the real-estate market, having your home properly staged and designed to make a meaningful first impression is paramount.

"A lot of people look on-line first before they even go look at a house. The figure is something like 80 per cent," Ms Mills said. "If the house isn't staged or prepped properly, it's going to show through in those pictures. If someone looks at those pictures and sees a lot of personal items and it looks cluttered or

what have you, then that's it. They don't go any further," she explained.

"But, if it looks good on the internet, they'll go that one step further and see the house."

And proper staging doesn't just mean packing, decluttering and arranging. It can also mean doing the minor renovations needed to make a home shine.

"We can do painting and small landscaping jobs, wallpaper removal, that sort of thing," she explained.

"A lot of people can't get contractors to come and do these little jobs, like paint their front door or the like, the little home-improvement things," she said. "The bigger contractors don't have time to do it, but it's one of the services that we're happy to offer."

Salvage and Design is a member of Certified Staging Professionals and the Real Estate Staging Association. For more information on home styling and home staging with Salvage and Design, please visit <http://www.salvageanddesign.com>.



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Composites Atlantic takes off under new name

Parent company merges with another

By GAYLE WILSON
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Composites Atlantic is cleared for takeoff with the merger of its European-based parent and another major aeronautical player and a complete rebranding of Composites.

As of January 1, 2015, Composites Atlantic will be called Stelia North America. It will also be sporting a new logo that looks like a wispy blue jet stream.

Meanwhile, the radar has already been set to pick up on qualified personnel who can assist in its continued growth. The company, which started with just eight employees almost 30 years ago, has jumped from 280 to 430 employees in the past two years alone.

Composites Atlantic designs and manufactures structures made of advanced composites for the aeronautics, defence and space industries. The new name, Stelia, pays homage to its France-based parent company, EADS Sogerma – a manufacturer of aero structures, cabin interiors and crew seats – and the company Sogerma merged with, Aerolia, which is also based in France. Aerolia specializes in metal and composite fuselage aero structures.

Both Sogerma and Aerolia are wholly owned Airbus Group subsidiaries. The two European industry giants are looking to the Lunenburg-based Composites to be their conduit to the lucrative North American market.

Claude Baril, Composite's chief executive officer and president, made the announcement of the company's new name and logo to the firm's employees in a special assembly at the Lunenburg offices and plant, complete with a slick video produced in France. Cédric Gautier, the CEO of the newly merged European companies, was on hand for the announcement.

There were simultaneous announcements at Stelia's offices in France, Morocco, Tunisia and Montreal.

"It shows the magnitude of this merger," said Deborah Stevoux, Composites' marketing coordinator.

The newly merged Sogerma and Aerolia company is expected to have a turnover of US\$2 billion and 6,100 employees worldwide. As such, it would become a joint world leader in pilot seats, European leader and third in the world in the aero structures market and third in the world on the first-class and business-class seats market.

For Lunenburg's Composites Atlantic, it means additional resources to grow, including finance and expertise.

"It's an opportunity for Composites to get bigger and better," explained Mr. Baril in an interview after the announcement was made to the staff. "One of the big assets is that the group will have a design office of about 500 engineers. We can draw upon a much bigger pool of talent and capabilities," he said.

For the province, which owns 50% of the company in preferred shares, the benefit will be in job creation.

"The merger will bring more opportunities and Composites will be hiring," emphasized Mr. Baril.

Composites Atlantic began as Cellpack Aerospace in 1988. In 1993, French aviation giant Groupe Aerospatiale Matra bought the plant in a 50-50 partnership with the province of Nova Scotia and renamed it Composites Atlantic. Groupe Aerospatiale Matra later merged with German and Spanish partners to create EADS, the European Aeronautic, Space and Defence Company, of which Sogerma, Composites' parent company, was a part.

In designing, developing and fabricating composites structures and assemblies, Composites Atlantic handles radomes, leading edges, landing-gear doors, flaps, various fairings, anti-icing ducts, air ducts, pressure vessels and satellite structures such as reflectors, antenna panels, solar panel substrates and bus panels.

Its aircraft programs have covered the Agusta Westland AW, Airbus A380, ATR 42/72, Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Bombardier Dash-8 Q-Series, Bombardier Global series and Lockheed Mar-

tin F-35 Lightning II.

Mr. Baril says the company will continue to make composites. However, they want to expand into integration and assembly.

"We want to grow in both size and complexity," said the Composites president and CEO.

However, there will be challenges, one of which is finding qualified staff. The company is continually looking for suitable personnel. Recently, it ran an ad-

vertisement with LighthouseNOW looking for people who can work in production, quality control, supply chain, quality assurance and engineering.

According to Mr. Baril, the company is also working with the Nova Scotia government to address strategies for nurturing skill development in the province so Composites – now Stelia North America – will have a greater pool of potential employees from which to draw.



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DANCES

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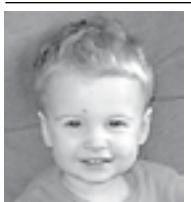
Dear Santa:
This is my first Christmas and I have been a really good girl. I would be happy if you could bring me some Dora movies and an Elmo toy. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Peyton Thorburne,
Age 4 months,
Bridgewater



Dear Santa:
I've been a very good girl this year. I would like a Zoo doll, Sketch Wizard and a surprise. I will leave a treat for you.

Sofia Lausanne,
Age 6
Bridgewater



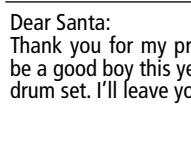
Dear Santa:
I've been a really really good boy this year! Could you please bring me an easel and maybe a big truck too. I'll leave you a yummy treat. Thank you, Santa!

Nolan Goldsmith, Age 2
Bridgewater



Dear Santa:
I've been a pretty good girl all year. There is nothing I really want for Christmas but a surprise would be nice. I'll leave a treat for you and your reindeer.

Love, Jaden Selig
Age 9
Branch LaHave



Dear Santa:
Thank you for my present last year. I have tried to be a good boy this year. I would really like to have a drum set. I'll leave you and the reindeer treats.

Kayden Rhodenizer, Age 3
Dayspring



Dear Santa,
I would like a monster high doll and a craft table for my daddy's house. I love to bake, so I will make you some cookies and leave carrots for your reindeer.

Love, Joscelyn Veinot-
Lohnes, Age 5
Garden Lots



Dear Santa,
Mommy and Daddy say I have been especially good this year. I'd like a Power Wheels four wheeler and lots of new clothes because I'm growing so fast. I will leave milk and cookies for you to enjoy. See you soon, Santa.

Love, Ella Rafuse,
Age 20 months

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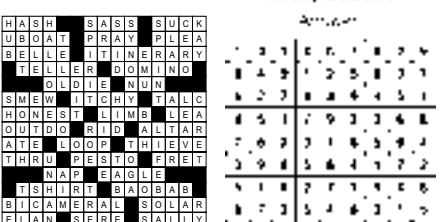
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CryptoQuote**answer**

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— Joseph Joubert

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| 1. Arcade, Arcane | 6. Bikini, Biking |
| 2. Oasis, Basis | 7. Sally, Silly |
| 3. Canter, Center | 8. Quilt, Quill |
| 4. Peony, Phony | 9. Tryst, Trust |
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THANKS

The family of the late Jean I. Frelick (Tommy) would like to thank those who supported us during this difficult time. Your expression of sympathy through phone calls, meals, visitation, cards and memorial donations have been greatly appreciated. A memorial service for Tommy, to be held in the spring, will be announced at a later date. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, Donna Miller, Linda Hurst, and families.

The family of the late Nancy Elizabeth Tanner wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their sympathy during this very sad time. For the many cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, food and donations to the Lupus Foundation, United Communities fire department, St. Mark's Anglican Church, Broad Cove, and St. Barnabas Anglican Church of Blue Rocks. Many thanks, Nancy's family.

MEMORIAMS

NAUGLER: In loving memory of Marguerite Naugler, who passed away December 19, 2013.

Every day, in some small way, Memories of you come our way. Though absent, you are ever near Still missed, still loved, and ever dear. Forever loved and missed by sister, Edith.

COOK: Allan: In loving memory of my brother who passed away December 21, 2012.

Your loving heart stopped beating Two years ago today, With goodbyes left unspoken You suddenly passed away. Our hearts still ache with sadness The secret tears still flow, For what it meant to lose you No one will ever know. Forever loved and missed, Debbie, Tommy and family.

COOK: In loving memory of son, Allan, who passed away December 21, 2012.

No farewell words were spoken No time to say goodbye, You were gone before we knew it And only God can tell us why. It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you The day God called you home. Forever loved and sadly missed, Mom and Peter.

EICHEL: In memory of our parents, Donald and Kay Eichel.

They say there is a reason They say that time will heal, But neither time nor reason Will change the way we feel. For no one knows how many times We have broken down and cried, We want to tell you something So there won't be any doubt, You're so wonderful to think of But so hard to be without.

Love, Doris, Donna, Danny and families.

MEMORIAMS

Gerald Crouse December 19, 2009 In loving memory of a loving husband, father and grandfather. Treasured memories keep you near As time unfold another year, No need for words except to say Still loved and missed in every way.

Lovingly remembered by wife Shirley, son, Philip;

grandson, Ethan; daughter, Andrea; granddaughters, Shawna and Kendra.

DOMINOE: In loving memory of a dear sister, Yvonne, who passed away December 19, 2006.

Treasured memories keep you near As time unfolds another year, No need for words except to say Still missed in every way.

Remembered by sisters, Vivian, Betty and families.



Deamond - Clark December 15, 2007 In memory of Cathy. Sad are the hearts that love and miss you.

Forever remembered, Dad, Mom, Michael, Beth, and daughter Kelsey.

WENTZELL: In loving memory of Doris Verna, who passed away 25 years ago on December 18, 1989.

Until memories fade and life departs You will live forever in our hearts, And when we cease to think of you It will be because God called us too.

And while she sleeps a peaceful sleep, Her memory we shall always keep.

Sadly missed and for-

ever remembered by,

Roger, Sandra, Carroll,

Bazil, Donna and Ross.



HUBLEY: In loving memory of our son, Dwayne Douglas Hubley, who passed away December 20, 2006.

There is always a face before us

A voice we would love to hear,

A smile we will always remember

Of a son we loved so dear.

Deep in our hearts lies a picture

More precious than silver or gold,

It is a picture of memories

That will never grow old.

Too young to die

Too precious to lose,

But when God calls us

We cannot choose.

Forever loved and missed Mom and Dad H.

MEMORIAMS

CROUSE: In loving memory of Donald Claude, who passed away December 16, 2005. We remember that sad day When you suddenly passed away, We will never forget your strength Your will and your smile. Gone, but not forgotten. Love Lewis, Darlene and Adam. xoxo

DEATHS

Diane Louise Keddy - 61, Back Centre, died December 11, 2014, at QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, Lunenburg.

Annette Carolyn Veinot - 65, Bridgewater, died November 28, 2014, at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

Lawrence Kenneth Croft - 89, Bridgewater, died December 1, 2014, at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

Vinola Marine Drew - 88, Stanburne, died December 3, 2014, at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Funeral arrangements under the direction of R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

Olive Edna Croft - 67, Lunenburg, died November 30, 2014, at QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, Lunenburg.

Mayola Bessie Tanner - 86, Lunenburg, formerly of Kingsburg, died December 4, 2014, at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, Lunenburg. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, Lunenburg.

Benjamin Emmanuel DeRoche - 41, Fall River, died December 8, 2014, at QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, Lunenburg.

Alma Catherine Tanner - 98, Lunenburg, formerly of Bridgewater, died December 10, 2014, at Harbour View Haven Home for Special Care, Lunenburg. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, Lunenburg.

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OBITUARIES**James Donald Mailman**

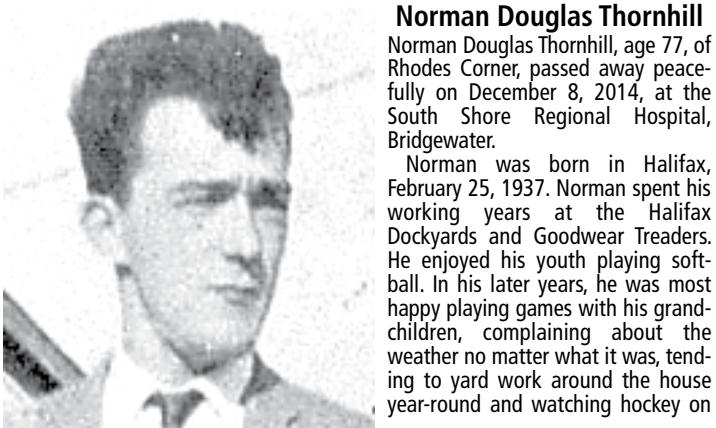
James, born 1937, in Upper Branch, passed away December 11, 2014, at Rosedale Home, New Germany.

Predeceased by mother, Helen (Mailman) Westhaver; father Clarence Mailman; brothers, Douglas and Jackson.

Survived by sister, May Crouse (Aubrey), Bedford and niece Sherry Spidle, Barss Corner.

Thank you to Rosedale Home for the excellent loving care Jim received while a resident there. No service by request. Memorial donations to a charity of your choice.

May and Aubrey Crouse and Sherry Mailman-Spidele

**Norman Douglas Thornhill**

Norman Douglas Thornhill, age 77, of Rhodes Corner, passed away peacefully on December 8, 2014, at the South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater.

Norman was born in Halifax, February 25, 1937. Norman spent his working years at the Halifax Dockyards and Goodwear Treaders. He enjoyed his youth playing softball. In his later years, he was most happy playing games with his grandchildren, complaining about the weather no matter what it was, tending to yard work around the house year-round and watching hockey on Saturday nights. He was known well to friends and family as the Mayor of Rhodes Corner.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Elaine (nee Wournell); sisters, May Burgess, Lil Nelson; his children, Stephen (Kelly) Thornhill, Christine (Blaine) Herman, Kathy (Jon) Sutton, Tracey (Paul) Tanner, Daniel (Nancy) Thornhill; the grandchildren he was so proud of; Beth-Ann, Shae, Jenna, Delaney, Kennedy Thornhill; Kirk Herman; Courtney, Patrick, Christopher Sutton; Allie, Codey, Logan Tanner; Brody and Owen Thornhill; three great-grandchildren. Norman was predeceased by parents, John and Alice (nee Lawrence) Thornhill; sisters, Freda Raymond and Anne Eisener; brothers, Alex, Gerald, and three sisters in infancy.

Cremation has taken place and a private family service and interment to be done at a later date. Memorial donations in Norman's memory may be made to the charity of your choice. On-line condolences may be made by visiting www.sweenysfuneralhome.com.

"Just remember Grampy, don't take any wooden nickels."

Lawrence Croft

1925-2014

CROFT, Lawrence Kenneth – Age 89, of Bridgewater, passed away December 1, 2014, in South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater, with his loving family by his side.

Born in Hebbville, he was a son of the late Allan and Blanche (Crouse) Croft.

Laurie was a loving and kind husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who enjoyed doing the simple things in life. He liked going on camping and travel trailer trips with family and friends.

He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle on trips with family and friends. Laurie enjoyed spending time working, relaxing and enjoyed family and friends at the mobile home on Wallace Lake, and enjoyed playing card games with relatives and friends.

When he retired, he liked to do carpenter work and making crafts. He started working at an early age for Hirtle's Transport. He also worked for different oil companies.

Laurie was an Honourary Member of Hebbville Fire Department, and a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgewater. He will be sadly missed by his wife Marjorie and family.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marjorie Hirtle; son, Gary (Beverly), Dartmouth; daughter, Linda (Keith), Bridgewater; grandsons, Shawn (Kathleen), Dartmouth; Ryan (Laura), Shubenacadie; Jay, Bridgewater; great-grandchildren, Kaiden, Kaylee, Bowen, Kamryn, Morgan and Hunter; brother, Carrol (Gerrit); sister-in-law, Brenda; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Elsie; brother, Mervin.

There was no visitation at the funeral home. Memorial service was held at R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville, Pastor Paul Jensen officiating. Private family interment in Hebbville Cemetery. Family flowers only. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the charity of your choice. On-line condolences may be made by visiting www.corkumfuneralhome.ca.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Laurie Croft would like to express our sincere thanks to family, relatives and friends who helped us in any way during our recent loss. Thanks to those who brought food to the home, who gave memorial donations, sympathy cards, phone calls, on-line condolences and visits to the hospital. Special thanks to Pastor Paul Jensen for the lovely service, for home visits, and many hours at the hospital to comfort us with prayers. Thanks to Willis Ott for his visits to the hospital. Thanks to Bruce Oakes for his accordion music and singing the beautiful hymn, "Precious Lord Take My Hand." We thank the doctors and nursing staff of the South Shore Regional Hospital who made Laurie comfortable. Thanks to R.A. Corkum Funeral Home for being very helpful in our time of sorrow. God bless.

Marjorie,
Gary and Bev,
Linda and Keith,
and families.





Members of Bonny Lea Farm in Chester created handmade gift crates for 'haskapa' berry products.

'Haskapa' brand partners with Bonny Lea Farm

Local company LaHave Forests has launched new Haskap berry products in partnership with Bonny Lea Farm.

Under the company's 'haskapa' brand, the products are now available in handmade gift crates supplied by Bonny Lea Farm in Chester.

"We were approached recently by 'haskapa' to create a crate that would display their popular berry products. With the creation of a special jig, our participants were able to build the crates accurately and to use 'haskapa's' branding iron to label the crate. We are very pleased to be partnering with such a fine company," said the farm's maintenance coordinator Doug Morash, in a press release.

Bonny Lea Farm is committed to empowering special needs individuals by providing opportunities to experience self-respect, love for one another, dignity, integrity, productivity and responsible community living.

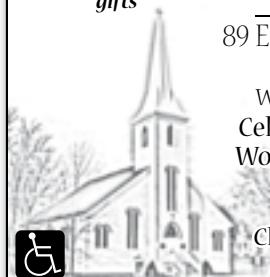
"Our clients recognize the importance of supporting local, and we pride ourselves on working closely with local businesses to benefit the community as a whole," said LaHave Forests' commercial director Liam Taylor.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

Advent 4

11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 24
4 pm Christmas Eve Service
5:30 pm Community Café
8 pm Christmas Eve Service

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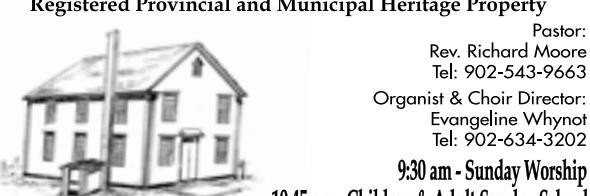
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

10:30 a.m. Service of Love and Light

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

6:30 am Celebration of Christmas Eve

All are welcome to come and worship. Wheelchair Accessible.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014 - ADVENT IV

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

9:15 am Choir; 10:00 am Combined Choir Practice (Youth, Men and Senior)

11:00 am Worship and Sunday School Movie

7:00 pm Blue Christmas Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 - Christmas Eve - Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Family Service; 10:00 pm Candlelight Service and Holy Communion

Thursday, December 25, 2014 - Christmas Day - Church Office Closed

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

9:45 am Sunday School; 11:00 am Morning Service

TUESDAY - Quilters Group at 9:00 am

Jr. Choir at 6:15 pm, Sr. Choir at 7:00 pm

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10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

during service

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Sunday, December 21: Advent 4

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Holy Eucharist (BCP) 8:30 am

Holy Eucharist 10:30 am

Sunday School Classes 10:30 am Parish Hall

Saturday, December 20, 7:00 pm: "To Bethlehem with King's"

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Sunday, December 21 - Advent 4

Coffee and Conversation at 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "The Man With A Violin"

Christmas Eve - December 24th

Candlelight Carol Service at 7:00 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome.

Great Haul-a-Day food drive generates over 7,000 pounds of goods

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Despite the rain, the sixth-annual Great Haul-A-Day Food Drive had its best year yet.

On December 6, a steady stream of people came by the Atlantic Superstore in Bridgewater to donate 7,800 pounds of food totalling about \$11,000 in value. The event also raised \$1,222 in cash donations.

“[The rain] didn’t dampen anybody’s spirits. Everybody went above and beyond this year,” said Nicole Monaghan, community relations officer with the Nova Scotia Paramedic Union.

People dropped off donations throughout the week at the RCMP detachment in Cookville, and by the weekend organizers already had a pile of donations.

"People were very generous throughout the whole week," said first-time organizer Staff Sgt. Jean-Guy Richard. "Even when we started on Saturday afternoon our marked police pickup truck was already pretty full with a load."

The event brings together paramedics, Bridgewater Police and Lunenburg RCMP to raise money and donations for the Bridgewater Interchurch Food Bank. This is the time of year when the food bank needs it the most, said Ms. Monaghan.

"We like to really try to fill their cupboards before the winter season hits," she said.

The annual food drive started six years ago as a way to bring RCMP, police and paramedics together under circumstances less dire than those under which they usually meet.

And it's a chance for the community to meet them "on a positive note, rather than when they're sick or hurt," said Ms Monaghan.

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Community relations officer,
Nova Scotia Paramedic Union



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From left to right, Cst. Terry Brekker, Nicole Monaghan, Bridgewater Mayor David Walker and Staff Sgt. Jean-Guy Richard stay dry at the rainy event.

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