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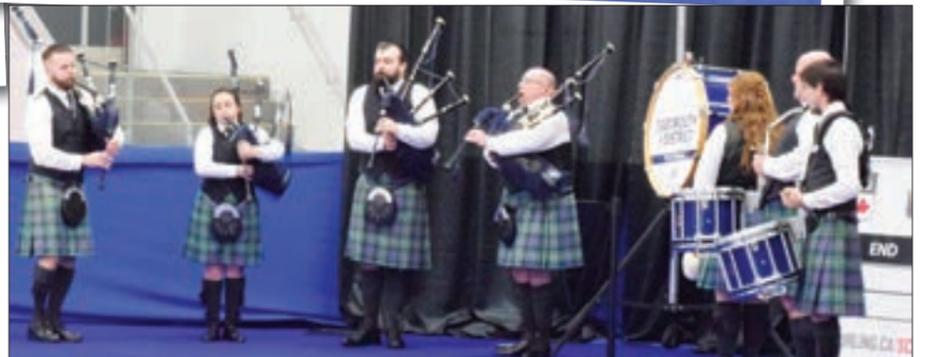
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KEVIN MCBAIN PHOTOS

WELCOME TO OUR HOUSE

The top 16 mixed doubles' curling teams in Canada are in Liverpool at Queens Place Emera Centre this week competing for a chance to represent Canada at the 2026 Milano Cortina Olympic Winter Games. The opening ceremonies were held the evening of Dec. 29, with the opening draws taking place Dec. 30 at 9 a.m. There were four draws Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1. Jan. 2 there were two draws with the playoff round kicking off at 6 p.m. There are two playoff games Jan. 3 (2 and 7 p.m.); followed by the event's semifinals (10 a.m.) and finals (2 p.m.) on Jan. 4. In the top photo, Melissa Labrador of Wildcat performs the traditional smudging ceremony; above left, The Ontario team of Jennifer Jones and Brent Laing take full advantage of some practise time prior to the opening ceremonies; above and right, guest participants in the opening ceremony; the Dartmouth & District Pipe Band kicked off the opening ceremonies in a big way and Queens MLA Kim Masland addresses the crowd during the opening ceremonies.



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CAO fired

RQM council terminates contract

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LIVERPOOL – The council of the Region of Queens Municipality (RQM) has terminated the contract of Chief Administrative Officer Cody Joudry who has been at the helm of the region for just over a year.

The announcement was made following a special, closed council meeting held Dec. 16.

Council has appointed municipal clerk Pam Lovelace to the position of acting Chief Administrative Officer, while an interim CAO is sought out while on the journey to finding a permanent CAO.

“My understanding is that is not uncommon for something like this when you get a new slate of elected officials coming into a public organization,” said RQM Mayor Scott Christian. “Just the fit wasn’t there with this council and the priorities the council has.”

Christian said there wasn’t any “specific flash point, incident or occurrence,” that led to the firing.

“The termination was without cause. In the early goings I think it was apparent that the fit just wasn’t there between Mr. Joudry as the CAO and our council. It is a result of a decision that we think as a council that we just need a different per-

son in that role.”

Jodrey was hired in September of 2023 and he began work at the region office in mid-November.

The mayor at the time, Darlene Norman, said this about Jodrey in a news release.

“The Region of Queens requires a CAO who will move the entire organization forward in a unified manner while working for our citizen’s best interest. Cody Joudry has strong communication skills, understands the importance of public engagement, and has illustrated experience guiding council to short- and long-term priority setting. These are the attributes required to move our community of Queens forward in a positive manner.”

Christian said that he and council are committed to find the right person for the job.

“We’re going to take the patient, deliberate approach to make sure we get the right person for the job as the next permanent CAO for the Region of Queens municipality,” he said. “My sense is that the last council when they went to find the next CAO that they felt a lot of pressure to fill that position.”

Christian would not put a timeline on finding someone to take over as the permanent CAO, but did say that they have some “really good” candidates lined

up for the interim CAO position, which they intend on filling in January.

“Our intention is to retain that interim CAO for a period of time until we find the right person for the job in terms of experience, expertise, vision attitude – all of the things we need so that it’s the right fit between our council of eight and that administrator,” he said,

He added that they did not want someone to be in the interim position that would also be interested in the permanent role, so that they could be unbiased when it comes to the search.

He described the role of a CAO to be unique, comparing it to that of a minister and a deputy minister at the provincial or federal level.

“That relationship between the mayor, council and the CAO is a unique one and I think it needs to be real solid for the municipality to function well,” said Christian. “We’ve been at this for two months and we reached a conclusion as a group that we’d be better served to find a different person for that role.”

He said that they are looking for an administrator with a lot of experience in the role.

“The reality is that we have a lot of vacancies in the organization right now and we are going through a challenging time in terms of attracting and retaining staff,” he said. “So, we need someone

with a strong background as it relates to employee relations, human resources and managing the organization from that perspective.”

He noted that he wasn’t “trying to describe the inadequacies of Mr. Jodrey in performing the role, but I’m just describing what we’re looking for.”

He said they are fortunate to have an experienced administrator in Pam Lovelace who joined the team just two weeks ago as the municipal clerk. He is “confident that Pam can perform those duties for the time being” while the search continues for an interim, then a permanent CAO.

Lovelace is a former deputy mayor and councilor for Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Originally from Kentville, she has more than 10 years of experience in municipal government. Lovelace is a former legislative support clerk in HRM’s clerk’s office, past communications and project manager for the Municipality of East Hants, and board member of Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (2020-2023).

Christian noted that the municipality can’t be left without someone performing the role as a CAO.

The CAO is the administrative head of a municipality, and he is responsible for the day-to-day operations and carrying out the wishes of the mayor and council.

Council sticks with status quo after deep dive into indoor pool prospects

By KEITH CORCORAN

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LIVERPOOL — Councillors representing the Region of Queens Municipality declined to table any motions concerning the Brooklyn pool project after asking staff for deep dive into the implications of switching to an indoor facility instead of maintaining their commitment to the outdoor site.

Given no action was taken, construction of the \$8.1 million outdoor 25-metre pool continues - with an anticipated 2026 opening. The municipality is contributing close to \$3 million toward the cost, while an anonymous donor gave a similar amount and provincial taxpayers doles out \$2.2 million.

In a written report to council, municipal chief administrator Cody Joudry indicated a new indoor pool could cost four-times as much as the outdoor one. “You really can’t convert an outdoor pool to an indoor pool,” he explained to council.

Estimates for a new indoor pool facility range between \$30 and \$35 million, he wrote in his report.

“Transitioning to an indoor pool would push financial indicators into a high-risk range, potentially impacting future capital projects.”

“Research on other relatively new aquatic facilities did not reference any total cost below \$30 million. In addition to this information, a large contractor with experience building these types of facilities confirmed \$30-35 million is a reasonable high-level estimate for an indoor pool facility for Queens. Staff believe the total cost of an indoor pool facility is not well understood by the public, which could hinder informed public dialogue.”

The total cost to the rate payer for the construction of the current outdoor pool project is less than one cent on the tax rate

over 20 years, Joudry wrote. He estimated that would balloon to five cents on the tax rate over the same period for an indoor facility.

The municipality would be responsible for so-called sunk costs - unrecoverable expenses incurred - in the \$2 million range if it pulled the plug on the current work.

“It’s not as simple as putting a roof over a building,” Adam Grant, the municipality’s engineering and public works director, told council. “It gets a lot more complicated than that when you start adding heating systems and take a facility designed to operate three months of the year conducive to climate and turn it on its flip side and ... it’s operating nine more months of the year ... it’s a substantially higher (operating) number to invest in an indoor facility.”

Coun. Courtney Wentzell felt the issue would be worth additional public engagement. He said it was raised during the recent municipal election campaign and those desirous of a pool preferred one out of the elements.

The mayor of the municipality, Scott Christian, suggested re-engaging the Queens Aquatic Centre Society, a volunteer group that’s already expressed support to help with the pool project.

However, council concluded switching projects at this stage would prove too expensive. Coun. Vicki Amirault said proceeding with an indoor pool now would place “quite a strain on the taxpayer.”

Broadcasts of council meeting and associated meeting documents are available online.

In mid-November, council directed staff to prepare a report into the feasibility of shifting the current pool construction project to an indoor facility “and that the report should include an analysis of key considerations, foreseeable consequences, and next steps required for such a change.”

Lunenburg, N.S.

TIDE TABLE

Wednesday, January 1

low	1.84 ft	2:45 AM
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low	0.59 ft	3:21 PM
high	5.54 ft	9:33 PM

Thursday, January 2

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low	0.59 ft	4:03 PM
high	5.71 ft	10:14 PM

Friday, January 3

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low	0.66 ft	4:49 PM
high	5.81 ft	10:57 PM

Saturday, January 4

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Sunday, January 5

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Monday, January 6

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low	1.21 ft	7:29 PM

Tuesday, January 7

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low	1.48 ft	8:29 PM

Wednesday, January 8

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Social Column

Enjoy this “social media of yesteryear” excerpt from the *Bridgewater Bulletin*.

January 1, 1975

Waterloo

By Mrs. B. Wile

The Waterloo WA and 4-H members had a combined Christmas party at the community hall Saturday evening with invited guests. Games were played and gifts were distributed from a nicely decorated Christmas tree. A delicious lunch was served by several of the auxiliary ladies.

West Dublin

By Mrs. E. Publicover

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 3, the ladies of the United Church WA held their Christmas Party at the home of Mrs. Percy Haughn with members and friends. Bingo and other games were played with several winners. Several ladies assisted the hostess in serving a delicious lunch. Gifts were given put from a prettily deco-rated tree. All departed for their homes after spending an enjoyable evening.

Maplewood-Parkdale

By Mrs. Ira Rhodenizer

The Sunday School held their Christmas concert Sunday evening. The tableaux, exercises and recitations were very well done. There was a Christmas tree and the Church was nicely decorated for the Christmas Season.

Upper Branch

By Mrs. Ernest Beck

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Wentzell on Friday, Dec. 20 where: Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Allan and family, Back Centre; on Dec. 22 Mrs. Bruce Wentzell, New Germany. Dinner guests on Christmas Day were: Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Joudrey, Mahone Bay, (local); Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wentzell on Dec. 26. Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Wentzell were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Allan and family at back Centre; also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Joudrey at Mahone Bay.

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LIFESTYLES

Why happy employees are the secret to a businesses' success

STEPHANIE MILLER VINCENT
Business Moments

What if we focus on employee retention and training as the foundation for business success?

As the calendar turns and businesses set ambitious goals for growth, there's often a sharp focus on customer retention and repeat business. But a critical factor in achieving those goals is sometimes overlooked: employee retention and training. Let's explore how shifting focus to nurturing and developing your workforce can transform your business outcomes.

EMPLOYEES FIRST: THE KEY TO RETAINING CUSTOMERS

The connection between employee and customer retention is undeniable. Engaged, empowered employees are the backbone of a great customer experience. When employees feel supported and valued, they're more likely to perform at their best, creating positive, memorable experiences for your customers. This creates a virtuous cycle: happy employees lead to happy customers, and happy customers drive business growth.

Long-tenured employees also bring valuable knowledge and expertise, enabling them to deliver exceptional service, build trust, and foster lasting customer relationships. On the flip side, frequent turnover can create service gaps, damaging customer loyalty and your bottom line.

WHY EMPLOYEE RETENTION SHOULD BE YOUR PRIORITY: LOWER COSTS, BIGGER GAINS

Hiring and onboarding new employees is expensive, not just in dollars but also in lost productivity and morale. Retaining your team saves those costs, freeing resources to invest in programs that further enhance employee engagement.

CONSISTENT CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Familiar faces breed familiarity and trust with cus-

tomers. When employees stay, customers notice and they're more likely to return and recommend your business to others.

INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY AND ENGAGEMENT

Employees who feel valued are more motivated and productive. They'll go the extra mile to deliver great results, solve problems, and contribute to a thriving workplace.

SOME STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN EMPLOYEE RETENTION: LISTEN AND RESPOND TO EMPLOYEE NEEDS

Employees are your internal customers. Just as you'd seek customer feedback, take time to understand your employees' needs, challenges, and aspirations. Regular surveys, one-on-one conversations, and open communication build trust and show employees they matter.

PERSONALIZED SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION

Generic "Employee of the Month" plaques don't cut it anymore, your team sees through the must choose! Tailor recognition and support to what truly motivates each individual. Coaching, mentoring, and clear career development pathways demonstrate that you're invested in their success.

FOSTER A CULTURE OF TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY

Employees need to trust their leaders and the organization. Be honest, share updates frequently, and involve your team in decision-making. When employees feel heard and respected, they're more likely to commit to your mission.

OFFER FLEXIBILITY AND COMPETITIVE BENEFITS

Flexible work options and comprehensive benefits are no longer perks, they're expectations. Whether it's hybrid schedules or wellness programs, these offerings demonstrate that you respect employees' time and well-being.

INVEST IN DEVELOPMENT

Employees don't just want a job; they want a future. Providing opportunities for training, skill-building, and growth keeps them engaged and committed. Whether it's hosting workshops, offering access to online courses, or facilitating cross-training, your investment in their growth is an investment in your business.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

When you focus on employee retention and training, you're not just solving a "people problem." You're laying the groundwork for long-term business success. Valued employees bring energy and enthusiasm to their work, creating a ripple effect that positively impacts customers and your bottom line.

As you set your goals for the coming year, remember this: The key to keeping your customers is keeping the people who serve them. By making employee experience a priority, you're investing in a stronger, more resilient foundation for your business.

It's not just about numbers on a balance sheet—it's about building a culture where people want to stay, grow, and excel. That's the power of employee retention done right.

At SMillerVision we refer to this as "The Scotiabank Way" treating every interaction, whether with employees or customers, as an opportunity to build lasting connections. Because when people thrive, businesses flourish.

Ready to elevate your employee experience and take your business to new heights?

Stephanie Miller is the founder of SMillerVision, helping service industry professionals elevate their businesses through empowered teams and exceptional guest experiences.

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What's coming to streaming this week

January 1-7, 2025

NETFLIX

January 1st

Don't Die: The Man Who Wants to Live Forever — Netflix Documentary
The Love Scam (IT) — Netflix Film
Missing You (GB) — Netflix Series
Number 24 (NO) — Netflix Film
The Equalizer 2
Halloween Ends
The Interview
Maid in Manhattan
My Girl
Neighbors
Schitt's Creek: Seasons 1-3
The Shallows
TAR
Ticket to Paradise
The Wedding Ringer

January 2nd

Cunk on Life (GB) — Netflix Film
Stranded with my Mother-in-Law: Season 2 (BZ) — Netflix Series

January 3rd

Bandidos: Season 2 (MX) — Netflix Series
The House
Love is Blind: Germany (DE) — Netflix Series
Shafted (FR) — Netflix Series
Selling The City — Netflix Series

Umjolo: My Beginning, My End! (ZA) — Netflix Film

Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl (GB) — Netflix Family

January 4th

When the Stars Gossip (KR) — Netflix Series

January 6th

My Happy Marriage: Season 2 (JP) — Netflix Anime
WWE Raw: 2025 — Netflix Live Event

January 7th

The Breakthrough (SE) — Netflix Series
Escape Room
Gabriel Iglesias: Legend of Fluffy — Netflix Comedy Special
Jerry Springer: Fights, Camera, Action — Netflix Documentary
Role Models
WWE NXT: 2025 — Netflix Live Event

DISNEY+

January 1st

Return to Las Sabinas (Season 1, new episode)
Vow of Silence: The Assassination of Annie Mae (all episodes)

January 2nd & 3rd

Return to Las Sabinas (Season 1, new episode)

January 6th

Return to Las Sabinas (Season 1, new episode)

January 7th

American Dad (Season 20, new episode)
Return to Las Sabinas (Season 1, new episode)
Star Wars: Skeleton Crew (new episode)



Jude Pelley, bouzouki, vocals
Jennifer Publicover, flute
Anthony Rissesco, violin

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LOCAL



Words matter

This editorial/opinion piece was written by Nicole Fawcett, owner of The Advocate and the Strait Area Reporter

Last month, I joined a club. It is an inclusive club, one that does not discriminate based on race, age, religion, wealth, health, or occupation. Membership spans every demographic, and despite its inclusivity, it is a club no one wishes to join.

It is the club for mothers who have lost a child.

This club represents an unimaginable grief shared by too many, often due to the selfishness and poor decisions of others.

Each day, countless lives are devastated by driving under the influence, reckless speeding, and distracted driving. Tragically, society often normalizes these behaviors, despite the injuries and loss of life they cause.

Canada, for instance, holds the highest per capita mortality rate from impaired driving among modern nations, yet it maintains some of the most lenient repercussions for these actions.

The first step toward meaningful change is acknowledging the power of language.

Words matter.

It is critical to stop referring to crashes and collisions as “accidents.” The term “accident” implies a lack of responsibility, suggesting an event that was unforeseen, unavoidable, and without malice or in-

tent. But the choices to drive under the influence, speed, or drive distracted are deliberate.

These actions show a blatant disregard for the safety of others and are entirely preventable.

Historically, the term “accident” gained traction in the early 1900s when automobiles first appeared on roads.

Crashes and collisions, many involving pedestrians, were common. The automobile industry strategically promoted the term “automobile accidents” to shift responsibility away from drivers and vehicles, often blaming pedestrians instead.

This campaign was so effective that over a century later, it continues to shape public perception.

By calling preventable incidents “accidents,” we inadvertently absolve individuals of accountability. For instance, crashes caused by impaired or reckless driving are not accidental – they are the result of conscious decisions.

Referring to them as “accidents” diminishes the gravity of these actions and provides a loophole for avoiding responsibility.

Drivers who make such decisions – often a series of poor choices – must be held accountable for the harm, injury, and deaths they cause. It is not acceptable to sympathize with those responsible as though their actions were unavoidable.

As a society, we must reject the notion that these tragedies are inevitable. They are not “part of life” but preventable losses that demand outrage and action.

On the night my son was killed, he chose not to drive under the influence. Yet, his life was taken by someone who made a different choice – a choice to disregard the safety of others. As a grieving mother, I am angry.

But shouldn't we all be?

Few among us remain untouched by the consequences of impaired or dangerous driving. Our collective apathy perpetuates this crisis.

Every loss due to impaired or reckless driving is a loss that should never have occurred.

It is time to abandon the language that excuses these actions. Let us recognize them for what they are: crashes and collisions caused by preventable choices. As a community and as a society, we must demand accountability and work toward a future where no one else is forced to join this tragic club.



Queens County conservation group secures land easement in Italy Cross

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BRIDGEWATER — Land conservation group, Nova Scotia Working Woodlands Trust (NSWWT), secured a private easement that'll preserve the property equivalent of about 62 football fields in western Lunenburg County.

Recently, the NSWWT announced 34 hectares in Italy Cross will be preserved with the legal agreement. The milestone advances its conservation efforts involving hemlock trees, a species threatened by the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA).

HWA are tiny cottonball-like pests creating big problems for hemlock. Those cottony egg sacks, about two millimetres in size, attach to the underside of a branch of an affected tree and feed on cells at the base of the needles. The feeding frenzy lasts as the HWA multiply and the ongoing stress on the tree causes needles to die and fall off. The sustained harm escalates until the tree dies.

HWA, however, is not a threat to human health.

The NSWWT, which signed the deal with the landowner this fall, learned about the opportunity involving the Italy Cross land through word of mouth.

“It is well known in the community as being an ecologically valuable old growth forest,” said Mary Jane Rodger, NSWWT’s executive director. “The landowner is generous in sharing the woodlot within the community.” The landowner wishes to remain anonymous.

The first treatment to the hemlocks took place already. Once treated, it buys the impacted species another five-to-seven years’ of time. Rodger hopes consistent funding remains available to continue the program into 2026 or 2027. The Medway Community Forest Cooperative, a partner organization to the NSWWT, is part of the HWA treatment collaboration.

“This is just one tool in the toolbox of how we help adapt to HWA,” she told the Bulletin in a phone interview. “We look at a variety of approaches and we recognize chemical treatment isn't ideal in all scen-

arios but we do kind of see it as a stop gap measure in hopes that biological control can be the answer to HWA in the longer term.”

HWA lacks predators, which complicates reining in the spread. Rodger hopes the introduction of biological controls - a beetle that preys on HWA - serves as a viable alternative to the temporary sprays and tree injections. The beetle only targets HWA and has been used in the United States.

The NSWWT, based in Caledonia, Queens County, is the first land trust in the province to offer working forest easements, a strategy linking traditional conservation with ecological forest management.

“We don't have a whole lot in place to help promote biodiversity; promote climate-focused approaches on private land, especially with mechanisms that allow landowners to continue to steward their properties,” Rodger said.

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LIFESTYLES

That fresh new year fragrance

SUSANNE BECK
Reality Check

Have you ever bought one of those air fresheners called “new car smell”? For a few bucks, you can bask in the scent of rich leather. Or maybe it’s rich vinyl. Either way, you can experience a luxurious new car scent without the inconvenience of having to part with thousands and thousands of dollars for an actual new car.

Different scents can trigger different emotions. When you walk into a room filled with the warm smell of freshly baked cookies, doesn’t that make you feel happier? Some folks in the real estate business, and I’m sure in other businesses as well, are aware of the power of scents and how they can help their customers get into a positive “buying” mood.

There are other enjoyable scents, too, like the fresh smell of just-mown lawn, the

warm smell of baby powder, or the joy of roses in June.

Joy isn’t the only emotion that’s triggered by scent, of course. You may be familiar with the scents of difficult, anxious times, such as the antiseptic smell of hospital. And whether some smells are perceived as pleasant or unpleasant depends on perspective; the fragrance of manure on a field may be an intrusive annoyance for some, but for the farmer, a satisfying reminder of a job well done.

Each January, we come into a new year. Whether we choose to celebrate it or despair about it largely depends on our perspective. “Another year older,” some sigh. “New opportunities!” exclaim others. And, “I wonder what this year will bring?” could be asked with dread or excitement, depending on the outlook.

We have choices in how we view the New Year. Here’s an idea for you: look at the new year as if it has a certain

scent to it.

For example, we could view the year as if it has a comforting fragrance; one that evokes warmth and closeness with our family, friends, everyone.

Or, we might be alert to the scent of anxiety and dread, one that doesn’t quite know what to expect but is pretty sure it’s going to be bad. Maybe you are enveloped by a scent of concern or suspicion about the people and the world around you. Some may detect an ongoing scent of being rushed, having no time to think, no moment to spare, no peace at all.

Having small physical reminders in our lives can have big positive effects. For example, in previous columns I’ve mentioned the benefit of keeping some sort of notebook in which to record what we’re grateful for each day. Some people keep mementos, artwork, photographs or mottoes posted in their surroundings to remind them of what’s important.

Along the same line, then here’s a suggestion for you to consider to set the tone for your new year. Choose a scent that evokes an emotion for you that you want in your life. Introduce that scent to your environment, whether through an essential oil, a candle, even an air freshener.

For example, maybe you could use more of the calm of lavender in your life. Or perhaps you’d prefer the alertness of citrus or the action-orientation that comes with mint. Maybe you’re seeking the comfort of warm cookie smell. Or maybe you’d like the luxury and possibly the motivation, that might come with new car smell!

The choice is yours. What fragrance do you want in your new year? Let me know at choice@focusonclarity.com or by mail c/o South Shore Bulletin.

To your choices! ~ Susanne ~
Susanne Beck, RTC is Reality Therapy Certified by the William Glasser Institute

Back to work Jarvo, you are almost essential

DAVID JARVIS
How to build a self-sufficient community

There was a shooting in New York recently that was undertaken with what they described as a ‘ghost gun’.

What is that? I googled it and apparently, it’s a weapon that is made on a 3D printer. I can’t get my head around that at all mainly because I have a very poor relationship with printers and with ink to be more specific. Crude oil is cheaper by the ounce than printer ink and would probably produce a better-quality document as far as I’m concerned.

Our printer struggles with 1D. Talking of guns, I was on the shooting ranges while in the army and the corporal in charge was telling us about how his colleague was a great shot and that he was “born with a gun in his hand.”

Under my breath I mumbled “Must have been agony for his mother.” Sadly, it wasn’t as much under my breath as I intended and it resulted in me running around the range with my rifle above my head whilst the Corporal screamed obscenities at me, most of which referred to him doubting my parentage and referencing female body parts from what I could hear over my grunting and wheezing. I was very careful to mumble at a much lower volume for the rest of my service.

Karen and I don’t do much for New Year’s Eve. We often have great intentions but always end up not seeing midnight. To be honest, we rarely see past

9:30 p.m. these days. We haven’t always been like that.

In Italy our house was surrounded by hilltop villages each of which tried to outdo the others with their fireworks displays so it was quite entertaining. The first New Year’s we were at the house we picked up a selection of fireworks from a dodgy looking roadside stall on the way home from Naples. Most were unmarked including one that looked like a fat candle wrapped in brown paper.

The man gave me some instructions which entailed lighting the fuse, throwing it as far as I could, running away and covering my ears. I liked the look of that one so bought it.

Another one caught my eye. It was a large box with an even longer fuse and had ‘Glittering Violence’ written on the side. We discussed whether to buy it as the stallholder looked around nervously shuffling from foot to foot.

We did. What could possibly go wrong? Anyway, we had a lovely midnight display in the garden with her son Ben and his new girlfriend and Glittering Violence was a huge hit as was the candle which knocked me on my arse, ears ringing, despite the instructions and left a huge crater.

Ben and I lit a bonfire in the crater and we chucked all the debris on it including the finished Glittering Violence box. It wasn’t finished. It fired several projectiles in our direction missing the girlfriend by a matter of inches. I laughed, Ben laughed, Karen didn’t and neither did the girl-

friend. Karen subjected me to violence of the non-glittering kind and we never saw the girlfriend again.

The postal strike finished with a whimper having probably screwed up many a Christmas. I was largely unconcerned as the mail is almost always bad news of some kind. The government sent them back to work which caused me to question what the definition is of an essential worker.

Some are obvious like the workers at the liquor store, but then I thought that surely everyone is essential, that’s how society functions, isn’t it. We all play our part. The only section of society that I wouldn’t want the government to order back to work would in fact be the government itself.

We went to a meeting at the Legion and as it was my turn to drive, I had a non-alcoholic beer. I regretted it almost immediately and will not do that again. My dad had firm views on that sort of thing.

He couldn’t get his head around the concept of unsalted butter and he considered decaf coffee to be just brown liquid. He was probably right there.

I remembered when I was in Kuwait during the build up to the war in Iraq and we had no access to alcohol. You get used

to it but what I couldn’t get used to was the number of American troops that were arriving every day.

We started out on camp beds in a huge hangar and every day my kit had moved as we were compressed into progressively smaller spaces. One night I couldn’t find my bed at all and asked my mate Rod if I could kip under his. He agreed and as I was sliding underneath I noticed a four pack of beer under the American’s cot next door.

The floor must have had a wicked slope on it as the four-pack just magically slid into my hand. I tapped Rod and we headed outside to partake. After guzzling two cans each we were completely minging and giggling. It was only as I was drunkenly trying to sneak the empty cans back under the snoring American that I noticed it was non-alcoholic.

I wish each and everyone of you a happy, peaceful and prosperous new year and I promise that I will continue to do my best to make sure that no one goes hungry in this community and hope that you are at least aware of what is happening under our very noses. People are suffering unnecessarily; it shouldn’t be like that in Canada and I hope that this year, things will change for the better.

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Queens County conservation group secures land easement in Italy Cross

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The easement remains on the land deed in perpetuity and reduces the possibility of significant complications should the property be sold. “When land changes hands, that’s often when it’s most at risk for clearcutting and subdivision and that kind of thing,” Rodger added.

The NSWWT hopes more private landowners join the program. Benefits include the free HWA treatments, for example. “It’s a very expensive process for landowners to invest in, so, it’s really an incentive for participation,” Rodger added.

To learn more about the NSWWT, go to www.nswworkingwoodlandtrust.org.

MODL Grant Information Sessions Calling all local Community Groups & Non-profit organizations



Come and join us for the opportunity to hear what grant funding opportunities MODL, the Provincial Department - Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage (Communities, Sport and Recreation Division) and Sport Nova Scotia offers, how the grants work, what they can be used for, how to apply and to ask any questions you may have.

- Wednesday, January 8th (snow date January 9th)
- **Either** 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **or** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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LIFESTYLES

All about the Cape May Warbler

JAMES HIRTLE
Bird Notes

Barbara McLean of Lunenburg still had a Cape May Warbler tending at her suet on Dec. 16. I was pleased to see this warbler, which was a new bird for my Lunenburg County Year list for 2024 and for my 2024-2025 winter list. I had never had a Cape May Warbler on my overall Winter List.

The Cape May Warbler nests from northern British Columbia across Canada to southern Quebec and in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They also nest in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Maine, and Vermont. They winter in Mexico and in the West Indies. They are accidental in a few other states.

The Cape May warbler is 12.5 to 13.75 cm with a wingspread of 18.75 to 21.25 cm. The male in breeding plumage has yellow underparts heavily streaked with black. There is a yellow rump, a black

cap, and a chestnut patch on the cheeks. The upper parts are olive green striped with black.

There is a large white wing patch. The bill is black, the eyes brown and the legs and feet dark. The female has a colour pattern, similar to the male, but duller. There is no chestnut on the cheeks and little white in the wings.

The food of the Cape May warbler is beetles, crickets, dragonflies, small moths, caterpillars, spruce budworms, flies, ants, wasps, small bees, daddy longlegs and spiders. They also drink the juice from grapes and take sap from holes drilled in bark by sapsuckers.

The White Point Christmas Bird Count, which I co-ordinate, was on Dec. 15. I had three teams in the field consisting of eight people and there were two feeder watchers. I do not have the final tally on the count yet as to the number of species observed.

I did Southwest Port Mouton back to Liverpool with a team of four. My team had 45 species. During a Christmas Bird Count, a lot of times we stumble across birds by chance. An example of this was when driving through Port Mouton, I saw a lone bird cross the road. I stopped the car. The bird in question was a brown creeper.

I looked for more birds and discovered that I had driven by a feeder station. At that feeder station were two fox sparrows, seven white-throated sparrows, one song sparrow, a mourning dove, an American goldfinch and a female northern cardinal.

That day, birds were plentiful everywhere we stopped. Waterfowl showed in good numbers. We had two yellow-rumped warblers at Southwest Port Mouton. There were 17 at Summerville Beach and, in addition to other birds we observed, there were two green-winged teal, a northern pintail, 12 sanderlings, a merlin and four turkey vultures which flew overhead.

There were lots of American robins. I had 53 and Lise Bell recorded 250. Lise saw a gray jay at the Leaf and Garden Disposal site at Western Head. She had a number of American pipits and ring-necked ducks and one fox sparrow. She observed a group of 17 red-necked grebes. Marg Millard of



JAMES HIRTLE PHOTO

A Cape May Warbler caught on camera in Lunenburg Dec. 16.

White Point reported two fox sparrows, a chipping sparrow, a red-winged blackbird and three evening grosbeaks.

Normally I would expect to see only great cormorants. I found none at all, but only double-crested cormorants.

Paul and Linda Demone of Crooked Lake had a Baltimore oriole show up.

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Channel Guide grid showing channel numbers (A-E) for various networks like Global, CTV, PBS, etc.

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 2. Grid of TV programs from 6:30 to 11:30 PM across various channels.

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 3. Grid of TV programs from 6:30 to 11:30 PM across various channels.

WEEKDAY DAYTIME JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 7. Large grid of TV programs from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM across various channels.

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MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

EVENING

6:00 [FAM] "The Smurfs 2" (Children,2013) Neil Patrick Harris, Brendan Gleeson. Evil Gargamel kidnaps Smurfette and tries to force her to transform his creations into real Smurfs. (G)
6:30 [TBS] "Doctor Strange" (Action,2016) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor. Dr. Stephen Strange discovers the world of magic after meeting the Ancient One. (G)
7:00 [SLICE] "The Hunger Games" (Sci-Fi,2012) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. In a place once known as North America, youths fight to the death in a nationally televised contest. (14+)
[SHOW] "The Fate of the Furious" (Action,2017) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson. Members of the crew spring into action when a mysterious woman forces Dom to betray them all. (G)
[CTVSCI-FI] "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (Children,2004) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. The young wizard (Daniel Radcliffe) confronts the fugitive Sirius Black. (G)
9:00 [CNN] "Luther: Never Too Much" (Documentary,2024) The life and work of iconic musical performer Luther Vandross, from young talent to worldwide fame.
[CH] "Along Came a Spider" (Mystery,2001) Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter. A detective (Morgan Freeman) and a Secret Service agent (Monica Potter) investigate an abduction. (14+)
[WTV] "The Holiday" (Romance,2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. Two women, who each have just endured a horrid breakup with a lover, swap homes for Christmas. (G)
10:00 [SHOW] "F9 The Fast Saga" (Action,2021) Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez. Dom and his crew battle a skilled assassin and driver, who is his forsaken brother.
[APTN] "Wildhood" (Drama,2021) Phillip Lewitski, Joshua Odjick. A young man finds community, identity and love while searching for his Mi'kmaq mother.
11:00 [FAM] "The Smurfs 2" (Children,2013) Neil Patrick Harris, Brendan Gleeson. Evil Gargamel kidnaps Smurfette and tries to force her to transform his creations into real Smurfs. (G)
12:00 [SLICE] "The Hunger Games" (Sci-Fi,2012) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. In a place once known as North America, youths fight to the death in a nationally televised contest. (14+)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

EVENING

6:00 [FAM] "Minions" (Animated,2015) Voices of Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm. A clever Minion hatches a plan to find his masterless brethren someone new to serve. (G)
7:00 [SLICE] "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (Sci-Fi,2014) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss finds herself in District 13, fighting to save Peeta and a nation moved by her courage. (G)
[SHOW] "Now You See Me 2" (Adventure,2016) Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. A devious tech wizard forces four magicians to steal a powerful chip that can control all computers. (G)
7:15 [CTVSCI-FI] "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (Fantasy,2011) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. As his showdown with Lord Voldemort nears, Harry may have to make the ultimate sacrifice. (G)
9:00 [CH] "The Island" (Action,2005) Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson. In 2019 a mercenary pursues two clones who escaped from a research facility. (G)
11:00 [FAM] "Minions" (Animated,2015) Voices of Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm. A clever Minion hatches a plan to find his masterless brethren someone new to serve. (G)
12:00 [SLICE] "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (Sci-Fi,2014) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss finds herself in District 13, fighting to save Peeta and a nation moved by her courage. (G)
[TBS] "Tag" (Comedy,2018) Ed Helms, Jon Hamm. Five highly competitive friends gather for their yearly, no-holds-barred game of tag. (14+)
[CTVSCI-FI] "Blade" (Horror,1998) Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff. A man (Wesley Snipes) with vampire blood and a mortal (Kris Kristofferson) hunt the undead. (18+)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

EVENING

6:00 [FAM] "Hotel Transylvania 2" (Animated,2015) Voices of Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg. Dracula (Adam Sandler) puts his half-human grandson through a "monster-in-training" boot camp. (G)
7:00 [SHOW] "A Knight's Tale" (Action,2001) Heath Ledger, Mark Addy. A commoner (Heath Ledger) jousts with nobles in 14th-century France. (G)
7:30 [SLICE] "The Wedding Planner" (Romance,2001) Jennifer Lopez, Matthew McConaughey. A lonely organizer (Jennifer Lopez) falls for an engaged pediatrician (Matthew McConaughey). (G)

7:45 [CTVSCI-FI] "The Mask" (Comedy,1994) Jim Carrey, Cameron Diaz. An ancient mask transforms a drab bank clerk into a grinning Romeo with superhuman powers. (G)
8:00 [WTV] "Love on the Slopes" (Romance,2018) Katrina Bowden, Thomas Beaudoin. A copy editor from New York and an extreme sports enthusiast meet at a winter resort. (G)
9:00 [TBS] "The Fate of the Furious" (Action,2017) Vin Diesel, Dwayne Johnson. Members of the crew spring into action when a mysterious woman forces Dom to betray them all. (G)
[ASV] "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (Children,2002) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. The young wizard and his best friends investigate a dark force that is terrorizing Hogwarts. (G)
10:00 [SLICE] "Bad Teacher" (Comedy,2011) Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake. A foul-mouthed educator (Cameron Diaz) and a co-worker vie for a substitute teacher's attentions. (14+)
[TOON] "Batman and Harley Quinn" (Animated,2017) Voices of Melissa Rauch, Kevin Conroy. Batman and Nightwing join forces with Harley Quinn to stop a global threat. (14+)
[WTV] "A Winter Getaway" (Romance,2021) Nazneen Contractor, Brooks Darnell. A man finds romance with a concierge after he's mistaken for a millionaire during a trip. (G)
[SHOW] "Robin Hood" (Action,2018) Taron Egerton, Jamie Foxx. A war-hardened Crusader and his Moorish commander prepare a daring revolt against the English crown.
[APTN] "Smoke Signals" (Comedy Drama,1998) Adam Beach, Evan Adams. A geeky Indian (Evan Adams) helps a friend (Adam Beach) to find his dead father.
11:00 [FAM] "Hotel Transylvania 2" (Animated,2015) Voices of Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg. Dracula (Adam Sandler) puts his half-human grandson through a "monster-in-training" boot camp. (G)
11:45 [TBS] "Fast & Furious" (Action,2009) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Fugitive Dom Toretto (Vin Diesel) and Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) resume a feud in Los Angeles. (14+)
12:00 [SLICE] "My Best Friend's Wedding" (Romance,1997) Julia Roberts, Dermot Mulroney. A woman tries to stop her best friend's marriage with another woman. (G)
[TOON] "Batman and Harley Quinn" (Animated,2017) Voices of Melissa Rauch, Kevin Conroy. Batman and Nightwing join forces with Harley Quinn to stop a global threat. (14+)
[WTV] "Love in Winterland" (Romance,2020) Italia Ricci, Chad Michael Murray. Ally, a final contestant on a dating show, must face her high school sweetheart. (G)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

EVENING

6:15 [TBS] "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (Sci-Fi,2015) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss and friends embark on a mission to assassinate President Snow and liberate war-torn Panem. (G)
7:00 [WTV] "A New Year's Resolution" (Romance,2021) Aimee Teegarden, Michael Rady. A morning show producer makes a New Year's resolution to agree to every social invitation. (G)
[SHOW] "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (Sci-Fi,2015) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss and friends embark on a mission to assassinate President Snow and liberate war-torn Panem. (G)
[CTVSCI-FI] "Top Gun: Maverick" (Action,2022) Tom Cruise, Miles Teller. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell trains a new generation of Navy fighter pilots for a dangerous mission. (G)
7:30 [SLICE] "Central Intelligence" (Action,2016) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart. A CIA agent and his ex-classmate encounter shootouts, espionage and double-crosses while on a case. (G)
8:00 [TOON] "The Smurfs" (Children,2011) Hank Azaria, Neil Patrick Harris. A portal carries little blue people to Manhattan after Gargamel chases them out of their village. (G)
[FAM] "Matilda" (Children,1996) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito. Neglected little girl develops extraordinary mental abilities. (G)
9:00 [CNN] "Luther: Never Too Much" (Documentary,2024) The life and work of iconic musical performer Luther Vandross, from young talent to worldwide fame.
[WTV] "Love of the Irish" (Romance,2025) Shenae Grimes-Beech, Stephen Hagan. A woman with a string of bad luck meets a charming single father while visiting Ireland.
[TBS] "The Hunger Games" (Sci-Fi,2012) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. In a place once known as North America, youths fight to the death in a nationally televised contest. (14+)
10:00 [SLICE] "21 Jump Street" (Comedy,2012) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum. Two cops working under cover at a high school must confront their teenage issues all over again. (14+)
[SHOW] "The Hunger Games" (Sci-Fi,2012) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. In a place once known as North America, youths fight to the death in a nationally televised contest. (14+)
[APTN] "The Dead Lands" (Action,2014) James Rolleston, Lawrence Makoare. An unskilled Maori teen forms a pact with a demonic warrior to avenge his slaughtered tribesmen. (14+)

11:00 [WTV] "Fly Away With Me" (Romance,2022) Natalie Hall, Peter Mooney. A woman and her new neighbor try to find the owner of a parrot. (G)
12:00 [CNN] "Little Richard: I Am Everything" (Drama,2023) Rock 'n' roll icon Little Richard reinvents popular music as the ultimate form of self-expression.
[TBS] "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" (Sci-Fi,2013) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. As rebellion simmers, a cruel change in the Hunger Games may change Panem forever. (G)
[CTVSCI-FI] "Kingsman: The Secret Service" (Action,2014) Colin Firth, Michael Caine. A spy organization recruits an uncouth street kid into its highly competitive training program. (14+)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

EVENING

7:00 [WTV] "Love of the Irish" (Romance,2025) Shenae Grimes-Beech, Stephen Hagan. A woman with a string of bad luck meets a charming single father while visiting Ireland.
7:30 [SLICE] "50 First Dates" (Romance,2004) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore. A man (Adam Sandler) falls for a woman (Drew Barrymore) who has short-term memory loss. (G)
[SHOW] "Allegiant" (Sci-Fi,2016) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. Tris and Four journey beyond Chicago's wall to find a peaceful solution for their embroiled city. (G)
8:00 [TOON] "The Ant Bully" (Animated,2006) Voices of Zach Tyler Eisen, Julia Roberts. Ants shrink a destructive boy (Zach Tyler Eisen) to their size to teach him a lesson. (G)
[FAM] "Jumanji" (Children,1995) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. Magic board-game summons perils, missing guy (Robin Williams). (G)
[CTVSCI-FI] "X2: X-Men United" (Action,2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman. Mutants must fend for themselves after a mutant-hating militarist invades their school. (14+)
9:00 [ASV] "Toy Story 3" (Animated,2010) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. When Andy leaves for college, Woody, Buzz and the rest of the toys wind up at a day-care center. (G)
10:00 [SLICE] "Now You See Me" (Mystery,2013) Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo. FBI and Interpol agents play a cat-and-mouse game with cunning illusionists who are thieves. (G)
[SHOW] "Divergent" (Sci-Fi,2014) Shailene Woodley, Theo James. In a future society, a young woman uncovers a plot to kill those who don't fit into specific groups. (G)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

EVENING

6:00 [FAM] "The Angry Birds Movie" (Animated,2016) Voices of Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad. Three flightless birds investigate the mysterious arrival of green pigs to their island paradise. (G)
9:00 [CH] "Source Code" (Thriller,2011) Jake Gyllenhaal, Michelle Monaghan. A pilot (Jake Gyllenhaal) awakes in the body of a commuter who died in a train explosion. (G)
10:00 [TOON] "Justice Society: World War II" (Animated,2021) Voices of Matt Bomer, Stana Katic. The Justice Society of America makes an ally from the future who sends them on an adventure. (G)
11:00 [FAM] "The Angry Birds Movie" (Animated,2016) Voices of Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad. Three flightless birds investigate the mysterious arrival of green pigs to their island paradise. (G)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

EVENING

6:00 [FAM] "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" (Adventure,2012) Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine. Sean Anderson and his new stepfather find an island of secrets, strange life forms, and gold. (G)
11:00 [FAM] "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" (Adventure,2012) Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine. Sean Anderson and his new stepfather find an island of secrets, strange life forms, and gold. (G)

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DEATHS

Marinone (Crouse), Gail Marguerite, 76, Hubbards, died December 13th, 2024 in Windsor Locks, CT. Arrangements entrusted to Ronald A. Walker Funeral Home.

Perron, Marie Emily, 76, Upper New Cornwall, died December 6th, 2024 in South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home New Germany.

Rafuse, Susan Elizabeth, 69, Mahone Bay, died December 16th, 2024 in South Shore Regional Hospital Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home Bridgewater.

Reinhart, Karen, 81, New Cumberland, died December 13th, 2024 in South Shore Regional Hospital Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home Bridgewater.

Wagner, Melbourne Eugene, 81, Baker Settlement, died December 22, 2024 in South Shore Regional Hospital Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

WHYNOT, Gerald Eugene, 89, Baker Settlement, died December 13, 2024 in South Shore Regional Hospital Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville.

OBITUARIES

Bernard Calvin Tanner
August 30, 1937 - November 25, 2024
"Bobby" "Bernie" "Bernard" and "Bart"

Bernie passed away in Calgary, AB at the age of 87. He was born in Blue Rocks, NS to Capt. Bernard "Bernie" Stewart and Doris May (nee Romkey) and was the oldest of three sons. Bernie was known to his family as "Bobby" the name he was given as a young boy.

"Bernie" is survived by his first wife, Dee Jean (nee Dorothy Zwicker) and their two children daughter Renee Louise (George) of Calgary and son BC "Calvin" (Emilie) and grandchild (Eva) of Vancouver. Bernie's mom, Doris, was honoured to name her first grandchild Renee and Dee named their son BC after his dad, Bernard Calvin.

"Bernard" is also survived by his common-law wife, Vicky Huet and her two children Melissa of Okotoks and Jeremy (Cecelia) and Vicky's four grandchildren Gianna, Tabitha, Serah and Kezia of Okotoks; who called him "Bart."

Bernie is survived by his brother Calvin (Rhonda) and their three children Alex, Noah and Amelia and Ronda's son Aaron, his nephew Kevin (Robin), Aunt Shirley Romkey (nee Knickle) and cousin Geary Romkey and his children Johnson and Stephanie and many first and second cousins and friends.

Bernie is predeceased by his brother Keith (Barbara), Uncles Roseville "Rosie" Tanner (Hazel), Robert Tanner (Vivian) and Douglas Tanner (lost at sea), Aunt Joyce Conrad (Douglas) and Uncles Capt. Merrill Romkey (Shirley) and Murray Romkey (Deet). Dee's parents Tracey Lorraine Zwicker and Irene Mae (nee Legge) of Mahone Bay.

Bernie is also predeceased by his grandparents Capt. Calvin Lorraine Tanner and Caroline "Carry" Louise (nee Selig) of Stonehurst and grandparents Johnson "Dadda" Romkey and Gladys Louise (nee Knickle) of Blue Rocks.

Early in life, Bernie was a member of the Central United Church, Lunenburg where his mom Doris played the organ and taught Sunday school.

Bernie attended Lunenburg Academy before graduating from Dalhousie University and Technical University of Nova Scotia (Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Mining Engineering). During his university days, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Halifax.

Shortly after graduating from University, Bernie, his wife Dee and their young daughter Renee immigrated to New Orleans, Louisiana for Bernie's opportunity to work as an engineer for Standard Oil, the world's largest public oil company. He also attended Tulane University. Dee obtained a position with T Smith & Sons, the largest stevedoring company in New Orleans as the executive secretary to the chairman of the board and the chief executive officer. After four years in New Orleans, they left for Ontario leaving behind fond memories of their friends Ann and Glen Robinson and the days they spent sailing on Robinson's sailboat on Lake Pontchartrain, the visits to the Audubon Zoo where Bernie would watch the monkeys retrieve the bananas and grapes in the waters surrounding Monkey Hill, row boating on the lake at the City Park and going to the Madi Gras parades.

While in Ontario, Bernie obtained his P.Eng. designation and moved to Calgary a year later, where he worked for Mannix and Johnson Testers and was a member of the 400 Club. In 1972, Bernie started his company, Tanner Engineering Ltd. A couple of years later, his son BC was born. The family would like to thank all the oil and gas companies that contracted Tanner Engineering over the years, with special thanks to Czar Resources and Penn West Petroleum.

Bernie is also survived by Greg Patterson, his first employee and longtime friend, Alan Payzant his long-term employee and longtime friend. He was predeceased by his long-term employee and friend Leon.

In 2022 Bernie returned to Lunenburg with his daughter Renee to spend time with his family, lifelong friends and schoolmates.

Bernie's family would like to thank everyone for their kind word and his neighbours for their kindhearted gestures in remembering him and his passion for wildlife.

Bernie will be, laid to rest alongside his mom, dad and brother Keith at the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lunenburg, NS.



OBITUARIES

Matilda (Tilly) Ann Lohnes

88, passed away with her family by her side at the MacLeod Cares Mahone Bay Nursing Home on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024. Born in Clearland in 1936, she was the daughter of the late Wallace and Ruth (Milbury) Veinotte.

Mom had a smile and spirit about her that would brighten up any room she entered. In her early life, she was a telephone operator for MT&T. She sold Fuller Brush products and for many years was the beloved School Bus Driver who delivered children safely, of all ages to school and back home. She was very active in the church community her entire life. Over the years she had many roles in the church including serving as president of the Evangelical Lutheran Women at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mahone Bay. She was also very active with the Maitland Community and held a seat on the School Board. Mom delivered Meals on Wheels and was very compassionate to try and help those in need of anything.

Mom was an amazing cook! She could feed an army and always said "better to have more food than not enough!" There was nothing like walking into the kitchen when her bread was coming out of the oven! Her love of gardening was so apparent in the many flowers, plants and vegetables she and Dad always planted. She could tell you the name of just about any flower or plant too!

Music was also a big part of Mom's life. She taught herself to play the piano, sang in the church choir and later on, you could find her at the "Jams" tapping her toes, clapping, and singing along.

Family was so very important to Mom. She was the most amazing Wife, Mother, Aunt and Grammy. She is survived by her children, Derek (Gale), Todd and Michelle (Jimmy) Temple. Mom was so devoted to her 5 granddaughters, Emma (Shea) Barkhouse, Holly (Ali) Leader, Courtney (Sam) Flynn, Kaylee and Lillian Temple; great-grandchildren Rhea and Kian Barkhouse and Charli Flynn. Mom will be missed by her brother David (Elaine) Veinotte, sister-in-law Bonnie Duncan; special niece Melinda (Sis) Barrier; and special cousin Tommy Lohnes. Also, cousins and many nieces and nephews who were very dear to her.

Beside her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved husband of 58 years, Cedric Lohnes; sisters Florence Barry, Edith Veinotte; brothers Paul and Carl Veinotte.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the MacLeod Cares Mahone Bay Nursing Home for the loving care she received. Also, thank you to the wonderful Home Care team especially Pauline Feener who went above and beyond while Mom was home.

Visitation was held Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Mahone Funeral Home and a memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 20 at St John's Lutheran Church in Mahone Bay officiated by Rev. Willis Ott.

Family flowers only. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, the Nova Scotia Brain Injury Association or Charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Mahone Funeral Home, P.O. Box 200, 32 Parish St., Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0 (902-624-8241). Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.mahonefuneral.ca

Joyce Townsend (Heisler) Nee Blackwood

Joyce passed away peacefully at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, Veterans Wing, Lunenburg on Monday, December 23, 2024. Born in Motherwell, Scotland to David and Ina Blackwood on January 22, 1923, Mom had a wonderful and adventurous life. In World War 2, she enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force and later met and married, in 1943, a Royal Canadian Navy Sailor, Gerald Heisler.

After the war, Mom emigrated to Canada, through Pier 21, with her infant daughter Patricia. She was met by Gerald and they settled in the Halifax area, where they had three sons, Kenneth, Glenn and Ronald. Her husband joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and they lived on bases in New Brunswick, Alberta and Nova Scotia.

Gerald passed away in 1979 and in 1982 Mom married Ralph Townsend and they settled in Bridgewater. Ralph passed away in 1992.

She was predeceased by two sons Kenneth (spouse Dawn Hatcher) in 2012 and Glenn (spouse Dora) in 2017; her three sisters in Scotland (Sadie Beattie, Wilma Hamilton and Rita Cameron) and two granddaughters in North Carolina April Corbett and Kristy Sykes.

Survived by daughter Patricia Martinez (Fayetteville, North Carolina) and son Ronald (spouse Dale), Bridgewater; also several nieces, nephews and grandchildren, and great and great great grandchildren.

Mom led a full life and was a great inspiration to all who knew her.

We would like to thank the staff at the Veterans Wing at Fishermen's as well as the special connection to the Recreational staff led by Amy Benzeau and her wonderful team of volunteers.

By Joyce's request, cremation has taken place, with arrangements through R.A. Corkum Funeral Home, Wileville. She requested no service but the family will have a graveside service at a later date, in St. Matthew's Anglican Cemetery, Rhodes Corner.

On-line condolences may be made by visiting www.corkumfuneralhome.ca



OBITUARIES

Karen Reinhardt, Ron Reinhardt

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Karen Reinhardt and Ron Reinhardt of New Cumberland, within 10 days of each other. On the evening of December 12th, 2024, Karen passed away peacefully of cancer at South Shore Regional Hospital, with her partner of over 50 years, Ron, by her side. She was 81 years old. Ten days later, Ron died of a cardiac event on the afternoon of December 22nd, 2024. He was 77 years old.

Karen was born in Portland, Maine to John and Myrtle Neilson in January 1943, and was the eldest of two daughters. Ron was born in Vogler's Cove to John and Velma Reinhardt in April 1947, the middle of three sons. Karen met Ron on a trip to Nova Scotia in 1971, and the two were married soon after. They lived their entire lives together on 100 acres of farmland in rural Lunenburg County and raised two children, Nathaniel and Morgen, as well as many dogs, cats, chickens, and goats.

Karen had a true entrepreneurial spirit and found great joy and excitement in starting businesses and community organizations, from nursery schools to Christmas tree exports to a fresh fish store. She loved music and spent many years bringing talented musicians to perform at SeaSide Folk, a monthly concert series that she single-handedly created and managed. For the last twenty years, Karen found a new calling as an international elections observer, travelling across the world to help ensure that democratic processes were upheld in elections across the globe. She was a long time volunteer with the Red Cross and spent many days and weeks deployed to disaster zones across Canada and the world to aid in recovery efforts. She was incredibly passionate about her work as a fierce supporter of community, the environment and social justice, allowing her to form strong friendships around the world.

A graduate of Dalhousie University, Ron loved animals, and was most likely to be found walking his dogs on Crescent Beach. Ron was a gifted carpenter, whose handiwork can be seen on countless homes and buildings across Lunenburg County. He was a beloved school bus driver, whose kindness and sense of humour left an impression on generations of children attending Petite Riviere Elementary and Hebbville Academy. He loved being active, especially outdoors, and spent many hours playing rugby, baseball, cycling, running (including full marathons!), cross-country skiing, and walking on the beach. Ron was a prolific gardener, a true DIY expert, and well read on everything from monetary theory to passive solar greenhouses. Ron loved to chat, and while he didn't stray far from home, he knew almost every person in his community, always available to help and support people and animals in need.

Ron and Karen were stalwarts of their community, supporting everything from swimming holes to local ballfields, school boards to emergency response. They created a beautiful and honest life together on their homestead where they cared for many people and animals who crossed their path. Perhaps their greatest joy was in their grandchildren, Scarlett, Finn, Lachlan and Hildy, who held their hearts in their sticky hands.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, John and Myrtle. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, John and Velma, and stepfather Glen Zwicker. Karen is survived by her sister Kathy (Philip) and Ron is survived by his brothers Doug (Barbara) and Kevin (Billie). They are both survived by their children, Nathaniel (Leitha) and Morgen (Trevor), grandchildren, Scarlett and Lachlan Reinhardt and Finn and Hildy Kendall, and many nieces and nephews. There will be a service to remember and celebrate both Ron and Karen at the Petite Riviere Fire Hall on January 11th from 1-4pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to SHAD Animal Shelter or the Red Cross.



Obituaries can be found online at southshorebulletin.ca

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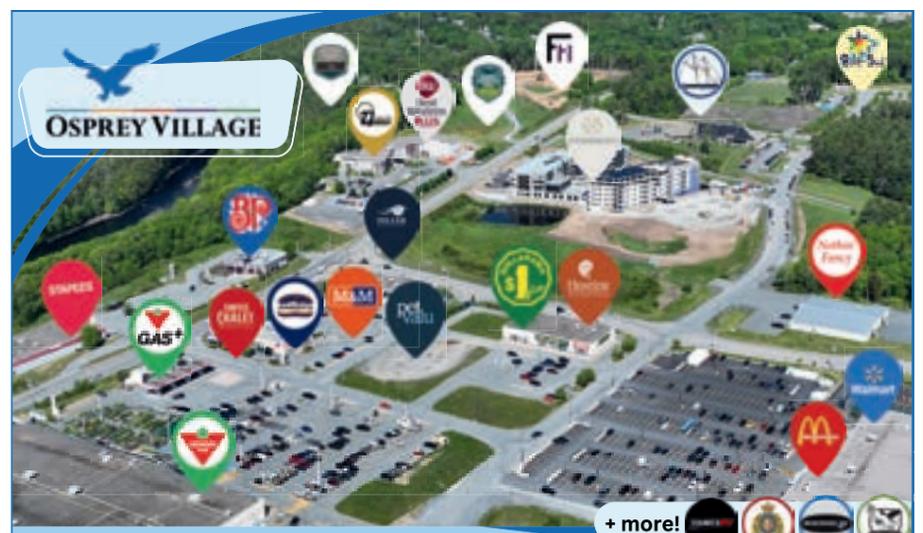
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