2016 Christmas in the Bay Bigger and Better this Year

Christmas in the Bay 2016 is an expanded event this year, encompassing more areas in and around St. Margaret’s Bay with more participating businesses, free yoga classes and even a Gong Bath!

Things kick off on Friday the 25th with a Christmas Decoration Tour and Sale at many business outlets in St. Margaret’s Bay from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., followed by Free Glow in the Dark Family Yoga at Breathing Space Yoga starting at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday the 26th everyone heads to the annual St. Luke’s Craft Fair at St. Luke’s Church starting at 9:00 a.m. and running until 4:00 p.m. Concurrent with this the many business outlets in the Bay will be continuing their Christmas Decoration Tour and Sale.

Snow or no snow, 10:00 a.m. will feature an indoor snowball fight at the Tantallon Library and then the Gong Bath at Shining Waters Marine from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Bikers and ATV Users Confused by Front Page Story in Masthead

Conflicting documents from provincial government officials regarding the story on a newly designated bicycle trail reported in the October edition of the Masthead News led some readers to think that bicycling applied to the Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail.

Such is not the case and a request was made to government to clarify the matter.

Krista Higdon, Media Relations for Nova Scotia Environment, explained in an email, “It was 12 km of an off-highway vehicle trail in Five Bridges Lakes Wilderness Area that was designated for use as a bicycle trail. This is the first time this has happened and is a pilot project.

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See story and more photos on page 2

Please note that the December 21st issue of The Masthead News will not be published. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.
Hammonds Plains Residents Bow Their Heads in Remembrance in November 11th Ceremonies

By Keith Ayling

Remembrance Day 2016 saw a huge crowd turn out at Uplands Park in Hammonds Plains for the sixth annual Greater Hammonds Plains-Lucasville Remembrance Day parade and ceremony.

School children, scouts and guides, cadets, police, all representatives of Canada’s military forces, the local fire department, and politicians from all three levels of government took part in the somber and respectful morning event.

Three Sea King helicopters performed a fly pass under the partial sunny skies and drifting clouds.

MP Geoff Regan and Speakers of the House of Commons in Ottawa said the ceremony “paid tribute to the men and women who laid down their lives” and it is “important to pass this along to our children.”

These thoughts were echoed by both MLA Ben Jessome and HRM Councillor Matt Whitman.

Prayers were led by Pastor Denn Guphill of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church and Reverend Randy D. Townsend of St. John’s Anglican Church.

Special thanks was given to Parade Commander L.Cdr. Todd Brayman by emcee Pamela Lovelace, both of whom were instrumental in bringing the new cenotaph, constructed by Heritage Memorials, to fruition together with the Hammonds Plains Lucasville Memorial Committee volunteers.

The Masthead News was assisted by local photographer Willie Sawyer in obtaining some of the photographs taken during the ceremonies.

The Last Post was played by Corporal Callum Lovelace, followed by the traditional two minutes of silence and the laying of wreaths.

Bikers and ATV Users Confused

Story con’t from page 1

The Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail, which is located within the same wilderness area, is not part of the pilot project.

Biking and off-highway vehicle use is not permitted on the Bluff Wilderness Hiking Trail.”

We trust this will clarify the matter for both hikers and cyclists.

The Masthead News
2016 Christmas in the Bay Bigger and Better This Year

The Festival started seven years ago and currently features 85 members—75 of whom are individuals, 5 are galleries, and 5 are affiliate members located in major population centres in the Bay area to help them get to work and back. We know it’s a lot to ask, but if you could imagine a world where drivers will be helping to keep the Bay Refugee Team’s fundraiser for the Zeina family and the Al-Badine family succeed. If, or if not your thing, we’re asking for donations of automobiles!

A vehicle was generously donated to the Zeina family and it’s made a huge difference in their immediate needs. We know it’s a lot to ask, but if there is someone out there who has a vehicle they could part with, it would make a world of difference. Thank you again for all you do.

The Bay Refugee Team

E-mail: bayrefugeeproject@gmail.com

Drivers With Cars Very Much Needed

Hello all. We managed to get our Sylvan friends here in one piece and we need to get them where they’re going. We are in desperate need of volunteer drivers in the Tantallon area to help them get to work and run all the errands associated with running a household. Remember, the more volunteers we have, the less each of us needs to do. We cannot accomplish the mission without the success of the vehicle volunteer drivers will be helping to keep the Barbur family and the Al-Badine family succeed. If, or if not your thing, we’re asking for donations of automobiles!

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Planning for 2017 Peggy’s Cove Area Festival of the Arts Begins

Planning for the 2017 Peggy’s Cove Area Festival of the Arts has already begun with the October 25th annual general meeting of the Festival organization.

President Debbie Smith said that she is welcoming new art lovers, artists and artisans who would like to become members of the group.

“Membership is under $50,” she said.

Details on how to join or contribute, as well as sponsor the festival, can be found at www.pegyscoveareafestivalofthearts.com.

Debbie said that each year 100 to 150 volunteers put in many hours of work to make the event a success. Last year’s festival, over a 10-day period, drew more than 8,000 visitors to the many studios and galleries set up.

The organization prints a very detailed studio tour guide each year and is distributed across the province at visitor information centres, and to Hubbards, Chester, Bedford Routes #41, #42 and #43; and by private carrier to Uplands. 15,207 households and businesses via mail to communities served.

All MPs Vote Unanimously to Take Action on Abandoned and Derelict Vessels

Members of Parliament unanimously voted for approval on Motion-40 October 26th to take action on abandoned and derelict vessels along Atlantic shorelines.

The motion was introduced by Bernadette Jordan, MP for south Shore-St. Margaret’s.

The final vote was 311-0. “I’m thrilled,” exclaimed Ms. Jordan. “I think what we saw tonight is what people living in coastal communities knew already—derelict and abandoned vessels are a serious and persistent burden on our coastlines.

With Minister Garneau’s strong mandate to improve marine safety, I am not surprised, but still pleased, with his support.

After years of inaction, our government is ready to step up to the plate. Jordan’s motion asks for action within six months and she emphasizes the need to keep the issue at the forefront.

“What we’ve seen tonight is a good first step. ‘It’s not going to make the problem go away overnight. Solutions must encourage responsible vessel ownership, while helping communities to deal with the immediate burden.”

M-40 proposes the government explore legislative options prohibiting the abandonment of a vessel, suggests an educational component on responsible vessel ownership, recommends improving vessel registration and ownership identification, and calls on the government to identify options to assist in the removal of abandoned vessels in cases where its presence creates an economic burden on a community.

Photographic Display of the Four Seasons to Accompany Christmas in the Bay Events

Bay area residents can get a view of the many year round seasons on the St. Margaret’s Bay Area Rails to Trails leading up to the Bay Chamber’s Christmas in the Bay event on November 27th.

On November 26th the Rails to Trails Association will be displaying a year’s worth of photographic images showing human and wildlife activity, as well as the undisturbed beauty, that abounds on the trail between Bayview and Jordan. “What we’ve seen tonight is a good first step. ‘It’s not going to make the problem go away overnight. Solutions must encourage responsible vessel ownership, while helping communities to deal with the immediate burden.” The Bay Area Rails to Trails are following a success.

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The Bay Grandmothers Present A Sunset Gong Sound Immersion

By Gail Kelly

Many of us have experienced, enjoyed and relaxed to the majestic sounds of a symphony orchestra, the exulting voices of a church choir, and noticed the rhythm of our heartbeat while listening to a drumming session. As we listen, the sounds wash over us, uplifting our spirits while creating a sense of well-being.

When we chant, tone or sing we create within our bodies harmonic vibrations that have been proven to be beneficial to the nervous system and the cortex of the brain. So it is with the ancient Tibetan Gongs that, when struck with a mallet, produce a sound causing a sympathetic resonance in our bauxon of bone and tissue with their powerful vibrations.

A gong bath is ideal for quieting and energizing both the brain and body in a unique fashion. Sound Therapy is the oldest and most natural kind of therapy on the planet. Everyone does it naturally by altering their tone of voice to relax people. We sing to babies and all go “ah-ah-wh” to see or hear something that touches our heart.

Everyone and everything, including plants, respond to sound and frequency. Frequency has been used in main stream medicine for over 30 years (think ultra-sound, MRI, etc.).

Many hospitals use sound frequencies to blast kidney stones and soft tissue tumors without damaging anything else and without side effects.

Currently there is medical research on the healing impact of the Tibetan gongs on neurological disorders like Parkinson’s disease.

The Bay Grandmothers are proud to offer you an opportunity to experience this gong bath phenomenon.

Rita and Phil Crosbie from Shelburne, Nova Scotia, are sound therapists who have graciously offered to do a benefit Gong Bath in support of the Bay Grandmothers and their mission.

The Bay Grandmothers, as many of you know, are one of 250 incredible groups of women across Canada who work diligently to support the African grandmothers in sub-Saharan Africa who have taken on the challenge of raising millions of children orphaned by the Aids epidemic.

Rita and Phil have over 40 combined years of complimentary and alternative medicine experience.

Their real passion, however, is sound therapy, which they have specialized in since 2006, having trained in Europe and the US, and are members of the Sound Healers Association.

If you would like to learn more about Sound Therapy and other healing modalities offered by Rita and Phil Crosbie, be sure to check out their website at www.soundhealings.com.

Join us on November 26th at 4:00 p.m. at Shining Waters Marine.

You will experience the wonderful impact of the eight incredible, hand-tuned giant singing bowls while enjoying the quiet of the setting sun over beautiful St. Margaret’s Bay. This is truly a wonderful opportunity to experience these healing sounds and the magic of St. Margaret’s Bay.

Tickets are $30 and are available at Redmonds Hardware in Tantallon.

If you would like to reserve tickets, call 902-826-7304 or email gailkelly@eastlink.ca.

Dozens Honour Reg Rankin at Special Ceremony November 13th

By Keith Aylng

Dozens of community organizations and their representatives, along with family members and area politicians, gathered in the MacDonald Memorial Legion in Lakeside to give retired HRM District 12 Councillor, Reg Rankin, a delightful send off from his 25 years of representing and advocating for the communities he has served.

The guest list and those representatives who came to support Reg about his many ways of serving them was almost endless.

They said they were deeply indebted to Reg for his hard work in keeping their communities alive and well, such as his efforts to assist in developing the Prospect Road Community Centre, the BLT Rails to Trails, the maintaining and improving of the work of the Village Green Society in the East Dover/McGrath’s Cove area, and his dedication to serving all his constituents at HRM Council.

Reg was extremely thankful to everyone for giving him this special recognition.

He said, “It feels like a eulogy but I am glad I am here to respond to it. The best move of my life was to move to Timberlea. I am very optimistic about our community.”

~ANNOUNCEMENT~

Volunteers Needed at QEH

St. A&M Preparates for Friday Soup, Xmas Tea and House Tour

It’s a busy time for the congregation of St. A&M United Church in Ingramport. It began with the rededication of the church cemetery in Queensland on November 6th.

The congregation gathered with the leaders for the dedication of a new stone sign which they had erected in memory of Madge and Bruce Smart.

The monthly soup lunch, which has become a very popular community event the last Friday of each month, will be held Friday the 25th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There is no charge and it is open to all.

The 23rd Annual Christmas Tea and House Tour will be held on Sunday, December 4th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This year, two houses and the third, Santa’s workshop, will be featured. It promises to be lots of fun for starting the Christmas season.

Tickets are $15 each or 2 for $25.

There will also be the ever-popular bake and craft table at the church. Soup will be available for sale on Friday at the soup lunch or by contacting any member of the congregation.

Letters to the Editor

In Tribute to the War Amps Child Amputee Program

Dear Editor,

I am proud to be part of Operation Legacy, in which members and graduates of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program pass on the Remembrance message to the younger generation.

I would like to pay special tribute to all men and women who have served in Canada’s military, and especially those who lost a limb or limbs in war.

I was born missing a left arm below the elbow, and have learned to overcome this challenge, thanks to programs put in place by amputee veterans of The War Amps.

I am extremely thankful for war amputee veterans because, without them, The War Amps would have never been established and I wouldn’t be the person I am today.

They are the most selfless people I’ve ever met.

After risking their lives at war, they came home and continued to serve Canadian citizens, organizations and foundations to provide support for those living with amputations, and to ensure everyone has the most successful life possible.

War amputee veterans have not only done just that, but have also provided amputees like myself with a lifetime of experiences, unlimited opportunities, support, and a family that I will forever be grateful for.

Sincerely,

Brooklynn Myra, 18
It is no surprise that one of the most talked about topics for Chester-St. Margaret’s (CSM) revolves around timely access to health care and the myriad of issues related to this topic. These are complex issues, not just for CSM, but indeed for all of Nova Scotia.

One of the many issues concerns Premier Stephen McNeil’s promise to amalgamate the nine regional health authorities into a new Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA). The premier delivered that promise early in his Liberal government’s mandate.

What are the initial results? To find out, I recently attended the first Annual General Meeting of the NSHA to find out.

I also read Bill Black’s excellent opinion piece in the October 1 edition of The Chronicle Herald.

Both sources are quoted liberally here (pun intended).

There is lots of good news to share regarding successes of the NSHA in its first year of operation.

*The NSHA held 42 engagement sessions at which interested citizens contributed their thinking on the present health care system.

*700 more Nova Scotians had hip and knee surgeries because better efficiencies were achieved with operating rooms.

*Two additional Nova Scotians received MRI scans than in the previous year.

*Fewer people are waiting for home support services and long-term care.

*Savings of $70 million per year were found and there are opportunities for more savings.

To quote Bill Black, “The results of the first year of the NSHA are better than the McNeil government could have reasonably expected.”

The credit for this goes to the NSHA team, headed by CEO Janet Knox.

Their focus on health care and wellness, their dedication to achieving results and their success as shown above has been nothing short of amazing.

We have many more issues to face in delivering top drawer health care in Nova Scotia.

We have to face aging facilities, we must provide some centralized services at a more convenient and less expensive location than downtown Halifax and we have to continue the successful efforts for process improvement by implementing best practices from the former regional health authorities and by observing what is working in other jurisdictions.

There is still much to be done, more than any provincial government can accomplish in a single term in office.

But the current Liberal government has made significant progress.

I hope, with your support, to be the Liberal Party candidate for Chester-St. Margaret’s in the next provincial election and to help the McNeil government continue to improve on the vital issues of health care and wellness for all Nova Scotians.

Thanks for your consideration and your support. I look forward to your comments, questions and suggestions.

Hugh McKay
Candidate for Liberal Party Nomination, Chester-St. Margaret’s

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**Opinion Piece by Hugh McKay**

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**Senior’s Grocery Shopping Bus Now in Service**

A wonderful service that helps seniors go shopping for groceries has been set up by Bay Rides and the St. Margaret’s Bay Seniors’ Association.

The service runs every Tuesday morning and alternates between Sobey’s and Superstore.

There is even a chance for a chat over a snack and a cup of tea.

The bus service is provided free of charge.

Arrangements can be made by calling the Seniors’ Information Centre at 902-820-3334.

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**Holiday Event Planning for Businesses: Do you need a special permit to serve alcohol?**

by Kristen O’Keefe B.A., M.H.E., LL.B., Lawyer with Kennedy Schofield Lawyers

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Is your company thinking about hosting a holiday event to recognize your wonderful clients? Or maybe you are a non-profit organization planning a festive community fundraising event. Are you considering serving alcohol but are wondering what rules apply? Who do you even contact to ask?

If your organization is located in Nova Scotia, contact the Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division. You may be required to apply for a special type of liquor license called a Special Occasion permit. Call 1-877-565-0556 (toll-free in Nova Scotia) for more information. There are three main types of ‘Special Occasion’ permits that may be issued:

1. **Class 1 permit:** For a private event where liquor is given away for free, not sold. The event cannot be advertised or open to the public. The current cost of the permit is $24.95 per day.
2. **Class 2 permit:** For a private event for invited guests only where liquor is re-sold. The event cannot be advertised or open to the public. The current cost of the permit is $24.95 per day.
3. **Class 3 permit:** For public events where the resale is used as part of a community fundraiser. A Class 3 license will only be issued to a recognized community or charitable organization for community fundraising purposes. A Class 3 license may be issued to Athletic Organizations on a limited basis and a letter of support from a responsible official of the community must accompany the application. The current cost of the permit is $62.30 per day.

In addition to thinking about what liquor license may be required, you also need to think about the potential liability where alcohol is served at a function. This is something that should be seriously considered. I strongly suggest speaking with a lawyer about general liability, ensuring proper insurance coverage is also important. I don’t mean to be a downer on your holiday event planning, but it is important to be informed BEFORE deciding to serve alcohol at a holiday event.

This article is meant to offer basic legal information and should not be relied upon as legal opinion. Kristen can be contacted at 902-826-9140 (ext 85) or at kokeefe@kennedyschofield.ca

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**Deadline for the December 7th Issue of The Masthead News is November 30th.**
**MVP Adam Bennett to Represent Canada in Under-18 Football Championship Games**

A local senior at Sir John A Macdonald High school will be representing Canada in its national under-18 football team in January in Orlando Florida.

Adam Bennett, who lives in Tantallon, and his team mates will face off against their U. S. counterparts as part of the inaugural North American Championship on January 28th.

Adam is the running back for the SJA Flames Football team and has been voted as the Most Valuable Player. This upcoming January marks the first time that the winter series of games between the two North American national teams is being held outside of the International Bowl series.

The 40 players invited to the under-18 national team were selected from the 2016 under-18 national tackle football championship (the Football Canada Cup), held July 9th to 15th in Winnipeg.

The under-18 national teams will be led by coaches selected from the eight participating provincial teams that competed at the 2016 Football Canada Cup.

**Route 330 Tantallon—Sheldrake Lake:**

An extra trip has been added in the morning and afternoon on the Route 330 Tantallon—Sheldrake Lake.

**Municipality of Chester Kicking Off Its Brand to Promote the Area**

The Municipality of Chester is kicking off its brand by inviting residents to share what they love best about their community.

Following a community engagement process that included a workshop and survey, Chester Municipal Council selected a final brandmark and tagline that most residents feel represents the area, and they are ready to promote it.

The Municipality is asking residents to share their “happy place” or compose a favourite memory to help in the promotion.

Send it to the Municipality in the form of a photograph or written story or poem and your name will be entered to win. Winners will be announced on December 19th and submissions will be compiled for publication.

Submit electronic photos and posts via Facebook (@ChesterMunicipality), Twitter (@chestermun), Instagram (chestermuni) or by email communications@chester.ca.

Don’t forget to add the hashtag loveMODC when you send your submissions either by Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for a chance to win one of ten prize packs.

Submissions will also be accepted at 151 King Street in Chester from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or after hours in the mail slot.

Contest closes on Saturday, December 17th, 2016.

View the updated 330 Tantallon—Sheldrake Lake schedule in the Riders’ Guide or online at halifax.ca/transit/Schedules/documents/Route330.pdf.
New Improvements on St. Margaret’s Bay Road

The newly upgraded and improved St. Margaret’s Bay Road in Beechville now features a safe and secure sidewalk from Beechville all the way to Greenwood Heights in Timberlea, a new bus shelter and an off street pedestrian pathway leading into Bayers Lake.

The work was acknowledged during a special visit to the area by citizen representatives, a BLT Elementary School spokesperson, MLA Iain Rankin, and retiring HRM Councillor Reg Rankin.

The street and sidewalk work was funded by HRM with the street reconstruction taking place between the Halifax City line and Beechville’s Beech Tree Run.

A new bus shelter at Beech Tree Run comes with a new pedestrian crosswalk which will make it much safer for school students accessing the nearby convenience store, particularly during noon lunch period.

The work was estimated to have cost a total of one million dollars.

Retiring Councillor Rankin said, “Now BLT is fully connected by this last piece to Bayers Lake and to Greenwood Heights.”

Bay Treasure Chest Now Offering $500 Honorariums

The Bay Treasure Chest Association is now offering $500 honorariums to smaller groups who can provide four volunteers to assist with one weekly count.

The first to participate in this new program was the SMB Association for Community Living on October 19th.

Other participants to date are the SMB Food Bank, SMB Sea Cadets, the St. Margaret Sailing Club Junior Sail Program, and the Peggy’s Cove Arts Festival.

To see if your group is eligible for this program visit www.baytreasurechest.ca and look under the “Honorariums” tab where you will find the guidelines and the application form.

The Bay Treasure Chest weekly 50/50 draw supports local, non-profit service organizations and the Anne Martell Scholarship Fund.
Randy Hester from the Sheldrake Lake subdivision in Hubley likes to see the world through his stained glass windows. So much so that he has been creating them for close to 30 years using what he terms the “antique style” of design with glass obtained from a specialized glass supplier in Seattle, Washington. Unfortunately he has had to stop his work due to Parkinson’s disease but his amazing work will be on display at the St. Margaret’s Bay Shambhala Centre in Upper Tantallon on Sunday, November 27, from noon until 2:00 p.m., and Randy plans to be there.

The Masthead News sat down with Randy to find out more about his work. He explained that a stained glass window starts out with a large drawing that is then overlaid with pieces of colourful stained glass and lead edges before it can be completed.

Some of the glass comes from a glass blower in Scotland. His windows can be seen in many schools and churches across Nova Scotia as well as sites in the United States. Randy has been an artist since he was 16 years old and is now one of the primary stained glass artists in Nova Scotia, prominent in both Christian and Buddhist communities. He has consulted with Walt Norris of Harbour View Studios in Hubbards for the past 25 years and continues to do so in a co-working capacity with restorations and new work. Masthead News readers can view Randy’s work at www.hesterstainedglass.com/wy or they can go to the exhibit on the 27th. The Shambhala Centre is located at 13495 Peggy’s Cove Road, Upper Tantallon.

The Caravan Theatre has set up a dramatic retelling of the timeless classic, “A Child’s Christmas in Wales,” which will be performed at St. Luke’s United Church in Upper Tantallon. Four actors will transport the audience back to old-time Christmases of years gone by. Meet teacup-tipping aunts, snoring uncles, and boys who tumble into adventures out in the snow. Join them for this family-friendly story recounting the awe and wonder of childhood immortalized in holidays past. “A Child’s Christmas in Wales” takes place on December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $10 or $30 for a family. You can purchase them at the Mariposa Natural Market, 5229 St. Margaret’s Bay Road. Joining the Caravan Theatre are special guests The East Coast Carolling Company and Vivace Children’s Honour Choir. For more information visit www.caravantheatre.ca
Iris Elliot Receives the Big Brothers Big Sisters Inspire Award

The Masthead News attended the Big Brothers Big Sisters Inspire Awards Gala at the Seaport Farmers Market to witness Iris Elliot receive her Inspire Imagination Award from Reg Chitty, Manager of Value Village in Bayers Lake.

Iris spoke on the “wonderful community theatre” that makes it such a terrific thing for the kids and that “the community has been wonderful in support of the theatre.”

She also spoke on the “culture of respect” that has been shown toward the theatre for the past 21 years.

“I was very surprised and very honoured” when she heard that she was receiving the Inspire award, she said.

Iris co-founded the Unicorn Theatre with her daughter, Caroline, and is the artistic director.

The St. Margaret’s Bay Lions Ready to Sell Christmas Trees; Could Use Some Volunteers

The St. Margaret’s Bay Lions would like to sell you their Christmas trees this year, as so many do, and are also looking for volunteers to help out.

The Lions will be setting up their Christmas trees in two locations—one next to Rona’s at the Hubley Centre in Tantallon and at the local Canadian Tire Store at the Crossroads in Tantallon.

Lot times at the Rona site will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and from 1:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

At the Canadian Tire site you can purchase a tree from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday and from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Don and Michelle Bouwman will be lending a hand as key supporters at the Canadian Tire site and the Lions are looking for volunteers to help out at the Rona site.

Moring, afternoon and evening shifts are available. If interested, call 902-826-2732 to be added to the schedule.

Sales begin November 26th and continue seven days a week until all trees are sold.

The Christmas tree sale is one of the Lions’ main fund raising projects and, with these funds, the Lions are able to give back to the community in such things as providing assistance to those in need, supporting the St. Margaret’s Basy Food Bank, awarding two Sir John A. High scholarships and helping the 250 Vimy Air Cadets to name a few.

Last year, the 250 Vimy Air Cadets helped the Lions sell over 700 Christmas trees.

The SJA High School Hockey Team gets their picture taken as they unload trees at the St. Margaret’s Bay Lions Club lot near Rona at the Tantallon shopping Plaza.
Each year crowds continue to turn out at Remembrance Day commemoration across the region even though it has almost been 100 years since the first “Armistice Day”.

The village of Chester was no exception. A solemn procession of veterans of military service, joined by community organizations, marched through the community to the cenotaph near the water.

This year, members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets 351 Llewellyn in Chester held a 24 hour vigil at the monument that ended just as the parade arrived.

Following brief prayers, speeches, a moment of silence and a flyover by a Hercules airplane from the Rescue and Transport squadron at Greenwood, wreaths were placed by the monument.

After a church service, the crowd dispersed with their memories.
Five Winners Take All in Bay Treasure Chest Draws

Five winners have taken home cheques since the Masthead News last wrote an article about the Bay Treasure Chest draws. Reneé Robertson of Hammonds Plains surfaced with a $7,132 win on October 5th and Maureen Everick followed with a cheque for $6,869 on October 12th. Brenda Miller took home a $14,421 bonus on October 26th and Kevin Wile won $7,162 on November 2nd.

The last to win was Heather Manuel, who took away $7,134 on November 9th.

The first winner, Reneé Robertson, said she may have a winter vacation in store with her winnings. Maureen Everick plans to pay off some bills and enjoy a great Christmas with her family. She says that she definitely believes it pays to work in Tantallon. During her coffee break, Maureen runs downstairs to play her toonie every week. On October 13th she ran downstairs again…this time to collect her winnings.

Brenda Miller was on a beach in the Dominican Republic when Bay Treasure Chest called her home number to let her know of her $14,421. She received a text from one of her family members telling her to check her messages.

She did. When asked what she might spend her winnings on, she said her husband was planning to retire in January, so some celebratory travel could be in order—maybe a Canadiens hockey game in Montreal and another trip South! Kevin Wile said he has been planning a winter holiday, and since he also had to have his roof re-shingled, the Bay Treasure Chest winnings will go a long way towards paying for both. He couldn’t believe that he had won.

For Heather Manuel, the phrase, “The family that play their toonies together win together” has meaning. Heather and her sister and brother all play multiple Bay Treasure Chest toonies faithfully every week.

When Heather’s number was drawn on November 9th, Ev, Heather and Chuck all happily shared in the family win.

Award Supported “Awesome” Project to Appear on Bookshelves in 2017

An innovative idea to pay $100 to 10 South Shore writers for an anthology that will appear on the bookshelves in October 2017 has been approved by the Awesome South Shore Foundation.

A pitch for funding was made by Pat Thomas, owner of WindyWood Publishing in Simms Settlement/Hubbards earlier this year.

Pat wants to see inspiring, tender or lighthearted stories set along Nova Scotia’s South Shore, from Peggy’s Cove to Lockeport, in the anthology, which would contain 10 or more stories up to 3,000 words each.

Along with story submissions, people can also send in suggestions for the anthology’s title and send in submissions for cover and/or interior artwork that highlight the winter and seasonal beauty of the South Shore.

For information on how to submit stories or artwork for blind review, write to southshoreanthol@worldnet.att.net.

The anthology is open for submissions on December 1st of this year and will be closed to submissions on March 15th, 2017.

All successful writers will receive notification by May 31st regarding anthology inclusion. Stories not selected for this project will receive a brief editorial review.

Proceeds beyond anthology preparation and production costs will support literary events along Nova Scotia’s South Shore.

The Awesome South Shore Foundation is comprised of a philanthropic group of enthusiastic and supportive professionals who meet once a month for the purpose of encouraging entrepreneurship, innovation, and business success along Nova Scotia’s South Shore.

Ten of Awesome’s 30 members donate $100.00 apiece each month and then hear pitches from different people or organizations before selecting and supporting something truly “awesome”.

A total of $1,000 is awarded each month to the project selected.

“Green Christmas” at St. Margaret’s Bay Food Bank/Thrift Store December 10th

A “green Christmas” is being held at the St. Margaret’s Bay Food Bank/Thrift Store on December 10th where parents/caregivers can bring their children to the thrift store to shop for inexpensive gifts for family members and friends. Elves will wrap the smaller items for free.

The event takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The store is located at 13495 Peggy’s Cove Road in Upper Tantallon.

All of the money from purchases will go to the St. Margaret’s Bay Food Bank.

Please note that the December 21st issue of The Masthead News will not be published.

(See story on the front page)
Remembering and Supporting the HMCS Sackville:
Captain John Pickford of Hammonds Plains

Family ties and remembrances run deep in the naval community and a part of those ties and remembrances revolve around the HMCS Sackville, a World War II, iconic corvette. The Sackville is a 75-year-old veteran of the Battle of the Atlantic and the last of the Royal Canadian Navy’s (RCN’s) 123 wartime corvettes. Plans are to house it in the architecturally-striking Battle of the Atlantic Place on the historic Halifax waterfront. The current 1,000 plus membership of the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust, which ensures that future generations can have a tangible link to the significant achievements of the RCN, includes annual and life members.

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**In Memoriam**
Guy, Barbara Joan (Belliveau) – 8 Apr 1939 - 2 Dec 2015
It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce Mom’s peaceful passing on October 31, 2016, at Shorncliffe Care Home in Sechelt, B. C. Born March 18, 1939, in River Hebert, NS, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Ida Belliveau. Always the adventurer, she left home after high school to work in Halifax. She then joined the Air Force and was stationed in Sudbury, Ontario. She married and, after several more moves, settled in Victoria, BC, to raise her family. In 1982 her heart called her home to Nova Scotia where she lived until 2012, when again she made the trek across the country to be closer to her children, and settled in Sechelt, BC. She is survived by her children, Brian Guy (Terrel Lee Strange), Victoria, BC, Kim Guy (Tom Chambers), Ingramport, NS, Carolyn Belletta (Jim Belletta), Victoria, BC, Arlene Guy (David Dibdin) Sechelt, B. C, and Ian Guy (Rebecca), Surrey, BC. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and one great granddaughter, and one great granddaughter, Anna (Pat Patterson), Brighton, Ont., Buddy (Carolyn), River Hebert, NS, Cornall (Geraldine), River Hebert, NS, Murray (Joan), Amherst, NS, Jeannette (Todd Murphy), Joggins, NS, Donna (Goerge Rector), River Hebert, NS, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her parents and sister Sally Belliveau. Cremation has taken place. A celebration of her life will take place in River Hebert in the summer of 2017. Much love and to the wonderful staff at Shorncliffe/Gardenview. It was comforting to know that she was so well loved and taken care of.

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**In Appreciation**
Dauphinee
The family of the late Clyde B. Dauphinee would like to express our appreciation to all who showed support at the time of his passing. Thank you for cards, phone calls, visits, donations and words of encouragement. Our sincere gratitude to all of the doctors, nurses and volunteers of the Palliative Care Unit, Centennial Site for their care. Clyde would have certainly been pleased with the attendance at his “Celebration of Life.” Special thanks to Rev. Brianna Andrews and Pastor Darren Millet who officiated at the service and the staff of R. A. Walker’s Funeral Home for their compassion.

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**In Memoriam**
Clyde B. Spicer
8 Apr 1939 - 2 Dec 2015
Always remembered.
Maureen, Maggie and David Mike and Sue, Ed Cindy

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**OHC Opens Its Doors to Visitors**
The OHC building is pretty much complete; the lights are on; the landscaping is complete; and the folks involved with Our Health Centre opened the doors for all the neighbours to visit recently. And they truly opened their doors. Visitors were allowed to poke through the closets, look at the electrical system and plumbing works, and walk through the office and meeting. And what they saw was the result of a lot of community effort. Don Monroe, President of the OHC Association Board, said, “It’s been a long effort, seven years in the making with a lot of volunteer help. The community support has been very heartwarming.” The building will not only provide a medical practice with four doctors and a nurse practitioner, confirmed to date, it will also be being under one roof several clinics for the Nova Scotia Health Authority such as Public Health, Continuing Care, Mental Health and Addictions.

"It will take another four to six months to get all the bugs out,” says Monroe, with an official opening set for April 2017.
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Merry Christmas!
Happy New Year!
Santa Drive-by!

December 4th from 8 am - 4 pm*

Our community continues to grow and Santa is driving through your neighborhood with the help of the Hammonds Plains Fire Department to check his list!

The firefighters will be giving out Santa’s candy canes and accepting food and toy donations for the local food bank.

Neighborhoods on Santa’s list include: Highland Park, Yankeetown Rd., Maplewood, White Hills, Glen Arbour, Kingswood, Kingswood North, Upper Hammonds Plains, Uplands Park & Timbertrails Park.

(*Street routes will be posted in the subdivisions. Subject to weather and required response to emergency calls.)

Watch for the firetruck & listen for the music!

For more info or to make arrangements for special needs children contact Chief Cuthbertson at 902-220-1189

Bonnie Lea Farm just outside of Chester is launching its Annual Fund Drive with the theme “Ever wonder if you make a difference?”

The thought is so common among people of all walks of life that Bonnie Lea staff decided it was a good question to focus on at this time of year.

Volunteers and staff have been busy preparing addressed letters to their existing donors and bundling postcards that will land in the mailboxes of residents from Hubbards to Tantallon.

The idea is to assure donors that their contributions make a big difference in the lives of the people who live and work at Bonny Lea Farm.

Bonny Lea Farm has been empowering adults with disabilities since 1973.

The hope is that donations will exceed the $40,000 raised last year.

If you can give, you will go a long way to helping the disabled.

Bonnie Lea Farm’s Annual Fund Drive packages are being delivered soon.

Liz Finney matches letters with addressed envelopes.

With eyes closed, Rose prepares the return portion of Bonny Lea Farm’s Annual Fund Drive package.

Upcoming Chordially Yours Christmas Concerts

- Sunday, Dec. 4th at 7pm - St Margaret’s Anglican Church, 5639 Highway 2, Oakfield, NS
- Saturday, Dec. 10th at 7pm - Sackville Christian Fellowship, 387 Old Sackville Rd, Lr. Sackville, NS
- Sunday, Dec 18th at 7pm - First Baptist Church, 1879 Hammonds Plains Rd (across from Hatfield Farms)

Admission is free for all concerts with a free will offering being taken.

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