Exciting News from the Bay Refugee Project Team: A New Family is Coming

A letter from Steve Sharam

We are so excited to share some huge news with all of you.

Now that the Zeina family is settled in Hubbards, we’re ready to welcome the Al Badin family. After waiting for what seemed like forever, they made it through all the screenings and bureaucracy, so it’s time for us to get their house in Tantallon together and to make sure they succeed as well as the Zeina’s.

If you’re wondering how to help get them off on the right foot, there are several ways, big and small:

* Go through your closet. We need gently used or new clothing donations for the Fall and the Winter (they are not used to the Canadian climate, of course). The family is made up of Ruwaid Al Badin (age 34), his wife Ruba Herz (age 29), and 5-year-old son Albeer Al Badin. We can also share the exciting news that Ruba is expecting her second child in January, so eventually baby items will be needed as well. Ruwaid is a man’s large and his shoe size is 10.5. Ruba is a woman’s medium 10 and her shoe size is 7.5. Albeer is a boy’s 5 and is a child in size 12. Albeer will also need school gear, lunch kit, backpack, stationary, pencils, etc. He will start school as soon as his learner’s permit, so we expect they will be self-sufficient in the near future, but we need to keep them mobile until then.

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See story on page 2.

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Crossroad Artists Annual Sale at St. Luke’s Church September 23rd - 25th

Friendship in common and a love of painting is what keeps a close group of Bay area artists together under the umbrella of the Crossroad Artists. Crossroad Artists was founded 10 years ago by Beth Matthews and now meets year round on Friday mornings at St. Luke’s Church in Upper Tantallon.

The Masthead News sat down recently with member Susan Bagley who explained, “As a group we have become friends over the years, applauding each other’s achievements in art and life, while supporting each other in times of sadness or disappointment.”

She explains the members come from diverse backgrounds, including teachers, nurses, military and medical professions, among many others, that are painting with acrylics, water colours, collage, realism or abstract.

Susan said some of the group members have their own studios in their homes and most are participants in the annual Peggy’s Cove Festival of the Arts. The Crossroad Artists do have an annual sale which is being held this year at St. Luke’s Church on September 23rd - 25th.

Susan explained most of the buyers are local residents keeping in tune with the “buy local-shop local” programs in the greater Tantallon area.

Crossroad Artists include Gretchen Amrini, Susan Bagley, Vicky Bechard, Sue Belding, Patrick Charlton, Elise Duane, Sue George, Maria Kuttner, Andree LaChance, Beth Matthews, Paulette Melanson and Debbie Smith.

Susan said, “There has always been a sense of nurturing those with less experience through gentle critique and helpful hints. As a result we have all grown as artists, learning from each other.”

Readers can observe the group online at their website www.CrossroadArtists.ca.

A Profile on Bruce Smith, Candidate for District 12

Bruce Smith
Focused on community enhancement, public transit, safety, health, local businesses and arts and culture, Bruce was also a candidate for District 12 in the 2012 election.

He intends to be a hard-working full-time councilor if elected...

“I believe in equal representation for every community, every street, every person,” he says. “I undertake each initiative with great enthusiasm, forging creative, inclusive partnerships that result in a logical resolution.”

As a project manager and professional designer who has worked across Canada, the U.S. and Europe, Bruce is a proven leader with extensive experience in management, community building and developing relationships.

His community leadership efforts to save local parks led to the construction of the Lacewood Transit Terminal in its present location.

The Antique Cars Just Keep Rolling Out

More than 180 antique cars and trucks were on hand Saturday, August 20th, attending the Kyock Resources 11th Annual Antique Car Show on the Hammonds Plains Road.

The various owners had a full afternoon and evening of chatting with their fellow drivers while their families enjoyed hot dogs, fish and chips, and a special pig roast.

Entrants this year came from as far away as British Columbia, Ontario, most Atlantic provinces and some places in-between.

One vehicle was even spotted bearing a California license plate. Vernan Kyock said, “There are a lot of unusual cars this year—some here for the first time.”

He noted some owners of the antique vehicles brought their own motor homes and campers so they could enjoy the show in comfort.

Two of the unique vehicles on display included a 1932 Ford Douce Coupe owned by Clark Brunelle of Hubley and a 1948 Ford Woodie Wagon owned by Bill Dolan of Halifax.

Show sponsors this year were NAPA Auto Parts, Fairly and Stevens, and OK Tire.

The event saw a number of prize draws with all proceeds going to the SPCA along with all monies generated from food sales.
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**IONA STODDARD, COUNCILOR DISTRICT 12**

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IONA’S PLATFORM INCLUDES

- Inclusiveness, Transparency, Economic Recovery, Youth Issues, Seniors, Respectful Living and a Commitment to the Community she has lived in for over 20 years, the same community she has raised her family in.

Nicolas Riviere

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**Iona Stoddard, candidate for Councilor in District 12 in the October elections coming up, says that she believes “the HRM should be a city that can identify with its constituents.”**

- It must respect all of its citizens and give them full access to HRM’s resources, she says.
- “I believe in inclusiveness, equal treatment and transparency, economic growth, more business opportunities for small and local businesses and a fair tax system.”

- She adds that in order for young adults to “prosper here in HRM,” we need to support them better than “having them move away to get a job.”
- For seniors she is saying, “Lobby the Province for affordable health care, transit and low income housing.”

- In the way of commitment, “I will be your voice for District 12 and HRM and I will have an open door policy.”

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### Update on the Municipal and School Board Elections in Chester

As the municipal and school board elections take place across the province on October 15th, three of the councilors for the Municipality of the District of Chester won’t have to wait until then to see if they have a job or not.

- They are already acclaimed to their positions, running unopposed.
- The councilors are Andre Veinotte, District #1; Tina Comors, District #7; and Floyd Shatford, who was first elected in 1997.

There will be a choice for the electors in District #3, however, as Brad Armstrong is not re-offering after serving for two terms.

- Brenda Malrounney and Danielle Barkhouse are vying for his former position.

- In District #4 Paul Burnell is challenging the incumbent, Alen Webber, and in District #5 there are three individuals: Abdella Assaff, Heather (Campbell) Brooker and Rhonda Myra Zwicker.

- These three are seeking the position left vacant after the death of former councilor Robert Myra earlier this year.

- In District #6, voters have a choice between the incumbent Sharon Church, who was first elected in 1999, and Doug Sharpman.

- At the South Shore Regional School Board there are three candidates: Theresa Griffin, the incumbent, Jan Jollymore and Max Rafuse.

- Vernon Mills has been acclaimed as the African Nova Scotian Member of the Board.

- Hank Middleton was unopposed in his bid to become a Member of the Conseil Scolaire Académique Provincial for this area.

- For more information about the election, readers are advised to contact the Assistant Returning Officer at 902-275-3631 or via email at election@chester.ca

### The Race Is On

and Steve Warburton are seeking to get elected.

Important dates for elections in Halifax for both HRM Council and the Halifax Regional School Board include Advance Polls (in person voting) on October 8th and 9th from noon to 8:00 p.m.

Advance Internet and Telephone Voting begins at 8:00 a.m. on October 4th and ends at 7:00 p.m. on October 13th, twenty-four hours per day (e-vote).

### Citizens Meet to Discuss Potential Business and Residential Design Controls in Chester

- Approximately 25 people gave up a warm summer evening, or watching Olympic games, to discuss residential and business design controls in Chester on August 15th.
- This was part of an ongoing municipal “revision” exercise—a consultation exercise started in 2014 to improve plans and bylaws. Following a brief presentation by planner Sean Gillis with the Municipality of the District of Chester, citizens gathered in groups with flip charts and maps.
- While the topic might have seemed a bit dry, the discussion grew fairly animated as they pondered what limits and controls should be set into bylaws for any new development that would be allowed in the commercial area of the village and along the waterfront.
- Up for discussion were questions about the type of siding materials that should be used—whether brick was acceptable, for instance—the size and shape of windows, the distance between buildings, and the type of waterfront development that could be allowed.

Following this meeting the next step will be to send the information to both the Citizens Planning Advisory Committee and the Village Advisory Committee, both committees reporting to Municipal Council, said Gillis.

He also indicated that any hard and fast rules would be the subject of further public consultations before becoming bylaws.
If you are not currently advertising, but would like to reach an audience of 15,207 homes and businesses in the Western HRM (Tantallon, Hammonds Plains and St. Margaret’s Bay), as well as Chester, here is your chance!

GET INTO EVERY HOME AND EVERY BUSINESS IN THIS FASTEST GROWING AREA OF NOVA SCOTIA!

Minimum of 3 issues required at $52 each + HST.
With the rising curiosity and interest in mindfulness and meditation, I would like to share my own experience and understanding, arising from my personal journey and exploration of mindfulness over the past seven years.

My journey began when I discovered mindfulness, and I share my experience with others in my community and raise their awareness of how mindfulness can be beneficial to those who may also be going through difficult emotions.

Seven years ago my 20-year-old son died in a tragic accident in India. After completing two years at Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, he felt that he wanted to expand his horizons and take a year off to travel. After four and a half months in New Zealand, working on organic farms, he flew to India.

He was a very self-aware and curious young man and was exploring meditation at an Ashram in southern India. One day he returned to the room that he was renting on the second floor in a small village, did a wash, and flipped one of his shirts over against a high tension wire and he was electrocuted. It was around that time that the other side.

What I knew for sure was that I thought about my son in the past, was going to fall off one side. What I thought I would feel was fine, I would fall off the other side. What I had to try to do was stay in the present, not thinking about the future or the past, and slowly putting one foot in front of the other. Eventually I got to the other side. This image had more meaning for me at the time—and since then—because I thought I had to stay focused on the present and take it step-by-step, one day at a time.

We buried my son’s ashes on June 25th, 2009, exactly seven weeks after his death. The next day, June 28th, my 66th birthday, I decided to learn about mindfulness and I have been on a journey of exploration ever since. Mindfulness was a way to try to make sense of my son’s death and what I was feeling. What I discovered was not at all what I had expected.

I mention this because my son’s experience with mindfulness and the positive impact it has had on my life through difficult emotional times.

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For more information, please feel free to send me an email at harrycook@easlink.ca.

Vernon’s Diner to Reflect 1950’s Theme with Thunderbird T-Bird on Top of Building

The foundations have been poured and the walls are going up on what Vernon’s Diner on the Hammonds Plains Road near the Glen Arbour intersection with either a late 2016 or early March 2017 opening, according to Vernon Kynock. Vernon’s Diner is one of Mr. Kynock’s newest ventures. The restaurant will be a 4,000 square foot, modern diner that will relate to the old-fashioned “diner era.”

A custom-made, fibreglass, 1956 Thunderbird T-Bird is under construction by a firm in Wisconsin and when finished, will sit atop the roof, complete with LED lights and spotlights. It will overlook the diner’s outdoor picnic area, walking pathways, and nearby Disc Golf, where customers can also enjoy the outdoor patio.

The outdoor picnic area will include parking for 100 cars and trucks. There will be three takeaway windows, a drive thru, and picnic tables for customers. Vernon says the response to his request for staff has been very positive.

Plans for some of the staff may include taking outside orders from vehicles while using relater blades, and inside service of beer, wine and limited spirits.

“Taco’s will be free in season and we plan on featuring entertainment once a week,” said Vernon.
Highlander Law Group Expands to Offer Family Law Services

“It’s certainly been a whirlwind of a year,” says Highlander Law Group founder, Dianna Rievaj. “The support from the community has been fantastic.” The firm, located in the RBC plaza in Tantallon, offers the range of services individuals and small businesses typically need. Rievaj comments, “My theory is, people who live here don’t want to spend extra time in the city. I felt if I could build a firm that offered an equivalent service to a city firm, people would gladly keep their legal dollars in the community.”

It turns out her theory was right. Despite only opening earlier this year, Highlander Law Group has already had to expand. An intern paralegal was brought on over the summer and Articled Clerk, Peter Duke, will join the firm this winter. The firm has also recently expanded its service offering to include contested family matters. It’s really that when relationships break down professional assistance is often beneficial in resolving the situation, particularly when children are involved. Joseph Cuffari joined Highlander this summer to fill this need. As a senior practitioner, he brings 35 years’ experience to the firm. He also has experience in the areas of probate, real estate and corporate planning. “Marital breakdown can be an intensely personal and painful experience,” notes Cuffari. “Having been through divorce myself, I empathize with my clients. I also understand that every relationship is unique and I work hard to help the parties come to a resolution that fits their situation.”

MacGillivray is in the process of being certified as both a Trademark lawyer and a Trademark agent as well as a Trust and Estate Planner (TEP). “The business world is constantly evolving. I think it’s critical to stay up to date on the resulting legal implications,” observes MacGillivray.

Highlander Law Group, even in its infancy, is developing the reputation of providing a different sort of law firm experience. Rievaj chuckles. “One day our courier said, ‘It feels like a spa in here.’” Spa is a bit of an overstatement, but they do go out of their way to help their clients feel comfortable. They focus on the simple things like an honest smile when you come in the door and returning messages promptly. If you’re not sure how a lawyer can help, schedule an Issue Review Consult for the fixed cost of $100 + tax. You will sit down with the lawyer who would handle your file, fully explain your situation and get an opinion on your options, possible outcomes and cost. You can proceed or walk away without any further obligation. To learn more, visit Highlanderlaw.ca, call 902-826-3079, email info@highlanderlaw.ca.

Unicorn’s Pegasus Program Offering Older Youth An Exciting Opportunity in Theatre

Following up on the success of its inaugural workshop in May, Unicorn Theatre is proud to present its Pegasus program’s Fall Workshop Series for aspiring actors in grades 7 to 12.

The series kicks off on September 24th with a workshop on Acting Techniques, lead by local actor/writer Katerina Bakolias, who is also a Unicorn Theatre alumna. The workshop will focus on scene work, character, breaking down text, warm-ups and preparation techniques.

On October 8, Henri Giels, a member of the Halifax theatre community, will share his expertise in Improv with workshop participants. Henri has performed with Make “Em Ups Improv Co. and at the Canadian Improv Games. Stage Make-up is the subject of the October 22nd workshop, lead by make-up artist/actor/singer Morgan Mehnyk. Workshop participants will learn what stage make-up is all about, including aging make-up techniques and creating fake wounds.

The cost of each workshop is $40 or $99 for all three.

For more information about Pegasus and the workshops, go to Unicorn Theatre’s website at www.unicorntheatre.ca and the theatre’s Facebook page.

Intrigue Around Mystery Wall and Ruins Continues

The intrigue around the Bayers Lake Mystery Wall and ruins continues. One of the first people to discover the wall was an 85-year-old man living in Timberlea—Marshall Longard. Longard was in the trucking business and hauling asphalt in 1961 for the Bicentennial Highway as it received its first pavement. It was during a break in the work that Marshall wandered into the woods and found the rock foundations and rock walls overlooking the yet-to-be Bayers Lake Business Park. He said, “I was amazed to discover some interesting stonework.”

Hidden in the woods were stone ruins of old, five-sided buildings, stone fences and stone steps leading to a high point overlooking Beechville, Timberlea and, on clear days, into the St. Margaret’s Bay region. It is speculated that these mystery ruins may have been used for military purposes or just as fences and buildings for an old farm. A lichenologist declared in 1998 that the rocks on the site had not been disturbed since 1798. Investigators are hopeful that further tests, examinations, and historical research will eventually solve the mystery.

Michelle O’Connor Wins $21,424 in Bay Treasure Chest Draw

You won’t believe what happened!

“We can hardly believe it ourselves,” says Ed Bottrell of the Bay Treasure Chest.

Michelle has three numbers that she plays regularly and she won the August 31st draw with the same number! The money Michelle wrote Ed. Michelle walked away with $21,424.
Turning Community Vision Into Reality

Working with the Municipal and Provincial levels of Government and local organizations/clubs/groups through volunteerism and earning leadership skills from 20 years of entrepreneurship has given Harry Ward a unique understanding of the wants, needs and visions of the communities of District #13.

Harry has the experience, the understanding, the confidence and the vision. Now he needs your vote.

The opportunity has now arisen for the election of a new representative for District #13. He grew up in district #13 (Lewis Lake), worked hard all of his life creating a small business, and with his vast volunteer portfolio, Harry has learned the skills to move to the next level of community leadership. Representing the area of District #13 as councillor. On October 15, 2016, vote Harry Ward for District #13 Council. Let’s all work together in turning community visions into reality.

Testimonial

Harry Ward “Councillor for District 13”

I became excited when Harry told me he would be running for Councillor in District 13. I have known Harry since 2010 when he was appointed to the Board of Directors for the former Lewis Lake Fire Hall (recently renamed to the Estabrooks Community Hall). I also knew him as a fellow colleague on the Board of Five Bridge Wilderness Heritage Trust where he has been Board Chair since 2013 and a key player in the functioning of the Bay Treasure Chest since its inception.

Harry grew up in Lewis Lake and continues to live there, being active in his community for years. I can attest he cares deeply about his community. He is dedicated and works tirelessly.

What impresses me about Harry is his persistence to get things done. When he faces a road block, he figures out a “work around” to achieve his goal. By way of example, he was able to get property taxes substantially (75%) reduced for the Estabrooks Centre which helps ensure the centre remains sustainable for generations to come.

He is a forward thinker, always coming up with ideas to help local community groups, both young and old, thrive within the community. He has recently outreach his ideas across community groups in St. Margaret’s Bay and Hammonds Plains. I won’t get into these ideas at this time as I will leave it up to him to tell you on the door step.

Peter Lund
Former District HRM Councillor for Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets
Dartmouth, NS

Commitment

Volunteering in the community for 16 yrs old, Harry is the definition of dedication.

Integrity

Community first driven, Harry can be counted on to do the right thing in a reliable way.

Service

Harry knows and understands what hard-work is and isn’t afraid of it to better his community.

Achievements

Harry investigated seemingly inflated expenditures in heating/cooling/ventilation costs and uncovered an engineering problem in the building. In finding this problem, Harry saved ACC 40% of annual expenditures in heating/cooling/ventilation!

Harry has been on the board of director’s of the Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust (FBWHT) since 2009. He has been either Co-Chair or Chair of the organization for the past 5 years.

He was active in having 8500 hectares of land between the 103 and around the 333 highways protected under the Wilderness Protections Act of Nova Scotia.

Harry organizes the annual May Fair.

Harry conceptualized, developed and implemented the process of naming trails after exceptional people in the community.

Harry is a past chair of the now Estabrooks Community Hall. Harry has been a sitting board member since 2011. The centre was deemed for demolition by HRM, but the community stepped in and saved it. With hard work and determination, this hall has become a very busy gathering place for the community.

Harry disagreed and challenged HRM for three years in regards to the ECH tax bill. In the face of HRMs repeated refusal to take any action, Harry appealed with Property Valuation, initially the tax bill was reduced from $29,000 to $2,800, but Harry believed it should be lower. He continued to fight and now the ECH tax bill is $1,200 annually.
After much deliberation and consultation with my Friends, Family, Colleagues and you, the general public, I have decided to throw my hat in the ring in the upcoming Municipal election to represent the people of District 12, Timberlea-Beechville-Clayton Park-Wedgewood!

Overwhelmingly, people are saying it would be a natural progression for me. Over the years I’ve served people in many capacities. Whether it was on my local Church Council or on the Mainland Common Recreation Centre Board, as a Councillor on the old Halifax County Council or as an MLA in Timberlea-Prospect and many, many volunteer boards and service organizations in-between, I have always enjoyed serving the people in my community, city and province.

As a builder and community leader, I have taken much pride in accomplishing things that make life better for those around me. No matter if it was a little local playground, an addition to my local church, or a larger project like the twinning of Highway #103, or the initial planning that led to the Canada Games Centre, I always find it rewarding to see the smiles on peoples’ faces when something makes their lives a little bit better.

More recently, I have had the honour and the pleasure of serving on the board of Engage Mainland North and the Fairview Community Association.

Both organizations are made up of great community volunteers striving to create opportunities for the betterment of the community.

Another opportunity we can capitalize on is the proximity of the Lacewood Business District, the Lakeside Industrial Park, and the Bayers Lake Business Park to the District. As our Councillor I will work to bring major employers to the area, creating jobs for those living in the District.

I also recognize there are some Halifax Transit issues that need to be addressed. You have told me parking in certain areas is an issue, as are places to meet and gather and recreation facilities.

From my perspective, City Hall is spending a lot of time and energy on the downtown plan and not enough time, energy and funding on the suburban areas like District 12. We need a strong voice to represent District 12 to ensure our community is developed responsibly and that the infrastructure needs are met as that development occurs.

It will be an honour to serve you and I respectfully ask you for your support in the fall election.

Truly Yours,
Bruce Holland

E-vote anytime, anywhere for municipal and school board elections from October 4 – 13, 2016

Election Day: October 15, 2016
See halifax.ca/election for voting information
An Advanced Care Paramedic by training, John Bignell is passionate about his city of Halifax and the power of positive politics.

John has worked in District 12 as a small business owner and in the EHS Central Region.

A firm believer in the importance of community involvement, John has served on numerous boards of directors, including those that are concerned about the Otter Lake Waste Facility and the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Regional Park.

In 2016 John was awarded both the Provincial and Municipal Volunteer Awards to recognize his long-standing leadership and commitment to the District 12 community.

John is a husband and a father of two young boys. This community is where he made his roots and it is the place where his children will grow up and build memories.

To lead this city, you need to love it and its people like family.

John is determined to be a strong voice in Halifax, believing it is time for a change and a new direction in this great city.

He understands this need for strong leadership in Halifax and vows to work every day to ensure the area he represents has a say in our city’s future.

Let’s build the best city in Canada, one that we all can be proud of.

It is your city, your vote. Make it count.

“I want to be part of a new generation of community leaders taking up the challenges of our city. Together we can build a city that our children will be proud to call home.”

Vote

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Deadline for the October 19th Issue of The Masthead News is October 12th.
Marco Ferro Running as Liberal Candidate for Chester-St. Margaret’s in Next Provincial Election

As a small business owner, Marco Ferro understands the importance of maintaining the area’s appeal and potential growth that is coming to the area. He is passionate about community development, progress, and hard work. He is committed to demonstrate these qualities to the voters and would be honoured to earn the opportunity to represent the community and its interests on behalf of the Chester-St. Margaret’s Bay area. Marco hopes to bring a fresh voice to the legislative process, while working with organizations in the community. He tells the Masthead that “Many efforts can be made at the Provincial level; however, we have a chance to drive real change and secure funds to preserve our community, while helping incorporate natural growth.” He explains that this is a sensitive topic that requires much thought and planning and he feels he would be an excellent candidate to foster such change. His background as a project/ sales engineer and small business owner in the area has given him extensive experience in customer relations, planning, coordination, consulting, and completion of major projects. He is excited to bring these skills to this job and develop new skills to help this constituency.

Marco understands the importance of community involvement. As an individual who grew up in this community, Marco states he “was always involved in the community, and at an early age started volunteering. I coached minor sports for multiple years as a youth, and was a volunteer tutor for many youth in the area.”

He had an interest in leadership at an early age, heading many organizations and classes as a student, but put this passion on hold while he developed his skills in the work force. Marco now feels it is time to return to this passion and represent his peers again.

“As a father I see the importance of strong community and how this helps to shape our young people, who in turn carry our community forward.”

Marco is energetic, passionate, committed, and believes in hard work and honesty. He believes that listening to constituents, community development and maintenance, such as Rails to Trails and planning for area growth, are important to his campaign. He hopes to entice new businesses to the area which may employ the youth in the community and help build the tax base.

Marco also understands the importance of health care equity and equality in the area. He understands the gravity of providing families assistance and caring for family members in their homes, as he himself was a primary caregiver for a family member during their time of need.

Marco also looks to focus on upgrading local area infrastructure, such as playgrounds, sports facilities for youth and seniors, and local venues, while driving local community fundraisers and events through local support. Marco has always had a passion for governance, and at 36 years old, feels he can be a strong, long-term voice for the community. He hopes to have the pleasure of being not only the Liberal candidate, but the MLA of this remarkable community.
Bay Chorale Embarking on 10th Season of Choral Music

The Bay Chorale is embarking on its 10th season of making choral music in St. Margaret's Bay. “Our 2016-2017 season will offer two concerts, as has become our tradition,” says a news release. “As we celebrate and reflect on 10 years of choral music in St. Margaret’s Bay, our tradition,” says a news release. “As we celebrate and reflect on 10 years of choral music in St. Margaret’s Bay, our tradition,” says a news release.

The repertoire is primary for women’s voices, a decision made due to low numbers of tenors and basses. However, “We are excited to be offering a special opportunity for male voices to join a featured men’s chorus in our annual holiday concert,” says Zinck.

The program is not all drill and drudgery,” he says. “It provides opportunities for camps, travel both in and outside of the province, and leadership development.” These are skills the youth can use for the rest of their lives,” says Annette Zinck, a member of the Navy League and the mother of a child in the program. “My son was proud to be able to go to camp and you don’t have to be 18 to go,” says Zinck.

Cadets lead the Battle of the Atlantic Parade in Chester.
Blessing of the Pets (Yours) Takes Place October 2nd

The Anglican Parish of French Village invites everyone to the Blessing of the Pets on Sunday, October 2, at 2:00 p.m. The location is at St. George’s Anglican Church, Head of St. Margaret’s Bay.

This fun service is for people of all ages and their mostly furry pets or favorite stuffed animal. The blessing commemorates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and is held on the lawn of the church or inside if the weather is inclement. Pets need to be properly leashed or caged.

“If you are able to contribute, we will collect pet food for the St. Margaret’s Bay Pet Food Bank to help those who have pets but can’t always afford to feed them well,” says a press release.

The blessing will read as follows:

“Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord God, in all your creatures. Amen!”

Go to www.parishoffrenchvillage.ca for service times and more information.

Did We Mention It’s Free???

By Rick Ratcliffe

They come to the learning centres by bus, by car, by truck, jeep, bike, foot, and by hitches hiking.

They come in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings. “They” are a part of a learning force which now numbers 5,000 people province-wide. “They” are adult learners prepared to continue their learning journey that was cut short for many personal reasons. Now they are ready to learn. Adult learning is not new. It has a long history in this province of brave and inspired adults who recognize a need to improve their skill sets—some to improve employment opportunities; some to be able to read to their children and grandchildren.

Whatever their needs, a dedicated group of coordinators and teachers are ready to assist learners in their personal development. What has evolved is a series of centers and classrooms with resources available to grow students into achieving their personal goals at their own pace and comfort level.

“We have individual tutors, traditional classrooms, and classes that run like the old-fashioned, one room school house where a variety of subjects are being taught at once,” said Deborah Ratcliffe, Coordinator of the program for the Western HRM Community Learning Network.

“Our instructors adjust their programs to meet the needs of each individual in conjunction with established personal goals,” she continued.

The programs are offered free of charge and the learning centers are located throughout the province in safe and public environments.

Five thousand Nova Scotians are currently enrolled in the programs but there is always room for more. Students appreciate the personal learning paths they set with the instructors and are motivated to learn at their own pace.

They enjoy working with other adults and often assist or encourage other in their learning journeys. “No longer do they feel alone or out of place in a rapidly growing society,” says Deborah. “They now have attainable goals and work hard to achieve them.”

People interested in joining the learning force are encouraged to contact Deborah at 902-225-6529. It is one telephone call which could change your life.

Adult learning is funded by governments and agencies bent on improving work force skills and life skills in innovative ways.

(See a related story below).

Portrait of a Proud Adult Learner

By Lesta Armstrong

Editor’s Note: Many people are taking advantage of the adult learning programs being offered by the Western HRM Community Learning Network and the following story, which is filled with human interest, shows how much hope and support is being put into his efforts to catch up on his education and change his life. We hope you enjoy the article.

Firman (last name withheld) attends adult literacy classes two afternoons a week under the Western HRM Community Learning Network in Hubbards. Right now, he is studying math and English and a bit of science.

In math, he is working on fractions and long division and in English he is working on vocabulary, main ideas and stories.

He started the program when it was first offered in his community 17 years ago.

At that time he met with a volunteer tutor once a week and has been attending the program off and on ever since. By the time Firman finished grade 8 in his elementary school, he was told he was a “really slow learner.”

He said that the teachers didn’t think he was going to complete his education and that despite his efforts to catch up on his education and change his life. We hope you enjoy the article.

Firman decided to start the adult learning program because he wanted more school skills and to learn new tasks and new work that he didn’t have a chance to learn in school.

Over the years Firman has gained a lot of life and work experience. He was invited to go to Ontario to work with his great friend, Cheryl. He worked in a donair shop first, making donairs, pizza, and Lebanese food. Then he worked in a family-owned restaurant with his teacher, Captain Eddy’s. He stayed there for about three or four years.

He also worked in Calgary for about a year and a half, working in a grocery where the manager wanted him to train him to be a meat cutter.

Firman said he was willing to try it, but it was not for him. During an interview, Firman shared his dream with me—to have his own restaurant. His goals for his dream are to get his grade 12, which he said he would open more doors—then study culinary arts at NSCC.

Firman remembers being nervous, with butterflies in his stomach, when he started the adult literacy program.

Now he is more open and more confident. He likes doing it for himself and the tutors have helped him along his journey.

Now he has more self-esteem and more confidence. After we finished the interview and as we were collecting our things, Firman said, “Every day… I paused and looked at him. “Every day I think about it, about having my own restaurant.”

Unicorn’s “Oldies But Goldies” Tread the Boards Again October 22nd

The adult members of the Unicorn Theatre and some of their friends are inviting everyone to join them for the 2016 Oldies But Goldies show at 7:30 p.m. on October 22nd at the Bay Community Centre.

The show, which is suitable for all ages, is an eclectic mix of musical theatre numbers (including songs from popular Broadway shows and musicals that Unicorn Theatre actors have recently presented) and laugh-out-loud comedy, much of it courtesy of the ravishingly beautiful “Bay-Bettes”. Oldies But Goldies is a fundraiser for the Unicorn Theatre.

Tickets are $10 for adults, and $5.00 for children, students and seniors.

Reservations are essential. To reserve, please call the theatre at 902-857-2121.

The Unicorn Theatre would like to acknowledge, with thanks, funding received from the Bay Treasure Chest.

Deadline for the October 19th Issue of The Masthead News is October 12th.
Community Advocate Scott Guthrie Announces HRM Candidacy for Timberlea-Beechville-Clayton Park-Wedgewood Council Seat

Born and raised in BLT, Scott Guthrie is throwing his community advocacy hat into the political arena.

In officially announcing his candidacy to represent HRM District 12 (Timberlea-Beechville-Clayton Park-Wedgewood), Guthrie says he’s grateful for the opportunity to run.

Guthrie says the decision was made with the complete support of his wife, Charmaine, his 19-year-old daughter, Cara, and his 11-year-old son, Zain.

“I have deep roots here, he says. “I was born and raised in BLT. My parents moved here in 1964. I grew up feeling safe and connected to my community. As a young boy, I explored every road on my bike. I swam in Otter Lake, before the landfill. I learned to drive on the streets of Clayton Park and Wedgewood (with apologies to anyone having to drive behind me in those first scary weeks!). I graduated from Sir John A. Macdonald High School, and my daughter graduated from Halifax West. This is my home.”

Guthrie retired from a 22-year military career that allowed him to live in many different communities across Canada. He says the pull to move home was powerful. Currently employed as a Business Development Manager with a national company, Guthrie says running for a seat on council is a natural fit.

“My military service may have ended, but the passion I have for public service didn’t. No matter where I lived, I always found a way to contribute. When I moved home, that didn’t change,” explains Guthrie. “In fact, I think being home ramped things up for me.”

The 47-year-old is an active board member of the Otter Lake Community Monitoring Committee (CMC) and the Halifax Waste Resource Society, and is Vice-Chair for both organizations.

Guthrie is also an active member of the School Advisory Council (SAC) for Halifax West, and the Crosswalk Safety Society of Nova Scotia. In these roles, Guthrie has worked closely with current members of city council, municipal staff, and provincial members of the legislature.

Guthrie isn’t just politically active, he’s also physically active. An avid outdoorsman, when he’s not working, or serving on committees, you can usually find him hiking, fishing, kayaking, and exploring nature in, and around, the Halifax region with his family.

“In that capacity, I believe council must play an increasing role in the protection of our environment,” he says. “We need to preserve what we have for future generations, but we also need to find a balance between responsible development and sustainable growth.”

Guthrie believes his community involvement, and caring leadership, set him apart from other candidates.

“Before I had any thoughts about entering politics, I was just genuinely interested in contributing,” he says. “My drive to help-to lend a hand, or a voice to a project, or to search out meaningful solutions to problems—it’s how I was raised. This is what growing up here taught me: that to get ahead, you have to get along; and to get along, you have to go along—and going along isn’t always about agreeing.”

“It means you work hard, you lend a hand, and you get involved because that’s how a good community becomes a GREAT community. Being an active participant is what I have always done, and is what I will always do. Running for council is just an extension of my lifelong passion to serve.”

Municipality of Chester Selects Director of Finance

Since announcing the fall retirement of their current and long-time Director of Finance, Steve Graham, the Municipality of Chester has been searching for the perfect candidate to fill the key position. Nancy Dave was selected as the successful candidate out of 50 applicants and accepted the Municipality’s offer as their newest employee.

“Although we will miss Steve tremendously and wish him well in his retirement, we couldn’t be more pleased in welcoming Nancy,” says Tammy Wilson, CAO for the Municipality. “Her professionalism and motivation are a great fit for our organization, and her expertise will provide the Municipality with the edge it needs to continue being at the forefront in fiscal sustainability.”

The Director of Finance holds one of the most critical jobs in the Municipality—being accountable for fiscal operations.

“With Nancy’s background as a Chartered Professional Accountant, holding a Bachelor of Business Administration, and her extensive 24-year work history in both the public and private sectors, she is truly the right individual for this position,” says a press release.

Personally, Nancy is a proud mother of three children, focusing much of her spare time on family life. She spends much of that time enjoying the outdoors, including running, family trail walks, and being on the water.

“I am looking forward to my new job with MODC and being involved with the surrounding communities,” says Nancy.
Three groups that support sustainable transportation on multi-use trails in and around the greater St. Margaret’s Bay area, Lewis Lake and the St. Margaret’s Bay area, following funding announcements last in August from Timberlea/ Prospect MLA Ian Rankin on behalf of Nova Scotia Energy Minister Michael Samson.

The Five Bridges Wilderness Heritage Trust (FBWHT) received a $50,000 grant from Connect2 and $50,000 from the Off Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund. With the help of the Safety-minded ATV Association they will continue infrastructure work in the Five Bridges Lake Area and towards Goodwood.

Harry Ward, Chair of FBWHT, said “This will support community members’ ability to enjoy larger areas of our wilderness, now and into the future.”

A second group, the Saint Margaret’s Bay Area Rails to Trails Association (SMARTA) will be getting $35,000 through Connect2, $25,000 from HRM, $9,699.89 from Mountain Equipment Co-op and $40,000 from the Off Highway Vehicle Infrastructure Fund. SMARTA also received a $40,000 Recreation Facility Development Grant earlier this year from the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage.

Some of the $40,000 has already been resurfacing and upgrading about six kilometers of trail and for upgrades to Round Lake Bridge, Pipeline Bridge and Indian River Bridge.

Next year’s big bridge project will see work on the Puddle Bridge deck (the part of the bridge you walk on). Anne Patrick, chair of SMARTA, said the new funding “will provide the only active transportation connection between eight communities from Lewis Lake to Hubbards.”

Ms. Patrick added, “Our trail users are encouraged to use the new 30 vehicle parking area behind Mariposa on Station Road. She also took the opportunity to remind cyclists, one of the larger users of the trails, to use their helmets to avoid conflicts with walkers and runners.

“Rob Whitman added, “It was a highly anticipated, exciting announcement. The funds are very needed and appreciated.”

Representatives on hand from the various organizations for the announcement included Ian Musial, Harry Ward, Beth McGee (FBWHT), Mike Marriott (Safety Minded ATV Association), Anne Patrick and Bob Angus (SMARTA).
Fri., Sept. 23, Crossroad Artists Annual Show and Sale, 4–8 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 24 & 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Luke’s Church, 5374 St. Margaret’s Bay Road, Upper Tantallon B3Z 2H1.

Sat., Sept. 24, Lindsey’s Hands Up for Cash! Annual Event will be held at the Estabrooks Community Hall, 4408 St. Margaret’s Bay Road, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a family fun day with a BBQ, games, bouncy castles, snow cones, cotton candy and special visitors for the kids and more. Cash event only. All going to Bereavement Services. Contact Lindsey at 902-229-4172.

Sat., Sept. 24, Newfie Breakfast at the Chester Basin Legion from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. In memory of our fishing fisherfolk, from scratch pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fried ham or bologna, toast or homemade biscuit, juice and coffee. $7.00. Take-out available.

Mon., Sept. 26, Humberside Plains Historical Society General Meeting and Garden Tour at the Humberside Plains Community Center (across from the fire station), 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please note the meeting this evening will be “Barrels and Boxes—Part of Humberside Plains Heritage.” Open to the public with refreshments.

Sat., Oct. 1, Yard Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, St. Andrew’s Church, 2553 St. Margaret’s Bay Road, Timberlea. Yard sale, outdoor market and competitions. Contacted by phone only; 50% of proceeds to St. Andrew’s Church. Call 902-275-5190.

Sat., Oct. 1, Ham, salt, cooked potato and baked bean supper being held at St. Peter’s Church, 10051 Peggy’s Cove Rd., from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dessert, tea and coffee included. Cost for adults $12.00, children 6 – 12 years $6.00. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

Sat., Oct. 1, A Nun’s Memorial Golf Tournament, Take place at the Chester Golf Course. Shot Gun start 10:00 a.m. Cost per team $360 (max 4 golfers & 2 caddies) per team. Flotation, Decking, Framing, and Ramp/Wharf. We’ll identify and repair any issues with the wood, remove and replace corroded hardware and inspect Buoy and Lead Lines. Mooring Mtce removal from the water is imperative to prolonging its life. The time is NOW to have those fall projects done.

Sun., Oct. 2, Chester Minor Hockey Association presents “Esso Fun Diesel” at the Chester Rink from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Open to females 5-17 years old. No experience necessary, no gear required. Free entry for participating Cookie & drink sponsored by Chester Subway. Keep your sticks on the ice. You must register with Tanya White at cutie102001@yahoo.com or 902-299-0254.


Sat., Oct. 8, Crab Tournament at the Little Red School, Canaan, starting 11:00 a.m. Cost $20 per team. Cash prizes.


Sat., Oct. 15, Blandford Community Centre Salt and Pepper Supper, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Adults $12, youth $6.00 (5 to 12), under 5 free. Silent Auction.


Sun., Oct. 16, Annual Humberside Plains Lions Club Golf Tournament, 10:00 a.m., Chester Golf Course. Teams of 5 players—Shutgun Start. Registration $10 plus applicable green fees per person. Lots of fun and prizes. To call register Rhys Harms at 902-857-9555.

Wed., Oct. 19, “55 Alive“ Driver Refresher Course, Hubards Area Lions Club, 9:00 a.m. A six hour, classroom-based program that updates your knowledge about Motor Vehicle Regulations, the effects of aging on driving, and your driving skills. The program is free to anyone who have not taken an older persons safe driving program. All classroom materials are supplied. Lunch provided. Registration is required. Space is limited. Call 902-275-8501 to register or for more info.

Wed., Oct. 19, Hubbards & Area Business Association Networking Social, 6:00 p.m., Dauphine Inn. Join HABA for an evening of socialization, networking and a chance to find out what HABA is all about and what it has been engaged in over the years. Hors’Deuvres, refreshments and cash bar available. Guest speaker to be determined. Email contact:hubbardsandarea ca or call 902-857-1133 for more information.

Fri., Oct. 21, Girls Nite Out, 7:00 p.m., Shore Club, Hubbards. A fantastic evening all about “the ladies”. Enjoy a fashion show, prizes, entertainment, fabulous desserts, cash bar, silent auction and a mystery gift thrown in. Call 902-858-5652 for more information. All proceeds donated to various local community groups and events. Check out the Facebook page for more information.

Sat., Oct. 22, District #1 Community Centre Breakfast, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., Hubbards Community Centre, $5 for adults, ham, bacon, baked beans, tea, coffee & juice. Adults $7.00, Youth $1.50, under 5 free.

Sat., Oct. 22, Hubbards and Area Community Club Annual Fall Poker Rally, Club House, Mill Lake. For more information contact Gary 902-857-3766 or John 902-857-9018 or look up the AVTANS calendar.


Mon., Oct. 24, The St. Margaret’s Bay Association for Community Living Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at 234 Sidehill Drive, Boultier’s Point. All welcome. For more information, please call 902-826-7328.

Fri., Oct. 28, Community Harvest Supper at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Hall, Hubbards, 10235 St. Margaret’s Bay Road (Hwy 3). From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. $12 adults, $5 for children 5 to 12 years, and Free for under 5 years. Baked beans, ham, scallop potato, homemade bread. Preserves and pies for dessert. Hosted by the ladies of St. Luke’s Anglican and St. Anthony’s Catholic churches with proceeds supporting both churches.

Sat., Oct.  Kohl’s Canning Supper at St. John’s Church, Chester Basin, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Kohl’s Canning Supper with baked beans & ham, rolls, an apple crisp for dessert. Adults $10, children 5 to 12 years $3.00, and under 5 Free. Take-outs available.

Sat., Oct. 29, Halloween Dance, District #1 Blandford Community Centre, $10 at the door, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Prices for Best Costume: Band: Short Notice.

Sat., Oct. Kohl’s Supper Supper, St. John’s Church, Chester Basin, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy Kohl’s Canning Supper with baked beans & ham, rolls, an apple crisp for dessert. Adults $10, children 5 to 12 years $3.00, and under 5 Free. Take-outs available.

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invites you to come “Celebrate” with us Saturday, October 1 from 3:00 to 7:00 at Richard Green Lane, Hubbards free for all!

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Call 902-237-1747 for more info.
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St. Margaret’s Centre, 12 Westwood Blvd, Upper Tantallon