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KEVIN MCBAIN PHOTO

The 4,000-kilogram magnet / Magnetic Resonance Imaging unit was lowered into its new home at the South Shore Regional Hospital on the morning of Dec. 9.

A big step forward; MRI lowered into its new home

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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BRIDGEWATER – The 4,000-kilogram Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit was lowered into its new home at the South Shore Regional Hospital (SSRH) on the frigid morning of Dec. 9, marking another significant milestone on the renovation journey for the hospital.

MRIs are used for every part of the body and can be a useful diagnostic tool for almost any specialty in medicine. It uses very strong magnetic fields and radiofrequencies along with cutting edge computing technology to form images of the body.

There are currently 12 operational public MRIs in the province, with the SSRH machine, being number 13.

Steve Rombeek, manager of diagnostic imaging and cardiac investigations for the South Shore area, said after the magnet ‘drop’ that it was a big step.

“It’s so exciting for us. Just the extra access this community is going to have to the MRI technology and the extra access for Nova Scotia Health is such a big event.

It means a lot to our staff. It means a lot to our physicians and community,” he said, adding that they hope to have it all ready to go during the winter of 2026.

A unique piece to the MRI suite is a window on the outside wall.

“It’s very fortunate we were able to build

new, and we’ve got it on an outside wall. So, we have a window in the suite itself, that makes it a lot better for our patients; a much better patient experience,” said Rombeek.

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HOSPICE BEDS TO OPEN IN LUNENBURG

Up to five beds will open at Fishermen’s Memorial Hospital

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Solterre Inc. to appeal decision

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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LUNENBURG - Jennifer Corson and Solterre Inc. filed notice earlier this month that they will appeal the decision of Lunenburg town council to deny their rezoning request to allow them to build a 48-52 unit apartment building.

The appeal sent to the Nova Scotia Regulatory & Appeals Board, argued that council failed to carry out the intent of this municipal planning strategy with

its decision made in late November. The appeal stated that the comprehensive staffing reported had concluded that the rezoning fully met the requirements for approval.

Corson sought two planning amendments – the first, to align setback requirements on one of the lots, with the other to create and to remove a ground-floor commercial requirement in that zoning.

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Hospice beds to start opening at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital

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LUNENBURG – Enhanced support for patients and families in need of end-of-life care will soon be available with the phased opening of beds in the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital hospice unit.

"Plenty of hard work, planning and consultation has allowed us to begin the opening of the hospice care beds," said Dr. Patricia Caldeira, who accepted the position of hospice medical director at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital earlier this year.

"Engaging existing providers as well as the recruitment of staff and physicians with the appropriate skills and training in end-of-life care is essential to success, so it has been necessary to proceed thoughtfully and carefully."

Beginning in January, a phased approach begins with the opening of two of the planned five hospice beds. More beds will open as the remainder of the care team is put in place. Recruitment for staff with the required competencies in end-of-life care is ongoing.

"We understand this has been a lengthy process with still plenty of work left to do. We are so grateful to our partners in the community who have advocated so effectively for end-of-life care services in our region, and who have provided vision, leadership and support on this project," said Caldeira.

"The long-awaited opening of these hospice



NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH

Starting in January, two of the five available hospice beds at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital are expected to open, with the other three being opened as resources allow.

beds at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital is important for the South Shore, and means a lot to me personally," said Susan Corkum-Greek, MLA for Lunenburg said. "The community helped build

this unit, recognizing that our loved ones deserve a compassionate, private and dignified place to receive end-of-life care. Now they'll have it."

The space has received generous support from the South Shore Hospice Palliative Care Society, the Health Services Foundation of the South Shore and the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, which have made significant contributions to furnish the hospice rooms, transforming them into a comfortable, appropriate setting for patients and families.

Marlene Wheatly-Downe, vice chair of the South Shore Hospice Palliative Care Society said they are thrilled with the announcement. "The benefits to hospice patients and their families are immeasurable. These beds represent more than a space for patients. The hospice rooms were designed and decorated to instill an environment of compassion and comfort. Patients facing end of life will now have the privacy and dignity they deserve. We are grateful to everyone who helped bring this day to fruition."

Nova Scotia Health is looking forward to opening the hospice unit to its full capacity. It is important to know that patients in hospitals across the province, including Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, as well as patients at home, have access to specialized palliative care teams who can be consulted to provide support for patients and health care providers.

A big step forward

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"Some people that come in for MRIs may have a sense of claustrophobia. If we can have some daylight entering that area, it makes a big difference to our patients and it makes a big difference for our staff as well."

Rombeek adds that the addition of a new MRI will definitely help with recruitment.

It is expected that about 5,000 scans will be made from the new unit each year.

SSRH Radiologist Sangeeta Kalyan said she is also excited and it will mean that problem solving will be much easier and faster for all the patients.

"We're very excited to have the MRI. Right now, we try to do as much as we can with whatever we have, but we can only go so far, then we need problem solving using the MRI, which we try to triage based on how bad something looks like," she said.

Arleen Stevens, Chief Executive Officer of the Health Services Foundation of the South Shore, was a little bit emotional after watching the magnet being lowered.

"It is a little bit emotional. It really is. The community has been talking about working on and wanting an MRI for many years, well over a decade," she said, adding that this is a piece that will be utilized for all patients in Lunenburg

and Queens counties and beyond.

Stevens said that the community has been very generous in giving to the hospital and foundation.

One of the top donors was the Queens General Hospital Foundation.

"They are wonderful partners in health care on the South Shore and with their \$725,000 donation to the Brighter Days campaign we are able to provide this MRI magnet that you see today," she said.



BOWLING

Pajo's Bowling Alley League Stats

Lucky Strikes League, Nov. 28: H.S.: Lisa Boehner 118; H.T.: Lisa Boehner 321; H.S.: Nick Foley 137; H.T.: Shawn D'Eon/Nick Foley 362
Mickey Mouse League, Nov. 30: H.S.: Corey Lohnes 110; H.T.: Donnie Wamboldt 311; H.S.: Katie Lantz 118; H.T.: Katie Lantz 300; T.H.T.: Old Bones 1468
Men's, Dec. 1: H.S.: Scott Doucette 139; H.T.: Scott Doucette 354; H.T.S.: H.Fives 628; H.T.T.: Thrown Together 1706
Ladies, Dec. 2: Weather cancellation
Canexcel, Dec. 3: H.S.: TiTany Berringer 120; H.T.: TiTany Berringer 338; H.S.: Chris Heim 138; H.T.: Chris Heim 360
Money League, Dec. 4: H.S.: Courtney Tremere 127; H.T.: Courtney Tremere 337; H.S.: Charlie McCann 131; H.T.: Charlie McCann 358; T.H.T.: Red Rockets 1600



The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Notice of Adoption

By-law 047A Amendments to Potable Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program

On December 9, 2025, Municipal Council conducted Second Reading and passed a motion to approve By-law 047A Amendments to By-law 047 Potable Water Supply Upgrade Lending Program. This by-law will:

- establish a five-year repayment term for new agreements, including a hardship clause that allows approved applicants to receive a repayment term extension, effective December 9, 2025;
- remove the stacking provision with Clean Energy Financing and align with By-law 031 Clean Energy Financing so that only one municipal financing may be active on a property at any given time; and
- make housekeeping amendments, including accessibility updates and formatting.

The public may read the by-law anytime by visiting our website at <https://www.modl.ca/>.

April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk

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NOTICE

To the Residents of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Notice of Intent to Consider

On December 9, 2025, Municipal Council conducted First Reading of By-law 017A Repeal of Police Clearance Certificate Application Fees. If approved, the By-law will:

- Repeal By-law 017 Police Clearance Certificate Application Fees

Notice is given that Council will conduct Second Reading of the proposed By-law 017A By-law to Repeal By-law 017 Police Clearance Certificate Application Fees at the Municipal Council meeting of January 13, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Municipal Administration Building, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, Nova Scotia.

A copy of the proposed amended By-law may be obtained by contacting the Municipal Clerk at 902 541-1323 or by email, april.whynot-lohnes@modl.ca.

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NOTICE

To the Residents of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Meeting Cancellations

The following meetings of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg Council are cancelled:

Council	December 23, 2025
Finance Committee	January 6, 2026

The first regularly scheduled meeting of 2026 will be the Council meeting of January 13, 2026.

The Municipal Services Building will be closed on the following dates:

December 16, 2025 – 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 December 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
 December 24, 2025 through to January 1, 2026

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 2, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

April Whynot-Lohnes
Municipal Clerk

Dahl's dispatch

EVAN DAHL

Lunenburg County firefighters answered 70 calls for service and Queens County firefighters answered 23 calls for service from Thursday, Dec. 4 to Wednesday, Dec. 10 – 26 of these calls were medicals.

DECEMBER 4

At 9:23 a.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Port Mouton. Port Medway and West Queens also responded. Mill Village was on stand by.

At 10:34 a.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Liverpool. Mill Village also responded. Italy Cross was on stand by.

At 11:01 p.m., Hebbs Cross firefighters responded to power lines arcing in Hebbs Cross.

DECEMBER 5

At 8:08 a.m., Hebbville firefighters responded to a residential fire alarm in Hebbville. Tri District also responded.

At 2:05 p.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a green bin on fire in Front Centre.

At 6:17 p.m., Chester firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in East River.

DECEMBER 6

At 9:20 a.m., Western Shore firefighters responded to a motor vehicle

accident in Western Shore.

At 10:33 a.m., Cornwall firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Newburne.

At 10:38 a.m., Greenfield firefighters responded to a commercial fire alarm in Greenfield. North Queens also responded.

At 11:05 a.m., Chester firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Chester.

At 11:35 a.m., Port Medway firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in Port Medway. Mill Village also responded.

At 3:56 p.m., Blandford firefighters responded to a fire alarm in East River Point.

DECEMBER 7

At 1:50 a.m., Chester firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide alarm in East Chester.

At 3:30 a.m., Tri District firefighters responded to a possible gas leak in Wileville. Hebbville also responded.

At 5:33 p.m., New Germany firefighters responded to a brush fire in New Germany.

At 7:21 p.m., Northfield firefighters responded to a commercial fire alarm in Cookville. Bridgewater also responded.

DECEMBER 8

At 8:30 a.m., LaHave firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in LaHave.

At 9:45 a.m., Chester firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Windsor Road. Chester Basin also responded.

At 2:39 p.m., Northfield firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in West Northfield. Bridgewater also responded.

At 4:24 p.m., Oakhill firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Pine Grove. Blockhouse also responded.

DECEMBER 9

At 9:01 a.m., New Ross firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in New Ross.

At 10:50 a.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in First South.

At 11:37 a.m., Hebbville firefighters responded to a shed on fire in Hebbville. Bridgewater, Hebbs Cross, Tri District, Italy Cross, Conquerall Bank and Petite Rivière also responded.

At 2:57 p.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a house fire in Bridgewater. Oakhill and Northfield also responded.

At 3:50 p.m., Pleasantville firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Pleasantville.

At 4:05 p.m., North Queens firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident.

At 6:02 p.m., New Germany firefighters responded to a structure fire in Elmwood. Northfield and Hemford also responded.

At 11:07 p.m., Hubbards firefighters responded to a residential fire alarm in Fox Point.

DECEMBER 10

At 12:00 p.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Port Mouton. Port Medway also responded. Mill Village was on stand by.

At 3:00 p.m., Hubbards firefighters responded to assist Upper Tantallon at a possible structure fire in Head of Saint Margaret's Bay. Black Point, Hammonds Plains, Seabright and Dartmouth also responded.

At 4:51 p.m., Blandford firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Blandford.

At 5:54 p.m., Mahone Bay firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Mahone Bay.

At 5:55 p.m., Blockhouse firefighters responded to a possible house fire in Blockhouse. Oakhill, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg, Martins River and Chester Basin also responded.

At 8:03 p.m., Blockhouse firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in Maitland. Oakhill also responded.

At 8:17 p.m., Northfield firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Upper Northfield.

You may reach Evan Dahl by e-mail at evandahl10@hotmail.com or via the Dahl Dispatch Facebook page.

Queens District RCMP investigating fatal motor vehicle collision

RCMP NEWS SERVICE

PORT MOUTON – On Dec. 4, at approximately 9:16 a.m., RCMP, EHS and fire services responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Hwy. 103.

Officers learned an eastbound Mazda 3 and a westbound International truck collided on the roadway.

The driver and lone occupant of the Mazda, an 84-year-old man from Port Mouton, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver and lone occupant of the International, a 35-year-old man from

Chelsea, was transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

An RCMP collision reconstructionist attended the location of the collision and Hwy. 103 was closed for several hours.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information on the collision, including dashcam footage, is asked to contact the Queens District RCMP at 902-354-5721. To remain anonymous, call Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers, toll-free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at www.crimestoppers.ns.ca or use the P3 Tips app.

Solterre Inc. to appeal decision

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This second ask proved to be a sticking point and council voted unanimously in favour to vote down the rezoning request even before its first reading. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rachel Bailey.

“Despite this, the ToL council denied the request based on concerns that are not supported by the MPS, the LUB, or the professional evidence before them,” said Corson in the appeal documents.

In an interview last week, Corson said that she basically cited the comments from Deputy Mayor Bailey’s comment at the last meeting.

“Our appeal is somewhat summarizing those statements made pertaining to the municipal planning strategy that we don’t agree with,” she said, adding that their decision was not “based on the two issues at hand. It’s a bigger issue of their own MPS and LUB. We feel we’re caught be-

tween their own set of guidelines they should be following and what they feel they would like to see changed.”

The appeal outlined eight failures made by the council in their decision and as a result, council’s decision “contradicts the direction of the MPS; disregards the enabling nature of the downtown commercial designation; substitutes personal opinion for the policy tests required by the MPS; and fails to apply the mandatory criteria necessary for a lawful rezoning decision.”

Solterre, headquartered in Halifax with a satellite office in Lunenburg, wants to build a three-storey stepped up to a six-storey apartment building on two properties at Brook Street and Falkland Street, formerly the Lunenburg Foundry parking lot.

Corson said the project has now been going on for more than 22 months, which is more than frustrating.

“This is unfortunate. If the town had a commitment to create housing... it’s hard to see where that is.”

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LOCAL



How important is to protect our water sources

This op-ed was submitted by George Buranyi, on behalf of the Bridgewater Watershed Protection Alliance.

WHY IS THE NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNMENT RISKING THE BRIDGEWATER WATER SUPPLY?

Water sustains life. It nourishes our communities, shapes our landscapes, and underpins every sector of our economy. Yet Nova Scotia continues to approve mineral exploration and industrial development inside Bridgewater's designated water-supply area.

These approvals come despite a formal proposal submitted three years ago to the Department of Environment and Climate Change calling for wilderness area designation of all crown lands in the watershed. That proposal was supported by the municipal and town councils and the Town's Public Service Commission along with 14 organizations and a petition of 700 signatures tabled in the legislature by our MLA. Why is the province overriding what our community wants and valuing resource extraction in our water supply over water safety?

WATERSHEDS EXIST TO PROTECT WATER?

Bridgewater's drinking-water supply is within a protected water area, designated under the Environment Act for a simple reason: to shield the lakes and forests that filter and store clean water from land uses that pose contamination risks. Surprisingly, these regulations still allow for mining, quarries, and mineral exploration to be conducted within the drinking water supply.

Recently, the province has issued mineral exploration licenses within this water supply area, prioritizing resource extraction over public health and wellbeing. The recent approval of a quarry near Caribou Lake, where sulphide-bearing rock poses contamination risks, also highlights this troubling conflict. Water is not just another "resource." It is a public trust — irreplaceable and foundational to human and ecological well-being.

The Protected Water Area regulations do not prohibit mining or quarries, they just have a few restrictions - I've linked the regs below:

<https://novascotia.ca/just/regulations/regs/envpwhmr.htm>



A HIGH-RISK GAMBLE IN THE WORST PLACE

The three lakes that feed Bridgewater's water system are home to the critically endangered Atlantic Whitefish — found nowhere else on Earth. The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and Bridgewater Watershed Protection Alliance have identified more than 20 other rare and at-risk species in the area. Wilderness area designation would add protection against mining and help to safeguard drinking water, strengthen climate resilience, and preserve irreplaceable species. Instead, the Province has approved industrial activities that carry contamination risks — a dangerous shift in priorities.

CLIMATE CHANGE MAKES WATER MORE VALUABLE THAN EVER

Nova Scotia recently endured one of the driest summers in its history. Wells ran dry, lake levels dropped to historic lows, and wildfire risks soared. Scientists warn such droughts will become more frequent and severe as the climate warms.

Water is ecologically indispensable and economically vital. It supports agriculture, forestry, tourism, pub-

lic health, and community resilience. Introducing new risks into a designated water-supply area during a period of increasing scarcity defies logic and betrays public trust.

GOLD'S TOXIC LEGACY

Bridgewater's watershed was the site of extensive gold mining from the 1870's to 1940's. It is the most likely reason for the current mineral interest in the area. Gold is a luxury commodity that the province is treating as more valuable than water. The arsenic-bearing sulphides and mercury amalgamation from decades of mining left contamination risks that persist today.

Disturbing these materials during exploration, quarrying, or road construction can release arsenic, mercury, acidity, and sediments into waterways. Should contaminants enter Bridgewater's drinking-water system, treatment costs could soar, advisories could become permanent, and taxpayers - not industry - would bear the burden. Profits would be privatized clean up costs socialized. Water disasters fall squarely on the public.

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SSODA buying 82 affordable Bridgewater homes

By ED HALVERSON

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BRIDGEWATER – South Shore Open Doors Association (SSODA) is taking a major step to combat climbing rents and housing insecurity. The organization is purchasing 82 existing rental units in Bridgewater to make sure they remain affordable for the long term.

“This is about preserving affordable housing in Bridgewater,” SSODA CEO Josie Rudderham said. “Affordable units are being lost at a consistent rate across Nova Scotia, and certainly in rural Nova Scotia. If we weren’t able to purchase these units, it’s very likely they’d go to a private landlord who could increase rents or even renovict folks.”

The deal includes 50 units on King Street and 32 on Dufferin Street which are homes to local families, seniors, and workers. Many of those tenants are already supported by SSODA through housing help, trustee services, or co-ordinated access; and the need is growing. According to SSODA’s 2025 point-in-time count, 182 individuals and 63 children are experiencing homelessness in Lunenburg and Queens counties, while 173 households faced pending eviction.

“We’re seeing more seniors, more families, and more people who historically might have been okay,” Rudderham explained. “The cost of everything is going up. Even people who weren’t in crisis before are now struggling to afford electricity, rent, and food.”

Currently, 59 per cent of the units in the portfolio are already considered affordable, and under the province’s Community Housing Acquisition Program (CHAP), at least 30 per cent must remain affordable for 30 years. SSODA plans to go further. For future tenants, rents could be tied to income: no more than 30 per cent of what they earn, if final negotiations with the province are approved.

Rudderham says all current tenants will be offered an assessment over the first six months and if it’s determined they are paying more than 30 per cent of their income, their rents will be reduced. That will also be true for any new tenants and assessments are voluntary.

The purchase also gives SSODA something it has never had before: the ability to grow.



For years, the organization has focused on finding housing, preventing eviction, and coordinating supports across the region, but the biggest barrier has always been the simplest one: there aren’t enough homes.

Owning these 82 units gives SSODA financial stability and allows it to hire new staff including a director of finance, a housing support manager, and up to 16 new full-time positions. That increased

capacity will support the organization’s long-term plan to build new affordable housing within the next five years.

The vendor, developer Craig Schrader, isn’t stepping away immediately. He’ll mentor SSODA through the first year of ownership, and the current building maintenance staff will stay on to provide continuity. Rudderham describes the properties as “very intentional mini neighbourhoods,” with shared laundry spaces, joint parking lots, and well-maintained buildings that residents take pride in.

Municipal support has been strong. The District of Lunenburg is contributing \$100,000, Bridgewater is providing \$200,000 and returning the deed transfer tax, and the province is in final negotiations on mortgage financing through CHAP. Closing is expected in February 2026.

For Rudderham, the move is more than a real estate deal, it’s a turning point.

“It really feels like a win-win-win,” she said. “This protects people’s homes today and opens the door for even more housing in the future.”

How important is to protect our water sources

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Nova Scotia knows these costs. The \$33.4 million remediation estimate for Montague Gold Mines near Halifax offers a sobering preview along with the \$425 million cleanup for Boat Harbour.

A GOVERNMENT STUCK IN THE PAST

Premier Tim Houston’s government has lifted bans on uranium exploration and hydraulic fracking, reflecting what scholars call “frontier economics” - the outdated belief that growth requires unrestrained resource extraction. This model dominated the 20th century but has long been rejected by modern environmental policy, which recognizes ecological limits and the need for sustainable development.

Government assurances of consultation and environmental review ring hollow. Bill 127, which criminalizes protest on Crown lands and levies fines up to \$50,000, functions as a pre-emptive measure to deter dissent should consultation processes - often skewed toward industry - break down.

By permitting exploration first, the province establishes “facts on the ground.” Companies that invest heavily anticipate clear regulatory pathways for approvals, and any significant discovery risks

turning consultation into a one-sided process favouring industry over public interest.

PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS EXIST

Nova Scotia can choose a better path. Legally protecting the proposed Minamkeak Lake Wilderness Area would prohibit industrial activity that causes harm – industries such as quarries, mining and mineral exploration – which have no business in a drinking water supply area.

Legal protection would:

- Safeguard the drinking-water supply
- Protect the Atlantic Whitefish and other rare species
- Enhance climate resilience
- Provide certainty for citizens and future generations

It is a low-cost, high-benefit solution – the opposite of gambling on water security for the uncertain possibility of finding a viable mineral deposit.

WATER MUST COME FIRST

The people of Bridgewater and Lunenburg County do not want to take the risk of contaminating their water supply. Water sustains life, and minerals, particularly gold, do not. Nova Scotia’s government must act on this simple truth: water comes first.

BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CITIZENS CARD GROUP RESULTS

The Bridgewater Senior Citizens Group met on December 10 for a game of Auction 45’s.

Winners were: Ladies’ high, Marie Rafuse, 965; Men’s high, John MacDougall, 885; Runners up Gail Boyle, 935, and Eva Corkum, 900. Winner of the 50/50 draw was Phyllis Meisner. Winners of 30 X 60 bids were Marie Rafuse, Grace McCarthy and Gail Boyle (three times).

Card parties will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 in the Masonic Hall on Dominion Street. New members always welcome.

GOLDEN YOUTH CARD CLUB CARD PARTY RESULTS

The Golden Youth Card Club met on December 11th for a game of Auction 45’s. The winners were: Ladies high, Marie Rafuse 1030; Ladies second, Phyllis Meisner 970; Men’s high, Neil Emeneau 935; Men’s second, Chris Brown 895; Low Score (tie) Ethel Andrews and Weldon Naugler 610; Lucky Tally, Sheila MacDougall; Travel Prize, Judy Johnson; 50/50 Winners: Phyllis Meisner and Chris Brown. Card parties will resume January 8th and are held every Thursday afternoon at 1:30pm at the Pleasantville Fire Hall. New members (age 55+) are welcome to attend. Light lunch provided.

Lunenburg, N.S.			
TIDE TABLE			
Wednesday, December 17		Sunday, December 21	
low 2.13 ft	12:13 AM	low 2.0 ft	2:40 AM
high 5.38 ft	6:04 AM	high 5.54 ft	8:41 AM
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Mahone Bay sells municipal land for new co-operative housing

By ED HALVERSON
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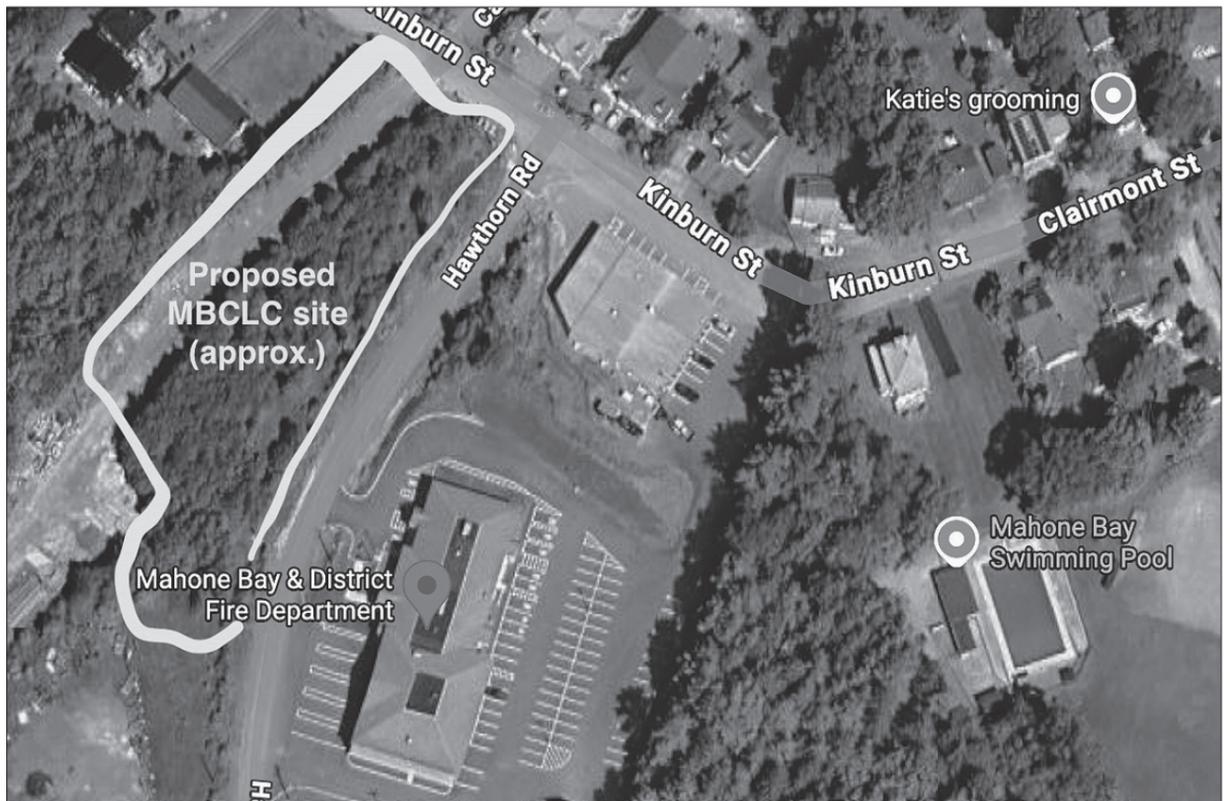
MAHONE BAY – Council has taken a major step toward bringing more affordable, mixed-income housing to the community, approving a plan to conditionally transfer town-owned land to the Mahone Bay Community Land Co-operative for just one dollar.

The decision, made at the Dec. 9 council meeting, follows years of discussion about how best to use two long-held parcels located across from the Mahone Bay Fire Hall, bordering on Kinburn Street and Hawthorn Road. As mayor and councillors noted during the meeting, the properties have sat idle for generations, and the town's approach to its limited land assets has evolved.

"There was a time when selling town land wouldn't have stood a chance," one councillor reflected, adding that Mahone Bay's three-square kilometres make every piece of land valuable. But the town has also been making strategic acquisitions elsewhere, prompting council to reassess how surplus land could better serve the community.

Council agreed unanimously to enter into a conditional Agreement of Purchase and Sale with the co-op for selected portions of the properties, pending environmental due diligence. The co-op must now complete a feasibility study showing it can build at least 30 units of mixed-income, non-profit co-operative rental housing within five years.

The project must also meet provincial and federal



funding criteria. Only after council reviews and accepts the study will the land transfer proceed.

Several councillors highlighted how the housing crisis has pushed municipalities nationwide to get creative. Mahone Bay, they said, is joining other local municipal units including Bridgewater, Queens and Chester that have provided land or financial support to non-profit housing groups.

Council members repeatedly emphasized that this project is not public housing; it is a co-operative model that remains taxable and accountable to its members.

Concerns about setting a precedent for disposing of town-owned property were discussed, but staff clarified that council retains full discretion in future cases. They also confirmed the Municipal Government Act allows land to be sold below market value to non-profits.

Another concern of council was addressed by a clause included in the deal which says, if the co-op fails to meet development conditions within five years, the land automatically reverts to the town.

Council members praised the co-op's transparency, collaboration, and commitment to seeing the project through, and agreed that transforming long-unused land into new homes is a step Mahone Bay is ready to take.

Community Events: Dec 17-23, 2025

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Imagination Playground at HB Studios Sports Centre from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Fitness Classes at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay from 9 to 10 AM.

Yoga Flow with Kim at April Williams Salon & Spa, 709 Main St., Liverpool from 10 to 11 AM.

Holiday Open House at Nova Scotia Works, 215 Dominion St., Bridgewater from 12 to 3 PM.

Badminton at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay from 7 to 8:30 PM.

Bright & Lion Touch Rugby at HB Studios Sports Centre from 8 to 9 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Recreation and Social Program for Mature Adults at HB Studios Sports Centre, 543 Glen Allan Dr., Bridgewater from 10 AM to 12 PM.

Mahjong Club at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay from 2 to 4 PM.

Free Drop-in Programs at Liverpool YMCA Youth Centre, 40 Water St., Liverpool from 2:30 to 5 PM.

Family Game Night at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

Bridgewater Toast Master Club at NSCC Lunenburg Campus, 75 High St., Bridgewater from 6 to 7 PM.

Trivia with Michelle at King Street Beer, 463 King St., Bridgewater from 7 to 9 PM.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Clickety Clack Knitters & Crafters at DesBrisay Museum, Jubilee Rd., Bridgewater from 1 to 3 PM.

New Germany Farmers' Market at 5325 NS Trunk 10 from 2 to 6 PM.

Music Bingo at King Street Beer Company, 463 King St., Bridgewater from 6 to 8 PM.

Christmas Carol Sing-a-long at Main & Mersey Coffee Bar and Restaurant, Main St., Liverpool from 6 to 8 PM.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Yoga Flow with Kim at April Williams Salon & Spa, 709 Main St., Liverpool from 10 to 11 AM.

YReach Holiday Party at YReach Office, 129 Aberdeen Rd., Unit 205 from AM to 1 PM.

Craft Saturdays at Mahone Bay Museum, Mahone Bay from 12 to 4 PM.

Painting Workshop with Artist Janet Griffen at DesBrisay Museum, 130 Jubilee Rd., Bridgewater from 2 to 4 PM.

A Christmas Dance Party with One Meter Up at Liverpool Legion #38, 43 Henry Hensey Dr., Liverpool from 9 PM to 1 AM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Badminton at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

Celtic Sunday Session at Eli+Trix, 538 Main St., Mahone Bay from 2 to 4 PM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Fitness Classes at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay from 9 to 10 AM.

Imagination Playground at HB Studios Sports Centre from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Badminton at the Mahone Bay Centre, 45 School St., Mahone Bay from 7 to 8:30 PM.

Community Basketball at Liverpool High School from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

YMCA Youth Leader Program at 40 Water St., Liverpool at 2:30 PM.

Game Night at Michelin Social & Athletic Club, Logan Rd., Bridgewater from 4 to 9 PM.

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Food hub opening just around the corner

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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LUNENBURG – The new community food hub, run by We Feed Lunenburg (WFL), in Lunenburg is just weeks away from officially opening their doors.

It was recently announced, by Lunenburg MLA Susan Corkum-Greek that the provincial government was investing \$45,000 into the project.

The funding comes from the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage will help purchase refrigerators, freezers and prep stations for the hub, with remaining funds helping to stock the facility.

The grand opening is expected to take place early in the new year at the facility that is located on the same site as The Water Market at 237 Victoria Road in Lunenburg.

The new hub is building on the success of WFO’s 24-hour food pantry which will continue to operate and provide over 40 prepared meals weekly.

Karen Simpson, secretary-treasurer of WFL, said, “It’s very exciting. We worked hard on this earlier this year. We’re going to expand our offerings into dairy and sandwich meats which were difficult to do in the pantry as it stands today because of shelf stability,” she said.

“The pieces are really, truly coming together. The community has been incredible in support of this project, both businesses and individuals.”

The group broke ground in August and she said the project has come with some challenges.

“There’s been some natural delays, but what I really love about this is community involvement and the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Lunenburg MLA Susan Corkum-Greek (at left) recently announced a \$45,000 contribution to We Feed Lunenburg. With her is Forest Sea and Karen Simpson, from We Feed Lunenburg. The grand opening of the hub is expected to take place early in the new year.

desire to participate in the project. The people who have helped us really want to help us,” said Simpson.

She gave props to everyone who have helped, but did want to mention Jennifer Corson, of Solterre Design, who has “been extraordinarily supportive.”

Although final details on the logistics are still being worked on, the plan for now is to be open at least five days a week for two-or-three hours per day with a minimum of two volunteers on location

at any given time – more volunteers will be needed.

Along with being able to handle dairy and more fresh produce, pre-cooked frozen meals have become a popular item and with the new fridge and freezer units, things will be much easier.

“We’re really aiming to make the opportunity to get something that’s a little healthier than just a can of beans or a box of Kraft dinner. Those things will still be there, but we’re trying to encourage a bit more healthier of a diet,” said Simpson who added that many groups have come on board to make these meals over the last while including the Food Vibes group in Riverport and Lunenburg who kickstarted the idea.

She said the whole project starting with the formation of WFL has been so exciting and has grown at such a rapid pace. The pantry opened in May of 2024; was registered as a society in June of 2024 and they received their charitable status in September 2025.

“It is so exciting. You have no idea. I get goosebumps when I think of where we were just a year ago and where we are now. It’s quite incredible,” she said.

For more information, go to wefeedlunenburg.org or check out their Facebook page.

What’s coming to streaming this week December 17-23, 2025

NETFLIX

December 17

The Manny (Mexico) (Season 3)
Murder in Monaco (U.K.)
What’s In The Box?

December 18

10Dance (Japan)
Emily in Paris (Season 5)

December 19

A Time for Bravery (Mexico)
Breakdown: 1975
The Great Flood (South Korea)
Jake vs Joshua: Judgement Day

December 22

Drive-Away Dolls Elway
Sicily Express (Italy)

December 23

King of Collectibles: The Goldin Touch (Season 3)

PRIME VIDEO

December 17

Fallout (Season 2)

December 18

Good Will Hunting
Wonder
Logan Lucky
My Little Pony
Rambo
House Of Ho (Seasons 1-2)
Lawless
Wire Room

December 19

NHL Coast to Coast
The Alien Perspective

December 20

Honey Don’t!
Craft In America (Season 15)

December 21

France Made with Love

December 22

Miss Sophie – Same Procedure As Every Year (Season 1)
Prime Monday Night Hockey: Canucks vs. Flyers

December 23

Viral: The Indecision
PWL: Montreal vs. Seattle
PWL: Ottawa vs. Toronto

CRAVE

December 18

We Met In December

December 19

Gunslinger
A Line Of Fire
My Big Fat Greek Wedding
Air Bud
Air Bud: Golden Receiver
Air Bud: World Pup
Air Bud Seventh Inning Fetch
Air Bud: Spikes Back
Brian and Charles
The Office Movers
Special: Projected To Have A Blessed Christmas

December 20

Mini Smiley 1, Part 1
A Paw Patrol Christmas
Charmed By The Devil
Christmas On The 5th Floor

December 21

The Christmas Baby
Outback Opal
Hunters (Seasons 1-2)

DISNEY+

December 17

Africa’s Hidden Wonders
Are You Sure?! (S2, New Episodes)
Disney Twisted-Wonderland: The Animation (New Episode)
Dragon Ball Z Kai
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (S2, New Episode)
SuperKitties (S3, New Episodes)
Wandance (New Episode)

December 18

The Kardashians (S7, New Episodes)

December 19

I AM BOXER (New Episode)
Kumail Nanjiani: Night Thoughts
PJ Masks (S1-3)
The End of an Era (New Episodes)

December 21

One-Punch Man (S3, New Episode)

Shortbread Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 lb butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups flour

DIRECTIONS

1. Cream butter and sugar.
2. Add flour and soda.
3. Cream well.
4. Roll out to about 1/4 inch
5. Cut with cookie cutters or in rectangles
6. Bake at 300° for 20 minutes - rotate tins.

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Park View girls successfully defend provincial soccer title

Coach reflects on championship weekend

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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BRIDGEWATER – The Park View Girls’ Div. 1 soccer team was loaded with talent this season, three years in the making, and that led to a second straight provincial championship in Sydney over the Nov. 7-9 weekend.

The team won the semifinals 3-0 over Halifax West to advance to the finals against C.P. Allen in Sydney. They won that game 3-1. Both opponents were the same as in last year’s two provincial games held in Bridgewater.

Coach Dean McDow came into the season with high expectations.

“We were defending champions and we had only three graduates from last year. So, we were an older group with 10 seniors, most of whom had been with the team for the last three years. We were pretty deep this year,” he said.

Due to this fact, McDow expanded his roster this year to 19 players.

The core of the team was very experienced. Four of the girls were key cogs in a provincial Canada Games team that had earned a bronze medal in Newfoundland this past summer.

“When you can start a line-up down the middle of your field with four of that quality of players – that’s a great starting point,” he said, adding that close to 11 players would have played at the provincial level at some point in their career.

“They were a solid athletic, skilled, smart group of players who have played a long time and at the highest level,” added McDow.

Players had to play through some nasty cold and wet conditions in the semifinals and finals this year.

In the semifinals they played Halifax West, the only team that defeated them this season and last season in tournament play. Last year in the semifinal, they won 3-1 and this year, the Panthers walked away with a 3-0 victory.



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The Park View girls are provincial D1 champions for the second year in a row after winning two straight wins in Sydney in cold and wet conditions. Shown here, starting in front row, from left to right are: Madelyn Roberts, Peyton Wentzell, Sophie Naugler, Lily Levy, Sofia Lausanne, Nadia MacPhee, Rebecca McDow, Addalay Veinotte, Olivia Landry, Diana Hiltz. Back row: Coach Dean McDow, Ella Nodding, Emma Hull, Aoife McCallion, Lily Craig, Charlotte Talbot, Kylie Buchanan, Jada Buchanan, Jane van Kessel, Makayla Foster.

“The girls played really well. They didn’t give up a lot of scoring chances, and they scored when they needed to,” said McDow.

In the final, the Panthers played with the wind in the first half, and they were able to go up 2-0 early on, before being scored on late in the half.

“In the second, playing against the win, we defended a lot in our own end, but we finally broke out and capitalized with a goal with about 10 minutes to play to go up 3-1 and that’s how the game ended,” he said.

McDow said that they didn’t take a lot of time to celebrate, as everyone was so cold and wet and wanted to start on the six-hour journey back home.

“It was a good way to wrap up the season and set

up for the next group to carry on the winning tradition that we’ve had for the last number of years,” he said, adding that the future looks solid with nine returnees.

He also mentioned that the future looks bright as the western regional junior championship was played between Bayview and Bluenose which means there should be a solid group of players coming in for next season.

“It will be a challenge to replace the 10 players that are graduating. The winning tradition is there, and I think the girls will want to play into that and look forward to continuing the tradition as they come into the program,” he concluded.



KEVIN MCBAIN PHOTOS

PANTHERS ON THE HARD COURT

The Park View Panthers host the West Kings Wolverines Dec. 10 and the home side came up a bit short on the scoreboard. Despite the loss, the Panthers have a 7-4 record and they were scheduled to host Horton this past Monday for their final home game of 2025. The team showed some offensive flair as captured in these photos. At the far left is Simon Tanner, Grade 11; Top left is Hazen Western, one of five senior students on the team. At left is freshman Owen Chetwynd and above is Navarre Gallant who led the Panthers’ offensive charge with 15 points and was named the McDonalds Panther Player of the Game.

Mersey Rose Theatre Company's Christmas Pageant

By KEVIN COLWELL

LIVERPOOL — Get ready for a jolly sleighful of holiday spirit!

On the afternoon of Dec. 20, the historic Astor Theatre will be bustling with excitement as young performers aged six to 15 transform the stage into a winter wonderland of Christmas movie magic, twinkling tinsel, and all the trappings of festive cheer.

Behind the scenes, the Mersey Rose Theatre Company (MRTC) is hard at work. Artistic Director Ashley-Rose Goodwin is busy guiding her merry troupe through rehearsals, ensuring every “fa la la” lands just right. Ashley noted that “this year’s pageant is an original play bursting with festive frolicking, seasonal celebrations, and even a dash of Christmas cavorting!”

Goodwin added that “the kids are super excited to be performing at the Astor in front of their family, friends, and the community and we hope the seats are filled with lots of big smiles!”

An unnamed reindeer is spreading a rumour that the audience can expect a few surprises, sure to have everyone grinning like elves who’ve found the cookie stash.

The MRTC Christmas Pageant is the perfect treat for the whole family and will “drop down the chimney” on Saturday, Dec. 20, from 2-3 p.m. at the Astor Theatre in Liverpool. Tickets are and are just \$10 (little ones under 5 are free!), cash only, and available at the door.

For all the festive details, visit the MRTC website: www.merseyrosetheatrecompany.com.



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Mersey Rose Theatre Company will be bringing some Christmas cheer to the Astor Theatre on the afternoon of Dec. 20.

Mahone Bay sets Valentine's Day for special election

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MAHONE BAY – residents will be headed to the polls early in the new year. Town council has officially set Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026, as the date for a special election to fill the seat left vacant by the recent resignation of Deputy Mayor Colin Kingsmill on Nov. 27.

Under Nova Scotia's Municipal Elections Act, council has just four weeks to schedule a vote after a resignation. With the deadline approaching Dec. 23, councillors moved this week to lock in key dates and appointments to keep everything on track.

Nomination day has been set for Tuesday, January 14, giving prospective candidates a little over a month to prepare their paperwork. As in recent elections, Mahone Bay will stick with electronic voting, a system that residents have become familiar with. Advance polls will run for nine days leading up to election day, following the town's Alternative Voting Bylaw.

Council also approved key administrative roles to oversee the vote. Eric Levy will serve as returning officer, and Clare Blyth, the town's administrative

assistant, has been appointed assistant returning officer. Staff told council an assistant is especially important this time of year, given the workload and tight timelines.

While Mahone Bay's Alternative Voting Bylaw still contains an outdated requirement for notices to be published in a local newspaper, council agreed with staff that there's no time for a full bylaw review before the election.

Instead, they directed staff to prepare an amendment later so the bylaw better reflects updated provincial rules, which now allow municipalities to publish notices on their website and in five public locations.

On the financial side, staff estimate the special election will cost about \$15,000, including salaries, electronic voting technology, advertising, and miscellaneous expenses. Rather than creating a new election budget, council agreed the costs will be covered through existing budget lines.

With the dates set and the election machinery ready to roll, Mahone Bay residents can expect more details, including how to vote electronically in the weeks ahead.

SPORTS SHORTS

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN EARNS SPECIAL HONOUR

Lunenburg's Logan Taylor capped off the season captain of the Boston College Eagles football team has been named to the Associated Press All-ACC Second team after an impactful season. He started all 12 games for the team and played three positions including right guard, left tackle and right tackle as well.

LUMBERJACKS DROP FINAL GAME

The South Shore Jr. B Lumberjacks dropped their final game of 2025 at the Shearwater arena Dec. 12. They dropped a 3-2 decision to the Capstone Colts and their record dropped to 15-3-0 for the season, second in the Fred Fox division. The Colts are in first with an 18-3-0 record. Scoring for the Lumberjacks were Kyle MacIntyre, Leo MacLean and Nolan Wilkie. Kegan Greencorn stopped 36 of 40 shots he faced. Next action for the Lumberjacks is Jan. 3 at 3 p.m. at the LCLC against the Eskasoni Jr. Eagles.

Social Column

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

December 17, 1958

Barss' Corner

A Christmas Bazaar was held in the Community Hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Baptist W.A. The program was under the direction of the President, Mrs. Eldon Wyman and it was highlighted by the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Clause who rendered two musical selections. Miss Velma Ramey also sang two solos in her usual pleasing manner. Mr. Arthur Langille was pianist for the evening. Attractions of the evening included a pantry table, fancy work display, mystery packages, Christmas tree novelties for the children and delicious eats. Proceeds amounted to approximately \$110.00.

Blockhouse

The Lutheran's Ladies Aid held their Christmas Party at Mrs. Gerald Haughns. Around thirty members were present, also Rev. and Mrs. Wentzell of Mahone Bay. Presents were exchanged and a beautiful sing song with music of lovely Christmas Carols. Refreshments were served by the hostess and other members of the Aid.

Riverport

A humorous program was presented by a committee headed by Mrs. William Leary. It consisted of carol singing, games, chorus by the group in costume as they sang, “Santa the Happy Wanderer” and “The Hinkey Dingy Ointment.” The group was comprised of Mrs. Fred Ritcey, Mrs. Paul Conrad, Mrs. J. Roy Creaser, Mrs. Roy Mosher, Mrs. Milton Gerhardt and Mrs. Leary with Mrs. S.L. Nauss, pianist.



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Unique CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



Christmas celebrations span the globe. According to a 2025 report from the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, there are roughly 2.6 billion Christians worldwide, a figure that undoubtedly contributes to the popularity of Christmas. Christianity continues to have the most adherents of any religion in the world, and the Christian population is expected to top three billion before 2050.

Christians bring unique cultural touches to their Christmas celebrations each year. Celebrations vary widely, and here's a look at some notable Christmas traditions across the globe.

◆ YULE GOAT

The Yule Goat is a Christmas tradition in Sweden. The goat is believed to be an invisible spirit that ensures that Yule preparations are done correctly. A popular theory connects the goat to the Norse god Thor, who rode a chariot pulled by two goats.

◆ KRAMPUS

While many people celebrate the benevolence of Santa Claus, some celebrate a much grumpier alter-ego of sort. Krampus is a man-goat, half-demon monster who punishes misbehaving children at Christmastime, says Britannica. He is the evil companion of St. Nicholas, and is believed to have originated in Germany. His name comes from the German word "krampen," which means, "claw."

◆ CHRISTMAS CHICKEN

Christmas Eve is a popular romantic occasion for couples and families in Japan. In addition to gift-giving and a romance, many people choose to feast on a meal of KFC fried chicken and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

◆ ROLLER-SKATING TO MASS

In the city of Caracas, Venezuela, it's customary for Christmas Eve celebrants to roller skate to early morning Mass. Known as "Misa de Aguinaldo," these special church services take place on the days leading up to Christmas, with the most festive held on December 24. On this day, the streets of Caracas are closed to automobiles, enabling revellers to cheerfully skate to church.

◆ MUMMERING

In Newfoundland, Canada, celebrants known as mummers dress in elaborate disguises featuring mismatched clothing and whimsical accessories. The mummers obscure their identities and visit neighbors' homes during the 12 days of Christmas, performing songs, skits or dances while others attempt to guess their identities.

◆ LAS POSADAS

In some Hispanic regions, including Mexico, participants reenact Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem through vibrant processions. They travel from house to house, singing traditional songs and requesting shelter only to be turned away until they reach a final home or church that will symbolically welcome them in.

◆ SPIDERWEB DECORATIONS

Individuals in Ukraine decorate their Christmas trees with artificial spider webs. This tradition is inspired by a tale of a poor widow and her children who didn't have money for tree ornaments. Upon waking up on Christmas morning, they found their tree covered in sparkling, glimmering spider webs that resembled tinsel. A spider had spun the beautiful display as thanks for finding shelter and warmth in the family's humble abode. Today's spider webs symbolize unexpected blessings and gratitude.

Plenty of unique touches set Christmastime celebrations apart across the globe.

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LETTERS TO Santa



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Love Levi F.



Dear Santa,
My name is Haisley and I am four years old. This year for Christmas I want a Peppa Pig dollhouse, pet rescue kit, and ice cream scoop toy. P.S. I have been a very good girl.
Love Haisley

Dear Santa,
It's Isadora, but I'm sure you already know that. My handwriting has changed a lot and also what I want for Christmas this year. I can't really remember what I wanted last year but I really liked it. Most of the time I read in English, and I always used to write you in Spanish but now I live in Canada, and it's different, this year is different.
What I want to say it's that I don't care what you bring me for Christmas because I'm already happy with all the books and pencils that I have, but I would be really happy if I get a friend, if I met a real friend that could really understand me. I know that you can't control people, but I want you to know that I like to know that my family in Columbia is doing ok and spending this Christmas with my mom and my brother. Santa, I thank you for all the presents that you have gave me in the past, I'm really happy.
Love Isadora



Dear Santa
I hope you and the reindeer have been doing good! This year is my first Christmas! I have been a very good boy! I would love a big dinosaur stuffy, and the DJ table because I love music and dancing! Baby cookies too please! And a big stuff dinosaur toy for my dog Gus!
Love Kayden



Dear Santa,
I want a robot dragon. You are the best Santa.
Love Cameron

Dear Santa,
I want a Peppa Pig house. I want a toy phone.
Love Lilah

Dear Santa,
My name is Havanah and I am 9 years old. This year for Christmas I would like a LOL surprise big party, Disney munchlings mini munch bakery, KPOP demon hunters coloring pages, professional grad marker set, LOL surprise loves, hello kitty tots crystal cutie, Yummi land large doll + lip gloss pet - birthday cake. P.S. I was very very good this year.
Love Havanah



Dear Santa,
I want one of your reindeer for Christmas. I been super good this year. Pleeeeease.
Love Emmanuele

Dear Santa,
Can I have Polly Pockets? Could I have slime and a Barbie dream house? I have been good this year.
Love Ava



Dear Santa,
My name is Landon & I am three years old. I hope there's lots of snow in the North Pole & cookies! I would like to have a shark racetrack, all kinds of animals & things to make a car city for Christmas. Could you please bring my baby brother toys too? He's mostly a good boy, but he drools a lot. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love Landon!

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LETTERS TO Santa



Dear Santa,
My name is Calicia and I am 6 years old. This year my top toys from Walmart are Minecraft, tech deck, build a bear, playdoh Barbie, ice cream castle.
Thank you, Calicia



Dear Santa,
My name is Jonah. I am 11 months old. For Christmas I'd like to have a push walker so I can officially get on the move! There will be cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Love Jonah

Dear Santa,
Your elves are so great at making toys. Christmas is almost here.
Love Nash



Dear Santa,
My name is Karley and I'm eight years old. I've been good all year. For Christmas I would love a keyboard to play music.
Love Karley F.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like
1. Hot Wheels Snake track
2. Hot Wheels Dinosaur Transporter
3. Minecraft toys
Love Weston, age 5



Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like:
1. Transformer
2. Magna-tiles
3. Paw Patrol toys
4. Hotwheels toys
Love Fenton, age 3



Dear Santa,
My name is Bentley. I am 6 years old. This year for Christmas I would like to have a Honka with a hay hugger for my toy tractor. There will be cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer!
Love Bentley



Dear Santa,
My name is Autumn and I live in Cherry Hill, Nova Scotia. I love sports, music and writing/art. I am an only child with a dog. I am ten years old.
My elf Sparkles comes and talks to you every night up in the North Pole. I hope is saying good stuff because I have been pretty good. I help out at home a lot with my Dad selling trees and with my dog.
One thing I would like for Christmas is a polaroid camera because I love to take pictures. Another thing I would like is an iPod. I think they are so cool and like I said I love music. Last thing I want is a pack of paint markers because I love art too!
That was my list!
Please tell Mrs Claus I said hello! Also, I wish the best for both of you and the reindeer!
Have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Autumn.



Dear Santa,
You are the best. Can I get Huntrix toys and Hello Kitty toys please. I will be super super good to my mom.
Love Serenity

Dear Santa
Paisley is wishing for a Ms. Rachel puzzle, some new dolls to play with and lots of chocolate! Merry Christmas to Everyone!
Love Paisley



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NEW WORD

YULE

an archaic word for "Christmas"

Did You Know?



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Book FACT:

This author penned a poem that is typically recited each year at Christmas.

Answer: Clement Clarke Moore

GUESS WHO?

I am an actor born in New York on August 26, 1980. I was raised in a small apartment with six siblings, and studied ballet at the School of American Ballet. I starred in many films as a child, notably playing the main character in a popular Christmas movie.

Answer: Macaulay Culkin



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LIFESTYLES

A heartfelt goodbye to Crumpet - the heart of SHAID

ASHLEY KIPPERS
SHAID Tree Animal Shelter General Manager

It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we share the passing of Crumpet — our mascot, our ambassador, and the soul of SHAID Animal Shelter. For more than three unforgettable years, Crumpet was not just a shelter cat. He was a symbol of resilience, kindness, and the healing power of unconditional love.

Crumpet first arrived at SHAID in June of 2022, part of a group of cats who had lived hard lives outdoors. At roughly five years old, unneutered, and weathered by countless fights, he came to us battered and injured. His ears were scarred, his head bore old wounds, and one of his eyes was so severely damaged it required surgery to remove.

Yet from the moment he arrived, Crumpet revealed who he truly was — gentle, affectionate, and astonishingly forgiving. Despite all he had endured, he gave head bops freely. He leaned into every hand extended toward him. And he let every person who met him feel like they were his favorite human.

During his long recovery, something became very clear: Crumpet wasn't just another cat passing through our doors. He was a once-in-a-lifetime soul.

THE CAT WHO BECAME A MASCOT

Crumpet quickly became the spirit of SHAID — our greeter, our comforter, and the keeper of calm. Staff and volunteers often said he held the whole shelter together, and it never felt like an exaggeration. On difficult days, he was the soft nudge, the warm presence, and the reminder of why we do this work at all.

He was wonderful with shy cats, nervous kittens, and animals who needed a steady, gentle friend. Many frightened newcomers took their first



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

SHAID's beloved mascot, Crumpet, sadly died recently, but will be remembered for a very long time.

brave steps because Crumpet was beside them, showing them it was safe.

And he loved people just as much. Crumpet attended nearly every SHAID fundraising event — even the Big Ex each summer — charming crowds, soaking up affection, and raising awareness for animals in need just by being himself.

Crumpet's face became familiar in our community, appearing year after year in the yearly SHAID calendar. Supporters looked forward to seeing which photo of Crumpet would grace the pages.

This year the universe must have known something and the choice was made to celebrate Crumpet and friends and what a beautiful tribute to him. The calendar is available in several locations — at the shelter, Shurgain, Sobey's, Giant Tiger, and The Brindle Boston in Mahone Bay.

A LOVED FAMILY MEMBER

While he spent his days making SHAID brighter, Crumpet spent every night in the loving home of Jennifer, a staff member who became his family. She and her family gave him the quiet, cozy, and unwavering love he deserved — and Crumpet adored them with his whole heart. Crumpet was instrumental in helping Chucky, a paralyzed foster kitten (who also later became a permanent family member to Jen's family). Crumpet helped raise Chucky and was instrumental in supporting him through his early days.

HIS FINAL HOURS

On Friday night, Crumpet suddenly became unwell — disoriented, unable to use his hind legs, and struggling to breathe. Jen rushed him to the Coastal Care Emergency team, who quickly diagnosed a saddle thrombus and a pulmonary embolism caused by an underlying heart condition.

Despite urgent treatment, Crumpet's condition did not improve. After compassionate discussions with the veterinary team, the heartbreaking decision was made to help him pass peacefully.

He left this world surrounded by love — the same love he spent three years giving so freely.

HIS LEGACY LIVES ON

Crumpet was so much more than a mascot. He was our heart. Our glue. The furry face behind everything SHAID strives to be — kind, resilient, and full of love.

We are heartbroken, but also deeply grateful. For every cuddle. Every purr. Every event he brightened. Every kitten he comforted, every shy cat he helped. And every person he touched — thousands of them across our community.

In honour of Crumpet's extraordinary legacy, SHAID's new onsite thrift store — opening before Christmas — will be proudly named "Crumpet's Closet." It will stand as a tribute to the cat who gave so much joy, and whose memory will continue helping animals for years to come.

Crumpet, thank you for everything.

For every head boop.

Every moment of gentle magic.

Every heart you healed.

Run free, sweet boy.

You will always be the heart of

SHAID.

— The SHAID Team



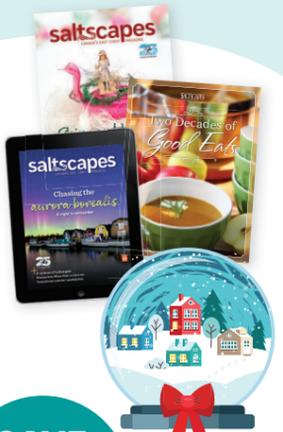
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LIFESTYLES

All about the clay-coloured sparrow

JAMES HIRTLE
Bird Notes

On Dec. 1 Joe Holmes of Bridgewater had a Baltimore oriole show up at his feeders.

This bird did not stay around though. On Dec. 5 Joe had another bird show up at his feeders, which was a clay-coloured sparrow. This time the bird did stay around, and it was still present on Dec. 10.

This bird nests from British Columbia to the Mackenzie, in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and in Michigan south to Alberta and Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and to Texas. The clay-coloured sparrow winters from California and Texas south into Mexico. During winter migration, it can be seen from Florida north to New England.

The clay-coloured sparrow is 12.5 to 13.75 cm long and sexes are alike. They are paler than a chipping sparrow with the striped back being smoky gray. The eye has brown ear patches and there is a sharply outlined pale gray or buff stripe in the middle of the crown. There is a prominent white malar stripe on each side of the throat. Two white wing bars are present.

The clay-coloured sparrow feeds mostly on the ground or in low shrubbery. They eat all kinds of seeds and will also eat finely cracked corn, millet, sunflower seeds and bread at feeders. In the summer, the diet is of grasshoppers and other insects.

Dorothy Poole reported a winter wren at Port Medway Nov. 30. On Dec. 1 Lise Bell saw a great blue heron at Bush Island. On Dec. 5 Joe Holmes had two evening grosbeaks arrive. This is the first time he has seen this species there.

When Ethan Sarty went to see the clay-coloured sparrow on Dec. 6 he discovered an eastern phoebe. Joe had also seen this bird earlier in the day.

Another good find by Ethan on that day was a hermit thrush at the same location. I had tried to find the house sparrows in Lunenburg four times after Dec. 1 set in, without success.

Ethan saw 40 below the Saltshaker in Lunenburg on Dec. 6. I later did see some further along near the Clearwater office in Lunenburg. On the same day, Ethan located seven long-tailed ducks in Lunenburg. There seems to be more long-tailed ducks around this winter than in the last couple of winters.

Ethan also found a palm warbler at Fort Point, LaHave on this day. Jennifer James of Rose Bay had a Baltimore oriole arrive on Dec. 6. It was still present the next day. Craig Cook reported a horned grebe in Kingsburg. Lise Bell saw a pileated woodpecker at Broad Cove.



JAMES HIRTLE PHOTO

A clay-coloured sparrow caught on camera in Bridgewater Dec. 5.

On Dec. 7 David Walmark spotted 12 snow buntings at Hirtle's Beach and Mary Walmark of Kingsburg had a hairy woodpecker arrive at their bird feeders.

Lise Bell and I spent the day birding on Dec. 7, and we ended the day with 48 species.

Numbers of Bonaparte's gulls are still tending at Back Harbour Lunenburg near the entrance to First Peninsula. We had 33 on that day. At Hell's Point in Kingsburg we sighted five yellow-rumped warblers and found an American kestrel. We had one ring-necked duck at Hirtle's Pond in Kingsburg. A lone black-bellied plover remained at Crescent Beach on that day.

There were two male northern pintails at Rose Bay and on Dec. 6 Kevin Lantz found two female northern pintails along the road to Corkum's Island at the head of Upper South Cove. Lise Bell reports

seeing more brown creepers than in other winters. I agree with her, and we had two in Rose Bay on Dec. 7.

I discovered four American wigeons in Broad Cove. Lynette Barnes of Green Bay has this species coming to her house. Lise Bell and I had one of these birds at Kingsburg Beach.

On Dec. 7 Kevin Lantz saw three orange-crowned warblers in Lunenburg with one along Shore Drive, one along the Front Harbour Trail and one along where Hospital Hill comes out in Garden Lots.

I saw my first Iceland gull for the season by Highliner Foods. Barbara McLean continues to have a red-bellied woodpecker coming to her feeder.

On Dec. 8 she had a pine warbler. An eastern towhee showed up at an unknown location in Lunenburg County. Pictures of the bird were sent through online, but the location

remains private at this point.

On Dec. 9 Lise Bell had seven evening grosbeaks arrive at Bush Island. I've been seeing many postings for this species, so it looks like a good winter for seeing them here.

A common shelduck continued in Canso until Dec. 7 as did a little gull at Boat Harbour. As of Dec. 6, the yellow-headed blackbird was continuing in Dartmouth. Jason Dain had a group of 200 common redpolls in Amherst. Logan Moore had a Baltimore oriole arrive at Cape Sable Island. I've seen a lot of postings of Baltimore orioles across the province. Logan also had a lesser yellowlegs at Daniel's Head on Cape Sable Island.

Kelly Sue O'Connor had four sandhill cranes fly over her head at Annapolis Royal. Andrew Bates and Lyall Bouchard spotted the four sandhill cranes previously reported by Kelly Sue O'Connor as well as two Cooper's hawks and a hermit thrush along the French Basin Trail.

Mark Dennis located an American coot at the Blanche Peninsula. On Dec. 7 Dominic Cormier reported a clay-colored sparrow and a yellow-breasted chat at the Fairview Cemetery. At Little Dover Natalie Barkhouse-Bishop reported a northern shrike and pine grosbeaks.

Twelve sandhill cranes were continuing just outside of Shubenacadie. Ronnie d'Entremont spotted a killdeer at the West Pubnico Golf Course. Jake Chute sighted a red-shouldered hawk along the Annapolis Royal Causeway.

A wood duck continued at the Halifax Public Gardens as of Dec. 8. Another was found by Andy Horn at Black Rock Beach at Point Pleasant Park. Rob Edsall saw a black and white warbler at Point Pleasant Park. Mark Dennis had three snow geese fly over him at Cape Sable Island.

You may reach me at 902-693-2174 or email jrhbirder@hotmail.com.

Where will I put my attention today

SUSANNE BECK
Reality Check

My former colleague Jim had to attend a company meeting in New Brunswick with a few other employees. They drove out in early morning, allowing plenty of time for arrival. About half-way, they switched drivers; Jim took the wheel.

Jim was relatively new to Canada, but he had lots of European driving experience. He drove quickly and confidently. They arrived at the meeting. Late. Very late. Why?

As Jim later told me, "We were making excellent time. It was just in the wrong direction."

You may be thinking that a map would have been handy in Jim's case. Of course, there was a map in the company truck. So, what was the problem? Jim assumed that the others knew where they were supposed to go; why would he look at a map?

This may have never happened to you when you're on the road. But how about other areas of life? Have you ever raced to and fro, working hard, only to realize at the end of the day that you didn't accomplish what you set out to do? The most important tasks left undone; the time grabbed by other things.

There were interruptions; things

came up that we believed had to be handled urgently. Where did the time go? One might say that we were going very fast, just in the wrong direction. If only there was a way to stay on track. If only we had a map.

But wait, can we make our own map? If we want one, that's probably what we'll need to do. Some of us may be able to rely on our fellow travellers to keep us on the right road. Even then, it's more satisfying when we know where we're going. Knowing gives us some control over our journey, and over our day.

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LIFESTYLES

A holiday shout-out to the leaders who give their teams peace of mind

STEPHANIE MILLER VINCENT
Business Moments

This is the season when we look for good news, yet some of the most powerful good news isn't wrapped in ribbon or nestled under a tree. It's found in the businesses where people feel respected, supported, and seen. The businesses where Monday mornings feel hopeful because employees enjoyed a peaceful sleep on Sunday night.

That doesn't happen by accident. It happens because someone chose to lead well.

Not long ago, I found myself in a cozy bakery, grabbing pastries for a meeting. The air smelled like cinnamon and butter, instantly placing me in a holiday mood. A young family walked in behind me, their little one bundled head to toe. He pressed his mittened hands to the glass display case with the kind of awe that only December brings out in children.

Before his parents could give him the "not today" signal, the staff member behind the counter knelt down, eyes sparkling, and said: "Would you like to pick a special cookie today? It's our holiday tradition."

The boy gasped. The parents exchanged a smile that said, "Thank you. You didn't have to do that." And the whole bakery seemed to lift a few inches off the ground.

Here's what stayed with me: that kind of genuine kindness is a cultural decision. It's not written in a job description or dictated by policy. It's

born from a workplace where people feel trusted, encouraged, and proud to represent the business, where they're given permission and example to lead with heart.

That doesn't happen without a leader who sets the tone.

THE LEADERS WORTH CELEBRATING

This week and every week, I want to shine a light on the leaders doing this well. The ones who don't wait for recognition. The ones who lead consistently, even when no one is watching. The ones whose teams quietly say, "I'm lucky to work here."

These leaders build workplaces where people greet each other with warmth, conflicts get resolved with respect, and flexibility exists because life happens. Where appreciation is shared freely, burnout is prevented rather than ignored, and staff know they can speak up without fear. Where a bad day doesn't mean a bad job.

These are the leaders giving their people something money can't buy: the experience of loving where they work and that changes everything. Because when someone loves where they work, they look forward to Monday mornings and sleep peacefully on Sunday nights.

That kind of leadership is a gift to the entire community.

THE QUIETEST FORCE

We often talk about leadership as if it lives in titles or strategic plans. But leadership is actually the

quietest force in a place of business, the one that shapes behaviour even when no one notices. A leader sets the temperature, the pace, the emotional tone.

The absence of good leadership isn't always dramatic, it's the slow erosion of trust, the tension you feel in the first three minutes of a shift, the Sunday night dread that employees carry into Monday morning.

The presence of good leadership is unmistakable. You feel it when you walk into a place where people genuinely enjoy being there. You hear it in the laughter. You see it in the small gestures, like offering a cookie to a child because it feels good to make someone's day.

Great leaders don't run operations. They create experiences for their teams, their customers, and their communities. And they deserve to be celebrated.

A CALL TO ACTION

As the year comes to a close, take a moment to notice the leaders in your world who are doing it right. Thank them. Acknowledge them. Tell them the difference they've made, because their influence ripples further than they'll ever know.

The best good news this holiday season isn't about big events or big budgets. It's about the places of business where kindness is the culture, and leadership feels like steady, human support. Those are the places that will shape the South Shore into something truly special.

Stephanie Miller Vincent is the Founder & Visionary of SMillerVision, helping businesses create workplaces where people feel seen, supported, and excited to stay. Learn more at smillervision.com.

Christmas Eve fun for families

Keeping children happy and entertained on Christmas Eve can free up time for adults to check off their to-do lists and savor some of the holiday spirit themselves. Here are some traditions to explore on Christmas Eve that are entertaining for kids and adults.

- Bake some cookies. Santa is going to want a fresh batch of cookies to refuel for a long night of delivering presents. Therefore, having children prepare and bake some cookies can be a Christmas Eve tradition that keeps little ones occupied. When cooled, and after sampling one or two themselves, kids can feel pride placing a dish of cookies out for the jolly old elf.

- Decorate gingerbread houses. Christmas Eve is a great night to decorate gingerbread houses. Families who do not freshly bake the panels for the gingerbread houses can rely on pre-made kits available

at various stores. It's a smart idea to have some extra icing available, especially if kids are anxious to "glue" on extra candy embellishments.

- Attend evening services. Most churches hold Christmas Eve services, with some offering a Midnight Mass for parishioners. Spending time at these services enables families to slow down and celebrate their faith.

- Do a Christmas pajama reveal. It's traditional in some families to buy matching PJs to wear to bed on Christmas Eve and then lounge around in them on Christmas morning. Whoever is in charge of wrapping gifts can set apart the Christmas PJs by wrapping them in a different patterned paper. Then everyone opens the pajamas at the same time for the big reveal.

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Where will I put my attention today

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How would we make such a map? While different things will work for different people, my suggestion is simple. Finish this sentence: "Just for today, I will choose to direct my attention toward..."

For example, we can choose to direct our attention toward interacting with a specific person or group. We can choose what conversations we will engage in. What skills will we work on? What news will we access? We might even choose which pains we will focus on.

We have choices. Sometimes it can seem like we have too many choices. If that's the case for you, then filling in this one sentence may be a useful way to start your day. That's your map.

As always, this is not to say that we have absolute choice in these matters. We can't always choose who we will interact with, what the conversation is, or even whether our pains intrude into our lives. Some things that seek our attention will not be wished away or ignored, no matter how disciplined our mindset.

However, there is a satisfaction that can come from considering and then taking deliberate control of what we can control. And taking control of what we pay attention to can make a difference in our attitude, satisfaction, relationships, and more.

To choose where to put our attention can take some thought. We need to look at our options. What do we most care about? What concerns do we have? Who do we want and need to connect with? What aspects of our lives need attention now?

I've found the subtitle of a small book by Stephen Covey to be a good reminder when I catch myself attempting to respond to competing or uncontrollable events. In "First Things First Every Day," Covey says "Because where you're headed is more important than how fast you are going."

Where are you headed? Let me know at choice@focusonclarity.com or by mail c/o South Shore Bulletin.

To your choices! ~ Susanne ~
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MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

EVENING

7:00 (WTV) "When Christmas Was Young" (Romance,2022) Karen David, Tyler Hilton. A music manager falls for a gifted singer-songwriter who abandoned her dreams of making it big.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

EVENING

7:00 (WTV) "Round and Round" (Romance,2023) Victoria Michaelis, Bryan Greenberg. Rachel's stuck in a time loop, reliving the night of her parents' Hanukkah party.

11:15 (CTVSCI-FI) "The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard" (Action,2021) Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson. Bodyguard Michael Bryce and hitman Darius Kincaid must save Europe from a madman's sinister plot. (14+)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

EVENING

7:00 (CBC) "Frosty the Snowman" (Animated,1969) Billy De Wolfe. Frosty must get to the North Pole before he melts or loses his magic hat.

(CTVSCI-FI) "Top Gun: Maverick" (Action,2022) Tom Cruise, Miles Teller. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell trains a new generation of Navy fighter pilots for a dangerous mission. (G)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

EVENING

6:30 (SLICE) "Runaway Bride" (Romance,1999) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. A reporter (Richard Gere) profiles a bride (Julia Roberts) who stood up three grooms. (G)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

EVENING

6:00 (CBC) "Home Alone" (Children,1990) Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. A left-behind boy (Macaulay Culkin) battles two burglars (Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern) in the house. (G)

11:00 (WTV) "Rescuing Christmas" (Romance,2023) Rachael Leigh Cook, Sam Page. Erin unwittingly wishes away Christmas, and Sam steps in to help bring it back.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

EVENING

7:00 (SLICE) "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" (Romance,2009) Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner. Spirits of jilted lovers take a cad on an odyssey examining his many failed relationships. (14+)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

EVENING

6:45 (CTVSCI-FI) "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (Sci-Fi,2011) James Franco, Freida Pinto. A substance designed to help the brain repair itself gives rise to a superintelligent chimp. (G)

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OBITUARIES

VEINOT: Lawrence Veinot, 89, of Bridgewater passed away at South Shore Regional Hospital on December 7, 2025. A celebration of life will be held in the spring of 2026. Full obituary can be found at corkumfuneralhome.ca



DEATHS

Haas, Fabian, 27, Halifax, formerly of Hebbville, Lunenburg County, died December 8, 2025. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home, Bridgewater.

Jones, Colleen Patricia, 65, Halifax, died November 25, 2025, at her seaside home in Mader's Cove. Arrangements entrusted to Dana. L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

Kerwin, John Munro "Jack", 92, died December 2, 2025, at South Shore Regional Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to Mahone Funeral Home.

Lauzier, Florence Albina, 80, Lunenburg, died November 24, 2025, at Fishermen's Memorial Hospital, Lunenburg. Arrangements entrusted to Dana. L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

Mercer, Karen Louise, 78, Lunenburg, died November 26, 2025, at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Dana. L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

Morris, Robin Hartley, 84, Bridgewater, died November 18, 2025, at home. Arrangements entrusted to Dana. L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

O'Toole, Terrance (Terry) Edward, 64, Lunenburg, died November 29, 2025, at home. Arrangements are entrusted to the Dana. L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

Selig, Thomas, 57, Bridgewater, died December 7, 2025, at South Shore Regional Hospital in Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home, Bridgewater.

Swinemar, Michael Murray, 69, Martins River, died November 29, 2025, at home. Arrangements entrusted to Mahone Funeral Home.

Tanner, Peter Lawrence, 76, Blue Rocks, died December 4, 2025, at home. Arrangements entrusted to Dana. L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

Veinot, Lawrence Melvin, 89, Bridgewater, died December 7, 2025, at South Shore Regional Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to R.A. Corkum Funeral Home.

Welsh, Glen, 83, New Germany, died December 6, 2025, at the Rosedale Home for Special Care in New Germany. Arrangements entrusted to Sweeny's Funeral Home, Bridgewater.

White, Carolyn Susan, 80, Blue Rocks, died November 21, 2025, at South Shore Regional Hospital, Bridgewater. Arrangements entrusted to Dana. L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg.

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Christmas Eve fun for families

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· Leave out reindeer food. Kids can have a fun time putting together a batch of special reindeer food. After all, Santa isn't the only one doing the heavy lifting delivering gifts; his reindeer probably get hungry, too. Reindeer food can be made using a few different ingredients, namely oatmeal, shredded carrots and glitter. Children can decide where to toss this reindeer food, with some opting

to make a path along the front lawn leading toward the house.

· Watch a holiday classic. Choose a Christmas movie and gather the family around to watch it. Some options include "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," "Miracle on 34th Street," "Elf," or "A Christmas Story." Set up a popcorn bar nearby where everyone can customize their popcorn with different add-ins, like chocolate candies, cheese or seasonings.

Christmas Eve traditions can be fun for kids and families as they anticipate all the festivities to come on Christmas morning.

OBITUARIES



Terrance (Terry) Edward O'Toole

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Terrance (Terry) Edward O'Toole 64, of Lunenburg NS. He passed away on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at home.

Born in Placentia NL he was the son of the late Edward and Margaret (Bryne) O'Toole. Terry moved to Nova Scotia at a young age with 3 brothers and welcomed another 2 brothers after settling into his new home province. He grew

up with sea in his blood and spent much of his life working on the water starting at a very young age. He grew up fast on the decks of boats as both a scallop and shrimp fisherman, work he took pride in, and through which he built lifelong friendships.

Country music was the soundtrack of his life, simple songs, honest words, and familiar tunes that fit him just right.

When he wasn't on the ocean, Terry found peace in the outdoors. He loved to hunt and fish, and he treasured the quiet moments spent in the woods or on the water.

He is survived by daughter, Ashley (Michael) O'Toole Zinck, Farmington; son, Christopher (Savannah) O'Toole, Conquerall Mills, Aaron Conrad, Halifax who he lovingly raised from a young age; grandchildren, Hayden, Brier, Madelyn, Egan; brothers, Brendan (Marjorie) Fauxburg, Colin, Mill Village, Leslie (Denise), Cambridge, ON, Eddie, Truro, and Tyrone, St. John NB.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Dana L. Sweeny Funeral Home, 11213 Hwy 3, Lunenburg and from where a funeral service will be held on Friday, December 12 at 2:00 pm. Interment to take place at a later date.

Donations in Terry's memory can be made to the Lunenburg Food Bank.

John Miller Byrne

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of John Miller Byrne, 82, after a brief illness in Lady Lake, Florida. He was the son of the late Marjorie Miller Byrne, Pentz, NS, Canada, and John F. Byrne (unknown as he was buried in Annapolis, Maryland, USA). He is survived by his cousin John McKee, who resides in Halifax, NS.

John served in the American Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. He spent most of his younger years in Heidelberg, Germany, as his dad was stationed there working with Army Military Intelligence. He was a member of the American Legion in Montpelier, Vermont some years back. He was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 24, Bridgewater, NS, Canada, for the last 25 years. He was a member of the LaHave River Yacht Club, Pentz, NS, for the past 25 years.

John enjoyed doing oil paintings of the ships he was on during his career. Loved to travel. In later years, he spent time at his home in Pentz, NS in the summertime, and wintertime was spent in Lady Lake, Florida.

John is fondly remembered by his friends, Karen Lyons, Shirley Mokler from Bridgewater, NS, Canada, and especially by his long-time friend of 67 years, Tom Howard, Montpelier, Vermont. He will be missed by the friends he made at the Links Golf Course in Summerfield, as well as the friends he made at Chili's restaurant, Lady Lake, Florida.

John's ashes will be brought back from the states, and will be buried alongside his mother's grave at St. Peter's Cemetery, Pentz, NS.

OBITUARIES

Thomas Wayne Selig

Thomas Wayne Selig – known and loved by everyone as Tommy – passed away suddenly yet peacefully on December 7, early in the morning, surrounded by love after every effort was made to save him. He was 57 years old.

Born on April 11, 1968, in Tilsonburg, Ontario, Tommy carried a deep kindness and quiet strength throughout his life. Though his given name was Thomas Wayne Selig, he preferred Tommy, and that is how he will always be remembered by those who knew him best.

Tommy shared a beautiful life with his wife Liza, the love of his life. They were together from August 1994 and married in July 1999, building a home filled with devotion, care, and unwavering partnership. Tommy was a constant presence – steady, gentle, and deeply loving. He packed lunches, made coffee, prepared meals, walked the dogs, did the laundry, and always made sure his family was looked after. He had a rare gift for comforting those he loved, soothing anxiety with a calm word, holding a hand when fear crept in, or offering quiet reassurance when life felt heavy.

Nothing meant more to Tommy than being a father. He loved his children with every part of his being and was their biggest supporter and fiercest advocate. He found genuine joy in doing things for them—whether that meant being their human alarm clock at all hours, sitting with them during hospital visits, rescuing them from roadside breakdowns, or teaching life's simple joys. Tommy taught his children how to ride bikes, hunt, fish, play cards, ski, and snowboard. He was their number one fan—always proud, always present.

He is survived by his children Joshua (home), Devan (home), and Dylan (Halifax), as well as Joshua's girlfriend Jenna. Tommy was also a proud "chosen dad" to Cody Monk and Shayne Crouse, embracing them as his own.

Tommy is mourned by his mother Diane Selig (Halifax), his brother Jamey (Halifax), as well as his mother-in-law Carolyn Thomas (Midville Branch). He could never forget his "Boo" along with the rest of the Branch family. He is also lovingly remembered by his uncle Arnie, whom he FaceTimed every single day – a reflection of how deeply committed he was to staying connected with the people he loved. Tommy leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends including extended family in Ontario, all of whom are devastated by this sudden loss.

Tommy was predeceased by his father Wayne, and by his son Tristian, a loss that profoundly shaped him. He never fully recovered from Tristian's passing, but even through his grief, he continued to give love generously and selflessly to others.

In his early years, Tommy worked as a trucker, a job he truly loved and took pride in as he provided for his family. After an injury left him unable to work, he found new purpose as an exceptional stay-at-home dad and husband, nurturing his family with dedication and grace.

A loyal friend to many, Tommy always made time for people. He listened without judgment and would do anything for anyone. His warmth lingered long after conversations ended.

Tommy also had a deep and unwavering faith in Jesus. He was not afraid of death, knowing with certainty that something better awaited him. His faith was lived outwardly—through love, service, and humility. He was an active member of the First Congregational Church in Halifax, where he once preached sermons and led church groups, leaving a lasting spiritual impact on those around him.

Even his faithful companions, Gunner and Echo, feel his absence and continue to look for him—a quiet testament to the love and routine he shared with them.

Tommy was an incredible husband, an extraordinary father, a devoted son and brother, a loyal friend, and a man of deep faith. He will be missed beyond measure by his children, his family, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Though our hearts are broken, we are grateful beyond words for the life we shared with him. His love, his steadiness, and his quiet strength will live on in each of us.

We the family of the late Tommy Selig, would like to take this time to thank, the paramedics, Bridgewater fire department, Dr. Harlow, Dr. Best, and their team at SSRH, for giving their all that morning to save Tommy. And a special thank you to Doctor Holly Zwicker for the years of compassionate, kind, care she has given to Tommy and his family. We would also like to thank, Uncle Gerald Whynot, Denise Peach, Coleen Kelley, and Kelli Venoit for being a presence in our home during this time, it means more than words can say. We also thank everyone who took the time to check in on us during this difficult time.

A service in celebration of Tommy's life will be held at the Oak Hill Fire Hall, on Wednesday December 17 at 2:00pm. Uncle Art MacDonald has graciously offered to lead the celebration. Reception will follow the service until 4:00pm. We truly look forward to seeing everyone there.

Donations in Tommy's memory may be made to Hope for Wildlife or Children's Make a Wish foundation.

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Park View graduate earns spot on Team Canada

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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PLEASANTVILLE – Park View graduate (2025) Zoe Mosher recently earned a spot on Team Canada that will compete in the World Athletics Cross Country championships in Tallahassee, Florida next month, in the 6 K event.

Mosher placed fifth, out of 70 runners, in the U20 division at the Canadian Cross Country Championships that took place in London, Ont., Nov. 29-30, where she clocked a time of 28:51.0 in the 8,000-metre race.

Mosher, the daughter of Mark and Suzanne, is currently in her first of four years at Villanova University located in Villanova, Pennsylvania, where she is taking biochemistry.

“Oh my gosh, I’m honestly still processing it. But I’m over the moon excited. It’s always been a dream of mine to be able to represent my country,” she said, in an interview last week from Villanova.

“This was a meet that I had been working towards for over a year now and I’m just so happy that everything kind of came together and I was able to qualify for the team. I’m so happy, so grateful and so excited.”

She attended school at Pentz Elementary and the Bridgewater Junior High School, before moving on to



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pleasantville’s Zoe Mosher earned a spot on Team Canada that will compete in Florida in January.

Park View Education Centre.

She found success at all levels while growing up at the local and provincial competitions. Most recently in 2024, she competed at the Maine Cross Country Festival of Champions, and she was the only female runner in the field to crack the 18-minute barrier, crossing the finish with a time of 17:39.11.

Looking through her career so far, it isn’t all about the accolades and medals though, but it’s more about connecting with others.

“Being able to race with everyone in the province, meeting all the athletes. I have met some of my best friends through the sport and they are con-

nections that I know I will have for the rest of my life.”

Why does she like distance running?

“I like how you have to think about it. It’s a very mental sport. Sprinting is over so quick, but with endurance running there’s so much strategy instead of just running. I’ve always been a long-distance runner, and it’s always been my strength. I just grew up doing it and I love it,” said Mosher.

She says that adjusting to life at university, away from home, has gone quite well and feels “that it’s forced me to grow as a person. But I absolutely love the experience. I’m so happy that I am here at Villanova and honestly so grateful for the opportunity to race here. It’s been so amazing.

“I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else. I like the environment and the team aspect and being able to train with such an amazing group of girls, it’s honestly made running that much more enjoyable. I’m also so thankful for the coaches here and for all of their support and how they’ve guided me through my first season here. It’s an amazing environment to train in.”

A typical day starts with her first class starting at 8:30 a.m., with classes continuing to 1:40 p.m. Then practice begins at 2 p.m. and continues until 5 p.m. Some evenings consist of a night class, while other evenings are

spent doing homework.

“My day is definitely busy, and I’ve had to learn to manage my time well. I knew that coming here, being an athlete and choosing a challenging major, that I was going to be busy. But I love it.”

PREPARING FOR TALLAHASSEE

“I’ve heard there are some hills at Tallahassee, so I just have to be mentally prepared for that, stay focused and just be super gritty,” she said

As for goals, “Just because courses differ, I find that you can never really gauge a time goal, because you don’t know how tough the course is. I feel going into it, that my main goal is to have no regrets and to make my country proud. I just want to go out and leave it all out there. If I’m just able to run as fast as I can and come away from it knowing that I gave everything and I couldn’t go one second faster, honestly that’s all I can ask for.”

So far, at the collegiate level, she was the top finisher for the Wildcats at the Main Line Invitational and was the team’s fifth scoring runner at the pre-National Invitational; part of the Villanova lineup at the BIG East Championships, the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional and the NCAA championships. The Canadian championships marked her fourth competition in five weeks.

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