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Lunenburg MLA Susan Corkum-Greek presented the Alastair and Frances Campbell Tourism Achievement Award to Bluenose II Captain Phil Watson at the Tourism Industry Awards Nova Scotia (TIANS) awards held recently. With them is TIANS Chair Kevin Toth.

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Captain Watson receives TIANS award

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LUNENBURG – Bluenose II Captain Phil Watson was the recipient of the 2025 Alastair and Frances Campbell Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions and long-term commitment to tourism in our province, at the Tourism Industry Awards Nova Scotia (TIANS) awards' night held Dec. 2 in Halifax, as part of this year's Nova Scotia Tourism Summit.

Presenting the award was Lunenburg MLA Susan Corkum-Greek.

"It's pretty humbling," said Watson, who started as a deckhand on the ship in 1987 and moved through the ranks to become an officer, then finally as a skipper, a position he has held for 25 years.

"It's always lovely to be recognized for essentially, your life's work."

He said that the process was like a trip down memory lane.

"I had to supply pictures of myself because they did a slideshow during the presentation. That led me to contact old shipmates who would have pictures of me over the last 39 years," he said.

"So, the chance to look at old pictures

and to be able to talk with old shipmates about our times together and what we did – it was like watching my life flash before my eyes. That was kind of a neat thing."

The Bluenose team consists of six full-time workers and 14 young people each season. Last season 10 of the 14 were newcomers. The crew contributes to every part of keeping the ship in tip-top shape.

"We all look at ourselves as caretakers of this great ship that belongs to the province. It's not a one-person thing. I'm just a part of a team that looks after it and believe that it's worthwhile to keep it going," said Watson. "...We hope that when we're done that there will be people that come behind us and the ship will go on forever and ever...I'm blessed to be able to do what I do."

He enjoys talking to all the visitors about the ship and its history.

"We do meet people who look through the tourism information and they come and say, 'well, the Bluenose, why am I here? I was told I had to come here, what's the deal?'"

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Queens water bills about to spike

By ED HALVERSON

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REGION OF QUEENS – Residents could soon see their water bills double, as the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB) reviews a major rate-hike request from the municipality's water utility. But according to Mayor Scott Christian, the proposed jump, while significant, is long overdue and necessary to keep the system solvent and safe.

The NSRAB held its public hearing on Nov. 19, where the Region of Queens presented its case for steep increases across all water categories. For a typical residential customer with a 5/8-inch meter, the quarterly bill would rise from \$82.61 to \$169.66 next year - roughly a 105 per cent jump. Unmetered customers would see a similar doubling. Other metered services could see increases ranging from 107 to nearly 120 per cent.

"It is double," Christian said plainly. "But we need to be able to deliver potable, pressurized water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. And we simply can't do that under the current fee structure."

Christian says the story behind the large increase goes back decades. Water rates in Queens weren't adjusted at all between 2002 and 2019, and even then, the change was modest. During that time, material, equipment, and labour costs soared while the utility's infrastructure aged and maintenance was repeatedly deferred.

"Known issues weren't addressed," Christian said. "And internal staff time wasn't always properly allocated to the water utility, which kept costs artificially low for far too long."

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“And so, it’s lovely to be able to share all the history with those people, particular if you’re in a small fishing village to give them an idea what schooners were to the province and why pick the Bluenose as the one to survive. Then you can go through the fishing history and how that all worked; then the racing history and why the Bluenose and Capt. Angus Walters and his crew were famous,” he said.

This, he says generally opens to a much bigger conversation about the history of Nova Scotia, or if you’re lucky enough to be in a small village, then you can find someone that can tell the visitor about what happened in the village and why fishing was important there. “It’s a neat conversation starter,” he said.

Watson said that the whole process from start to finish during a sailing season is, “fun. I started out as a deckhand and went through the process myself. There’s not many deckhands that come on board and leave as the same people as who they were when they started,” said Watson.

“Being at sea and being engulfed in something like the Bluenose; it does change you.”

This is not the first big award for Watson who also won the Tall Ships America Lifetime Achievement award in 2018 for his significant contribution to sail training and his dedication to preserving the traditions and skills.

Corkum-Greek said she was honoured to present Watson with his award.

“This is such a well-deserved recognition for the captain. He is really a person who is true to himself and he is very authentic and I think that’s what makes him stand out in a marvelous way,” she said.

“I do consider him very much a friend, but more than that, someone that I have come to, he’s both a friend, but also a person I really admire.”

Corkum-Greek, who has known Watson for many years also said he is very humble and she found out that he didn’t let on to his general manager or his wife that he was winning the award.

“I knew this was a significant year for him, marking his 25 years as skipper. From my point of view this presentation was something that the minister of tourism asked me to do. I saw that Capt. Phil was there and thought, that’s great. It was really only when they started the awards’ citations that I found out that he was winning,” she said.

“I feel blessed that is the way I found out about it – A. I can keep a secret, but I don’t enjoy keeping a secret and then my personal joy in that moment I was able to share.”

Corkum-Greek respects him greatly.

“The thing I most respect about Capt. Watson is that he’s very authentic. He will speak of, what he considers his great fortune, that he is able to do something that he genuinely loves, something that he is genuinely passionate about. But it’s really his ability to share that passion,” she said.

“He takes very seriously the safe operations of the vessel, but he equally takes very seriously the history of the industry and the people and the communities that Bluenose II represents. He also puts an enormous amount of energy into the mentorship of, particularly, the young people who sail aboard as deckhands during the summers.

“I’ve watched the real care with which he works with young people. That experience is far more than learning how to sail and how to conduct yourself as an ambassador for our province, all of which is true, but what they gain are many skills that are applicable to whatever they are going to do in their lifetime in terms of responsibilities, in terms of team-work, in terms of both having appropriate confidence, but also know the moment to seek assistance and guidance.

“That mentorship is as individual and customized as each of the crew members, he’s really that authentic person and authentic voice for the ship and our province that is second to none...there’s no persona there, just this guy who does this, what he considers, the most fortunate work as the skipper of our sailing ambassador.”

MLA pushes province to modernize cannabis regulations

By ED HALVERSON

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PROVINCE – Lunenburg West MLA Becky Druhan is urging the province to rethink how it regulates cannabis, saying Nova Scotia’s current system is far too restrictive and is actually helping illegal dispensaries thrive.

Druhan says the government’s recent crackdown on illegal shops only highlights deeper problems with how the province handles cannabis sales. “Unlike most provinces, Nova Scotia has no real pathway for private or community-based retailers, leaving the NSLC as the only authorized seller,” she said in a news release. “That shuts out Nova Scotians who want to operate in good faith.”

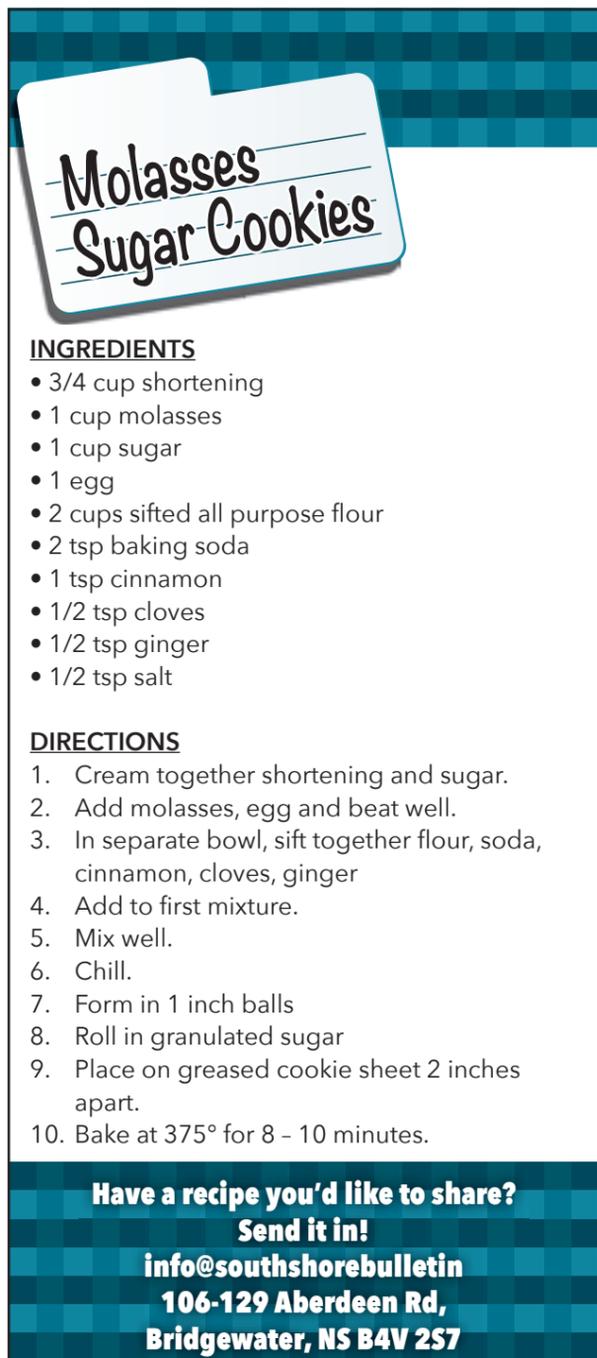
She argues that instead of simply shutting down unlicensed storefronts, the province should be creating opportunities for small, local operators to join a regulated system, one with proper oversight, training, and safety standards.

“Government could fix the safety risks by creating pathways for small operators to participate in a legal, accountable system,” Druhan says. “This protects workers, customers, and communities while giving Nova Scotians a chance to operate lawful businesses.”

Druhan also points out that access remains a big issue, especially in rural communities where NSLC cannabis stores are few and far between. Estimates suggest more than two-thirds of cannabis dispensaries in Nova Scotia are unlicensed, and Druhan says many people don’t even realize the shops they visit are operating illegally. “That highlights a need for clearer public communication and leadership,” she says.

What frustrates her most is what she sees as the government’s sudden shift to a hard-line approach. “This problem has existed for years. Now is the moment to focus on solutions: licensing options, rural access, public education, and targeted enforcement - not punishment alone.”

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Molasses Sugar Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup molasses
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp cloves
- 1/2 tsp ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Cream together shortening and sugar.
2. Add molasses, egg and beat well.
3. In separate bowl, sift together flour, soda, cinnamon, cloves, ginger
4. Add to first mixture.
5. Mix well.
6. Chill.
7. Form in 1 inch balls
8. Roll in granulated sugar
9. Place on greased cookie sheet 2 inches apart.
10. Bake at 375° for 8 - 10 minutes.

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Correction...

In the Dec. 3 edition of the *South Shore Bulletin*, in the story, *From Hamburg to Pleasantville to Vancouver*, it was indicated early on in the story that the subject, Frauke, made it to her final Canadian stop at the home of Charity and Bill Sampson. That is incorrect, it should have stated Charity Sampson and Mike Roach as indicated later on in the story. *The Bulletin* apologizes for this error.

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Dahl's dispatch

EVAN DAHL

Lunenburg County firefighters answered 53 calls for service and Queens County firefighters answered 11 calls for service from Thursday, Nov. 27 to Wednesday, Dec. 3 – 21 of these calls were medicals.

NOVEMBER 27

At 7:53 a.m., New Germany firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Pinehurst. Northfield responded with a boat.

At 3:57 p.m., New Germany firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Scarsdale.

At 5:46 p.m., Italy Cross firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Middlewood. Mill Village also responded. Port Medway was on stand by.

NOVEMBER 28

At 10:34 a.m., Blandford firefighters responded to a residential fire alarm in Blandford.

At 5:18 p.m., Liverpool firefighters responded to a public assist in Liverpool.

At 6:38 p.m., United Communities firefighters responded to a possible chimney fire in Broad Cove.

At 7:17 p.m., Mahone Bay firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Clearland.

At 10:08 p.m., Blockhouse firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in Maitland.

NOVEMBER 29

At 6:00 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Bridgewater.

At 9:36 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a smoke condition in Bridgewater. Oakhill also responded.

At 2:24 p.m., Cornwall firefighters responded to a residential fire alarm in Middle New Cornwall.

At 6:35 p.m., Chester firefighters responded to a residential fire alarm in Chester.

At 6:56 p.m., Western Shore firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Gold River.

NOVEMBER 30

At 4:40 a.m., Cornwall firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Middle New Cornwall. Walden also responded.

At 10:19 p.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Lunenburg.

At 10:55 p.m., Mahone Bay firefighters responded to assist police in Clearland.

At 11:00 p.m., Hubbards firefighters responded to assist Upper Tantalion at a structure fire in Hubley. Black Point, Hammonds Plains, Seabright, Lakeside, Halifax, Bedford, Spryfield and Prospect also responded.

DECEMBER 1

At 6:35 a.m., LaHave firefighters responded to a fire alarm in LaHave. Pleasantville and Conquerall Bank also responded.

At 5:37 p.m., Chester firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in East Chester. Chester Basin and Western Shore also responded.

At 6:42 p.m., Hubbards firefighters responded to assist Seabright at a chimney fire in Glen Haven. Black Point, Hammonds Plains, Upper Tantalion and Bedford also responded.

DECEMBER 2

At 12:34 a.m., Hubbards fire-

fighters responded to a vehicle fire in Simms Settlement.

At 1:56 a.m., Chester firefighters responded to a residential fire alarm in Chester.

At 9:00 a.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to an elevator rescue in Bridgewater.

At 11:22 a.m., Lunenburg firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Lunenburg.

At 12:40 p.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a propane smell in Bridgewater.

At 2:25 p.m., Chester firefighters responded to a smoke sighting in Robinsons Corner.

At 4:36 p.m., North Queens firefighters responded to a residential fire alarm.

At 5:30 p.m., Bridgewater firefighters responded to a commercial fire alarm in Bridgewater.

At 6:48 p.m., Chester Basin firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in Chester Basin.

At 10:29 p.m., New Ross firefighters responded to a possible house fire in New Russell.

DECEMBER 3

At 5:28 a.m., Blandford firefighters responded to a fire alarm in Blandford.

At 7:06 a.m., Chester firefighters responded to a motor vehicle accident in East River. Hubbards also responded.

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Why are the water bills in Queens about to spike

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Municipally owned systems are required to be financially self-sustaining. "The act doesn't allow us to subsidize the water utility with general tax dollars, and we wouldn't want to. It wouldn't be equitable," Christian explained. "But based on the current rates, we'd be running a perpetual operating deficit."

Compounding the issue is the condition of the infrastructure itself. The municipality estimates 60-to-70 per cent of all water pumped from the system is "non-revenue water" - water that never gets billed. While some of that is due to leaking pipes, Christian said a major revelation at the hearing was that their aging meters are likely under-reporting consumption.

"Water meters only get inaccurate in one direction, they slow down," he said. "We're probably providing far more water to homes and businesses than we're charging for."

Replacing outdated meters, repairing century-old pipes, and creating a reserve for long-term upgrades

will all be essential and costly. The municipality is also preparing for expansion into new housing areas, though Christian says those costs will largely be handled through connection fees, development charges, and provincial and federal infrastructure funding.

Recognizing the impact the increase will have on low-income households, council approved a \$200 annual subsidy for eligible customers on the utility, similar to the existing tax rebate program for property tax. Applying will be as simple as ticking a box on the same form used to apply for property tax relief.

Christian acknowledges the rate hike will be tough for many residents but says the alternative, letting the system deteriorate further is not an option. "We're dealing with things that should have been dealt with years ago," he said. "It's the difficult thing, but it's the right thing."

As for when residents will know the NSRAB's final decision, Christian says there's no timeline. "We'll hear when we hear," he said.



BOWLING

Pajo's Bowling Alley League Stats

Lucky Strikes League, Nov. 21: H.S.: Caitlyn Doucette 125; H.T.: Val Feener 331; H.S.: Shawn D'Eon 146; H.T.: Shawn D'Eon 389; T.H.T.: We Still Suck 1653

Mickey Mouse League, Nov. 23: H.S.: Corey Lohnes 136; H.T.: Corey Lohnes 338; H.S.: Tatum Lohnes 103; H.T.: Tatum Lohnes 295; T.H.T.: Strike Force 1435

Men's, Nov. 24: H.S.: Colton Whitman 142; H.T.: Colton Whitman 346; H.T.S.: Thrown Together 579; H.T.T.: Thrown Together 1662

Ladies, Nov. 25: H.S.: Elenor Berringer 111; H.T.: Katie Lantz 294; T.H.T.: Flintstones 1807

Canexcel, Nov. 26: H.S.: Ariana Feener-Berringer/Karen Longmire 115; H.T.: Ariana Feener-Berringer 328; H.S.: Mark Knickle 137; H.T.: Yama Younis 345

Money League, Nov. 27: H.S.: Odette Tanner 121; H.T.: Kim Veinotte 310; H.S.: Yama Younis 160; H.T.: Yama Younis 392; T.H.T.: You're Due 1548

Youth League, Nov. 29: Peewee. B.H.S.: Johnny P 41

Bantam. G.H.S.: Abby P 57; B.S.: Avery F 86; B.T.: Avery F 224

Junior. G.H.S.: Soraya W 90; G.T.: Soraya W 227; B.S.: Owen W 92; B.T.: Owen W 250

MLA pushes province to modernize cannabis regulations

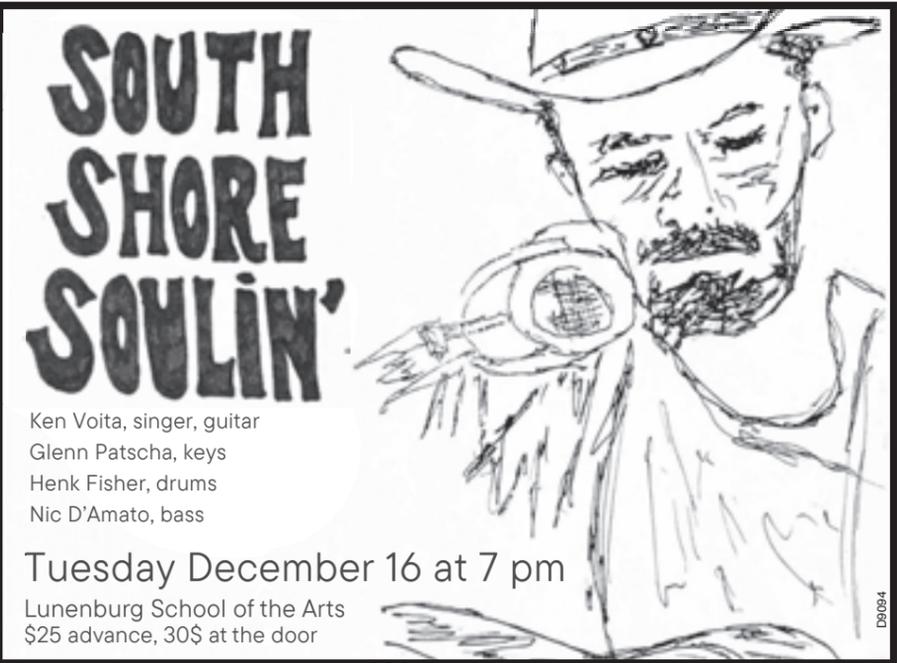
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Earlier this year, the province allowed for an NSLC-run model for Mi'kmaw communities to participate in cannabis retail, which Druhan called a positive step. But she says it still keeps real authority with the NSLC and limits meaningful economic participation.

By sticking to its current model, she warns, the province risks leaving

rural communities without safe access, blocking local entrepreneurs, and undermining efforts to build stronger relationships with Mi'kmaw partners.

Druhan, who recently left the governing PC caucus after rejecting a cabinet shuffle, says now is the time to modernize cannabis rules in a way that improves safety, boosts small businesses, and reflects what other provinces have already shown can work.



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LOCAL



Phones for the Holidays aims to put lifelines into the hands of Nova Scotians in crisis

By ED HALVERSON

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PROVINCE – What started as a small Halifax phone drive has grown into a full-blown province-wide effort, and this year, the Phones for the Holidays campaign is aiming higher than ever. The goal is to collect and refurbish 1,000 used phones and pair each one with a prepaid plan so people experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, or gender-based violence can stay connected when it matters most.

But this year's expansion didn't happen by accident. It's the result of multiple community efforts merging into one co-ordinated initiative, says Matt Spurway, Chief Development Officer at GEO Nova Scotia, the organization now leading the charge.

"The phones for the holidays as a phone drive campaign has been around for seven years," Spurway explains. "Up until this year, it's been a very kind of local, community-based effort in Halifax... but with new partnerships, we had all the things we needed to go provincial."

One of those key partnerships is with Geebo Device Repair, the company stepping up to refurbish every donated device. Spurway calls their involvement "a real magic ingredient," and says it's what made the leap to a province-wide campaign possible.

Nic Merry, who leads Geebo's involvement, says the project clicked for him immediately. "We see devices all the time that could have a much better repurposing," he says. "A lot of devices end up getting recycled or in landfills, and they have more life to them than they never get a chance to see."



Through Phones for the Holidays, his team will be the ones receiving, triaging, and repairing all donated phones before they're sent back to GEO NS for distribution. It's a big job, but one Merry says is deeply worth it.

"If we are able to be a link in the chain that provides these devices to the people in need, then that is super rewarding, super fulfilling," he says. "Phones are totally a necessity. You can't operate without one."

Once refurbished, the phones are distributed through partner organizations across the province, including women's shelters like Harbour House on the South Shore. For Executive Director Kelly Ann Hamshaw, the impact of this program is tangible and immediate.

"As a shelter supporting women and children experiencing domestic vio-

lence, we know that access to a phone can be a critical lifeline," she says. "Even a simple phone can make a real difference for someone in a vulnerable situation... it's not just a phone, it's a lifeline that opens doors to safety, opportunity, and independence."

Shelters like Harbour House won't collect the donations themselves but they're a crucial part of ensuring the devices reach the people who truly need them, particularly women fleeing violence or dealing with technology-facilitated abuse.

Spurway says the effort is designed to be as local as possible, with MLA offices, service agencies, and community partners across Nova Scotia serving as drop-off locations. Many of the phones collected in a community will go right back into that same community.

The campaign is also collecting monetary donations which will be turned into prepaid phone cards to pair with the donated hardware. More information on how to donate is available at the organization's website: phonesfortheholidays.ca.

While the campaign is themed around the holidays, Merry hopes the spirit lasts long after December. "I'd like to think this could be a permanent relationship," he says. "A program that keeps devices flowing to the people who need them."

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ED HALVERSON PHOTO

The Sawpit Wharf will get re-built next year as part of a \$4 million capital plan to improve the park's waterfront, accessibility and overall amenities.

MODL commits \$2M to rebuild Sawpit Wharf

By ED HALVERSON
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MODL - The Municipality of the District of Lunenburg (MODL) is moving ahead with major upgrades to Sawpit Wharf Park, fast-tracking part of the work after a structural assessment found the existing wharf needed to be closed immediately for safety reasons.

The assessment pushed council to pre-approve \$2 million to design and build a brand-new wharf in 2026, two years earlier than originally planned. The project is part of a larger \$4-million capital plan, approved in 2024, that aims to improve the park's waterfront, accessibility, and overall amenities over the next several years.

Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile says replacing the wharf wasn't really up for debate. "Council understands that the wharf is a significant asset to the park, and one of its main attractions," she said. "To not replace the wharf with one that will meet the current needs of park users was unthinkable."

She added that the park's charm comes from its open green space and easy access to the water, features the municipality wants to protect and enhance. "Council is excited for the improvements to the waterfront in 2026 and other improvements to the rest of the park that will improve accessibility and the overall user experience in the years ahead."

The full concept plan for Sawpit Wharf Park can be seen on the municipality's Engage MODL website.

Community Events

Dec 10-16, 2025

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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.

Drop-in Job Lab at Nova Scotia Works, 215 Dominion St., Bridgewater from 1 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 11

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

Let's Sketch Together at Second Story Women's Centre, 18 Dufferin St., Lunenburg from 1 to 3 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 12

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.

Stick Curling at Lunenburg Curling Club, 13 Green St., Lunenburg from 5:30 to 7 PM.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

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

Traditional Acoustic Music Jam at DesBrisay Museum, 130 Jubilee Rd., Bridgewater from 2 to 4 PM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

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 15

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 16

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.

Love Actually at The Astor Theatre, 219 Main St., Liverpool from 4 to 6 PM.

Social Column

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

December 10, 1975

Chester

The Chester Women's Institute members and guests enjoyed a pot luck supper held in the clubrooms of the Zoe Valle Library on Monday, December 1. Following the supper meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. A.H. Marshall. Nineteen members and eight guests were present. Roll call was responded to with customs of Christmas. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. David Moland. She also read a letter from Bonnie Lea Farm acknowledging and thanking the members for the donation of \$50.00 given in October. Five girls from the Anglican Girls Auxiliary played ukuleles and sang Christmas songs.

North River

Mrs. Marjorie Robar and Dawn and Mrs. Lawrence Getson, Newcomville visited Mrs. Rufus Robar on Thursday morning. Mr. and Mrs. James Robar and children, Springfield, visited at the same home on Wednesday evening.

Dalhousie

Mr. Arthur Wilson and Miss Janice Joudrey, Cherryfield, spent the weekend in Halifax, guests of the former's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mailman. They spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Zwicker and family.

Branch LaHave

Supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Young and Darren Bridgewater and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young and family.

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Lumberjacks pick-up shut-out victory

By DAN BOYD

BRIDGEWATER – East Hants Penguins Coach Laurie Isenor must be ptulling at the roots of his hair.

The Penguins were off to a superb start at 11-1-1, but they have now lost six consecutive games including the latest 4-0 shut-out Saturday night in Bridgewater.

The Lumberjacks are firmly in second place with a record of 13-2, while the Penguins now sit with a record of 11-7-1, good enough to hold on to third spot. In top spot in the Fred Fox division, the Capstone Colts are at 15-3.

In their latest game, the Lumberjacks scored three times in the first period to take control and never looked back.

The goals came from Cohen Westlake, Nolan Wilkie who also added an assist and Evan Amirault. The teams then played scoreless hockey for 42 minutes before Landon Garber tallied with 4:06 remaining and making the final 4-0.

The Lumberjacks outshot the Penguins 27-25 and Keegan Greencorn continued his year-long stellar play for the Lumberjacks recording his first shut-out of the season. He presently has a Goals Against Average of 2.77 and .921 save percentage while having stopped 466 of 506 shots he has faced this season.

The Lumberjacks were back in action Monday Dec. 8 in Sackville against the Blazers. They then take on Capstone in their final game before the Christmas break, Dec. 12 at the Shearwater arena.

Their next home game will be a matinee tilt against Eskasoni Jan. 3 at 3 p.m.

KEVIN MCBAIN PHOTO

Evan Amirault scores the third goal of the night for the Lumberjacks after a two-on-none with Nolan Wilkie in the first period of the Dec. 6 home win over the East Hants Penguins. The Lumberjacks earned a 4-0 win on this night.



SPORTS SHORTS

MOSHER SELECTED FOR TEAM CANADA

Pleasantville runner Zoe Mosher (2007-born) was among the 28 athletes recently selected to represent Canada at the 2026 World Cross-County championships that will be held Jan. 10 in Florida. She will be competing with five others in the U20, 6K race.

The selections were based on the results of the 2025 Canadian Cross-Country championships that were held recently in London, Ont., where she finished fifth in the 8k run with a time of 28:51. Mosher is currently attending Villanova University.

LOCAL SOCCER PLAYERS SELECTED

Congratulations to local U18 soccer players Jada Buchanan and Jane Van Kessel, two of just four Nova Scotians selected to compete for the Canada Selects team that will face teams NDC Ontario and CF Montreal in upcoming games.

What's coming to streaming this week: December 10-16, 2025

CRAVE

December 10
Crinqué: Sous Le Capot: Season 1

December 11
Our House
Passengers
Our House

December 12
From The World Of John Wick: Ballerina
Sanctuary: A Witch's Tale
Tornado
The Surfer
The Heat
The Cable Guy
Mariah Carey's All I Want For Christmas Is You
The Bourne Identity
The Bourne Supremacy
The Bourne Ultimatum
The Bourne Legacy
Jason Bourne
The Northman
A Fairly Odd Christmas
Brooklyn Nine-Nine: Seasons 1-8
Slaycation: Season 2, Episode 1
Moneyball
Sausage Party

December 13
Cocomelon JJ's Animal Time 1, Part 1,

December 14
Saving The Christmas Ranch
Recipe For Romance
Christmas On Windmill Way

December 15
Irish Blood: Season 1
Thank God: Christmas At The Keller Ranch
Merry Pickleball
Christmas
TMZ

DISNEY+

December 10
Are You Sure?! (S2, New Episodes)
Asia's Weirdest
Disney Twisted-Wonderland: The Animation (New Episode)
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (S2, Two-Episode Premiere)
Percy Jackson and the Olympians: Official Podcast (Two-Episode Premiere)

Wandance (New Episode)

December 11
The Kardashians (S7, New Episode)

December 12
Abbott Elementary (S5, New Episode)
I AM BOXER (New Episode)

My Music Story: Sukimaswitch
Taylor Swift | The Eras Tour | The Final Show
The End of an Era (Two-Episode Premiere)

December 14
Mad Men (S1-6)
One-Punch Man (S3, New Episode)
Puppy for Hanukkah

December 15
Bob's Burgers (S16, New Episode)
The Simpsons (S37, New Episode)
Tracker (S3, New Episode)

NETFLIX

December 10
The Accident: Season 2 (Mexico)
Record of Ragnarok: Season 3 (Japan)

Simon Cowell: The Next Act (U.K.)

December 11
The Fakenapping (Saudi Arabia)
Had I Not Seen the Sun: Part 2 (Taiwan)
Lost in the Spotlight (Indonesia)
Man Vs Baby (U.K.)
Tomb Raider: The Legend of Lara Croft: Season 2
The Town (Turkey)

December 12
The Amazing Digital Circus: Season 1: episodes 5-7
City of Shadows (Spain)
The Croods
Home for Christmas: Season 3 (Norway)
Wake Up Dead Man: A Knives Out Mystery

December 13
Bumblebee
Waiting to Exhale

December 15
The Creature Cases: Chapter 6
Jumanji: The Nevel Level
Younger: Seasons 1-7

December 16
Culinary Class Wars: Season 2 (South Korea)

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LIFESTYLES

All about the prairie warbler

JAMES HIRTLE
Bird Notes

Wilma Clancy found a prairie warbler Nov. 21 at Sperry Beach in Petite Riviere.

I put the word out and many birders came to see this special bird. I only get to see this species once a year and likely this will be my only one for 2025.

The prairie warbler nests from South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Vermont and New Hampshire south to Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Atlanta, Georgia, Florida and the Florida Keys. It also nests in Ontario. They winter on islands off Mexico and Central America and from Florida, south through the West Indies to Nicaragua.

The prairie warbler is 11.25 to 13.13 cm with a wingspread of 15.63 to 18.13 cm. The male in spring is olive green above with inconspicuous chestnut marks on the back, bright yellow below and sides stripped with black. The yellow sides of the face have a black streak through the eyes and below the eyes.

There are two pale yellow wing bars and white patches on the outer tail feathers. The female looks much like the male but duller. The prairie warbler eats mostly insects and spiders.

On Nov. 23 Ethan Sarty found a greater yellowlegs in Chester. He also saw an American tree sparrow in Mahone Bay. On Nov. 24 Eric Mills saw many red crossbills along Digby Neck. On Nov. 30 Steven Morris spotted a snowy owl at Second Peninsula.

While out birding with Barbara McLean on that day we saw 110 cedar waxwings at Second Peninsula along with goodly numbers of American robins and other species. Ethan Sarty joined us, and we got to see a pine warbler.

With Dec. 1 rolling in the winter list started. The goal is to see 100 species of birds between then and Feb. 28. I'm off to a good start with 40 species as of Dec. 3.

That is behind the 50 species that I had last year at this time, but ahead



JAMES HIRTLE PHOTO
A prairie warbler spotted at Sperry Beach in Petite Riviere Nov. 21.

of where I was two years ago. Barbara McLean still has a red-bellied woodpecker coming to her feeder in Lunenburg and one showed up for Kevin Lantz in Front Centre. Last winter I missed common grackle altogether.

Barbara McLean had some visiting at her feeders, so I got that one out of the way already this winter. While out birding on Dec. 2 I confirmed that the northern mockingbird at First Peninsula is still tending there. On that day I located a blue-headed vireo at the Sawpit Park in Lunenburg.

This bird was very co-operative and in the open often. Unfortunately, my camera decided to freeze up and I only obtained two blurry photos of the bird. There were quite a few American tree sparrows in Lunenburg on that day.

There were 47 Bonaparte's gulls at First Peninsula. At the end of November, I had a black-headed gull there. There was still one black-bellied plover at Crescent Beach on Dec. 2.

This bird was getting a lot to eat and I watched it pluck many marine worms from the mud. There were four gadwalls at Fort Point, LaHave with two males and two females. A varied thrush showed up in the vicinity of Mahone Bay.

Unfortunately, the seven barn swallows at Second Peninsula did not make it. They were found dead in the loft of a barn there. With the change in weather, it was to be expected, but I had hoped that they would have made

it to where it was warmer and a plentitude of insects. I was thus saddened to find out about this.

Christmas Bird Counts are coming up. Local ones will be White Point on Dec. 20. The next one would be Broad Cove Dec. 28. My Lunenburg Christmas Bird Count will be on Jan. 3, 2026. Please contact me if you can help as a feeder watcher or in the field as an observer or for more information as to how these counts work.

They are set up to be within a 25 km radius. I have multiple teams in the field covering multiple routes. Lise Bell is the coordinator for the Broad Cove count, but you can contact me

if you can help and I can pass your information on to Lise.

On Nov. 27 Kyle Shay reported six Bohemian waxwings in Dartmouth. The tropical kingbird was last reported in the Wolfville area on Nov. 28. A female northern shoveler was located at Shubie Park. On Nov. 29 a greater white-fronted goose showed up at the tidal bore in Truro.

The yellow-headed blackbird was continuing in Dartmouth as of Dec. 1. Multiple people saw ruddy ducks, American coots, gadwalls and a common redpoll at Bissett's Lake in Dartmouth. On Dec. 2 a marbled godwit was seen by Logan Moore at Daniel's Head on Cape Sable Island. There were 12 sandhill cranes between Milford and Shubenacadie on Dec. 3.

Good birds in Shelburne and Yarmouth Counties recently were a snow goose, three great egrets, a northern mockingbird, a Wilson's warbler, a Nashville warbler, a northern parula, a blue-headed vireo, a vesper sparrow, a clay-coloured sparrow, eastern bluebirds, a greater shearwater, an American tree swallow, and a black-headed gull.

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LIFESTYLES

Giving pets as gifts: Why it's not always a good idea

ASHLEY KIPPERS
SHAID Tree Animal Shelter General Manager

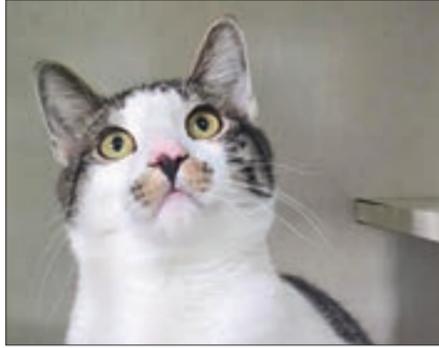
As the holiday season approaches, many families begin thinking about meaningful gifts for loved ones. It's a time of warmth, generosity, and celebration — but it is also the time of year when shelters nationwide see an increase in pets being returned after the holidays.

While the idea of surprising someone with a kitten or puppy wrapped in a bow may seem heartwarming, the reality behind these impulsive decisions can be far more complicated. Adopting an animal is a long-term commitment, often 15 to 20 years, and the responsibility should always be planned, discussed, and welcomed *by the person who will be caring for the pet.*

WHY PETS SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISE GIFTS

Post-Holiday returns are common:

Every January, shelters see an influx of animals who were given as gifts to individuals unprepared for the responsibility. A pet is not a toy, trend, or temporary novelty — they rely on their caregivers for safety, stability, and love.



Flanders (male-neutered) and Poppy (female-Spayed) — two shy, sweet 7.5-month-old siblings still waiting for their forever homes.

A good match takes time:
Adoption is about compatibility. Lifestyle, financial readiness, living arrangements, allergies, time commitments, and personality all play a major role in ensuring a successful lifelong bond.

Stressful for pets:
The holidays are loud, busy, and filled with travel and visitors — not an ideal time to introduce a shy or sensitive animal to a new home.

A thoughtful alternative: give the promise of adoption

Instead of surprising someone with an animal, consider gifting:

- A card symbolizing the idea of adoption
- A donation in their name to the shelter



This ensures that when an animal joins the family, it's truly wanted — and truly prepared for. Bringing an

animal into a home is one of the most meaningful commitments a person can make. This holiday season, let's prioritize thoughtful choices and lasting love — ensuring that each pet's journey begins with stability, compassion, and a home that truly wants them.

This message is especially important for cats like Flanders (male-neutered) and Poppy (female-Spayed) — two shy, sweet 7.5-month-old siblings still waiting for their forever homes.

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The book that builds your place of business

STEPHANIE MILLER VINCENT
Business Moments

Many small businesses don't start with a handbook. They start with one person, an idea and a whole lot of grit. Maybe a couple of family members help out. Maybe a friend jumps in when things get busy. In the early days, you don't think about a handbook. Everyone knows you, everyone understands how you work, and expectations are just understood.

Until they're not. As business grows and you start hiring, the cracks begin to show. Employees are hired and questions start: "How do we handle this?" "Who's responsible for that?" "What's the right answer here?"

The standards are verbal, fluid, and change depending on how they're interpreted, the day, the mood, or the moment.

Expectations are invisible and create inconsistency, slowdowns, frustration and even turnover.

A handbook fixes that. It becomes the place where answers live, so your team doesn't have to ask the same questions again and again. A handbook creates alignment, speeds up training, it frees you from repeating yourself and removes the emotional swings from day-to-day expectations.

Unfortunately, most businesses only focus on accuracy of the information, not the tone it's presented in.

I spent months working closely with a company who had a handbook in their hands for more than 12 months. They were thoughtful. They were organized. They were reviewing it to make sure the content was correct. They were doing a great job!

There was no issue with the content. It was well thought out, well presented but it didn't reflect the culture I had experienced from them in the few short months I'd been working with them.

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Best wishes for the Holiday Season to everyone who helped make 2025 a huge success at the Daisy

To our customers and donors, a big "Thank You". Your support throughout the year has been essential to our success.

To all our volunteers, "Thank You". Your tireless efforts and good humour are appreciated. Your work is the reason for an amazing year.

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LIFESTYLES

Choosing words for difficult situations

SUSANNE BECK
Reality Check

Last time, I introduced Casey and Cathy's story. It's one where Casey has become resentful, perceiving that the more she does for Cathy, the greater are Cathy's expectations. "Favours" have become demands.

Casey has decided that she needs to address the situation. Why? It's affecting her attitude. The generous, kind-hearted spirit she once had is now cold and suspicious. One must not give an inch, or a mile will be taken! This is new for Casey, and she doesn't like it.

Thus, the need for a conversation. It may be a difficult conversation, even a confrontation. Uncomfortable conversations can get ugly. People may say hurtful things; relationships can be destroyed. However, avoidance isn't the answer.

Can we prevent the potential negatives, still get our point across, and maybe even reach a satisfactory resolution?

Dr. Glasser identifies deadly habits for relationships, including criticizing, blaming, and threatening. Even

when we try to avoid them, it's easy to see how they can creep in. For example, Casey might criticize Cathy for being disorganized or blame her for monopolizing her time. Casey might even threaten to stop helping.

Fortunately, there are also caring habits that build relationships. Among them: listening, respecting, and negotiating differences.

It's helpful to have a plan before we launch into a difficult conversation. A Reality Therapy-based plan might ask, "What does Casey want to achieve through this conversation?"

How about this? Casey wants to maintain the friendship, but with a basis of genuine connection, not as a benefactor-client relationship.

What does Casey not want? She doesn't want a fight, nor does she want to abandon Cathy in her difficulties.

How to get a positive result? Keep the Glasser caring habits in mind. Caring doesn't demand that you be a doormat, offer excuses or defend yourself. Caring doesn't blame yourself or another. To help avoid pitfalls, choose questions rather than statements or ultimatums.

Also choose to take deliberate control of assumptions. Even though Casey sees the problem as obvious, there is the possibility that Cathy genuinely doesn't realize there's anything wrong.

What might Casey say? Some possibilities: "This is difficult for me to say. Are you aware that this is causing a strain on our relationship?"

"I don't believe it's your intention to cause me distress."

"I need your help. How do you think we can resolve this?"

"What do you think we should do in the future?" Here's where the "negotiating differences" caring habit plays a role. Casey might offer what she is prepared to do. For example, "I can take you shopping once a week." She can offer to help find resources, such as transportation options or groups who provide services.

Listen respectfully, after each question.

Cathy may respond with requests that Casey is not able to accept without resentment. If so, consider responding, "I will have to give that some thought."

The best outcome will be that Casey maintains her friendship but in a more even-handed way. With agreed-upon limits to Cathy's expect-

ations, Casey can continue to help Cathy, now with joy rather than resentment.

However, the best case may not come to fruition. Casey may learn that her relationship is not one of mutual affection as she had believed, but that Cathy sees her as a convenient provider of services. That's not gratifying, but it may be better for Casey to recognize the reality.

Casey may still choose to help Cathy, now based on her values of charitable work rather than the obligations of friendship. If so, that change in perception could help reduce her resentment. We don't tend to resent giving gifts freely. Gifts that are coerced, however, are a little different.

Difficult conversations can be difficult, indeed. But they can also be worthwhile. They can clear things up and even draw people closer. For something so valuable, it's worth putting in some preparation.

How have you prepared for a difficult conversation? Let me know at choice@focusonclarity.com or by mail c/o South Shore Bulletin.

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

Giving pets as gifts

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These gentle youngsters came into the shelter timid and unsure of people, but have been making wonderful progress. Though still a bit reserved, they are learning to trust, play, and enjoy affection in their own quiet way. They can be adopted together or separately, and would do best in calm, patient homes where they can continue to blossom at their own pace.

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NEW ONSITE THRIFT STORE - OPENING WEEK OF DEC. 15

SHAID is thrilled to share that our new pet-themed thrift store will be opening soon! We are currently accepting donations of gently used pet items at the shelter. Every purchase made at the store will help support the animals in our care.

Introducing South Shore Waste Solutions

We're excited to share that the Lunenburg Regional Community Recycling Center has a new name: South Shore Waste Solutions.

This new name better reflects all the services we provide today. Recycling is still an important part of our work, but we now do much more to support modern, sustainable waste management across our region.

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The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 62 Set price
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- 6 Summer, in Paris
- 7 Annapolis grad.
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- 9 Makeup kit item
- 10 Breathe with effort
- 11 Big name in child education
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- 13 Florida State player, familiarly
- 18 Wilson of Heart
- 22 Daily Planet reporter
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- 34 Fixate (on)
- 37 Secluded valleys
- 38 Half Dome's home
- 40 Fully attended
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- 43 Windmill parts
- 45 Novel setting
- 47 More modern
- 48 Chowder morsel
- 49 Stitch's movie pal
- 51 Pound, of poems
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- 53 Kind of dealer
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MOVIES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

EVENING

- 7:00 (WTVN) "Four Christmases and a Wedding" (Romance,2017) Arielle Kebbel, Markie Post. After three Christmases of being apart, something magical may finally bring a couple together. (G)
8:00 (CBC) "Last Holiday" (Comedy,2006) Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu. After learning she has a terminal illness, a woman (Queen Latifah) takes a dream vacation to Europe. (G)
9:00 (ASN) (NBC) "Red One" (Action,2024) Dwayne Johnson, Chris Evans. An E.L.F. (Extremely Large and Formidable) operative and a top tracker try to save kidnapped Santa. (G)
11:00 (WTVN) "She's Making a List" (Drama,2025) Lacey Chabert, Andrew Walker. A woman falls for a widower while evaluating if his child should be on Santa's naughty or nice list.
12:00 (CTVSCI-FI) "The Librarian: Return to King Solomon's Mines" (Adventure,2006) Noah Wyle, Gabrielle Anwar. An adventurer (Noah Wyle) uses a map to search for King Solomon's mines. (G)
12:05 (SHOW) "Blood Diamond" (Adventure,2006) Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Connelly. Two men (Leonardo DiCaprio, Djimon Hounsou) join in a quest to recover a priceless gem. (14+)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

EVENING

- 7:00 (WTVN) "In Merry Measure" (Romance,2022) Patti Murin, Brendan Penny. Darcy is a pop star who finds herself coaching a high school choir with her onetime rival, Adam. (G)
8:00 (CBC) "It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie" (Children,2002) Whoopi Goldberg, Joan Cusack. Kermit tries to save the theater from a banker (Joan Cusack). (G)
9:00 (CH) "Christmas 9 to 5" (Romance,2019) Tiya Sircar, George Wendt. Jennifer is a reporter who gets the assignment of her life: to find the true meaning of Christmas. (G)
(WTVN) "The Christmas Cup" (Romance,2025) Rhiannon Fish, Ben Rosenbaum. Marine Kelly leads her hometown team in the Christmas Cup with help from Fireman Quinn.
10:00 (USA) "Death Race" (Action,2008) Jason Statham, Tyrese Gibson. Framed for murder, a convict (Jason Statham) must compete in a brutal auto race to win his freedom. (13+)

- 11:00 (WTVN) "Single on the 25th" (Romance,2025) Lyndsy Fonseca, Daniel Lissing. A woman makes a special connection with a neighbor who shows her how to keep the holidays festive.
12:00 (CTVSCI-FI) "The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice" (Adventure,2008) Noah Wyle, Bob Newhart. A librarian and a beautiful singer must prevent vampires from taking over the world. (G)
12:30 (USA) "The Five-Year Engagement" (Romance,2012) Jason Segel, Emily Blunt. An engaged couple (Jason Segel, Emily Blunt) trips up on the long walk down the aisle. (14+)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

EVENING

- 7:00 (CBC) "The Holiday" (Romance,2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. Two women, who each have just endured a horrid breakup with a lover, swap homes for Christmas. (G)
(WTVN) "The Christmas Cup" (Romance,2025) Rhiannon Fish, Ben Rosenbaum. Marine Kelly leads her hometown team in the Christmas Cup with help from Fireman Quinn.
9:00 (ASN) "Star Wars: Episode VI -- Return of the Jedi" (Sci-Fi,1983) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford. Jedi knight Luke Skywalker tries to identify Darth Vader's identity. (G)
(TBS) "Shrek" (Animated,2001) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. In order to save his home, an ogre along with a donkey makes a deal with a mean lord. (G)
10:00 (SHOW) "Hulk" (Fantasy,2003) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. Scientist Bruce Banner (Eric Bana) transforms into a powerful brute after his experiment goes awry. (G)
(APTN) "Finality of Dusk" (Drama,2023) Ishkode and Niife join forces to prove that the ultimate survivors have always had to fight.
11:00 (WTVN) "Holiday Date" (Romance,2019) Matt Cohen, Brittany Bristow. Joel poses as Brooke's former boyfriend when she goes home for the holidays. (G)
11:30 (TBS) "Shrek 2" (Animated,2004) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. A green ogre, his new wife and a donkey find adventure while visiting his in-laws. (G)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

EVENING

- 6:00 (SHOW) "Jonah Hex" (Action,2010) Josh Brolin, John Malkovich. Jonah Hex gets an offer from the Army. It will erase his warrants if he finds Quentin Turnbull. (14+)

- (STAR) "A Christmas for the Ages" (Drama,2023) Natasha Bure, Anthony Timpano. Four generations of women celebrate Christmas in the style of the 40s, 60s, 90s, and today. (PG)
6:15 (CTVSCI-FI) "X-Men: The Last Stand" (Action,2006) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. The discovery of a cure for mutations divides the followers of Charles Xavier and those of Magneto. (G)
6:30 (SLICE) "Book Club" (Romance,2018) Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda. Four friends' lives turn upside down when their book club tackles the infamous "50 Shades of Grey." (G)
7:00 (ATV) "Wonka" (Comedy,2023) Timothée Chalamet, Calah Lane. Young chocolatier Willy Wonka manages to change the world, one delectable bite at a time. (G)
(WTVN) "Flipping for Christmas" (Drama,2023) Ashley Newbrough, Marcus Rosner. Abigail agrees to help her sister flip an inherited home, but co-beneficiary Bo has other plans. (G)
8:00 (SHOW) " Hancock" (Action,2008) Will Smith, Charlize Theron. With every feat, a scruffy superhero (Will Smith) inflicts collateral damage upon Los Angeles. (13+)
8:30 (CTVSCI-FI) "The Wolverine" (Action,2013) Hugh Jackman, Hiroyuki Sanada. In Japan, Wolverine goes on the run with an heiress and confronts the prospect of real mortality. (13+)
9:00 (SLICE) "Marley & Me" (Comedy Drama,2008) Owen Wilson, Jennifer Aniston. A couple's new puppy grows up to become an incorrigible handful. (G)
(CH) "Christmas Crush" (Romance,2019) Cindy Sampson, Robin Dunne. Addie makes a Christmas wish for her neighbor, Sam, to fall in love with her. (G)
(WTVN) "A Suite Holiday Romance" (Drama,2025) Jessy Schram, Dominic Sherwood. Sparks fly between a writer and a British tourist as they spend Christmas week in New York City.
(TBS) "Twister" (Action,1996) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. Storm-chasers (Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton) follow tornadoes in Oklahoma. (G)
10:00 (SHOW) "Watchmen" (Action,2009) Billy Crudup, Malin Akerman. After his former colleague is murdered, a masked vigilante probes a plot to destroy all superheroes. (13+)
(STAR) "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane" (Drama,2022) Andrea Barber, Dan Payne. Ivy Donaldson struggles with her mom's shadow, Muriel, the Christmas darling of Icicle Falls. (PG)
(APTN) "Stolen" (Action,2012) Nicolas Cage, Danny Huston. A former thief must come up with \$10 million to save his kidnapped daughter. (14+)

- 11:00 (WTVN) "Confessions of a Christmas Letter" (Romance,2024) Angela Kinsey, Lillian Doucet-Roche. Settie Rose hires Juan, a novelist, to depict her dysfunctional family in the best possible light. (G)
(CTVSCI-FI) "Logan" (Action,2017) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart. A weary Logan cares for an ailing Professor X while protecting a young mutant girl from dark forces. (13+)
11:15 (TBS) "San Andreas" (Action,2015) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino. A rescue pilot must save his family after a magnitude 9 earthquake devastates California. (13+)
11:30 (SLICE) "The Guilt Trip" (Comedy,2012) Barbra Streisand, Seth Rogen. Pressured into taking his overbearing mother with him, a man goes on a cross-country road trip. (G)
12:00 (ATV) "Die Hard 2" (Action,1990) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. Police hero (Bruce Willis) spots military terrorists at D.C. airport. (13+)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

EVENING

- 6:00 (SLICE) "What Women Want" (Romance,2000) Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt. A freak accident lets an ad exec (Mel Gibson) read women's minds. (G)
7:00 (WTVN) "A Suite Holiday Romance" (Drama,2025) Jessy Schram, Dominic Sherwood. Sparks fly between a writer and a British tourist as they spend Christmas week in New York City.
(STAR) "Montana Mavericks" (Romance,2025) Katherine McNamara, Dennis Andres. A New York author meets a charming cowboy after inheriting her family's dilapidated Montana ranch. (8+)
8:00 (ASN) (ABC) "Avatar: The Way of Water" (Sci-Fi,2022) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana. When a familiar threat resurfaces, Jake and Neytiri must protect their children and their planet. (G)
(CBC) "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (Children,2000) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor. A curmudgeon (Jim Carrey) hates the Christmas-loving Whos of Whoville. (G)
8:15 (CTVSCI-FI) "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (Action,2014) Hugh Jackman, James McAvoy. The X-Men join forces with their earlier selves to change a pivotal historical event. (G)
8:30 (SHOW) "Robin Hood" (Action,2018) Taron Egerton, Jamie Foxx. A war-hardened Crusader and his Moorish commander prepare a daring revolt against the English crown.
9:00 (SLICE) "The First Wives Club" (Comedy,1996) Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler, Diane Keaton) seek revenge. (G)

- (CH) "Letters at Christmas" (Drama,2022) Dean Cain, Janeshia Adams-Ginyard. A couple facing divorce take their kids to help them renovate a historic hotel.
(WTVN) "Oy to the World!" (Romance,2025) Brooke D'Orsay, Jake Epstein. Sparks fly between old high school rivals as they work together on a fundraising event for a temple.
(STAR) "Second Guessing Fate" (Romance,2025) Danielle Panabaker, Corey Sevier. Gemma has given up on dating until a fortune teller predicts she's one bad date away from true love. (8+)
10:00 (APTN) "Robin Hood" (Action,2018) Taron Egerton, Jamie Foxx. Robin Hood and Little John lead a band of oppressed rebels against the evil Sheriff of Nottingham. (G)
11:00 (WTVN) "Hanukkah on the Rocks" (Drama,2024) Stacey Farber, Daren Kagasoff. A recently unemployed lawyer embarks on a journey to find Hanukkah candles, one week before holiday. (G)
(CTVSCI-FI) "X-Men: Apocalypse" (Action,2016) James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. Professor X and Raven lead a team of young X-Men to battle the immortal mutant Apocalypse. (G)
(STAR) "A Royal Christmas Tail" (Romance,2025) Brittany Underwood, Jonathan Stoddard. A prince searches for the woman and her dog who stole his heart during one enchanted encounter.
11:30 (SLICE) "What Women Want" (Romance,2000) Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt. A freak accident lets an ad exec (Mel Gibson) read women's minds. (G)
12:00 (CBC) "Without Precedent: The Supreme Life of Rosalie Abella" (Documentary,2023) The daughter of Holocaust survivors, Rosalie Abella becomes a member of the Supreme Court of Canada.
(TBS) "A Christmas Story" (Children,1983) Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. A boy (Peter Billingsley) tries to convince his parents to get him a BB gun. (G)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

EVENING

- 6:30 (CTVSCI-FI) "Independence Day: Resurgence" (Sci-Fi,2016) Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum. The nations of Earth use recovered extraterrestrial technology to battle a powerful alien invasion. (G)
7:00 (WTVN) "Christmas With the Darlings" (Romance,2020) Katrina Law, Carlo Marks. A woman helps a charming man look after his orphaned nieces and nephew during the holidays. (G)
8:00 (CBC) "Scrooged" (Comedy,1988) Bill Murray, Karen Allen. A ruthless TV-network chief meets the ghosts of Christmases past, present and yet to come. (G)
9:00 (CTVSCI-FI) "Edge of Tomorrow" (Sci-Fi,2014) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. Caught in a time loop, a soldier (Tom Cruise) repeatedly relives the battle in which he died. (G)
(STAR) "A Kindhearted Christmas" (Drama,2021) Jennie Garth, Cameron Mathison. Jaime tries to anonymously give gifts to those in need while pursuing a new romance.
11:00 (WTVN) "An Alpine Holiday" (Romance,2025) Ashley Williams, Laci Mailey. Two vastly different sisters follow their late grandparent's steps and experience the Alps.
11:15 (SHOW) "The Arrival" (Sci-Fi,1996) Charlie Sheen, Ron Silver. Scientists (Charlie Sheen, Lindsay Crouse) find extraterrestrials in Mexican village. (G)
11:30 (CTVSCI-FI) "War of the Worlds" (Sci-Fi,2005) Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning. A man (Tom Cruise) and his children try to survive an alien invasion. (14+)

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We have so many memories,
we wish we still had you.

Forever loved
and deeply missed,
Dad, mom, Michael, Beth,
daughter Kelsey and family.

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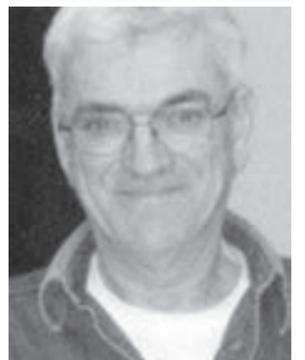


SMITH: In loving memory of
our loved ones, Evelyn, and
Bob Smith.

We thought of you today,
but that is nothing new.
We thought about you
yesterday, and days before
that too.
We think of you in silence,
we often speak your name.
Now all we have are
memories, and your picture
in a frame.
Your memory is our
keepsake, with which we'll
never part.
God has you in his keeping,
we have you in our heart.
Forever loved and missed,
Lynn, Stephen, Becky,
Mitchell, Skylah, Brooke,
and Claire.

EICHEL: Donald and Kay;
in loving memory of our
parents, who passed away
November 30, 1977, and
December 24, 2003.
Our loved ones may be out
of sight, but they are never
out of mind.

Loved, and always
remembered always,
Doris, Danny, and families.



HUBLEY: In loving memory
of our son, Dwayne, who
passed away on December
20, 2006; and my husband,
Douglas, who passed away
September 24, 2024.

Little did I know that
morning God was going to
call your name.
In life I loved you dearly, in
death I do the same.
It breaks my heart to lose
you both, you did not go
alone.

For part of me went with
you, the day God called
you home.
You both left me beautiful
memories, your love is still
my guide.
You are always by my side,
and nothing seems the
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Honour your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not give false testimony

You shall not covet

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Bridgewater. Arrangements
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Funeral Home, Bridgewater.

Rafuse, Matthew Alonzo,
56, Middlewood, died
November 25, 2025, in South
Shore Regional Hospital,
Bridgewater. Arrangements
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The book that builds your place of business

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The tone of that handbook didn't match the business they were building. It didn't sound supportive. It didn't sound human and it didn't reflect the pride they had in taking care of their people. The words were technically right and emotionally wrong.

That's where they were stalled.

Your handbook is the blueprint to your culture.

I started my 30-year leadership career at White Point Beach Resort, a South Shore icon in guest service, where the handbook was a masterpiece of clarity. It wasn't just a list of rules, it was a complete story of the property. Every department, every expectation, every piece of the operational puzzle that made the place feel like a living, breathing ecosystem.

What made it powerful was how it was introduced. The handbook wasn't handed to you as an afterthought. It was issued as part of a full property-wide orientation, and the orientation itself was built from the handbook's structure. The tone was welcoming, informative, and rooted in pride. You felt like you were joining something, not being processed into it.

The handbook evolved to include ISO standards. They were rigid, uniform, technically exact, and emotionally neutral. Their purpose was consistency, compliance, and quality control. On their own, they had no warmth.

And that's exactly why the tone of the first part mattered even more.

Without that human foundation up front, the whole document would have felt like an operating manual, functional, but cold. The opening became a counterbalance, a reminder that behind every procedure was a person, a team, a shared commitment to care.

It wasn't about choosing one or the other. It was about holding both: precision and humanity, structure and spirit.

The tone didn't compete with the standards, it completed them.

A handbook can feel like an invitation or an instruction manual. The

words might be right, but the energy they carry determines how people receive them.

Your handbook sets the tone for how people feel on Day 1. It tells the story of who you are as a leader. It becomes the foundation everything else stands on.

So, ask yourself and answer honestly:

Would you rather build a thriving, human-first business on a foundation of clear expectations, supportive language, and thoughtful leadership or a business on a base made of verbal instructions, assumptions, and crossed fingers?

A well-crafted handbook is not bureaucracy. It's a gift. It's clarity. It's consistency. It's culture written down.

People don't stay for policies.

They stay for how your leadership makes them feel.

And your handbook is the very first place they learn that story.

You don't have to figure this out alone. Better leadership starts with small, intentional shifts and those shifts ripple out into every part of our lives.

When businesses choose to lead with clarity and care, something remarkable happens, people don't just perform better at work, they live better. They go home calmer, kinder, more present for the people they love. They show up stronger in their relationships and contribute more generously to their communities. Because when you treat people with dignity where they spend most of their waking hours, the ripple effects reach every corner of their lives.

That's the work I do. That's the South Shore I believe in.

Stephanie is the Founder of SMillerVision. Championing workplaces where people feel valued, supported, and seen, when we care for people at work, they carry that care into their homes, their families, and their communities. If you're ready to make your place of business clearer, kinder, and more consistent, let's start with your handbook. Reach out today and I'll help you build the foundation your people deserve.
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Go Rock nabs national radio award

By ED HALVERSON

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LUNENBURG - Lunenburg County's Go Rock Radio is celebrating another big moment on the national stage after snagging the "Sound of Success" award for the second year in a row at the Broadcast Dialogue Canadian Radio Awards.

The small but mighty station also earned runner-up in the "Radio's Community Builders" category for its work with Lunenburg County Pride through its Go Proud station.

Owner Scott Clements, who runs NovaCast Media and lives in Lunenburg County, says the recognition still feels surreal, especially considering who they're up against. "We beat out Bell Media in Ottawa," he said, noting the contrast between Go Rock's tiny local team and the massive corporate broadcasters they routinely outshine. "Just because we're in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia doesn't mean we can't sound as big or serve as well as a station in Toronto."

This year's award-winning campaign, "Go Canada 25," took a playful jab at proposed U.S. tariffs by flipping the idea on its head: instead of punishing businesses by 25 per cent, Go Rock rewarded local advertisers with 25 per



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Go Rock owner Scott Clements with Alison Clements.

cent more commercial inventory at no extra cost.

The team even produced a tongue-in-cheek ad voiced in the style of the U.S. president. "It was really about saying, 'We're not going to let one person decide how we grow our businesses,'" Clements said. "We're Lunenburg County Strong, and we're going to go and grow."

To listen to the Sound of Success winning campaign, <https://canadian-radioawards.com/2025-sound-of-success-award/>

As for whether Go Rock is aiming for a "three-peat," Clements insists awards aren't the goal. "If you do the right things, the awards will come. Don't chase the awards—let them chase you."

GOLDEN YOUTH CARD CLUB CARD PARTY RESULTS

The Golden Youth Card Club and The Bridgewater Seniors Card Club met on December 4th for their Christmas Dinner and a short game of Auction 45's.

The winners were: Ladies high, Phyllis Meisner 625; Ladies second, Wilma Dorey 615; Men's high, John MacDougall 645; Men's second, Russell Moshier 600; Low Score, Donnie Wamboldt 310; Lucky Tally, Marie Rafuse; Travel Prize, Carol Corkum; 50/50 Winners: Jim Hebb and Melda Croft. Card parties are held every Thursday afternoon at 1:30pm at the Pleasantville Fire Hall. New members (age 55+) are welcome to attend. Light lunch provided.

BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CITIZENS CARD GROUP RESULTS

The Bridgewater Senior Citizens Group met on December 3 for a game of Auction 45's.

Winners were: Ladies' high, Gloria Cox, 1015; Men's high, Dean Avery, 930; Runners up, Gail Boyle, 1005, and Shirley Banfield, 995. Winner of the 50/50 draw was Melda Croft. Winners of 30 X 60 bids were Wilma Dorey and Dean Avery.

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



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Kids are invited to share their Letters to Santa, including up to three special wish-list items, and we'll proudly publish them (December 17th edition) in our newspaper for everyone to enjoy.

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Just send in your child's letter by December 12 and keep the magic of Christmas alive in our community. Let's help Santa get his list ready—one adorable letter at a time!

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Jill Brothers' day?

Liverpool curling club celebrates local celebrity during Curling Day in Nova Scotia

By KEVIN MCBAIN

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LIVERPOOL – Dec. 6 was slated as Curling Day in Nova Scotia, a good reason to celebrate the great game.

But another reason to celebrate curling at a bit more local level was the success of Brooklyn's-own Jill Brothers, third for Team Christina Black (long-time rival), who finished second at the Olympic trials in Halifax Nov. 22-29.

It was the first time that a Nova Scotia team made the finals in 20 years.

Brothers (nee Mouzar), was honoured by her home rink, the Lunenburg Curling Club, by about 50 friends and family. She attended with her five-year-old daughter, and took some time to do some curling, and reminiscing.

"It's so sweet. My sister was kind of like, 'ya we're going to kind of do like a curling day in Nova Scotia thing and we want to give you a thing. Do you want to come down?' I'm like sure, sounds great. So, I got no details. I thought I will just show up, even though I don't know what's happening," said Brothers.

"So anyway, it was definitely overwhelming."

Several speakers shared their thoughts including Region of Queens councillor Vicki Amirault who presented her with a certificate; curling club president, Lorna MacPherson who presented her with a plaque that will be installed at the club; sister Kaitlin Waugh and former junior teammate Meaghan Roberts (nee Smart), whom she won the Nova Scotia Junior women's championship with in 2001.

Several other current and former teammates shared their congratulations via video message, and a great



KEVIN MCBAIN PHOTO

Lorna MacPherson, president of the Liverpool Curling Club, presents Jill Brothers with a special plaque that will hang in the curling club. Brothers was the special guest at the Curling Canada Day event held at the rink where it all got started. With them is Brothers' daughter Andie.

highlight package was put together of her wins over the years.

Brothers says that it is special being from a small town, especially from Liverpool.

"I always tell people that I'm from here. I love being from a small town, super proud," she said, and added at one point, she was curling four days a week at the club.

The day also included a meal and a welcome back scramble.

Brothers took some time with her daughter, Andie, who is now seven years old to do some curling with her on the ice. Andie spotted some signs on the back wall that indicated this is her mom's home town rink.

"She said, 'mommy, it says your name on the board. It says your name on all the boards.' I'm like I know. She says, 'but why, but why'. I'm like I guess they think I'm good at curling. I don't know."

Brothers said that the small-town curling club is so great to be a part of because oftentimes kids can walk from school and the ice is often accessible for playing time.

Brothers full-time job is a technical director with Curl Nova Scotia. She encourages young players to play with their local club as much as they can and play with their clubmates.

"Be together and learn together. I think that's really important."

Brothers started curling when she was nine and she is now 42 years of age.

"I've been really fortunate. So many people stop at the university age when life gets busy. When I moved to Toronto and to Halifax, it was kind of like who my curling team is and secondly, what's my job," she said. "I've been kind of doing life backwards from most people, because I thought of curling first and foremost and thankfully my family was cool with that."

Brothers has appeared in the Scotties Tournament of Hearts eight times and joined Team Black at the start of the 2024-25 season.

Next up is a Tier II tournament in Saskatchewan, then it is off to the Scotties that takes place in January in Mississauga, Ont. Last year, the team finished with a 6-3 overall record, losing to Kerri Einarson in the semifinals.

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