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Adrian Blanchette (shown here in his alter ego, the pirate leader Captain Crusty) on the pirate festivals that took place at the Salmon River Inn. See page 5.



Our nature columnist Eric Cole spotted a rare visitor to Nova Scotia, a scissor-tailed flycatcher, in his backyard near Clam Harbour. See page 7.



An owl by multimedia artist Jan Foley, who has worked in pencil, watercolour, acrylic, and oil, made handmade paper and papier-mâché, and whimsical needle-felted sculptures. See page 6.

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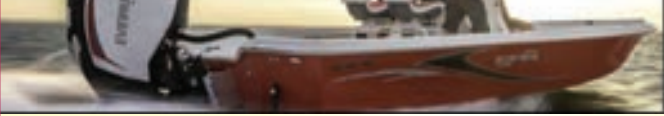




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**Know Your Home's Value Before Making Financial Decisions:** Before deciding how much you can afford to spend on your next home—or whether you should buy at all, get an accurate assessment of your current property's market value. Your municipal assessment is not the same as market value, and online estimates can be unreliable. A REALTOR® can provide a comparative market analysis based on recent sales and current competition. Knowing your likely sale price allows you to calculate your net proceeds, after considering the mortgage, legal fees, real estate commission, moving costs, and any work required before listing.

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**Plan the Sale Around Your Financial Goals:** Downsizing is ultimately a real estate decision with financial consequences. Before putting your home on the market, understand what it is worth, what you will likely net from the sale, what taxes may apply, and whether buying or renting best fits your financial situation. The earlier you start planning, the more options you have—and the less likely you are to make a major real estate decision under pressure.

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Kelp – Giant of the Sea

By Savayda Jarone, Herbalist

I was recently strolling along the beach at Clam Bay and my attention kept shifting between the expansive ocean view and the seaweeds washed up along the shore. I counted at least a dozen different kinds, in a remarkable variety of colours, shapes and sizes.

Most striking was the kelp: long, broad ribbons of brown seaweed, some more than a metre in length and wide as my hand.

When we look closely, we discover kelp is an important food and medicine, habitat and ecological force in our coastal waters.

Ecology

Kelp is a large brown seaweed. Unlike flowering land plants, sea plants have no true roots, stems or leaves. Instead, a root-like holdfast anchors them firmly to rocks on the ocean floor, while a flexible stalk and broad blades extend upward into the

water.

Imagine an underwater forest growing several metres below the surface. Kelp must withstand waves and strong currents while capturing enough light to photosynthesize. Its golden-brown colour comes partly from pigments such as fucoxanthin, which help it make use of available light underwater.

Kelp is remarkably fast-growing. During its most vigorous growing periods, sugar kelp can add roughly a centimetre or more to its length in a single day. An individual may live only two to four years, yet in that short time can grow several metres long and produce an enormous amount of biomass.

Kelp beds provide shelter, feeding grounds and nursery habitat for fish and invertebrates, including cod, lobster and crab. They also absorb carbon and

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Adam Campbell of East Jeddore



We are profoundly sad to share the news of the death of Adam Campbell of East Jeddore.  
He belonged to this place, the water, the fog, the trees, and especially the birds. He was a maker of beautiful things.

He has gone ahead of his many friends, his family, and his wife who could not have been more loved.  
It is hard to find the words to express the sadness we feel at his loss, and the gratitude for having been his people.  
– K8

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# We Are the Pirates of Jeddore!

By Richard Bell

[Editor’s note: You can watch an online version of this story, complete with a parade on Highway 7 singing “We Are the Pirates of Jeddore!” on the *Cooperator’s* Facebook page.]

Over the *Cooperator’s* 13 years, we kept hearing about a pirate festival at the Salmon River Inn that once drew thousands of people for a pirate extravaganza that Johnny Depp would have fit right in, complete with pirates, RedCoats, blunderbusses, and cannon fire over the inlet.

“Pirates...Arrr...Arrrgh,” Adrian Blanchette growled at us when we sat down with him to talk about how he had transformed from a sunny innkeeper at the Salmon River Inn into a swarthy pirate.

“It’s funny how that started, eh?” Blanchette said. “Because I was going to celebrate my birthday with friends. I looked up online to see what other famous person was born on the 19th of September 1939. I didn’t find anybody, but what I did find was that a couple of guys in the U.S. had started Talk Like a Pirate Day on the 19th of September.”

“So when I called people and asked them to my birthday party, I said, ‘By the way, it’s talk like pirate day on my birthday.’ So we all talked like pirates and had a good time. At the end of it, several people said, ‘Gee, that was so much fun, we should do this every year.’”

“I said, ‘OK, good idea. Maybe we will. We’re on the water here and we got a chance to do something.’

So I started thinking that way, and getting some equipment, a costume with a coat and a hat, and a blunderbus.”

At this point, he picked up the stubby large-barrel weapon at his feet. “I got this from this guy who buys these guns and brings them into Canada as decorative items, they’re not set to be fired. Then he works on them and makes them into an actual fireable gun. Pirates liked the blunderbuss because you can use them with one hand while you use the other hand to board the ship.”

“So the next year I said, ‘Well for on my birthday we’ll do an actual festival.’ We got some advertising out and whatnot and invited a few more people. And we got a bouncy castle there for the kids and all this stuff. We had a couple of things going on while we had a pirate war. We had invaders from across the river coming ashore, and the pirates on our side were resisting them. I was firing the blunderbuss. It was pretty good.”

“We did it for five years. The last time, it was really successful. We must have had about 2,000 people show up. We did the parade on the streets on the Number Seven. We came off Myers Point and marched along singing ‘We Are the Pirates of Jeddore.’ Every

now and again i’d fire the blunderbuss.”

Blanchette said that he still regrets that the fifth year turned out to be the last one. “We were selling the Inn then,” Blanchette said. “I went around to all the other businesses on the shore that I knew and asked them if they wanted to take this over. And the first thing they all said to me is, ‘How much money do you make?’ And I said, ‘Well, I don’t make a lot of money, I spend a bit you know. I spend maybe a couple of thousand dollars before you’re finished.’ And they said, Well, we’re not interested if it’s not making any money.”

“People told me afterwards this is the best thing that’s ever hit the Inn door,” Blanchette said. “It was a lot of fun. If it had kept going, and with a bit of outside publicity, it would have attracted a lot of people to the Eastern Shore.”

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Peer Support at the Well-Being HUB: Building Connection in Our Community

By Sarah Ryan, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Well-Being HUB

Peer support is based on a simple but powerful idea: people with lived and living experience of life's challenges can offer understanding, encouragement, and practical support to others. It is not counselling or clinical treatment. Instead, it is a relationship built on mutual respect, hope, shared experience, and the belief that everyone has strengths to draw upon.

At the Well-Being HUB, peer support creates welcoming spaces where community members can connect without judgment. Whether someone is navigating mental health concerns, isolation, life changes, recovery, caregiving, or grief, they do not have to face it alone. A Peer Support Specialist listens, shares tools and lived experience when appropriate, and helps people identify their own goals and next steps.

In May 2026, I traveled to Ottawa with Lyn Miles, a long-time HUB volunteer and trained Peer Support Specialist, to present at The Power of Peer Support conference. Our session, Building Rural Peer Support Networks: A Community Co-Design Model from Nova Scotia, explored how the HUB's approach is tailored to the realities of communities along the Eastern Shore and in the Musquodoboit Valley.

Meeting peer-support leaders from across the country reinforced something we already knew: rural communities need their own model. Long travel distances, thin service coverage, and tight-knit social circles all shape what "accessible support" means out here – what works in a city doesn't always translate to a place where the nearest resource may be an hour away, or where confidentiality carries different weight in a small community. The conference confirmed that co-design – building programs with the people who will use them, not just for them – is essential to rural success. We returned with new ideas, valuable connections, and renewed energy for this work at home.

The Well-Being HUB offers a range of opportunities to strengthen connection and well-being across the Eastern Shore and Musquodoboit Valley: one-to-one peer support, group-based programs, wellness and educational sessions, community outreach, volunteer opportunities, and connections to other local services. Programming is shaped by community input and aims to be accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the people who live here.

One current area of development is a virtual peer support group for caregivers in neurodiverse

households. The HUB is inviting caregivers to complete a short survey that will help shape the group's topics, timing, and format, ensuring it reflects the realities, priorities, and strengths of local families. The survey is available at wellbeinghub.ca.

The HUB will also be hosting Lunch & Learn-style events, where community members can enjoy refreshments, meet others, and talk with the team about peer support programming and ways to get involved. These relaxed gatherings are a chance to ask questions, learn about current and upcoming programs, find out how to access support or join a group, explore volunteering, and help shape future activities. Everyone is welcome – whether you're looking for support, supporting someone else, or simply curious. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

Peer support depends on volunteers willing to share their lived experience and time. If you're interested in becoming a Peer Support Specialist, or simply want to learn more, please connect with Sarah Ryan, Outreach and Education Coordinator, at oec@wellbeinghub.ca or 902-237-5065.

Together, we can build a healthier, more connected community.

Making Space for Creative Play

By Mary Elizabeth O'Toole

A lifelong resident of Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore, Jan Taylor Foley cannot remember a time when creativity wasn't present, "in practice or in longing." Growing up in a family with several generations of artists, Foley began drawing as a child. At 13, she brought pencil sketches of horses to a local summer fair and still remembers the thrill of realizing something she had drawn was good enough for someone to want – and be willing to buy.

Foley's art and processes have changed with the different stages of her life. While raising four children, a busy household meant sustained time for painting was difficult to find. Studio time came in "stolen snatches." Other opportunities to create appeared through school activities, including building sets and props and figuring out how to meet requests using whatever random things happened to be available.

That experimentation helped shape the multimedia artist she is today. Foley has worked in pencil, watercolour, acrylic, and oil, made handmade paper and papier-mâché, and explored realism, abstraction and collage. Since 2011, she has created whimsical needle-felted sculptures, a particular focus of her work today. She is also creating whimsical line drawings of wildlife and nature for an upcoming children's journal from Surefooted Life. Animals, nature, and the coastal landscape are frequent subjects throughout her work.

Foley's family of sailors, swimmers and surfers spent much of their lives in, on, and around the water. Her studio name grew out of that shared connection to the sea. One of her children once predicted that she would be content when they were off living their own

lives and she could become the "Salty Hag of Jeddore, making art and conjuring seabirds on our windy hill."

Some thought the description less than flattering. Foley thought it was perfect. She made a plaque bearing the name that still hangs in her studio and later adopted "Salty Hag Studio" as the name of her business.

Family remains close and the house can still be busy, but Foley insists, "There is always room in some small corner to make something."

After decades leaning toward realism and the careful attention required to get details just right, Foley has moved toward a freer approach. She may enter the studio with an image or idea, but not usually a plan. Instead, she lets the work take shape through play, exploration, and whatever she discovers along the way.

Sometimes that experimentation even determines the medium.

"The use of coffee in my paintings resulted from what, I'm sure, is a familiar happenstance to all who paint," Foley says. "You're so entranced by the work that you find you've rinsed your brush in your coffee and nearly sipped your brush water!" One day, rather than discarding the coffee, she decided to try it as paint. "I just went with it."

She loves the sepia tones coffee produces, leaving an old enamel mug on the wood stove where she works and watching the colour deepen as the coffee strengthens.

Learn more at saltyhagstudio.com or @SaltyHagStudio on FB or IG. Watch for Foley at The Memory Lane Fibre Fest (Oct 17), and at Seaside Christmas (Nov 15-17).

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The Bees and the Birds

By Eric Cole

We noticed our flowering Thyme and Sage were buzzing with bees at the end of July and the clover in our grass was also finally attracting some Apian interest. Then our riding mower broke so the grass was not cut for a few weeks while we waited for a part. A smorgasbord of grasses and “weeds” like Creeping Charlie grew up in what became more a meadow than a lawn that soon bees as well as bunnies had the run of.

A closer look showed Bumble bees rather than the Honey Bees I expected. There were mainly Tri-Coloured Bumble bees and Two Spotted Bumble bees, cute native bees that live in burrows rather

than hives and are just as industrious and important in their pollinating function as honey-producing bees.

Above this, an avian changing of the guard was occurring as the twittering of Tree Swallows gave way to the tweets and rattles of White-winged Crossbills. Three well-separated Tree Swallow nest boxes each produced a full brood of chicks and the place was alive with swirling swallows through June and most of July.

There’s no question they make fastidious parents. Non-stop insect-hawking for a couple of weeks by both parents is required to raise five ravenous chicks.

The parents keep the crowded nest box clean by removing the chicks’ waste which is excreted conveniently in little poop bags called fecal sacs. After a parent returned with a crop of bugs and fed the chicks it would often take off again with a fecal sac in its beak. Interestingly it always waited until it was over water to drop the fecal sac, getting rid of the evidence so to speak, that might betray the location of chicks to predators.

Each brood fledged over a period of days. Each chick spent a few indecisive hours at the entrance before taking the plunge of a first flight which could go anywhere. So a parent bird flew close by guiding it around until it would land unsteadily in a big tree or the wire nearby. For a week or so they all hung around, honing their flight skills, until one day they all took off and we haven’t seen one since.

White winged crossbills are an irruptive species that can appear and breed at any time of the year depending on the availability of spruce cones. Our area happens to have a fresh cone crop right now so here they are, and so much fun

to watch, having not seen any for over a year. Bright red males call and rattle from the very tops of trees. It’s a small flock and they are well spread out. Sometimes a second male responds and they engage in an ascending display flight. I often see one just below its tree-top pulpit chomping on nearby cones the way I eat cobs of corn, not a pretty sight.

American Goldfinches breed late into the summer so they are still making a racket, as is Fontleroy, as he constantly chases what are probably his own chicks as they buzz around our hummingbird feeders.

But the last word I’ll give to the Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher that landed on our wire on the first of August. A vagrant from the southern States and Mexico, it is likely the same bird that was seen in Shelburne County in June. Crossbill size, but very pale, with a long and deeply forked tail that makes it unmistakable, it only stayed for a few minutes before taking off to the west. Keep an eye out for this rarity that I hope will eventually find its way back south as the seasons change.

2026 Terry Fox Run

This year’s Terry Fox Run will take place on Sunday, September 20th. Since Terry launched his cross-Canada run on April 12, 1980, Canadians have raised more than \$850 million for cancer research in the annual runs.

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The Lake Echo and Area Lions had the honour of awarding five local high school students some scholarship money to aid them in their post secondary studies this fall. Cheques were presented at the July 19 Bingo at Lake Echo Community Recreation Centre.



From left to right, the students are Stone Carter-Simpson, Mya Stewart, Lily Leroux and Tyler Murrant. Reese Messervey is inserted.

Tyler will be pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce at Saint Mary’s University. He received the John Pelletier Memorial scholarship.

Lily will also attend Saint Mary’s to study English and French. She plans to be an educator.

Reese is going to Acadia to study kinesiology and become a physical therapist. He received the Donnie King Memorial scholarship.

Stone will be taking a Bachelor of Arts degree at Dalhousie. He has varied interests in law, writing, psychology and education.

Mya Sewart heads off to St. FX to study human kinetics and wants to be an athletic trainer. She received the David Townsend Memorial scholarship.

We wish them all the very best in their studies and their careers!

MLA MEMO

Hi everyone and welcome to September!

As summer winds down and a new school year begins, I want to wish all our students, families, teachers, support staff and school communities a wonderful first day back.

*Members of the NS House of Assembly will reconvene for the upcoming legislative sitting at Province House on September 8th.*

The province is providing more than \$800,000 to regional emergency management organizations to help communities better prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

Funding for 12 organizations across Nova Scotia from the Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) Capacity Grant Program will support projects such as:

- improving emergency communications systems
- hiring emergency management staff
- renting office spaces
- emergency preparedness training
- developing emergency management plans

“Funding emergency response is an investment in safety, resilience and lives,” said Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management. “Every dollar spent through this grant strengthens the capacity of an entire region in Nova Scotia. It means building relationships, joint planning, supporting our neighbours during emergencies, sharing knowledge and resources – all things that ensure we are better prepared and can respond the most effectively.” A regional emergency management organization brings neighbouring municipalities together to co-ordinate emergency planning, preparedness, response and recovery across a region. This means 37 municipalities in Nova Scotia will benefit from the projects receiving funding.

The funding is for projects spanning one to four years. The organizations receiving funding in 2026-27 are in: Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Halifax Regional Municipality, and Digby, Queens, Antigonish, Colchester, Guysborough, Lunenburg, Pictou, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Victoria, Inverness and Richmond counties.

Regional emergency management organizations play a crucial role in emergency planning and providing prompt, co-ordinated responses in their area. They are activated to provide centralized co-ordination when emergencies become too large for local agencies to handle alone.

**Get Help Starting a Business with a Business Navigator**  
Turning an idea into a business starts with knowing where to go, who to connect with, and what resources are available. I am pleased to share some updates below from the Office of Service Efficiency (OSE).

Through its business navigation service, OSE helps entrepreneurs in Nova Scotia navigate the path from idea to opportunity. Whether your residents are exploring a new business venture, looking for the right programs and resources, or seeking connections within the local business community, the Business Navigators provide a clear starting point.

**What is a Business Navigator?**  
Business navigators help you understand the steps you need to take when starting a business, including regulations and requirements (like licenses, permits, and registrations) you need to follow.

**Why should I use a Business Navigator?**  
Business Navigators help you navigate provincial regulations and requirements for new businesses.

**How can a Business Navigator help?**  
A Business Navigator can help you by:

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- providing resources to help with start-up funding



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Summer is winding down, students and teachers are preparing to return to school, and Lion volunteers are rolling up their sleeves and preparing for upcoming events. I wonder if we're a little more enthusiastic about our upcoming adventures than the forementioned, at least in some cases. 😊

Listed below are some of our usual Fall and Winter activities, more will be added as we resume our regular meetings and put on our thinking caps, working out details of some additional fund-raising projects. Please stay tuned.

**Upcoming:**

**Monthly Breakfast – Beginning** Saturday September 26th and again on October 31st and November 28th – Please join us and community members for a tasty morning meal. Ham and sausages, eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, coffee/tea, juice/milk, toast and best of all camaraderie. The monthly breakfast is really such a wonderful opportunity to catch up with folks and support a good cause.

**Lions Cribbage** – starting up again for the year Thursday September 3rd at 7:00 PM. Must have a partner and a good sense of humor – lots of fun at these weekly events.

**Thanksgiving Dinner – Saturday October 10th Free Will Offering Doors open at 4:30PM/Take Out 5:00PM – Traditional sit-down Thanksgiving Dinner** as well as the take-out option. Take-out will be first come first served – no pre-order option.

Interested in becoming a Lion – we meet the second and fourth Monday of every month – feel free to drop in or call the club at 902-889-2725 for more information.

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**Community Open House for Pet Lovers**



Complete Care Hospital for Pets welcomed the community during its open house on July 18th. Visitors toured the facility, met the veterinary team, and learned more about the hospital's modern equipment and services. The event also featured a barbecue and special treats for our furry friends, creating a warm and family friendly atmosphere. It was a wonderful opportunity for residents to connect with staff and see firsthand the compassionate care provided to pets across our community. The open house highlighted the hospital's commitment to supporting pet wellness and strengthening its relationship with families across the region.

**Supporting Energy Efficiency in Nova Scotia's Seafood Sector**



Nova Scotia is investing \$2.22 million to help 20 seafood and aquaculture companies reduce fossil fuel use and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Through the Fisheries and Aquaculture Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund, operators are adopting new technologies that improve environmental performance and strengthen long term industry sustainability.

Administered by Efficiency Nova Scotia, the three year fund will provide \$6.5 million for climate action projects such as solar installations and hybrid propulsion systems for fishing vessels.

Round 4 of the program is now open until November 6, 2026. For eligibility questions or application details, contact: [faeeif@efficiencyns.ca](mailto:faeeif@efficiencyns.ca).

**North Preston Day 2026: A Celebration of Community and Connection**



On July 18th, the 19th Annual North Preston Day was filled with fun, pride, and togetherness for all who attended. The celebration began with the beloved community parade, showcasing local groups, vibrant floats, and the unmistakable spirit of North Preston. Families and neighbours then enjoyed an afternoon of food, games, and activities that brought people of all ages together.

As the sun set, the community gathered for a beautiful fireworks display that lit up the evening sky and closed the celebration on a festive and vibrant note.

**Digital Transformation of the Provincial Court**



Nova Scotia has begun modernizing the Provincial Court through a major digital transformation initiative. These upgrades will streamline processes, reduce delays, and make court services easier to access for people across the province. As improvements roll out, Nova Scotians can expect better digital filing options, more efficient scheduling tools, and a more user friendly system that creates a consistent experience for individuals and families who rely on the courts.



On September 7th, Labour Day honours the workers who build, care, teach, and create. Your dedication powers our communities and shapes our future. Thank you for showing up.



**September 20th – Lake Echo Terry Fox Run and Silent Auction** at the Lake Echo Community Centre. Register online in advance <https://run.terryfox.ca/lakeecho> or at noon on-site! The opening ceremonies start at 1pm; the auction is open from 12pm - 2:30pm.



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# Working Together for Community

By Edyth Shuman

[Editor’s note: This story is a continuation of Edyth’s exploration of the importance of community members working together.]

Opportunities to contribute to our communities are everywhere. When one project is completed, another one is waiting to start.

One of the most hard-working groups is the Musquodoboit Harbour and Area Lions Club. Year after year, their members work for our community, raising money for people in need. These needs can range from food to heat to medical supplies. In order to carry out this community assistance, Lions members must hold many fundraisers. For the most part, community members attend and support their

breakfasts, suppers, and our local food bank, located at the Lions Club.

One of the most visual community locations along the Eastern Shore is the historic train station. I know for myself that just driving by gives me a sense of pride in what our hard-working friends and neighbours  
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### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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### SOLAR FARM SURVEY – SEPT. 4TH

HRM is asking for feedback on proposed changes to planning policies and land use by-laws that would help enable and regulate large-scale solar farms across the region. Solar farms are a large collection of solar panels that contribute clean energy to the grid. This large-scale energy system is different from solar panels installed on homes or businesses and requires different planning rules. The municipality is seeking public input on where solar farms may be permitted, including appropriate locations and considerations for communities. The survey is open and will remain available until Friday, Sept. 4th. To learn more information and to complete the survey: <https://engagehalifax.ca/regional-plan/solar-farms>.

### HSW MOBILE DEPOT – SEPT. 5TH

There will be a Household Special Waste (HSW) mobile depot at the Eastern Shore Community Centre / Rink parking lot on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at 67 Park Road in Musquodoboit Harbour. It will be open from 9 AM – 4 PM – Rain or Shine! These mobile depots are operated by a certified contractor and accepts chemical waste generated in your home. To find out what types of materials they will accept can be found at: <https://www.halifax.ca/home-property/garbage-recycling-green-cart/household-special-waste#MobileEvents>.

### 46th ANNUAL TERRY FOX RUN

Back in 1980, Terry Fox took his Marathon of Hope through our Eastern Shore communities along Highway #7. Now we can keep his dream alive that cancer can be beaten. There will be Terry Fox Runs on Sunday, Sept. 20th in Lake Echo, Musquodoboit Harbour and Sheet Harbour. Find a Run near you and register at: [www.run.terryfox.ca](http://www.run.terryfox.ca) or [www.terryfox.org](http://www.terryfox.org). If you can't make it to a run, please sponsor someone who will be participating. Or you can text "terryfox" to 45678 to donate \$5, \$10, \$25 or \$45 that will be added to your phone bill. [#terryfoxrun](https://twitter.com/terryfoxfoundation).

### TREE DAY & FOREST WEEK

Tree Canada is encouraging Canadians to come together in appreciation of trees, their natural beauty, and the many benefits they provide. National Tree Day is Wed. Sept. 23rd and National Forest Week is Sept. 21st - 27th. You are invited to learn more about Canada's forest heritage and to raise awareness about this valuable and renewable resource. Forest are fundamental to our economy, culture, traditions, history and of course our future! Find out more information at [www.cif-ifc.org](http://www.cif-ifc.org) and [www.treecanada.ca](http://www.treecanada.ca).

### PVSC PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) Assessors are especially busy this time of year, conducting property inspections across Nova Scotia. They are reviewing building permit progress and gathering up-to-date information as part of their annual property assessment process. This is routine work and mandated under the NS Assessment Act. Gathering assessment data occurs year-round, with greater frequency during the fall season, and assists in

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### AT EDUCATION & PROMO GRANTS

The Fall-Winter Proposals Intake for the HRM Active Transportation Education and Promotion Grant Program is open for new proposals. It is intended to support projects that aim to increase the number of people walking, bicycling, and rolling and improving the safety of people using these modes.

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- Major project/program (cannot be a one-time event) with significant logistics and partners could receive a grant over \$5,000

To access the Grant application and other info about this grant, please follow the link to the Active Transportation Education and Promotion application form: <https://cdn.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/transportation/cycling-walking/2026-27ateducationandpromogranttermsandconditions.pdf>.

The deadline is September 15th, for projects starting not earlier than October 15th, 2026 and ending on or before March 1st, 2027. For more information, please contact: Emma Martin, HRM AT Community Projects Coordinator [ATGrants@halifax.ca](mailto:ATGrants@halifax.ca) or call 902-499-6742.

### ROSS ROAD REALIGNMENT

The municipality will soon be putting out a tender call for the construction of the Ross Road / Lake Major Road / Main Street – Hwy #7 realignment project. It is anticipated that initial construction of the new road alignment will occur during this 2026/27 Autumn and Winter construction year. And the roundabout will follow in the 2027 Spring and Summer construction season. There is a very detailed information page on the HRM website about this particular project: <https://www.halifax.ca/transportation/transportation-projects/ross-road-main-street-lake-major-road-roundabout-project>.

District 4 Councillor Purdy and I discussed with HRM Public Works and Planning staff about the various aspects and options for doing this realignment: Traffic Lights vs Roundabout. We decided to go with the best technical option that made for the safest conditions

overall to regulate traffic flow and to reduce speed. We also chose not to conduct any public consultation processes because we anticipated there would be very wide and diverse options on either option. The public discourse on the various Facebook pages and social media has proven that to be the case. More details about the successful bidder and construction timelines will be forthcoming after the tender is awarded.

### PIM – WEST PETPESWICK

There will be a Public Open House / Public Information Meeting (PIM) for a planning application PLANAPP: 2025-01722 from Zzap Consulting Inc., on behalf of the property owner, requesting to enter into a Development Agreement for a 100-unit townhouse development on a 44 acre parcel off West Petpeswick Road, in West Petpeswick (PID 00334953). The website with all the documentation for this proposal can be found at: <https://www.halifax.ca/business/planning-development/applications/planapp-2025-01722-pid-00334953-west-petpeswick-road>.

This meeting will be held at the Eastern Shore Community Centre / the Rink in the Multipurpose Room on Monday, Oct. 5th from 5:30-8:30 PM.

### MOOSELAND ROAD WILDFIRE

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the NS Department of Natural Resources, Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency Services, Sheet Harbour Ground Search & Rescue, the Canadian Red Cross and all the volunteers and employees that were involved for their tireless dedication to containing the Mooseland Road wildfire. A special thank you to St. Barbara's / Atlantic Gold for the use of their Administration Office at the Moose River / Touquoy Mine site as an Incident Command Centre.

Wildfire season isn't over yet and it's important to remember to stay prepared. You are encouraged to stay informed about emergency preparedness, register for hfxALERT and continue to champion safety within our communities. <https://www.halifax.ca/safety-security/emergency-management/emergency-preparednes>.

### SUMMER 2026 'HALIFACT' ISSUE#8

The latest HalifACT community update – Issue #8 Summer 2026 – provides a snapshot of the municipality's ongoing efforts to advance the goals set out in HRM's long-term climate action plan. Commitment to climate action means continuing to adapt and prepare for the impacts of climate change while protecting the natural environment and looking for ways to enhance resiliency through green energy. HalifACT is already taking action by transitioning to electric buses and fleet vehicles, retrofitting municipal buildings for energy efficiency and investing in emergency preparedness, storm water protection and food security. Read the Summer 2026 HalifACT Community Update to learn more about how the municipality is working toward a healthier, more sustainable and climate-resilient future. <https://www.halifact.ca/pages/community-update>.



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Culture Cones: A Change of Plans, But Not the End of the Vision

By Russell Grosse

[Editor’s Note: We keep encountering stories about how the federal, provincial, and HRM bureaucracies end up frustrating and delaying one promising community development after another.]

Russel Grosse, CEO of the Black Cultural Centre, posted a recent example of this problem on August 13 on the BCC Facebook page, reprinted here with his permission.]

This summer, we had hoped to launch Culture Cones, a new ice cream stand at the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, a meaningful initiative designed to create youth employment and support the Centre’s programs. While we aren’t able to open Culture Cones as planned, the vision remains very much alive.

Over the past several months, a tremendous amount of work has gone

into bringing this idea to life. Our partners helped us transform a vision into a remarkable new space at the Centre.

As we worked through the government permitting process, we learned that our temporary retail space could not be approved because it does not have a direct connection to an approved sewer or municipal wastewater system. We had interpreted the guidelines to mean that the wastewater disposal and holding tank system we installed would meet the requirements for an ice cream stand. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

It is disappointing, particularly after the significant investment of time, resources, and generosity that went into making Culture Cones possible.

We extend our sincere appreciation to LMMW Group, Lindsay Construction,

Mickey MacDonald, Clinton Thomas, and Agropur for believing in this initiative and helping us get this far. Their support has been tremendous, and we remain committed to finding a solution that will allow us to bring the full Culture Cones vision to life next year.

But we are not letting this summer, or this opportunity for our youth, melt away.

We have already hired four youth from our community who, over the past several weeks, have been preparing for the launch of Culture Cones. They have participated in customer service training and completed food handling courses in anticipation of welcoming customers and operating the stand this summer.

These young people have trained, prepared, and shown real

commitment. We were determined that circumstances beyond their control would not take away their summer employment, and that’s why we’re pivoting.

**Introducing Umoja Canteen!**  
Operating from the Culture Cones space, offering packaged snacks and refreshments, Umoja Canteen is a fresh, community powered initiative that keeps our youth working and our vision moving forward.

We hope you’ll stop by, say hello to our youth team, grab a snack, and support this important initiative.

Every purchase helps us continue creating opportunities for young people while supporting the programs and work of the Centre. [Open daily from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Black Cultural Centre, 10 Cherry Brook Road, Cherry Brook.]

...Working Together for Community Continued

present to visitors and locals every year.

What I'm trying to say is, “I think we have something very special here.” And although most of the projects mentioned here were within the boundaries of Musquodoboit Harbour, the outlying communities have been part of the work and benefits derived from these projects. Most of these communities had many of their own projects, centred around their own churches and

fire halls.

A good example further east of what people can accomplish working together is Memory Lane Heritage Village in Lake Charlotte.

I’m not sure if this concern belongs here, but I shall mention it anyway. I think the greatest need in our community is more recreational opportunities for our teenagers. Most of us recall with fondness our teen years. There’s too little here for our

young friends; as adults, I feel we’ve let them down. I know there’s hockey, figure skating, and ringette, but many families can't afford these activities. Very few communities have Guides and Scouts or church youth groups. I’d like to see us adults do more to make this time in the lives of our teens memories to be cherished. We know our communities best – we need to have confidence in our friends and neighbours, regardless of age.

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## What's happening in our area?

By Sandra Beazley

### RCL Four Harbours Legion Branch 120

#### East Ship Harbour News – 15463 Hwy #7, Tangier, NS

A great day with a great turn out for our Bingo in July. You helped raise \$1739. Thanks to all volunteers on the floor and canteen, also Anthony for calling. We thank this great community and businesses for their support

Our Open House went well with a good crowd of members and friends.

#### Events

##### Dance

September 19 from 8-12pm. This is a free celebration for the 100 years of the Royal Canadian Legion. Must be 19 years old. Band is **MYD Life Ryders**.

**General Meeting** will be September 8th instead of the 7th at 7:30pm.

Monday mornings it's **Yoga** through HRM.

Thursday it is **Crib** starting at 7pm. Must have a partner.

Fridays it is **Chase the Ace** starting at 5:15. Selling tickets until 6:15.

Jackpot is growing every week!

**Save the date: Kitchen Party October 9th – 2-4PM. Highway 7 Band.**  
Join us for a fun afternoon.

### Petpeswick Yacht Club 60th Anniversary



Left to right: Commodores Debbie Dicks, Raymond Arnold, Marilyn Murphy and Tom Mitchell answer questions and reminisce with the people attending the Petpeswick Yacht Club's 60th Anniversary.



Photos by Turner Lemire.

Left to right: First Female Commodore Debbie Dicks, Marilyn Murphy and Lynn Cragg – the only three female Commodores.

### United Music Café

The third coffee house was held on August 15 in the United Church basement. Many performers sang a variety of music, including some Italian and French. Approximately 40 people attended and cookies, coffee and tea were available.

Christine and Marcel are looking for more performers interested in joining them to bring different local voices to their music café.



The audience in attendance at the Music Café on August 15.

### Harbour Lites Seniors Club

BBQs continue for September from 5:30-6:30pm. Menu varies, \$10. Karaoke from 6:30-10pm. Join us for an evening of food, music, dancing and fun.

Everything back to normal schedule, with meetings in September. (See page 6)

We look forward to seeing you, and if you are looking for a club to join consider us. Membership is only \$20.

#### Kitchen Party

Saturday, September 19 – 2-4PM

Highway 7 Band

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### Richard's 80th Birthday



Happy  
Birthday  
Richard!



On Saturday, August 8th, Richard Bell, the Editor of the *Eastern Shore Cooperator*, celebrated his 80th birthday at the Petpeswick Yacht Club. There were many in attendance to wish Richard well. He is pictured to the left blowing out the candles

on one of the 2 cakes. To the left he poses behind the birthday cake with the *Cooperator* logo on front.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch along with music.

### One Night Stand – 40 Years in the Making!



The Band – Back L to R: Lance Purcell, Brian Staple, Gary Purcell (G1) Gary Rudolph (G3); Front L to R: Gary Staple (G2), Sound Tech Ben Evans, and Dave Jenkins. This was an entertaining afternoon of music and fun!

This newly formed group "**Nine Months Later**" opened for *One Night Stand* at the Musquodoboit Harbour Train Station on August 22. Sons of ONS are L to R – Ben (Gary Staple's son), Jeff (Brian Staple's son), Lance (Gary Purcell's son) and Ben's brother Gary. It was a surprise performance. Good job guys!



#### REMINDER

**Saturday, September 5 – 1-3PM Eastern Shore Lads**

2 hours of Gospel, Light Rock, Folk, and a bit of Country.  
Join them at the Musquodoboit Harbour Train Station.

# Lacrosse Canada Minor Box Nationals – August 11 to 15

By Sandra Beazley

In August Halifax/Dartmouth welcomed 40 teams with almost 800 players to the Lacrosse Canada Minor Box Nationals. Nova Scotia sent 6 teams in 6 divisions from U13- U17 in both coed and female divisions. Those teams had 21 players associated as an Eastern Shore resident or as a player with our Eastern Shore Breakers.

The Cooperator spoke with Jeff Fahie of Musquodoboit Harbour, the father of Abby Fahie who played on the medal winning U17 Female team.

Nova Scotia brought home bronze medals in both U15 and U17 Female divisions. Our U13 females came fourth losing bronze in overtime.

“Eastern Shore has a history of producing highly talented players who play a very hard-nosed, physical style and are willing to do whatever it takes to give their teams the best chance to win,” Fahie said.

With approximately 180 kids registered in 2026 from U7 to U22 in both coed and female divisions, Eastern Shore Breakers is the smallest association in the MMLL (Metro Minor Lacrosse League).

Eastern Shore Players on the 2026 teams:

|                                                                                          |                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>U13 Female</b><br>Brooklyn Glattfelder<br>Charlie MacMillan                           | <b>U15 Coed</b><br>Grey Webber (Captain)<br>Aiden Beaver<br>Beckett Perry<br>Nolan Ross<br>Shea Spindler | <b>U17 female</b><br>Tessa MacMillan (Captain)<br>Abby Fahie (Assistant Captain)<br>Olivia Matheson<br>Miley Clark |
| <b>U13 Coed</b><br>Beau Angeleau<br>Luka Benoit<br>Bequette Coulter<br>Marshall Peterson |                                                                                                          | <b>U17 Coed</b><br>Aaron MacNevin<br>Micheal Julian                                                                |



The **U17 Female Team wins Bronze** at the Lacrosse Canada Minor Nationals in August by beating the First Nation's team 3-2. Their Captain, and Eastern Shore's own Tessa MacMillan scored both to tie and the game winning goals with 3:30 mins left in the game. Other Eastern Shore players on team are Abby Fahie (Assistant Captain), Olivia Matheson and Miley Clark.



**U15 Female division wins Bronze** – Emma MacNevin, Thea Benoit and Charlie MacMillan.



**U17 Coed team, B division wins Silver** at the Lacrosse Canada Minor Nationals held in August.

- U13 Coed won B division Gold  
U15 Coed won B division Gold  
U17 Coed won B division Silver  
U15 Female division Bronze  
U17 Female division Bronze

Breakers Oliver Romo and Jackson Bradley filled in for the short rostered Team PEI at **U15 Coed**.

## ... Kelp Continued

nutrients as they grow.

### Historical and cultural uses

Kelp has a long history of use by coastal peoples around the world as food, fertilizer and animal feed. Burning seaweed produces an alkaline “kelp ash,” used in making soap, glass and other products. Alginate, a gel-forming compound extracted from brown seaweeds, is used in food, cosmetics and industry. Chances are your summer ice cream treats were thickened and stabilized with kelp or other seaweed extracts. And that anti-aging lotion applied to your skin most likely contains seaweed extracts.

### Availability

Washed-up kelp is not suitable for eating, so fresh kelp should be gathered from clean coastal waters. Dried kelp is widely available through health food stores, natural food shops and online.

### Food

Kelp is nutrient-dense and low in calories, providing fibre, minerals and trace elements. It is particularly well known as a source of iodine, an essential nutrient needed for thyroid hormone production.

It has a salty, savoury flavour and can be added to soups, beans, broths and stews, contributing minerals and a rich umami quality.

More is not necessarily better. Iodine levels vary considerably, and concentrated kelp supplements can provide very large amounts. Excessive iodine can interfere with thyroid function. I think of kelp primarily as a mineral-rich sea vegetable rather than something to consume in large medicinal doses.

### Medicine

One of kelp's most interesting qualities is its slippery, gel-forming nature. When dried kelp is soaked in water, it becomes thick and viscous due to water-soluble polysaccharides such as alginates. This gives kelp its mucilaginous quality.

For topical use, I find this soothing and cooling for dry, irritated skin, much like aloe vera gel. Rehydrated kelp can be applied directly to irritated skin, or the slippery infusion can be applied to the skin or added to a bath.

Internally, kelp's fibre can contribute to healthy digestion and bowel regularity, while its slippery polysaccharides may have a soothing quality for irritated, inflamed digestive tissues.

My kelp contemplation makes me realize that what looks like a simple piece of seaweed washed onto the beach is actually a fragment of a vast underwater forest, and a reminder of how much life exists beneath our coastal waters.



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| Oct. 7  | <b>Start a Starter</b><br>St. Genevieve Church Hall                 |
| Oct. 21 | <b>Sourdough 101</b><br>St. Genevieve Church Hall                   |
| Nov. 7  | <b>Paint a Poppy</b><br>St. Genevieve Church Hall                   |
| Nov. 19 | <b>Reconciliation 101</b><br>St. Genevieve Church Hall              |
| Nov. 26 | <b>Scheduled Confession</b><br>St. Genevieve Church                 |
| Nov. 28 | <b>Christmas Bazaar</b><br>St. Peter's Church, Sheet Harbour        |
| Dec. 3  | <b>Rosary 101</b><br>St. Genevieve Church Hall                      |
| Dec. 4  | <b>Angel Tree Service</b><br>St. Peter's Church, Sheet Harbour      |
| Dec. 6  | <b>Christmas Tea &amp; Sale</b><br>St. Genevieve Church Hall        |

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**Welcome back** – hope you all had a great summer. Most are looking forward to a new school year and back to work after summer vacation.

The Chezzetcook and District Lions Club would like to inform you of our upcoming events.

**Food Bank Success & New Holiday Drive**

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our recent initiative, enabling us to donate \$1,000 to the local food bank for essential school supplies! Your kindness is making a real difference for students in our community. **Heads up**—we are launching a brand-new venture to support the Marine Communities Food Bank with a non-perishable food drive running throughout October, November, and December. To show our appreciation, we will be hosting a special prize draw on December 14th. Simply bring in a non-perishable food item to receive an entry ticket for a chance to win a beautiful, custom sea glass item!

**Bake Sales**

On Monday, September 21, 2026, at the Lions Bingo, come prepared to have your mouth water for our upcoming Branch Club Bake Sale. The Sociable Cupcakes will be fundraising for the Hear@Dal Program once again. If you would like any information regarding the Hear@Dal Program, contact Lion Sharon at 902-434-9750.

**Fun-Filled Day on the Trail – Gaetz Brook Greenway Halloween Walk**

Our club will once again be playing a significant role in a fun-filled day on the trail! Join us on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** (Rain date: Sunday, October 25, 2026). If you would like to support this event, we are happily accepting donations of candy or other treats. Please feel free to drop your donations off at our Monday Night Lions Bingo, or contact Lion Donna directly at 902-489-4645.

**Monday Night Lions Bingo**

Doors open at 5:00 pm, and bingo starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

**Lion Club Meeting**

Club Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm if you're interested in serving the community.

**Get Involved with Our Branch Club**

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