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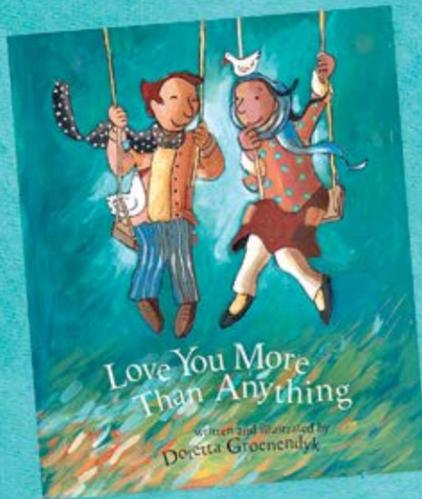
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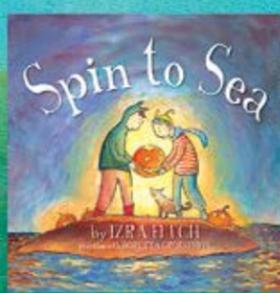
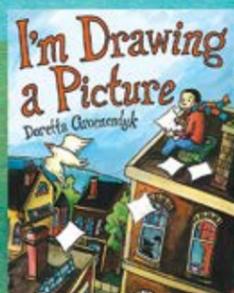
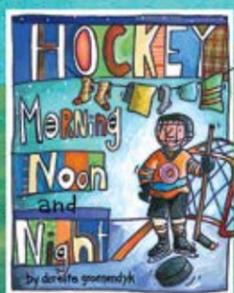
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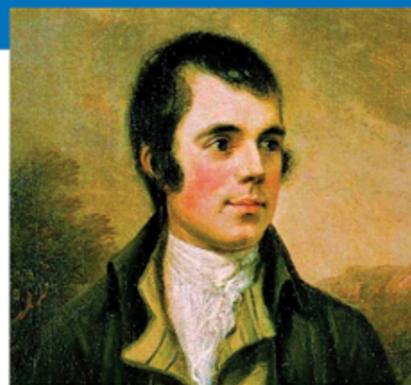
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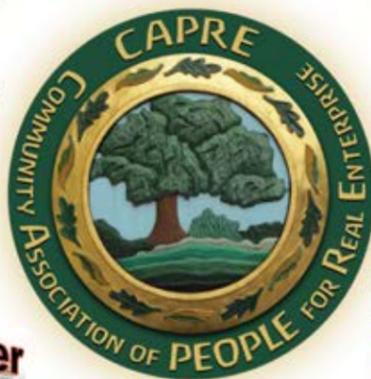
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FEATUREPRENEUR: SIP A CUP, SAVE A PUP!

Genevieve Allen Hearn

Rescue Coffee Co. is a business built around a cause. Roasted in Lakeville, and owned and operated by Wolfville native Claire Vaughan, the organic fair trade coffee company donates 10% of profits to partnering animal rescue organizations. Claire now lives in Moncton (with her pup, of course!) where she runs the business out of her home office. After just two short years on the market, Rescue Coffee can be found in retail stores across five provinces. *The Grapevine* caught up with Claire to find out what it takes to run a successful social enterprise.

The Grapevine (GV): How were you struck with inspiration for Rescue Coffee?

Claire Vaughan (CV): Rescue Coffee actually came from a place of unhappiness in my life. After I graduated with my business degree from Dalhousie, I went right into the corporate world and started my journey up the ladder. While people around me were telling me I was making all the right moves, I couldn't help but notice an intense feeling of emptiness and the lack of fulfillment. I've always loved animals and had an entrepreneurial spirit. While keeping these two things close to mind, I knew I had to create my own business if I wanted to be happy AND make a difference, which was both an exciting and terrifying realization.

GV: What relationship do you have with the animal rescue organizations that are the recipients of the 10% of your proceeds?

CV: I have wonderful relationships with my animal rescue partners. They're an incredibly devoted and hard-working group of people that many times don't get the credit they deserve. We only partner with rescue organizations that do everything they can to ensure the animals that come into their care get the best chance at a happy life. These animals stay in their care until they are adopted, meaning the clock doesn't run out for them. Our rescue partners also focus on rehabilitation and providing sometimes very expensive medical treatment for the animals.

NEW SPCA THRIFT STORE IN NEW MINAS

If you are looking to downsize your home, moving, de-cluttering or have a parent moving into a long term facility and are overwhelmed with finding a place for a home filled with items you need to relocate... donate to the new Kings SPCA Thrift Store, now located at 8759 Commercial Street in New Minas (the former RE-used Resale Co-op Ltd. location).

Your donation will directly impact the lives of companion animals in need in our community and help the Kings SPCA continue to serve those animals.

Courtney Barber is the Director of Communications & Marketing for the SPCA NS, we caught up with her to ask about the thrift shop in New Minas.

The Grapevine (GV): When was it decided to open a SPCA Thrift Store in the Valley?

Courtney Barber (CB): As a non-government funded organization, we are always looking for unique ways we can raise funds for the animals in our care. With the successful opening of our Dartmouth store, we looked to our second largest shelter in need of financial support, the Kings County SPCA.

GV: How was the location chosen?

CB: We saw an article in the local paper about the RE Store closing down and the changes the owners were looking to make and it happened to be perfect timing for the SPCA to open another thrift store location. Soon after stopping into the store and meeting with the ladies we began construction (taking down some walls and opening the store front, painting, and gathering donations for the store).

GV: Was it difficult to get the shop set up and staffed?

CB: We are very fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteers who were already formed that focus on fundraising for the King's Animal Shelter. The 'friends of SPCA - King's County' group and several members from the community came together to help paint, set up shelving, install fixtures, and



GV: What would you say are your entrepreneurial strengths that helped you get a small business off the ground?

CV: Growing up in Wolfville, I was surrounded by people with an entrepreneurial spirit who wanted to contribute to their community in a positive way. I went to business school, but I believe that starting a business is mostly about working through challenges, making mistakes and continuously driving towards getting better. I also had a lot of help along the way, especially from the company that roasts my coffee, Nova Coffee. Nova Coffee is a family-owned business that has been roasting coffee in Nova Scotia for over 40 years. I've learned a great deal about what it takes to roast and prepare an exceptional cup of coffee from them. I simply could not have gotten this far without a great deal of support and help from others.

GV: Do you have any tips for others that would like to support a cause through a social enterprise?

CV: I say DO IT! Social enterprises are the way of the future. Not only are they creating more financial support for worthy causes, but they're creating awareness and educating people about issues. Another really important element is quality. You can sell anything to anyone once, but a great product that they truly enjoy will keep them coming back.

For more information about Rescue Coffee Co. visit rescuecoffee.com. Rescue Coffee can be found at *The Market* in Wolfville or *Noggins Corner* in Greenwich.

stock the shelves. It took just over a month of late nights and weekends with volunteers getting the store ready. We are so thankful for the dedicated community members and animal lovers who jumped at the opportunity to help get this store started. The thrift store has provided an opportunity for those who may have allergies to animals, travel restrictions - where the shelter is a little outside of New Minas and Kentville to travel - but still have a love for animals and want to support the SPCA and give their time.

GV: What are you looking for in terms of donations, and where and when can they be delivered?

CB: We are accepting quality new or used clothing and shoes, home decor, children's toys, games and art, housewares, jewelry, sunglasses, small kitchen appliances, books, furniture such as dressers, coffee tables, night stands, bed frames, etc. Donations can be dropped off at 8759 Commercial Street, New Minas. Inquiries can also be directed to 902-22-9070, or kingsthiftstore@spcans.com.

GV: Are you still in need of volunteers?

CB: Yes! We are always looking for new volunteers to join us. If you interested in joining the thrift store family, send an email to: kingsthiftstore@spcans.ca

GV: What percentage of the proceeds will go to the SPCA? Will they go specifically to the Kings SPCA?

CB: 100% of proceeds support the King's County SPCA Animal Shelter!

GV: This shop is giving Valley citizens one more way to support the Kings SPCA - why is that important?

CB: Whether you are able to give your time - volunteering at the thrift store, or bring gently used items for sale, or shopping at our store, it all gives back to the animals in our care. The funds that we raise at the store and the volunteers that give their time to run the store on a daily basis are directly tied to the success of our shelter and the animals within it.

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WORD OF THE ISSUE:

❖ **Niveous** ❖
(adjective):

Snowy or resembling snow.

"The aftermath of the blizzard revealed a niveous landscape of contorted, wind-sculpted drifts."

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CHRYSALIS HOUSE'S BIG 'WISH LIST' ITEM

Genevieve Allen Hearn

Chrysalis House is at the top of our 'nice' list this holiday season. They not only address a very poignant need in the community by providing shelter to women and children fleeing domestic violence, but they do it all in an aging structure that requires substantial repairs and maintenance in order to meet health and safety standards. For Chrysalis House, Santa came early in the form of one million dollars of federal funding from Housing Nova Scotia in October. This is the first step toward their capital campaign for a new purpose-built space, which will officially be launching in the coming months.

The campaign is called Project Renew and is guided by selected staff members, board members, and former board members. The steering committee envisions a safe, caring, empowering environment, where it is possible to overcome challenges and live free from violence and abuse. The new transition house will remain in the town of Kentville, in or within easy walking distance of the downtown core to provide accessibility and flexibility for its users. There are also plans to include space in the facility that can be shared with other related community services, inspired by a 'hub' model.

Ginger McPhee, executive director of Chrysalis House, comments, "In a new purpose-built space we will be fully accessible for all participants, have appropriate facilities that are safe and confidential, that allow us to reach more of our community, and that allow greater col-

laboration among service providers." McPhee continues, "Chrysalis House has been most fortunate to have received so much support from the community and funders. We are very excited by the recent announcement by the Honourable Scott Brison, MP, and Kelly Regan, Minister of Community Services, for funding towards our project. While this is exciting, we have much more work to do to enable our dream to become a reality."

There are many things we can do to support Chrysalis House on its journey. First of all, be sure to stay tuned for news about the capital campaign. Also, during the holiday season Chrysalis House can use donations of funds or gift cards to help continue their important work. A wish list of needs can be found on their website: chrysalishouseassociation.org/index.php/wish-list. McPhee points out that the holidays can be a particularly difficult time of the year for many. She says, "kindness is the most valuable gift we can give. Trauma is prevalent in our communities, and we can all play a role by making it safe for women and children to reach out for help, to allow them choices, connections, and involvement in the decisions that impact their lives. Be willing to listen, offer referrals to community resources, and remember that we all benefit from having happy, healthy, and empowered women and children who feel a connection to their community."

More information about the Chrysalis House can be found at chrysalishouseassociation.org.

ELDERDOG: 6 Years of Support

Hilary Graham

Elderdog is a national non-profit registered charity, and was started approximately 6 years ago by Dr. Ardra Cole from Lunenburg County. Dr. Cole is a professor at Mount St. Vincent University and assistant dean of education.

Since its beginning, Elderdog has grown to 18 pawds (chapters), including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Alberta. Elderdog relies entirely on fundraising and donations to support our work, and we are 100% volunteer run. There are no fees for any Elderdog supports and services.

Do you know a senior who has a valued canine companion? Elderdog can help in so many ways, with day-to-day care, walking, grooming, and visits to the vet. Elderdog can also help to re-home a much-loved pet, should the occasion arise. I have been a professional caregiver for 5 years, and, during that time, I have seen how much a dog can add to someone's quality of life, particularly an elderly person who would otherwise be on their own. Sometimes, an older person may have mobility issues, or even spend some time in the hospital, and, if there are no family members who can undertake the care of a dog, Elderdog can help. We have a network of wonderful volunteers, many of whom are seniors themselves, who will provide a comfortable, caring home for these dogs until their owners are in a position to welcome them home again. These dogs need the comfort, warmth, and personal attention that home care provides, and that may be lacking in kennel care.



I am a volunteer with Elderdog, as well as a member, and I also provide a foster home for dogs that need that bridge between their previous home and a new one that will welcome them as part of their family. Some of the dogs are "oldies," but an older dog can be a wonderful companion. Sometimes, all they ask is for a quiet putter in the garden, food, warmth, and, of course, unconditional love, which they will return tenfold. There's always the possibility that you may fail as a foster-caregiver and become an adopter instead, it happened to me! I took in a little pug/terrier mix called Ginger, who needed a new home, and she and my bichon, Maxine, became such good buddies that I decided to make her stay with us a permanent one. They both share the sofa with me and join me in cheering on Roger Federer (we are all tennis fans).

If you know someone who needs help caring for their dog, an older dog who needs rehoming, or are interested in volunteering, please contact us at Elderdog: elderdogkingsldr@gmail.com, or check us out on Facebook: facebook.com/elderdogkings.

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CHRISTMAS WITH THE KING:

Thane Dunn Returns to the Valley in Festive Elvis Style

Horton High School, Saturday, December 16, 7:30pm

Mike Butler

While you might be hoping for a white Christmas, on December 16, I will be having a blue Christmas because world champion Elvis tribute artist Thane Dunn is returning to the Valley with his Christmas with the King family-friendly stage show extravaganza.

I am a bit of an Elvis fanatic. Everything from fifties "Jailhouse Rock" Elvis to leather suit 1968 Comeback Special Elvis through to portly rhinestone-clad Elvis in the seventies! He is a true superstar to me. Imagine going back in time and watching Elvis perform his Las Vegas show, along with singing his favourite Christmas songs. You can experience all the timeless classics from "Blue Christmas" to "Blue Suede Shoes," along with some good ole Elvis gospel and many never-performed songs, as Thane Dunn and the incredible 8-piece Cadillac

Kings band take to the stage to razzle-dazzle the Valley with scarves, curled lips, rhinestones, and teddy bears! This is a "one night only" stop in the Valley and a portion of the proceeds from the show will go to the Horton High Safe Grad program.

You can purchase tickets in advance at Milne Court, New Minas, R.D Chisholm's, Kentville, and at Muddy's Convenience, Wolfville and I strongly suggest picking them up early! There's also a limited supply of VIP tickets available which include a meet & greet with Thane and the band. Check out thanedunn.ca for more information and your chance to win Elvis' actual autograph.

Have a Hunk-a Hunk-a Merry Christmas Everyone!

EAT TO THE BEAT

(Schedule subject to change)

THURSDAYS: 14, 21, 28, 4, 11, 18, 25

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Marshall Lake (14th, 21st) 12 pm

Troy Restaurant (Wolfville): Ron Edmunds Duo (14th, 21st, 28th) 6:30pm

Spitfire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): Open Jam Session (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 7pm

Oaken Barrel Pub (Greenwood): Trivia Night (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 7pm

Horton Ridge Malt & Grain (Hortonville): Music Trivia w/ Kenny Byrka (14th) 7pm

Tommy Guns (Windsor): Karaoke Night (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 7:30pm

Dooly's (New Minas): Open Mic (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 8:30pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): The Hupman Brothers (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 9pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Trivia Night (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 9pm

Library Pub (Wolfville): Tony & Caillum (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 9pm

The Anvil (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th) 10pm

FRIDAYS: 15, 22, 29, 5, 12, 19

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Marshall Lake (15th, 22nd) 12pm

Kings Arms Pub by Lew Murphy's (Kentville): Inigo Cuartero (15th), Jon Duggan (22nd), GuyPaul Thibault (29th), TBA (5th, 12th) 5:30pm

Blomidon Inn (Wolfville): Jazz Mannequins (15th, 29th) 6:30pm

Horton Ridge Malt & Grain (Hortonville): Kim Matheson (15th) 7pm

Spitfire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): Clusterfunk (15th), Knee Deep (22nd), Shelton (29th) 8pm

Joe's Food Emporium (Wolfville): Adam Cameron (15th), Ron Edmunds Band (22nd), PM Blues Band (29th) 8pm

Dooly's (Greenwood): Karaoke (15th, 22nd, 29th, 5th, 12th, 19th) 8:30pm

The Anvil (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ (15th, 22nd, 29th, 5th, 12th, 19th) 10pm

West Side Charlie's (New Minas): Top 40 DJ (15th, 22nd, 29th, 5th, 12th, 19th) 10pm

Oaken Barrel Pub (Greenwood): Video Dance Music (15th, 22nd, 29th, 5th, 12th, 19th) 10pm

SATURDAYS: 16, 23, 30, 6, 13, 20

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Kenny Byrka & Elsie Morden (16th) 12pm

The Port Pub (Port Williams): Ron Edmunds Duo (16th, 23rd, 30th, 6th, 13th, 20th) 12:30pm

The Noodle Guy (Port Williams): Jam Session (16th, 23rd, 30th, 6th, 13th, 20th) 1:30pm

La Torta Woodfired Pizzeria (Wolfville): Steve Lee Duo (16th, 23rd, 30th, 6th) 5:30pm

Spitfire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): Adam Cameron (16th), Jon Duggan (23rd), Tim Vallillee (30th) 7pm

Oaken Barrel Pub (Greenwood): SWIG (16th) 7pm

Wayfarers' Ale Brewery (Port Williams): The Miths (2nd) 7pm

Horton Ridge Malt & Grain (Hortonville): Tony Wood Trio (16th) 7pm

Farmers Market (Wolfville): ORO! Festive Dance \$10 (2nd) 7:30pm

King's Arms Pub by Lew Murphy's (Kentville): PM Blues (16th), Jokers Right (23rd), NBT (30th), TBA (6th, 13th) 8pm, PM Blues @ Kings Arms (16th, 20th), BernMarks @ Kings Arms (6th) 8:30pm

Dooly's (Greenwood): House DJ (16th, 23rd, 30th, 6th, 13th, 20th) 8pm

Union Street Cafe (Berwick): Ryan Cook \$30 (16th) 8pm

The Anvil (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ (16th, 23rd, 30th, 6th, 13th, 20th) 9pm

Dooly's (New Minas): DJ Unruly (16th, 23rd, 30th, 6th, 13th, 20th) 10pm

Tommy Gun's (Windsor): Video Music Screen (16th, 23rd, 30th, 6th, 13th, 20th) 12am

SUNDAYS: 17, 24, 31, 7, 14, 21

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Lee Gilbert (17th) 12pm

Spitfire Arms Alehouse (Windsor): NYE Party w/3 Way Radio (31st) 7pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Dayliner (31st) 9pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): Gordon Tucker (31st) 9pm

Blomidon Inn (Wolfville): Ron Edmunds Band NYE (31st) 10pm

The Port Pub (Port Williams): Michelle Mock and the Moccasins (31st) 10pm

MONDAYS: 18, 25, 1, 8, 15, 22

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Ron Edmunds Band (18th) 12pm

West Side Charlie's (New Minas): Levee w/Bunker Spencer (1st) 3pm

Paddy's pub (Kentville): New Years' Levee w/Gordon Tucker (1st) 12pm

TUESDAYS: 19, 26, 2, 9, 16, 23

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Ron Edmunds Band (19th) 12pm

TAN Cafe (Wolfville): Open Mike & Donna (19th, 26th, 2nd) 7pm

Oaken Barrel Pub (Greenwood): Open Mic (19th, 26th, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd) 7pm, Adam Cameron (9th) 7pm

The Port Pub (Port Williams): Ron Edmunds Band Open Mic (19th, 26th, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd) 7:30pm

The Anvil (Wolfville): Toonie Tuesdays w/Top 40 DJ (19th, 26th, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd) 9pm

Union Street Cafe (Berwick): The Stanfields Boxing Day Bash \$35 (26th) 9pm

WEDNESDAYS: 20, 27, 3, 10, 17, 24

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): David Filyer (20th) 12pm

Farmer's Market (Wolfville): Donna Holmes (20th) 4:30pm

Kings Arms Pub (Kentville): PM Blues @ Kings Arms (20th) 8:30pm

West Side Charlie's (New Minas): Billy T's Karaoke (20th, 27th, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th) 9pm



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ZC VZCPUL UCHFA. – VZKKZYI NKYSU

Name: _____ Contact: _____

The last winner of Mystery Quote was Hubert Hunt

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): According to a Sufi aphorism, you can't be sure that you are in possession of the righteous truth unless a thousand people have called you a heretic. If that's accurate, you still have a way to go before you can be certified. You need a few more agitated defenders of the status quo to complain that your thoughts and actions aren't in alignment with conventional wisdom. Go round them up! Ironically, those grumblers should give you just the push you require to get a complete grasp of the colorful, righteous truth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): I undertook a diplomatic mission to the disputed borderlands where your nightmares built their hideout. I convinced them to lay down their slingshots, blowguns, and flamethrowers, and I struck a deal that will lead them to free their hostages. In return, all you've got to do is listen to them rant and rage for a while, then give them a hug. Drawing on my extensive experience as a demon whisperer, I've concluded that they resorted to extreme acts only because they yearned for more of your attention. So grant them that small wish, please!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Have you ever been wounded by a person you cared for deeply? Most of us have. Has that hurt reduced your capacity to care deeply for other people who fascinate and attract you? Probably. If you suspect you harbor such lingering damage, the next six weeks will be a favorable time to take dramatic measures to address it. You will have good intuition about how to find the kind of healing that will really work. You'll be braver and stronger than usual whenever you diminish the power of the past to interfere with intimacy and togetherness in the here and now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): "Your task is not to seek for love, but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it." So said Helen Schuman in *A Course in Miracles*. Personally, I don't agree with the first part of that advice. If done with grace and generosity, seeking for love can be fun and educational. It can inspire us to escape our limitations and expand our charm. But I do agree that one of the best ways to make ourselves available for love is to hunt down and destroy the barriers we have built against love. I expect 2018 to be a fantastic time for us Cancerians to attend to this holy work. Get started now!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): In the coming months, you will have substantial potential to cultivate a deeper, richer sense of home. Here are tips on how to take maximum advantage. 1. Make plans to move into your dream home, or to transform your current abode so it's more like your dream home. 2. Obtain a new mirror that reflects your beauty in the best possible ways. 3. Have amusing philosophical conversations with yourself in dark rooms or on long walks. 4. Acquire a new stuffed animal or magic talisman to cuddle with. 5. Once a month, when the moon is full, literally dance with your own shadow. 6. Expand and refine your relationship with autoerotic pleasures. 7. Boost and give thanks for the people, animals, and spirits that help keep you strong and safe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Deuces are wild. Contradictions will turn out to be unpredictably useful. Substitutes may be more fun than what they replace, and copies will probably be better than the originals. Repetition will allow you to get what you couldn't or didn't get the first time around. Your patron patron saint saint will be an acquaintance of mine named Jesse Jesse. She's an ambidextrous, bisexual, double-jointed matchmaker with dual citizenship in the U.S. and Ireland. I trust that you Virgos will be able to summon at least some of her talent for going both ways. I suspect that you may be able to have your cake and eat it, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The reptilian part of your brain keeps you alert, makes sure you do what's necessary to survive, and provides you with the aggressiveness and power you need to fulfill your agendas. Your limbic brain motivates

you to engage in meaningful give-and-take with other creatures. It's the source of your emotions and your urges to nurture. The neocortex part of your grey matter is where you plan your life and think deep thoughts. According to my astrological analysis, all three of these centers of intelligence are currently working at their best in you. You may be as smart as you have ever been. How will you use your enhanced savvy?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The classical composer and pianist Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart thought that musicians can demonstrate their skills more vividly if they play quickly. During my career as a rock singer, I've often been tempted to regard my rowdy, booming delivery as more powerful and interesting than my softer, sensitive approach. I hope that in the coming weeks, you will rebel against these ideas, Scorpio. According to my reading of the astrological omens, you're more likely to generate meaningful experiences if you are subtle, gentle, gradual, and crafty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): At one point in his career, the mythical Greek hero Hercules was compelled to carry out a series of twelve strenuous labors. Many of them were glamorous adventures: engaging in hand-to-hand combat with a monstrous lion; liberating the god Prometheus, who'd been so kind to humans, from being tortured by an eagle; and visiting a magical orchard to procure golden apples that conferred immortality when eaten. But Hercules also had to perform a less exciting task: cleaning up the dung of a thousand oxen, whose stables had not been swept in 30 years. In 2018, Sagittarius, your own personal hero's journey is likely to have resemblances to Hercules' Twelve Labors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Humans have used petroleum as a fuel since ancient times. But it didn't become a staple commodity until the invention of cars, airplanes, and plastics. Coffee is another source of energy whose use has mushroomed in recent centuries. The first European coffee shop appeared in Rome in 1645. Today there are over 25,000 Starbucks on the planet. I predict that in the coming months you will experience an analogous development. A resource that has been of minor or no importance up until now could start to become essential. Do you have a sense of what it is? Start sniffing around.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): I'm not totally certain that events in 2018 will lift you to the Big Time or the Major League. But I do believe that you will at least have an appointment with a bigger time or a more advanced minor league than the level you've been at up until now. Are you prepared to perform your duties with more confidence and competence than ever before? Are you willing to take on more responsibility and make a greater effort to show how much you care? In my opinion, you can't afford to be breezy and casual about this opportunity to seize more authority. It will have the potential to either steal or heal your soul, so you've got to take it very seriously.

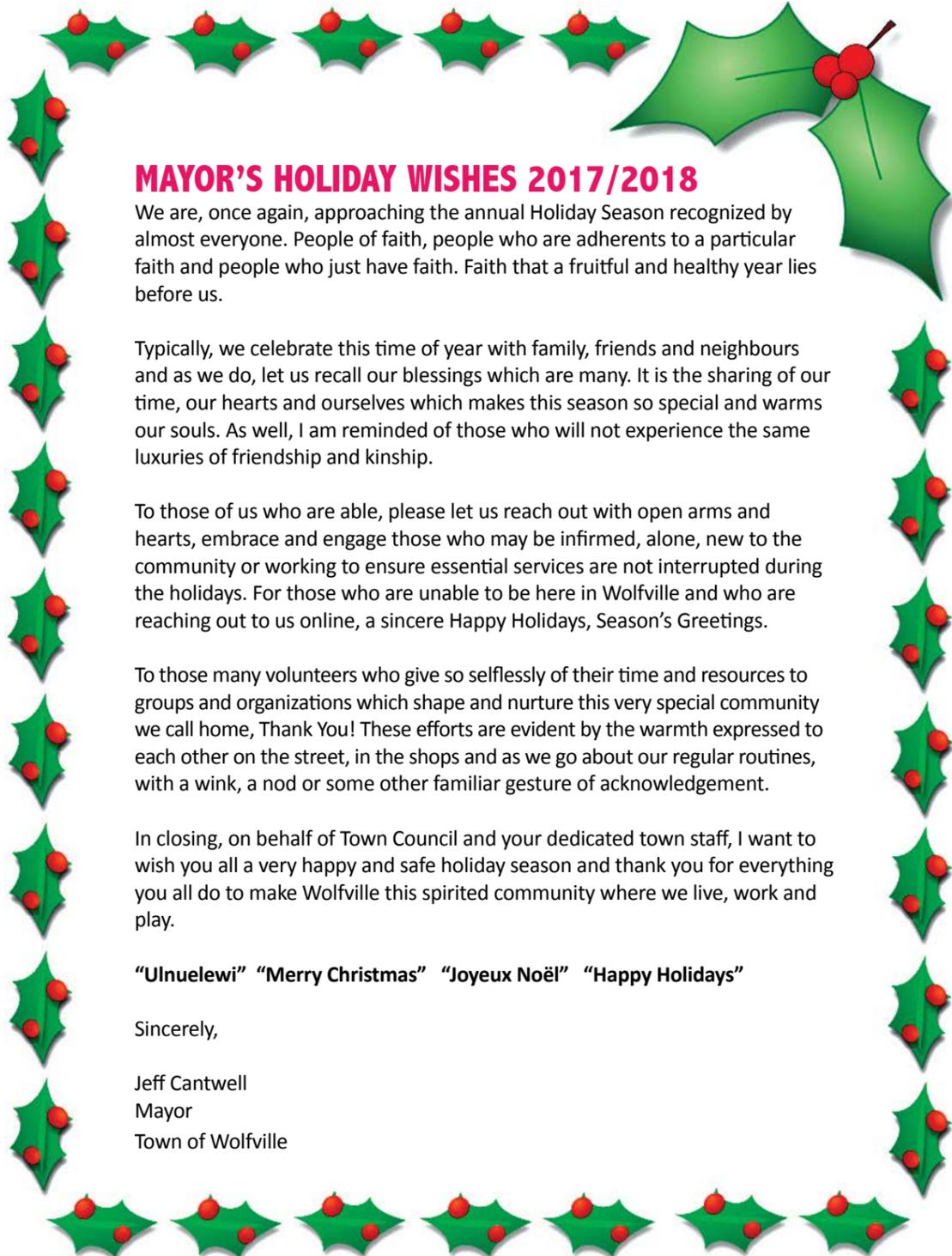
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): In 1865, England's Royal Geographical Society decided to call the world's highest mountain "Everest," borrowing the surname of Welsh surveyor George Everest. Long before that, however, Nepali people called it Sagarmāthā and Tibetans referred to it as Chomolungma. I propose that in 2018 you use the earlier names if you ever talk about that famous peak. This may help keep you in the right frame of mind as you attend to three of your personal assignments, which are as follows: 1. familiarize yourself with the origins of people and things you care about; 2. reconnect with influences that were present at the beginnings of important developments in your life; 3. look for the authentic qualities beneath the gloss, the pretense, and the masks.

Homework: Make up a secret identity for yourself, complete with a new name and astrological sign. Tell all at Freewillastrology.com.



Welcome to the Town of Wolfville's Page

Watch for it every second issue to stay up-to-date on Town News.



MAYOR'S HOLIDAY WISHES 2017/2018

We are, once again, approaching the annual Holiday Season recognized by almost everyone. People of faith, people who are adherents to a particular faith and people who just have faith. Faith that a fruitful and healthy year lies before us.

Typically, we celebrate this time of year with family, friends and neighbours and as we do, let us recall our blessings which are many. It is the sharing of our time, our hearts and ourselves which makes this season so special and warms our souls. As well, I am reminded of those who will not experience the same luxuries of friendship and kinship.

To those of us who are able, please let us reach out with open arms and hearts, embrace and engage those who may be infirmed, alone, new to the community or working to ensure essential services are not interrupted during the holidays. For those who are unable to be here in Wolfville and who are reaching out to us online, a sincere Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings.

To those many volunteers who give so selflessly of their time and resources to groups and organizations which shape and nurture this very special community we call home, Thank You! These efforts are evident by the warmth expressed to each other on the street, in the shops and as we go about our regular routines, with a wink, a nod or some other familiar gesture of acknowledgement.

In closing, on behalf of Town Council and your dedicated town staff, I want to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and thank you for everything you all do to make Wolfville this spirited community where we live, work and play.

"Ulnuelewi" "Merry Christmas" "Joyeux Noël" "Happy Holidays"

Sincerely,

Jeff Cantwell
Mayor
Town of Wolfville



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Acadia University
Monday, January 1, 2018
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NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENTS

Resolution Run / Walk / Roll

Sunday, December 31, 2017
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Acadia Athletics Complex
Registration opens at 3:00pm.

Gather with friends, family and neighbours to usher out 2017 and welcome 2018. Choose between Acadia's indoor track or the scenic outdoors route!

Warm refreshments will be provided.



Entry Fee: A donation of a non-perishable food item, cash or cheque for the Wolfville & Area Food Bank. Donations will be

accepted at registration. There will be a prize draw following the run.

The Resolution Run / Walk / Roll committee will also be accepting donations of gently used running shoes.



Family Skate
Sunday, December 31, 2017
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Andrew H. McCain Arena
Acadia Athletics Complex

The Town of Wolfville along with the Wolfville Skating Club cordially invite you to the New Year's Eve Family Skate.

Admission is free, but "free will" donations to the Wolfville Skating Club will be appreciated.

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Business Registry

The Town of Wolfville is initiating a Business Registry Program. The primary goals of the business registry are to provide a listing in the business directory on the Town website and have up-to-date list of businesses to enable communications with Wolfville businesses. All businesses are encouraged to register: business operators, commercial property owners, and home-based businesses.
You must registered by December 20, 2017 to be listed on the 2018 online business directory.

What's in in for you?

- Enhanced communication with the Town
- Increased business input on issues
- Online business listing in directory

Register online at <https://wolfville.ca/business-registry>
For additional information contact: mgates@wolfville.ca



CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Christmas tree collection will run from January 3-13, 2017 and residents are welcome to set trees at the curb by January 2, 2017 at the earliest.

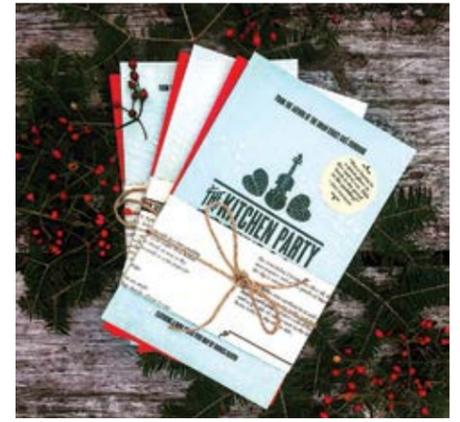
Trees can also be dropped off at the Maple Avenue Compost Site just outside the gate January 3-15, 2017.



SPECIAL HOLIDAY DOUBLE RECIPE: The Best Turkey & Creamy Turnip

Jenny Osburn | *The Union Street Café Cookbook* | www.jennyosburn.com

Jenny Osburn is the author of *The Union Street Café Cookbook*. Her second collaboration with Laura MacDonald of Deep Hollow Print, *The Kitchen Party Cookbook*, is now available! Find more recipes at jennyosburn.com and see what she's up to on instagram at [jenny.osburn](https://www.instagram.com/jenny.osburn)



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Charts Café

They are decking the halls at Charts Café at 16 Elm Avenue in Wolfville!

Owner Jesse Van Gestel and manager Mary Bates have been busy getting the café ready for the holiday season, twinkling lights and all!

This month they are adding a new series of items to their menu: breakfast sandwiches! Visitors to the café can soon expect to find the three new types of breakfast sandwiches on the menu: Eggs & Ham, Greek, and Texan. With the days getting colder, the nights longer, and the sunshine a little harder to find, it is good news to know that Wolfville now has one more way to start the day with a little holiday cheer and a delicious breakfast!






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SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS & EVENTS

Wolfville Community Christmas Dinner

Monday, Dec. 25, 2pm Lions Club, Wolfville

Free Turkey Dinner with all the fixings!
Meal is dairy & gluten free, vegan option available.
Doors open at 1pm for a Meet and Greet before dinner.
Free will donations accepted.

CORRECTION!
In our Local Holiday Gift Guide we indicated that Mr. B's Crayzons can be found at the CAPRE office building in Canning. We apparently had taken a time machine to the past, because the CAPRE office has moved to New Minas (8736 Commercial Street to be exact). And guess what? They just so happen to be having a last minute shopping event on the Friday before Christmas. Stocking stuffers and gift ideas galore!!! Visit the CAPRE Facebook page for details.

The Best Turkey

It took me twenty years to really figure out how to make flavourful, tender, reheat-able turkey. At least once a week we'd cook a turkey at the restaurant for buffet dinners, clubhouse sandwiches and pasta dishes. Here's what I've learned. You'll need to start this the day before the feast!

For the turkey and gravy:

- 1 fresh or defrosted turkey (12 to 20 lbs) local and free-range if at all possible
- 2-6 Tbsp melted butter or olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- Flour as needed
- ¼ C chopped fresh parsley or ½ tsp dried thyme

Place the turkey in a roasting pan with fairly high sides. Rub the turkey all over with the butter or olive oil, and salt very generously, at least a heaping tablespoon for a smaller bird and more for a larger one. Grind on some pepper and refrigerate uncovered overnight. The next day, preheat the oven to 250°F and pop in the turkey. Roast for about 5-8 hours, depending on the size of the bird (don't be afraid to roast the turkey overnight if that works best for your cooking schedule). The breast meat temperature should be at least 170°F. Let the turkey cool for a while, then carefully remove it to a baking sheet, tent with foil and leave to rest while you make the gravy.

Creamy Turnip

serves 6-8

All I can tell you is that this has turned every turnip hater I know into a lover of the humble root. I served this dish to hundreds of happy Christmas party goers when I ran the Union Street Café! Make plenty because seconds are required.

- 3 lbs. (1.4kg) turnip, peeled and diced
- 6 oz (170g) cream cheese
- ¼ C butter, softened
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ¾ C whipping cream

Set the roasting pan on a burner turned to medium heat and add 2-6 cups water (again, depending on the size of the bird). Whisk to loosen up the browned bits. In a bowl, place 2 tablespoons flour for every cup of water you added to the pan. Stir in enough cold water to make a very smooth, pourable mixture. Whisking constantly, add it to the simmering juices in the roasting pan. Cook and stir, making sure to get into all the corners of the pan, until the gravy boils and thickens. Taste and add the parsley or thyme, freshly ground black pepper and a little salt if needed.

Gently pull the turkey meat from the bones (save them for stock) and cut into serving pieces. Arrange on a serving platter and serve with the gravy.

The turkey can also be made in advance to this point: place the turkey pieces in an ovenproof container and pour a cup or so of the pan juices over the turkey before making the gravy. Cover with foil and refrigerate. To reheat, place in a 300°F oven and warm for 30-45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the turnip, cover and reduce the heat to medium. Cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, combine the cream cheese, butter and garlic in the food processor (or mash together in a bowl). Add the whipping cream and pulse or stir to combine.

When the turnip is tender, drain it and return it to the pot. Scrape in the cream mixture and stir gently to combine. Pour into a baking dish and bake for 20 minutes, then serve.

Note: The dish can also be made in advance. Refrigerate, covered, for up to 3 days. When ready to serve, preheat oven to 350°F and bake for about 40 minutes, until hot.

Winter After the Bell Programs

These programs are focused on 'Teenaged' Girls, but are open to all youth in grades 5-9 who want to get active after school.

Yoga for Teens - TUESDAYS Beginning Jan.9th
FREE for 8 weeks! Try Yoga for the first time, or expand your knowledge and experience. Qualified instructor will lead the class from **3:30-4:30pm** at **Wolfville School**.

Snow Divas - THURSDAYS Beginning Jan.11th
FREE for 6 weeks! Explore the outdoors and Wolfville's beautiful parks, and try some new winter activities like snowshoeing, sledding, geocaching and more! Program runs from **3-6pm**. Instructors will meet participants at **Wolfville School** at 3pm. Healthy snack provided!

For registration and other information, email nzamora@wolfville.ca or visit:

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New Years Eve Dance



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Free Food - Cash Bar
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December 31, 2017
9pm-1am

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VALLEY FAMILY FUN:

Fill a Box of Cheer: A huge success!

Laura Churchill Duke, info@valleyfamilyfun.ca

For the second year in a row, the Fill a Box of Cheer program was a huge success! We've managed to help hundreds of people this Christmas across Kings County.

The idea of Fill a Box of Cheer is to target those individuals who fall through the cracks of traditional programs. They are often seniors living alone, or mental health clients who need a little extra cheer during the holidays. We asked people to fill a shoebox with a variety of items, from toiletries to small gifts, food items and socks, hats and mitts, and the results were overwhelming!

A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously. To all the dentists, offices, and schools who did collection drives, and the individuals who gave to help others. It's truly a community effort!

Standing back and looking at the mountain of donations that came in made us so proud of our community!

Fill a Box of Cheer was a program that was started by Candy O'Brien of the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kings County Branch, and me, Laura Churchill Duke from Valley Family Fun.

Boxes will be delivered to the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Youth Portal, Chrysalis House, St. Paul's Society, Kids Action Program, Food Bank, the Opportunity Centre, and the Evangeline Club.

A huge thank you to the community for supporting this project and helping so many people locally this Christmas!

valleyfamilyfun.ca




TICKET GIVEAWAY

CHANCE TO WIN 2 TICKETS TO:
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Art - WEDNESDAYS Beginning Jan.24th
\$55 for 7 weeks or \$10 for one day drop-in

Cooking - THURSDAYS Beginning Jan.18th
\$55 for 7 weeks or \$10 for one day drop-in

All programs run **2:45-5:00PM**—Instructors meet participants at **Wolfville School** and walk to program location.

Students may bus from L.E. Shaw and Gaspereau Elementary for pickup at Wolfville School.

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FURRY FEATURE



Gilligan is a neutered male domestic short-haired Tabby & White. Born on June 12, 2016, he is one of three from a litter born on a farm in Canning. He has a 3/4 tail and is very playful. He loves to be petted and will rub around your legs.



Furry Feature Update: Mary Ann is still available!

Mary Ann is a domestic short-haired spayed female born on June 12, 2016. She was found on a farm in the Canning area. She has had four kittens and been a good mother to all of them. She's a very friendly kitty looking for a new home!

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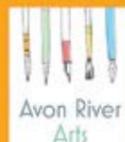
Eclectic group show featuring work by members of the Avon River Arts community.

Including work by Kelly Mitchelmore, Tacha Reed, Elizabeth Robinson, Sue Robinson, Nick Haentjens, Karen Harvie, Michelle Heron, Brian Fraser, Jonathan Charles Trenholm, Mary Lou Bennett, Stuart L. Taylor, Lexie Barkhouse, Ruth Ross, Christene Sandeson, Rose Marie MacDonald, Anne Clattenburg and Terrie Greencorn.



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WHO'S WHO: The Gingerbread Man! The Catch of the Day!

Mike Butler

Happy Holidays Everyone!

December is upon us and with it comes the feeling of Christmas and the hustle and bustle of shopping, decorating, and trying to keep up with the concerts, theatre productions, holiday gatherings, and the occasional glass of eggnog and kiss under the mistletoe! Do remember to breathe and enjoy this wonderful time of year, it goes so fast! And also remember that sometimes *you* are the best gift to give someone; your time and company are priceless!

I have many favourite traditions that pop up during the holiday season but two of them are performing in the annual Fezziwig extravaganza (playing this year December 15 and 16 at the Festival Theatre, Wolfville), and getting to compose my holiday 'Who's Who' article for *The Grapevine*. This year is quite special because both of those traditions are mashing up, as I've selected The Gingerbread Man for my 'Who's Who,' and he is also the star of this year's Fezziwig production *You Can't Catch Me: A Cookie Caper!* Try and keep up as I tell you about the tastiest, fastest, and most wonderful Who's Who I've ever met: The Gingerbread Man!

I am not much of a runner (I can't even run a bath), but the only way to secure an interview with this tasty treat of a man was to strap on my Nikes and head out for a run with him. Have you ever tried to take notes while you huff and puff your way around the Acadia track? Well, it's not fun. Luckily, The Gingerbread Man was eager to share his story.

THE DOME CHRONICLES: A Come From Away Christmas

Garry Leeson

In 1972, a boxcar from Toronto containing a menagerie of farm animals and an eager young couple pulled into the station platform in Kingston, Nova Scotia. They were bound for a deserted hundred-acre farm on the South Mountain, determined to preserve the foundations of farmsteads past while constructing a geodesic dome. They were pioneers of the future, armed with respect for tradition and an irrepressible sense of humour. They didn't call themselves farmers. They were back-to-the-landers. Farming was industry and their calling was sustainability. Over the next forty years, through flood and fire, triumph and catastrophe, they persevered, unwittingly sowing the seeds for the modern small-farm movement.

Come From Away! It's an East Coast designation and since Andrea and I, both refugees from Upper Canada, fell into that category we were anxious to erase any of the negativity attached to it. We wanted to assimilate and make a good impression on our new neighbours.

With that in mind, planning to put our best feet forward, we chose Bertram Morse to be the first official dinner guest we invited to join us after the frame of our concrete dome was more or less closed in in 1972. He was our closest neighbour and had been a lot of help as we raced to get a roof over our heads, and we felt we owed him a show of gratitude.

It was just before Christmas and winter had already set in with a vengeance. We were huddled up in the couple of small rooms that we had partitioned off in the belly of our huge cement leviathan. While the old parlour stove we had acquired was stocked up and humming, the temperature in our limited

In the land of fairy tales, The Gingerbread Man is always on the run, escaping various pursuers, but alas, he usually meets his demise between the jaws of a fox. This is just a story, of course, and The Gingerbread Man wanted to stress that he was just the subject of this story and didn't actually get eaten, in fact he and the fox are quite good friends. Fox even occasionally has Gingerbread Man over for dinner. Gingerbread Man finds it weird that there's never any food on the table, but they laugh, sing carols, and drink Tidal Bay together, so it's all good!

The Gingerbread Man was eager to chat about how Christmas time is his favourite time of the year because people start baking his relatives, using his image on gift bags and TV ads, and familiarizing themselves with his story again. He feels quite honoured that people want to tell his story, and include him in their stories. He says, "I'm really looking forward to this year's Fezziwig production as the story revolves around my character. And to have local actor/restauranteur Wil Lang playing me is beyond wonderful!"

Yes, this December, the Fezziwig gang is at it again with their 23rd production entitled *You Can't Catch Me: A Cookie Caper*, which tells the story of the poor Gingerbread Man, who has been accused of stealing Christmas toys and goes out on the run from the authorities. In true *film noir* style, Detective Foxe (Alan Slipp) enters the scene and tries to solve the case, meeting many unforgettable characters along the way including Santa, Mrs. Claus, elves, dwarves, reindeer, and more!

space was tolerable but far from comfortable (earlier that year while the first chilly winds of autumn were swirling around us, my mother had taken to having her meals wearing outdoor apparel, wrapped in a quilt before she finally abandoned ship and headed back to Ontario.)

At the appointed time, Bertram pulled into our dooryard mounted on his vintage Ford tractor. About three feet of snow had accumulated and if he hadn't taken the time to put chains on the rear wheels of the old machine, he never would have made it along the woods road and up the long driveway that connected us to the outside world.

I was a little apprehensive about what the old guy's reaction might be when he saw our situation. The frigid weather had compelled us to include some additional unscheduled guests.

Without due notice, one of our Hereford cows had given birth and her calf was not doing well so we decided to offer it more shelter than our yet to be chinked log barn afforded. We found a suitable cozy spot close to the big window in our living room. We felt that since we would be eating and entertaining in our kitchen its presence might go unnoticed and not be an issue. But, shortly before Bertram was to arrive, we were confronted with a further dire situation.

Our beloved Jersey cow, Nan, a skinny, elderly and fragile animal, was not doing well either in the cold barn full of our hardier beef cattle so we decided to lead her, shivering and blating, through the deep drifts up to the shelter of our dome.

rations are possibly for Christmas, the men are wearing winter clothes, the merchandise seems to be mostly hardware. The year is 1905, the place Port Williams.

All photos courtesy of Randall House Museum
259 Main Street, Wolfville, NS
902-542-9775, wolfvillehs.ednet.ns.ca
Now closed for the 2017 season, but please check the website for Fall and Winter Programming!

The Gingerbread Man hopes you can make it out to the show in order to see how his continued legacy unfolds. This is such an exciting time of the year for him, and with school concerts, shows, commercials, holiday treats, and so much more, he'll be running around more than usual. He apologizes in advance if you can't catch him for an autograph, or a hug, but strap on your Nikes and keep trying, he's worth it!

Wishing you all a tasty, happy, healthy holiday!

You Can't Catch Me: A Cookie Caper plays evenings at Wolfville's Festival Theatre on Friday December 15 and Saturday December 16 with a start time of 7:00pm and there is also a 2:00pm matinee presentation on Saturday December 16. Tickets are available at the door or in advance through The Box Of Delights Bookshop on Main Street, Wolfville. You can also email patsalmon@daysend.ca with questions and ticket information.

I had been able to carry the calf through to the living room but, as a matter of practicality, I was compelled to tether Nan and make her comfortable in the small entranceway into which our one and only door directly opened.

When Andrea had issued her rather formal dinner invitation to Bertram, his response had been, "I'll come but I ain't used to anything fancy." It was just as well that he was approaching the occasion with that attitude because I hadn't had time to warn him about the recent additions to the guest list.

When he stepped through the door and was confronted by the cow, he seemed undaunted. As I was taking his coat I thought that in coming in from the glare of the snow into the poorly lit entryway he hadn't seen the animal but when, without further ado, he took off his cap and put it on the cow's head before following me into the kitchen, I realized that any concerns I had been harboring were unwarranted. The matter of the animals' presence, despite the occasional blat from the living room and the answering calls from entryway during dinner, were simply ignored by him.

His casual acceptance of us and our situation that night and the welcome we received from the whole community in the days that led up to our first Christmas in Harmony in the Valley made us feel truly welcome. We learned that the daunting "Come from away" title had an unspoken codicil, "Come from away, you're invited to stay."



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

"Go Tell" – Harmony Baptist, 992 Harmony Road. 7pm • Phil Williams: a dramatic musical telling "The Christmas Story"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Christmas Eve "Eve" Service – New Hope Wesleyan Church, 7054 Hwy. #12, Kentville. 7pm • All are welcome at this upbeat celebration of the birth of Jesus.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Service – Newport Baptist Church, 929 Highway 236, Scotch Village. 7pm • Celebration of the coming of Jesus after a long time of waiting. The service will include advent candle lighting, scripture and poetry readings, guest solos, instrumental musical performances, a children's choir, carol singing, and will conclude with the candle-light singing of "Silent Night." All are welcome!

Family Christmas Eve Service – Kings Presbyterian, 5563 Prospect Road, New Minas. 6:30pm • Your favourite carols, the warmth of home and family, and the hope of Christmas!

Family Friendly Candlelight Service – Wolfville Baptist Church, 487 Main St. Wolfville. 6pm • Christmas story for children, carols, and candlelight.

Christmas Eve Service – Hall's Harbour Baptist Church, 885 West Hall's Harbour Road. 6:30pm • Candle light service celebrating the birth of Christ.

Christmas Eve Service – Port Williams United Baptist Church, 1031 Main Street Port Williams. 4pm • A family-friendly Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Eve Service – Port Williams United Baptist Church, 1031 Main Street Port Williams. 7pm • Christmas Eve Service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Family Worship – Kentville United Baptist Church, 503 Main Street, Kentville. 6:15pm • Annual service of carols, readings, special music by the choirs, pre-service concert.

Christmas Eve Morning Worship – New Minas Baptist Church, 9453 Commercial Street, New Minas. 10am • Contemporary morning worship service completing our Advent series: Home for Christmas.

NMBC Christmas Eve Services – New Minas Baptist Church, 9453 Commercial Street, New Minas. 4:30 & 6:30pm • A celebration of the birth of Christ through song and message.

Christmas Eve Service – Kingston United Baptist Church, Main Street, Kingston. 7pm • A family friendly service of carols and reading of a different version of "Twas The Night Before Christmas."

Children's Christmas Eve Service – New Hope Wesleyan Church, 7054 Hwy. #12, Kentville. 4pm • Come join the children in celebrating the birth of Jesus from their perspective!

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Christmas Eve Service – Covenant Church, Grand Pré 11pm • Music, scripture, poetry and prayers serve as reminders of the on-going need for Peace, Hope, Joy, Love and Christ in our world. Ecumenical gathering. Free will offering for maintenance of this historic building. The Rev. Tim McFarland of Acadia University will lead the service. All are welcome. **INFO:** Maggie, 902-542-5320

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Gaspereau Church, 7:30pm

Please note: Events are subject to change.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Christmas Musical Celebration – *Kings Riverside Court, Kentville 7-8pm. Also Dec. 17, 11am-12pm*

• Christmas musical presentation that includes instrumentalists, ensembles, soloists, and the Kentville Baptist Church choir! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-3162 / info@kentvillebaptist.org

India Gailey/Sam Wilson: double release concert

– *Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville 7:30-9pm*

• Solo instrumental music to celebrate the release of India Gailey's album *Lucid*, and Sam Wilson's EP, *Into a Heart*. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-233-9959 / india.y.gailey@gmail.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Technology Drop-In Q&A – *Adult Learning Centre, Kentville 9am-12pm*

• Have a technology question or problem? We can help. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-679-5252 / infotech.vcla@gmail.com

Magic the Gathering: Commander Event

– *J's Card Hobbies, Middleton 6:30-10pm*

• Ban lists will apply to decks. New players welcome! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-4060 / jshobbies@outlook.com

Dance: Route 12 – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7-11pm*

• 19+ **TIX:** \$5 per person **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

Friends – *Royal Canadian Legion, Berwick 7:30pm*

• Great music by friends Graham Moorehead, Ruth Manning and Bill Wilson. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-538-9340 / gillyflowergarden@rocketmail.com

The Barra MacNeils East Coast Christmas

– *Convocation Hall, Wolfville 7:30pm*

• A musical potpourri of traditional MacNeil family favourites gleaned from Christmas ceilidhs, midnight masses and the festivity of the holiday season. **TIX:** \$40, \$30 students @ Acadia Box Office (Wolfville) **INFO:** 902-542-5500 / pas@acadiau.ca

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Big Monthly Breakfast – *Lions Club, Wolfville 7-10am*

• Proceeds for the Lions Club. **TIX:** \$7 adults, \$4 children under 10 **INFO:** KimStewart@outlook.com

Community Breakfast – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7:30-10am*

• Bacon, sausage, ham, eggs, pancakes, hash browns, toast, baked beans, juice, coffee/tea. Takeout available. Hosted by the Windsor Legion Branch #009 and the Navy League Cadets of Canada. **TIX:** \$6 adults, \$4 ages 6-12 years, no charge under age 6 **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

Breakfast – *Curling Club, Middleton 8am-10:30pm*

• Bacon, sausages, scrambled eggs, pancakes, baked beans, toast, juice, coffee/tea. Proceeds for the Middleton Curling Club. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-825-2695 / bemorine@hotmail.com

Long Winter Nights: Meet the Artists – *The Bread Gallery, Brooklyn 10am-2pm*

• Showcase featuring paintings, metal sculptures, wood turning, jewellery, fibre art, photography, and digital paintings by members of the Avon River Arts community. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** hcacinfo@gmail.com

Christmas Bake Sale – *RCAFA 107 Valley Wing, Greenwood 12-4pm*

• **TIX:** various prices **INFO:** Facebook: RCAFA 107 Valley Wing

Workshop: Digitized Reality – *Patterson Hall, Wolfville 12:30-3:30pm*

• We will explore virtual reality by examining the capabilities of commercial headsets, as well as learn how to build our own VR environments. If you can, bring a smart phone to test your VR world. Please register. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-760-0168 / info@refreshhannapolisvalley.org

Crib Tournament – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 1pm*

• Hosted by the Kentville Legion, Ladies Auxiliary. Registration 12:30; Play 1:00. Lunch served compliments of the Ladies. **TIX:** \$20 team **INFO:** 902-678-8935

Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club – *Superstore (470 Main St.), Kingston 6pm*

• The Kingston Christmas Lights walk. Registration begins at 5:30pm. This is a 5/10km, 1A walk. Social time to follow. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-847-1772

Christmas with the King – *Horton High School, Greenwich 7-9pm*

• Thane Dunn and

his 8-piece Cadillac Kings band recreate history.

A great show filled with lots of fun, familiar songs and Thane's unique brand of humour, charm, and showmanship. **TIX:** Milne Court (New Minas), RD Chisholm (Kentville), Muddy's (Wolfville) **INFO:** buttermike50@gmail.com

Dance: Still Do In Time – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9pm*

• 19+. Bar and kitchen available. **TIX:** \$8 per person **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Christmas Breakfast – *Forties Community Centre, New Ross 8-11am*

• Eggs, bacon, pancakes, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee/tea. **TIX:** \$7 adult, \$3.50 under age 12, no charge under age 5 **INFO:** fortiescc@gmail.com

f5://imagination – *Henry Schein, Wolfville 10am-4pm*

• A pop up exhibit focused on digital creativity. Featuring work from digital artists, makers, scratchers, computer scientists, engineers and pretendengineers, hardware hackers, lego robotics warriors, indy game developers, new media innovators, VR and AR pioneers. 10am-12:30pm – Screening & discussion of *Hidden Figures*: The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Hosted by Dr. Randy Newman (Professor of Psychology, Acadia University. Women in Science and Engineering at Acadia University). An area of Dr. Newman's work is in understanding factors responsible for the gender gap that persists in some areas of science, notably computer science and engineering. Limited Space: get your free ticket to secure your spot. 1-4pm – f5://imagination reception. Artists will be in attendance, light refreshments served. Submissions are being accepted until midnight December 13. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-760-0168 / info@refreshhannapolisvalley.org

Mini Cantata – *United Baptist Church, Kingston 10:45am*

• The choir presents a mini cantata of selected Christmas music. **TIX:** free will offering **INFO:** 902-765-4891

Glad Tidings of Great Joy - Christmas Cantata – *Wolfville Baptist Church (487 Main St.), Wolfville 11am*

• Under the direction of Heather Price, with guest artist Ellen Gibling, harp, and former CBC announcer, Dorothy King, the choir will present the touching story of Simeon in the temple waiting to patiently to see the promised Holy Child. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-542-9128

A Christmas Celebration – *Kentville United Baptist Church (503 Main St.), Kentville 11am*

• Christmas musical by the Sanctuary choir, instrumentalists, and friends. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** kentvillebaptist.org

Procrastinator's Pop-up Christmas Sale – *9844 Main St., Canning 11am-4pm*

• Live music, mulled cider, and lots of well-made, hand-made artwork. **INFO:** thevirgotiger@bellaliant.net

Pokemon League - Fun Family Event – *J's Card Hobbies, Middleton 1-4pm*

• Learn to play the Pokémon trading card game. Free holo card and registration for a Pokémon Trainer Club account. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-4060 / jshobbies@outlook.com

Christmas Concert – *Trinity United Church, Waterville 2pm*

• Entertainment and carol singing. Refreshments to follow. **TIX:** Free will offering for Berwick Food Bank. **INFO:** 902-680-2351 / leahlivingstone9@gmail.com

Musical Gift Concert – *Lions Club, Kingston 2-5pm*

• 8th Annual Musical Gift concert for the Upper Room Food Bank. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-765-3225 / bobbarb@eastlink.ca

A Community Christmas Celebration – *Emmanuel United Church, Kingsport 7pm*

• Music and carols to celebrate the spirit of Christmas, featuring local musicians and singers. A goodwill offering will help support local charities at Christmas time. Social/refreshments to follow. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-582-7848 / wanda.george@xcountry.tv

Hymn Sing – *United Baptist Church, Wolfville Ridge 7-9pm*

• With guests Gary Morine and Margie DeEll and choir members. Free will offering. Refreshment and fellowship time to follow. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-542-3419

A Christmas Celebration of Music and Song – *Avon United Church, 17 Prince St., Hantsport 7pm*

• Featuring the vocal and handbell choirs of Avon United. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-684-0211

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Low Impact Exercise Group – *Baptist Church, Wilmot 11am-12pm. Every M-W-F*

• Geared for seniors, but open to everyone. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** Wendy, 902-765-0135

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Committee of the Whole – *County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 9am*

• **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 888-337-2999

Diamond Dance Troupe Fundraiser – *County Fair Mall, New Minas 5:30-8pm*

• Dance ConXion's Diamond Troupe is teaming up with Cole's for an awesome fundraiser! Buy some last-minute gifts, and 15% of your purchase will be donated to the Troupe! **INFO:** jen@ourvalley.ca

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Blood Donor Clinic – *Lions Club, Berwick 1-3pm & 5-8pm*

• Sponsored by the Berwick Lions Club. Help us reach our goal of 96 donations. New donors welcome. Book your appointment at blood.ca **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 1-888-2DONATE

Jam Session – *Lions Club, Kentville 7-9:30pm. Also Jan. 3*

• Come play, sing, or just listen. All styles/abilities welcome. Potluck snack at 8:30 (bring along something to add to it). Proceeds to assist Lion's projects. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-680-2740 / vintagemusic1@hotmail.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Ardyth and Jennifer – *St. James Anglican Church, Kentville 7:30-9:30pm*

• A Winter Solstice Concert on The Longest Night of the Year with guests Pam Mason on acoustic bass, Clara Whitman on violin, and Rev Mel Malton, author & storyteller. **TIX:** \$10 at the door **INFO:** 902-678-3123 / stjames@ns.sympatico.ca

General Meeting – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7:30-9pm*

• The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 009. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Please see page XX for a list of church services.

Dance: Island Boys – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7-11pm*

• Ages 19+ **TIX:** \$5 per person **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Please see page XX for a list of church services.

Kingston Christmas Bird Count – *Aylesford to Lower Middleton, Margaretsville to South Tremont*

• The 50th annual Kingston, NS, Christmas Bird Count. The 12-km radius circle extends from Aylesford to Lower Middleton, and from Margaretsville to South Tremont. Anyone with a bird feeder living in that area can help by observing for all or part of the day (especially if your feeder is not visible from the road) and by notifying the compiler in advance if you have any uncommon or unknown species coming to it. Serious birders may participate in field parties out for the day. Contact Wayne Neily ASAP so that we can assure no duplication of counts. **INFO:** 902-765-2455 / Neilyornis@hotmail.com

Gentlemen's Christmas Event – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 3-5pm*

• Gentlemen's Chorus Christmas Concert & Carol Sing **TIX:** \$5 Plus Items for the Food Bank **INFO:** 902-542-2723 / miamezzo@hotmail.com

Pizza and a Movie – *Christian Fellowship Centre, Wilmot (corner of Dodge Road and Highway #1) 5:30pm*

• This month's movie is "Christmas Grace". **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-2386 / pastorjdhoward@gmail.com

Dance: Bob Deveau – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9pm*

• 19+. Bar and kitchen available. **TIX:** \$8 per person **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Please see page XX for a list of church services.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Merry Christmas!

Christmas Dinner – *Lions Club, Wolfville 2-4pm*

• Everyone is welcome to attend the Wolfville Christmas dinner consisting of free range turkey or Breast of Tofu, potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots, Brussel sprouts, wild rice 'stuffing', dessert, coffee, tea and apple cider. **TIX:** No charge for the dinner. Free-will donation box. **INFO:** 902-542-1553 / wchristmasdinner@gmail.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Dance: Ruth Manning and the Prospectors

– *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7-11pm* • Ages 19+ **TIX:** \$5 per person **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

Beer For Iguana – *War Memorial Community Centre, Windsor 9:30pm-1am*

• An Almost New Year's Bash. Cash Bar, Door prizes, Giveaways. All proceeds go directly to King's Meadows. **TIX:** \$30 each @ Cuticles (7 Gerrish Street) Windsor, Kings Meadows Residence (5466 Chester Road, Windsor), Everybody's (Windsor) **INFO:** 902-698-2505

TIDE PREDICTIONS at Cape Blomidon

Source: Canadian Fisheries & Oceans.
www.waterlevels.gc.ca

DEC	High	Low
14	9:32am	3:45pm
15	10:23am	4:37pm
16	11:11am	5:24pm
17	11:55am	6:08pm
18	12:37pm	6:48pm
19	1:17pm	7:27pm
20	1:56pm	7:41am
21	2:35pm	8:20am
22	3:15pm	8:59am
23	3:59pm	9:43am
24	4:46pm	10:29am
25	**5:37pm	11:20am
26	6:32pm	12:15pm
27	7:30pm	1:13pm
28	7:59am	2:12pm
29	8:56am	3:10pm
30	9:52am	4:06pm
31	10:46am	4:59pm

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06	3:52pm	9:36am
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13	9:54am	4:09pm
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15	11:28am	5:41pm
16	12:10pm	6:22pm
17	12:50pm	6:59pm
18	1:28pm	7:14am
19	2:07pm	7:52am
20	2:47pm	8:32am
21	3:30pm	9:15am
22	4:16pm	10:00am
23	5:06pm	10:50am
24	6:01pm	11:43am
25	6:59pm	12:41pm

There are normally two high and two low tides each day. Only daylight tide times are listed.

* Highest High: 45.3 feet ** Lowest High: 36.7 feet

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – New Year's Eve!

Resolution Run, Walk and Roll – Acadia Athletic Complex, Wolfville 3-4:30pm • Jumpstart your healthiest year ever! Choose either our 5 Km sidewalk course OR the concourse track around the arena. Registration opens 3pm. for a 3:30pm start. Entry fee is a non-perishable food item, cash or cheque for the Wolfville & Area Inter-Church Council Food Bank. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult; pets must be on leash. Draw prizes. Hot apple cider. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-542-1176 / wolfvilleresolutionrun@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Skate – Kings Mutual Century Centre, Berwick 6-9pm • Great way for families to celebrate New Year's Eve at no cost. Ring in the new year early! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-538-8068 / cboylan@berwick.ca

New Years Eve Bingo – Fire Hall, New Minas 7-11pm • The last bingo of 2017! **TIX:** Pay to

play regular bingo evening **INFO:** 902-681-2787 / huntleylaurae@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Talent Show & Potluck – Christian Fellowship Centre (208 Dodge Rd.), Wilmot 7pm-midnight • New Year's Eve Potluck & Talent Show. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-2386 / pastotjdhoward@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance – Royal Canadian Legion, Kingston 7pm-1am • Roast Beef Dinner 7pm, Dance 9pm-1am. Music By Jokers Right. Dress Code Semi- Formal, No Jeans. **TIX:** Legion Member \$25, Non Legion Member \$30 @ Legion Bar. **INFO:** 902-765-4428 / legion98sect@eastlink.ca

Dance – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7:30pm-1am • Celebrate New Year's Eve 2017 with Ruckus. Includes hot buffet, pork tenderloin. Call Gerald (902-225-7464) for groups. **TIX:** \$45 per person @ Windsor Legion bar **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

New Years Eve Dance – Community Hall, Three Mile Plains 8pm-1am • **TIX:** \$10 per person **INFO:** 902-798-8254 / nancydgibson@icloud.com

New Years Eve Dance – Lions Club, Auburn 8pm-1am • New Years Eve Dance, midnight countdown with party hats whistles and leas, and a build your own sub midnight lunch. Black Gold and Silver theme, Dress up, no jeans, runners or t shirts. DJ music **TIX:** \$18 per person (call or email) **INFO:** 902-341-2148 / freddieblairh@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Party – Royal Canadian Legion, Berwick 8pm-12:30am • Fun, food, music and dance! Band: For The Love Of Pete. Buffet throughout the evening. 50/50 draw. Cash bar. Public Welcome! **TIX:** \$20 per person @ Berwick Legion Lounge **INFO:** 902-538-9340

New Years Eve Party – Community Hall, Cambridge Station 9pm-1am • An intimate New Year's Celebration at the Cambridge Community Centre! **TIX:** \$15 single, \$25 couple @ the

Cambridge Community Centre, or call. **INFO:** 902-538-7666 / 902-538-9957

New Year's Eve Dance – Royal Canadian Legion, Wolfville 9pm-1am • Music by: D.J. ,Spot Dances – Prizes Bar & Canteen 50/50 **TIX:** \$10 each @ the Wolfville Legion (310 Main St.) Wolfville **INFO:** 902-542-0471 / ellen.hunt@ns.sympatico.ca

New Years Eve Dance – Lions Club, Wolfville 9pm-1am • Jill Boudreau Band. Free food, cash bar. **TIX:** \$15 advance. \$20 at the door @ Box of Delights Bookshop (Wolfville) **INFO:** 902-698-9479 / kory.bayer@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Dance – Southwest Hants Fire Hall (1884 Hwy 14), Vaughans 9pm-1am • Music with a DJ and local talent. Cash bar. **TIX:** \$5 admission **INFO:** 902-798-3470

New Years Eve Gala at The Old Orchard Inn – Old Orchard Inn, Wolfville 9pm-1am • **INFO:** 800-561-8090

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WEEKLY EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: Event information may change without notice.

THURSDAYS

The Hantsport Seniors & Elders Club "Drop-in" – St. Andrews Church Hall, Hantsport 1-4pm. Play an assortment of games with a tea-break at 3pm. All ages! **INFO:** 902-352-2085 / davidold@eastlink.ca

In the Round Knitting Group – Gaspereau Valley Fibres 1-4:30pm. Also Tuesdays 6-9pm. Bring your knitting, rug hooking, spinning, or felting. **INFO:** 902-542-2656 / gaspereauvalleyfibres.ca

Tapestry: Women's Cancer Support Group – We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month (Next: Jan. 11). Please call for time/location. For women with and/or recovering from any type of cancer. **INFO:** Dorothy, 902-538-3374 / Pat, 902-678-9100 / Margot, 902-542-1466 / margotwithat@hotmail.com

Open Studio – Avon River Heritage Museum, Newport Landing 2-5pm. Bring a project and join in the conversation! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-757-1718 / infoavonriver@gmail.com

Pokemon League, Board Games and Magic the Gathering – J's Card Hobbies, Middleton 5:30-9:30pm • Learn to play Pokémon. Also MTG Casual and board games. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-4060 / jshobbies@outlook.com

Taekwondo – Baptist Church, North Alton 6:30pm (kids 4-14), 7:30pm (adult). Also Tuesdays. Exercise, self defense, respect, listening skills, focus, self discipline and confidence. **TIX:** no charge to try a class **INFO:** 902-670-8714 / devin@ennissecurity.ca

NonDuality Meetup – Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville 7pm-9pm. Every other Thursday Non-denominational discussion of life and our place in the scheme of things. 19+ **FREE:** no charge **INFO:** rozspeed57@gmail.com

Jam Session – Community Centre, Wilmot 7-9:30pm **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** 902-825-3125

Co-ed Volleyball – Central Kings Rural High, Cambridge 7:30-9:30pm. Tuesdays & Thursdays, from September to May. **INFO:** Willy, 902-678-8816

Cardio Kickboxing – Baptist Church, North Alton 8:30-9:30pm. Also Tuesdays. Adult class to improve coordination, strength building, cardiovascular improvements, self defence, stress reduction, and weight reduction. **TIX:** no charge for 1st week of classes **INFO:** 902-670-8714 / devin@ennissecurity.ca

FRIDAYS

Playful Pals Playgroup – FOUR LOCATIONS: Recreation Centre, Wolfville / Fire Hall, Waterville / New Beginnings Center, Greenwood / L.E. Shaw Elementary School, Avonport, 9:30-11:30am. Sing songs, play in the gym and more. Parent-child interaction, and meet other families. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca

Low Impact Exercise Program – Christian Fellowship Centre, Wilmot. Every M-W-F, 11am-12pm. Free Community low impact exercise program. Geared for seniors, but open to everyone. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-0135 / wendynoble135@gmail.com

Art for Wellness – Canadian Mental Health Association, New Minas 1-4pm. Arts and crafts program for adults who live independently with mental illness, including depression and anxiety. Materials provided. **TIX:** no charge, but please pre-register. **INFO:** 902-670-4103 / club@cmhakings.ns.ca

Chase The Ace & Supper – Royal Canadian Legion, Berwick 5-7pm • Downstairs; use back door. Everyone welcome. Chase the Ace. Cash bar. 19+ **TIX:** Tickets 3 for \$5. Supper \$8. Dessert \$2. **INFO:** 902-538-5815

Chase the Ace – Curling Club, Middleton 6:30-8pm • Draw at 8pm. Enjoy playing cribbage, Crokinole, Yahtzee in the dining hall. **TIX:** 3 tickets for \$5. **INFO:** 902-825-2695 / bemorine@hotmail.com

Boardgame Night – C@P Lab, Wolfville Public Library, 7pm. Bring your games! Ages 12+ **FREE:** no charge **INFO:** 902-790-4536 / turpin56@gmail.com

Tremont Board Game Café – Tremont Hall, 738 Tremont Mtn. Rd. 7-9:30pm every first and third Friday (Next: Dec. 15, Jan. 5, 19). Many of the newest and coolest games in a friendly and relaxed environment. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-765-4326 / tedandjisele@eastlink.ca

Jam – Greenwich Community Hall, 7-9:30pm. All Welcome. **TIX:** \$2 **INFO:** Vera, 902-542-0501

Friday Night Jam – Royal Canadian Legion, Wolfville, 7-10pm. **INFO:** 902-542-5869 / wolfvillelegion@gmail.com

Chase the Ace – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 6:30-8:45pm • Tickets/info available during the week at the bar. Cut off for ticket purchase is 8:30pm, draw at 8:45pm. **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

SATURDAYS

Wolfville Farmers' Market – DeWolfe Building, Elm Ave., Wolfville 8:30am-1pm **December 16 Theme:** Yule Market **December 23 Theme:** Yule Market **INFO:** wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament / Magic the Gathering – J's Card Hobbies, Middleton 10am-1pm (Yu-Gi-Oh), 1-4pm (MTG) • Duel your friends in these fun trading card games. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-825-4060 / jshobbies@outlook.com

Drop in and Drum! – Baptist Church, Wolfville 1-2:30pm. First Saturday of the month (Next: Jan. 6). W/Bruno Allard. Learn to play the djembe with rhythms & songs from West Africa. Drums provided. **FREE:** \$5-\$10 (pay what you can) **INFO:** brunoallard7@gmail.com / facebook: Djembes and Duns Wolfville

Valley Game Night – Gametronics, New Minas 6pm. Board game/card game group. Yu Gi Oh – Thursdays, 6pm. Magic: The Gathering – Fridays, 6pm **FREE:** no charge **INFO:** facebook.com/GameTronics

SUNDAYS

Windsor Meditation Group – Join us for meditation in the Shambhala tradition, discussion and tea. At the Windsor Community Centre, 321 Gerrish St., Windsor. 10:30am-noon. Use side entrance. Wheelchair accessible. **FREE:** no charge **INFO:** 902-798-2958 / windsormeditationgroup@gmail.com

Bingo – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7:30-10pm • Mini game 7:30pm, regular games 7:45pm. Regular games \$150. Cookie jar, hot balls, Bonanza etc. amounts to be determined. **TIX:** Basic card booklet \$25, extras available. **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

MONDAYS

Windsor Game Night – Library, Windsor 6pm. Board game group. New players welcome! **FREE:** no charge **INFO:** meetup.com/valleygames / turpin56@gmail.com

Toastmasters – 2nd Floor, K.C. Irving Centre, Acadia 6:30-8:30pm. Communication and leadership skill-building for students and community members. **INFO:** wolfvilletoastmasters.com

East Kings Chess Club – Library (upstairs), Wolfville 6:30-9pm. Participants are asked to bring their own sets, board, and clock if they have them. All welcome, from beginners to expert, young and old. **INFO:** Ian Anderson, tfeloc@hotmail.com / 902-678-8009

Darts – Berwick Legion, 7pm. Mixed doubles, draw for partner, round robin format. Cash prize to winners and high score. **FREE:** \$3 **INFO:** 902-538-5815

Kings Community Concert Band – Bishop Hall, Greenwich 7:15pm. KCCB is a group of aspiring musicians, diverse in age, ability and ambition. We perform a wide variety of music for the community. **INFO:** Fraser Campbell, 902-306-0077 / kingsconcert@gmail.com

TUESDAYS

County Crafters – Kings County Family Resource Centre, Kentville 9:30-11:30am. Crafting for adults. Bring a project or enjoy one provided for you. Childcare available. **FREE:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5760 / family.centre@ns.sympatico.ca

Writers Group – Box of Delights Bookstore, Wolfville 10am-12pm. Join our new writers group! **INFO:** laurasydneymwolf@gmail.com

Friends in Bereavement – Support, information, friendship, and confidentiality while grieving the death of a loved one. 1st & 3rd Tues. each month (Next: Dec. 19, Jan. 2, 16), in Kentville and Berwick. **BERWICK:** Western Kings Mem. Health Centre, 10am-12pm. **KENTVILLE:** United Baptist Church, Kentville 2-4pm. Sponsored by Careforce. **INFO:** 902-681-8239 / friendsinbereavement@gmail.com

Gaeilge sa Ghleann – Irish in the Valley – Greenwood, 1pm. Learn to speak Gaeilge! **INFO:** HighburyPaul@gmail.com / Facebook: Gaeilge sa Ghleann

Rug Hooking in Kentville – Kentville Lower Recreation Centre (354 Main Street), 1-3pm. If you are a rug hooker or want to learn, join us for social hooking! Tea/coffee available, \$5 drop in fee. **INFO:** Mona, monapearl@ns.sympatico.ca / Lynn, lynndenney@eastlink.ca / 902-692-8118

Life Drawing Sessions – Horton Community Centre, Grand Pré, 6-9pm (Dec. 19). For all levels of artists to draw from live model. Bring drawing materials, meet new friends. **FREE:** \$15 per session **INFO:** openlifedrawing@gmail.com / 902-698-6414

Toastmasters – Birchall Training Centre, 14 Wing Greenwood 6:30pm. Learn communication and leadership skills in a fast-paced, fun setting. Guests always welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** annapolisvalley.easy-speak.org / edwardwedler@gmail.com

The Dukes Of Kent – Barbershop Harmony Chorus – Bethany Memorial Baptist Church, rear of building, North Kentville 7pm. Men of all ages are invited to come sing with us. **INFO:** Chris, 902-678-8865 / Seymourchris2@gmail.com

Card Game – Fire Hall, Vaughans 7pm • Card games every Tuesday. 50/50 draw and light lunch. **TIX:** \$2 to play **INFO:** ellajeane.levy@gmail.com

Valley Voices – Female a cappella show chorus rehearses 7-9:30pm, Kentville Baptist Church CE Centre. Women of any age welcome.

INFO: valleyvoices.org

Cribbage – Berwick Legion, 7pm. Includes high hand, 50/50, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place cash prizes, and an ongoing Cookie Jar. **FREE:** \$10 per player **INFO:** 902-538-5815

Village Dancing – Wolfville Curling Rink (upstairs), 7:30-8:30pm Beginner, 8:30-10pm Advanced. Traditional style circle and line dancing from the Balkans and Middle East. No partner needed. New dancers welcome. Expert instruction. **FREE:** \$7, \$5 students **INFO:** David, 902-690-7897

Board Game Night – Paddy's Pub, Wolfville 8pm-12am **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-542-0059 / judy@paddys.ca

WEDNESDAYS

Coffee Time – Community Hall, Greenwich 9:30-11am • Join us for coffee/tea and a muffin. Chat with friends, new and old! **TIX:** donation **INFO:** Darlene, 902-542-3498 / darlene.hennigar@gmail.com / Bev, 902-542-7412

Kentville Farmers' Market – 38 Cornwallis Street, Kentville 10am-2pm. Open year-round. Fresh farm products, bread, honey, maple syrup, cheese, hot lunch food, local crafts and household goods. **INFO:** marketmanager@kentville.ca / kentvillefarmersmarket.ca

Chronic Pain Self-Help Support Group – West Kings Memorial Health Centre, Berwick 10:30am-12pm, second Wed. of each month (Next: Jan. 10) • Do you or someone you know suffer with persistent pain? Goal is to improve the lives of those who live with persistent pain through education, support and sharing. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** pipain.com / AnnapolisValley.ns@pipain.com

Wolfville Farmers' Market – DeWolfe Building, Elm Ave., Wolfville 4-7pm **December 20 Music:** Donna Holmes **Theme:** Holiday Craft Market & Supper – Enjoy \$10 Community supper! **INFO:** wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

Chase The Ace – Lions Club, 36 Elm Ave., Wolfville 5-8:15pm. Draw shortly after 8pm. Come early to play cards with friends, or have a snack at our canteen. **INFO:** 902-542-4508

Wolfville Community Chorus – 100 Sherwood Drive, Wolfville. 5:30-7pm. W/Susan Dworkin, Director. New members welcome! **INFO:** 902-300-1001 / susan_dworkin@hotmail.com

TV Bingo – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 6-7pm. Windsor Legion Eastlink TV Bingo, Cookie jar, jackpot prizes etc. Regular games \$100-\$300. **TIX:** Books available at bar. **INFO:** 902-798-0888 / WindsorLegion@bellaliant.com

Valley Youth Project – Louis Millett Community Complex, Rm 128, New Minas, 6:30-8:30pm. 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month. (Resumes after the holidays. Next: Jan. 17) Social drop-in for LGBTQ+ youth and allies, 25 years & under. **FREE:** no charge **INFO:** valleyyouthproject.wordpress.com

Card Party – The Northville Farm Heritage Centre, 7pm. Until April. Come play either cribbage or 45's. Weekly door prize of \$20. **FREE:** \$4 **INFO:** 902-678-4206 / info@northvillefarm.ca

Pool – Legion, Berwick 7pm. Round robin format. Cash prize to winner and an ongoing Cookie Jar. **FREE:** \$3 to play **INFO:** 902-538-5815 / chris48goddard@icloud.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 (cont'd)

New Year's Eve Dance – Lions Club, Berwick 9pm–1am • Featuring Ruth Manning and the Prospectors. **TIX:** \$20 each @ Pharmasave (Berwick) **INFO:** 902-538-1496 / ruthmanning1972@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Dance – Royal Canadian Legion, Canning 9pm–1am • Music by The Barkhouse Boys (Tony & Lennie). Light Lunch at Midnight. **TIX:** \$35/couple. \$20/single @ Canning Legion, or call. **INFO:** 902-582-7246

New Year's Eve Dance – Meadowview Community Centre, Kentville 9pm–1am • Music by Fred Goucher. 19+ ; Snacks provided; Bar available. **TIX:** \$10/person, \$15/couple **INFO:** Joep, 902-678-7084

New Year's Eve Dance – Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9pm–1am • Music by Big Deal. Cold plate included. 19+ welcome. **TIX:** \$20 per person. Tickets are now available at the bar. **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

Dayliner – Paddy's Pub, Wolfville 9–1pm • Stay out past your bedtime this New Year's Eve for a night packed full of live music with Dayliner. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** hello@daylinerband.com

New Years Eve Party – Community Hall, Ardoise 9:30pm–1am • 19+. Snacks, music, and bar open! Come celebrate in style! **TIX:** no charge admission, bar extra **INFO:** 902-401-7622 / chair@ardoisehall.ca

Ron Edmunds Band NYE – The Blomidon Inn, Wolfville 10pm–1am • Dinner and Dancing! **TIX:** Call 902-542-2291 for Packages And Prices **INFO:** ibrownstein@ns.sympatico.ca

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Levee – Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 1–4pm • Music by Big Deal. 19+ are welcome to join us. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

Levee with Bunker Spencer – West Side Charlies, New Minas 3–7pm • The best day of the year! Come out and kick the year off right! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-681-9378

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Municipal Council – County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 6pm • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 888-337-2999

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

Traditional Breakfast – United Baptist Church, North Ave., Canning 7:30–10:30am • Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns, Beans, Scrambled Eggs, Toast (Gluten free pancakes and toast) **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 902-582-3827 / tapgap@xcountry.tv

Open Active Chess Tournament Wolfville – Lions Club (36 Elm Ave.), Wolfville 8:45am–6pm • On-Site Registration: 8.30–8.50am. Mode: 7 Rounds – Swiss System 25 min (sd) time control Schedule 9am round 1, 10am round 2, 11am round 3, 12am round 4, 1–2pm lunch break, 2pm round 5, 3pm round 6, 4pm round 7, 5pm prizes awarded **TIX:** \$25 adult, \$20 youth **INFO:** jodo1909@gmail.com

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

Fundy Cinema screens LUCKY – Al Whittle Theatre, 4 & 7pm • Actor John Carroll Lynch's directorial debut follows the spiritual journey of a fiercely independent 90-year-old atheist, portrayed by Harry Dean Stanton in his final role, and the quirky characters that inhabit his off the map desert town in Arizona. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Valley Gardeners Meeting – 7:30 pm, NSCC Kingstec (236 Belcher St.), Kentville 7:30pm • Murray Colbo will be speaking on "What is a Garden". A delightful retrospective on some of his travels. **INFO:** valleygardeners.ca

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Committee of the Whole – Town Hall, Wolfville 8:30am • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

Luncheon – Lions Club, Kingston 12–1pm • Held in partnership with John and Lynda Pierce. All proceeds from this event will support the Lions work in the Community. Chicken Supreme Dinner w/dessert. Deliveries to Kingston/Greenwood area only (call by 10:30am to order). **TIX:** \$9 per plate, delivery \$9.50 per plate **INFO:** 902-765-2128 / bobbarb@eastlink.ca

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Valley Trekkers Volkssport Club – Meetup: Ultramar Corner Store (11 Park St.), Kentville 10am • Registration 9:30am. This is a 5/10km, 1B walk. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 902-678-5609

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Variety Show – Forties Community Centre, New Ross 1:30–4pm • Dave Guptill and Barbara Crowell, Carrol Edwards & Friends, Country Heat, Jim Manuel and the Grass Hoppers. Canteen available. Wheelchair accessible. **INFO:** 902-689-2000 / 902-689-2612

Fundy Cinema screens WONDER – Al Whittle Theatre, 4 & 7pm • Auggie Pullman (Jacob Tremblay), a 10-year-old boy with a congenital facial deformity, enters fifth grade to attend a mainstream elementary school for the first time in this inspiring and heartwarming drama adapted from R.J. Palacio's 2012 bestseller. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Special Committee of the Whole – Town Hall, Wolfville 8:30am • 2018/19 Budget Discussion **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

Committee of the Whole – County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 9am • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 888-337-2999

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Fundy Cinema screens DON'T TALK TO IRENE – Al Whittle Theatre, 7pm • Overweight teenager Irene Willis follows her passion for cheerleading and signs up for a talent-search reality show to prove that you do not need to be physically "perfect" to be perfectly awesome in Pat Mills' empowering comedy about acceptance on your own terms. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Film: An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story – Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 7pm • This film explores the life and impact of Reinhold Niebuhr, who rose from a small Midwest church pulpit to become a nation's moral voice – an American conscience – whose writings provided guidance and inspiration for presidents, politicians, theologians and others. This event is hosted by the MacRae Centre for Christian Faith & Culture at Acadia Divinity College. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** Jill Keliher, 506-721-2452 / Karen Cann, 902-585-2210

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Pre-Teen Dance – Community Hall, Ardoise 7:30–9:30pm • Open to students in grades 3–6. Canteen open. **TIX:** \$3 per child, plus canteen **INFO:** 902-757-2900 / chair@ardoisehall.ca

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Artist Portfolio Prep Course – Ross Creek Centre for the Arts, Canning 10am–3pm • Winter Session 1: Drawing Fundamentals Thinking about applying for art school or interested in building your portfolio? Our portfolio prep courses (three days over 3 weeks) will help you explore new skills and develop a strong visual arts portfolio. **TIX:** Winter Session 1: \$295 + HST Winter Session 2: \$295 + HST Winter Session 1+2: \$495 + HST **INFO:** 902-582-3842 / mail@artscentre.ca

Fundy Cinema screens NOVITIATE – Al Whittle Theatre, 4 & 7pm • In a convent in rural Tennessee, aspiring nun Cathleen struggles with issues of faith, the strict hand of the Reverend Mother (Melissa Leo) and the harsh realities of being a servant of God in a coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of Vatican II and the massive reforms to the Catholic Church in the 1960s. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Town Council – Town Hall, Wolfville 6:30pm • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

Banff Mountain Film Festival – Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 7–10pm • This year's best and boldest mountain sports & adventure movies from our friends at The Banff Centre! **TIX:** \$20 (inclusive of Tax) @ The Box of Delights Bookstore (Wolfville) **INFO:** 902-542-9511 / boxofdelightsbooks@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

Fundy Cinema screens HUMAN FLOW – Al Whittle Theatre, 7pm • Renowned Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei explores the staggering scale and the profound human impact of the current global refugee crisis—the greatest human displacement since World War II—in an epic film journey across continents. **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 902-542-1050

LIVE THEATRE

You Can't Catch Me! (The Cookie Caper) – Festival Theatre, Wolfville Dec. 15, 16, 7pm, Dec. 16, 2pm • Toys are missing from Santa's workshop – and so is The Gingerbread Man. Is there a connection? Private eye Foxe heads north to investigate. **TIX:** \$15 adults, \$10 students, \$40 family rate (2 adults, 2 students) @ Box of Delights Bookshop (Wolfville) **INFO:** pat@daysend.ca

Singing for our Supper – Wolfville Baptist Church (corner of Main & Highland), Wolfville Dec. 22, 7pm • An annual fundraiser put on by Donna Holmes & friends. Featuring John Burdock, Ross Chapman, Erin Gaudet, Donna Holmes, Jamie Loughhead, Rick MacNab, Jesse Potter, Allan Slipp, and more! Enjoy sensational seasonal Songs & Stories. Proceeds go towards the Wolfville Community Xmas Supper & Wolfville Food Bank. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** donnaholmes712@gmail.com

EXHIBITS

Apple Bin Art Gallery – Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville • Affordable, original art created by Valley artists. Part proceeds go towards hospital equipment and Annapolis Valley health care programs.

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For complete list of library events:
valleylibrary.ca

All events are no charge/no registration unless otherwise stated. **NOTE: When AVRSB schools are closed due to inclement winter weather, all children's library programs for that day in that area will be cancelled.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Fibre Ops – Library, Windsor 10am–12pm. Also Dec. 22, Jan. 5, 12, & 19 • For knitters, hookers, crocheters, weavers and spinners. Bring a project. **INFO:** 902-798-5424

Preschool Pals Storytime – Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library, Port Williams 10:30–11:30am. Also Jan. 5, 12, & 19 • Songs, stories, and fun! Ages 3–5 and caregivers. **INFO:** 902-542-3005

Busy Babies Storytime – Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library, Port Williams 11:30am–12pm. Also Jan. 5, 12, & 19 • Bouncy rhymes, songs, and stories! Ages 0–2 and caregivers. **INFO:** 902-542-3005

Girl Power: Deck the Halls – Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 6:30–8:30pm • Join the festivities that Tessa has planned for a spectacular send off to 2017! Girls ages 10–14. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Christmas Ornament Crafting Party – Isabel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library, Hantsport 10:30am–12pm • Make an ornament for your tree and enjoy some sweet treats! For ages 7–9. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-684-0103

Christmas Crafts – Library, Windsor 1–2pm • Christmas crafts suitable for intermediate adult crafters. Light refreshments available. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-798-5424

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Renew Your Curiosity: After School Snow Day! – Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 3–4pm • Join us for some indoor snow fun. 5 years and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Escape Room! – Library, Windsor 3–4pm • You have 45 minutes to crack the code. Work together

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in a team to "Breakout" the clues and solve the mystery. Ages 12–15. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-798-5424

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

A New Year's Celebration – Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 11:45am–12:45pm • Happy New Year! 5 years and younger must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Levee at the Library – Isabel & Roy Jodrey Memorial Library, Hantsport 1–3pm • Celebrate our community and raise a glass to our future. We'll also showcase five Alan Creighton paintings recently donated by the Sircom family. **INFO:** 902-684-0103 / thefhpl@gmail.com

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Kindermusik for Preschoolers – Library, Kingston 1:30–2:30pm. Also Jan. 15 & 22 • This program is full of shake, rattle and roll, developing body and rhythm awareness for children from birth–seven. Malinda (Mindy) Ogilvie will be offering two consecutive 4-week sessions for preschool children. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-765-3631

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Wee Reads Storytime – Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 10:30–11:30am • A busy hour of reading, crafting, and snacking! For ages 0–5 with caregivers. Registration is required. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

Tiny Tales – Library, Kentville 11–11:30am. Also Jan. 17 & 24 • Stories and lots of fun! Ages 2–5. **INFO:** 902-679-2544

Downloading eBooks and Audiobooks – Library, Kentville 1–2:30pm • Learn how to load free eBooks from the library onto your tablet or eReader. Bring your device or use one of ours. Registration required. **INFO:** 902-679-2544

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

Between the Covers Book Club – Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 6:30–8:30pm • The book selections for January are "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night" by Mark Haddon and "Wenjack" by Joseph Boyden. Call to join. **INFO:** 902-825-4835

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

Chase Away the Winter Blues Tea – Rosa M. Harvey Middleton & Area Library, Middleton 10:30–11:30am • Warm your heart and soul with some lively conversation, hot drinks, and yummy treats. We might even have a trivia quiz to test your knowledge and liven things up! Please register. Storm date: Jan. 24 **INFO:** 902-825-4835

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Gaspereau Yoga w/Sophie Bérubé – @ Gaspereau Elementary School. • Hatha yoga classes, integrating the celebration of the heart, universal principles of alignment, and balanced energetic action in the performance of yoga poses. Winter 2018 session runs for 11 weeks. MONDAYS: 3:15pm Level 1, 5:15pm Level 2. THURSDAYS: 5:15pm Level 1–2. **FE:** \$85 one class, \$150 two classes **INFO:** gaspereauyoga@hotmail.ca

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CD REVIEW: EVERYDAY SUPERHEROES BY MATT THE MUSIC MAN

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- Beatrix Gadon, age six



WHAT'S GROWING AT THE HARRIET IRVING BOTANICAL GARDENS - GIVING

Melanie Priesnitz Conservation Horticulturist

Volunteers have been generously giving their time to the KC Irving Environmental Science Centre and Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens since the day we opened. Over the years our volunteers have ranged in age and background and have performed a wide array of duties, including leading public tours, collecting phenology data, gluing and scanning herbarium specimens, seed sorting and cleaning, and caring for and propagating plants in the greenhouse and garden.

Some of our youngest volunteers came to us from Fairfield School many years ago; the kids joined us weekly in the autumn and had fun learning about the Acadian forest while gardening and jumping in leaf piles! Our longest standing volunteer is the wonderful Jean Timpa. She has worked in the herbarium one or two days a week for the past twenty years. Jean has a great artistic flare for preparing and gluing plant specimens and continues to make a tremendous contribution.

A group of our volunteers are so dedicated that 9 years ago they formed a separate society to help support the botanical garden and native plant conservation in general. The Friends of the Acadian Forest Society is engaged in a long-term education, research, and plant propagation project that benefits not only the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens, but also the wider community of environmentally-aware gardeners and native plant enthusiasts. This year the group gave back to the Acadia campus in an additional way by weeding and mulching the garden outside of the Festival Theatre. They saw that it needed some taming so they put their trowels to the earth and cleaned it up!

For the past several years students from both Horton High and Acadia have helped us in our Seed Bank. Seed Bank Intern April Muirhead greatly appreciates all of the time given and says she wouldn't be able to perform her job as effectively without the support of volunteers. She admitted that some of the cleaning, sorting, and separating of seed is time-consuming and would be tedious without the cheerful company and assistance of others. Our Propagation Specialist Robin Browne has travelled abroad to collaborate with researchers in other seed banks and commented that "Botanic gardens and seed banks around the world rely heavily on the contributions of volunteers and we are no exception. I consider the volunteer support provided by the many Acadia University students and Friends of the Acadian Forest members to be an essential part of our efforts to conserve native plant species in this region."

During this season of giving, we want to honour and thank all of the many individuals who give their time and expertise so generously to us. To see just how giving and talented our volunteers are, stop by the lobby of the Centre this holiday season to see our Christmas tree. All of the ornaments were lovingly handmade from dried, wild plants by our Friends Society members. We are grateful for the continued support to our entire team of volunteers. The Centre and Gardens are open daily throughout the holiday season (even on Christmas day) so stop by and visit us.

Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens
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THE ART SPOT: Melissa Sue Labrador

"Doah Aye Nibi" is the Mi'kmaq name of Melissa Sue Labrador. From the Wildcat Community in South Brookfield, Nova Scotia, Melissa's art is currently on display at the Wolfville Memorial Library at 21 Elm Avenue. Check valleylibrary.ca for open hours

WHO: I am an eighth-generation Mi'kmaq from the Kejimikujik area, a mother of 6-year-old twins whom I home-school, and an assistant birch bark canoe builder to my father, Mi'kmaq birch bark canoe builder Todd Labrador. I am a voice for Mother Earth on environmental issues, practices, and traditional ecological knowledge.

WHAT: I use primarily acrylic on canvas, and have for as long as I can recall, probably more than twenty years. More recently I've been working with birch bark, creating art using it and on it.

WHERE: I work mainly from my home. My work can be found at the Millbrook Culture & Heritage Centre, in various private collections



throughout the world, and on occasion in a group or solo art show throughout Nova Scotia. It can also Facebook under Seven Directions Mi'kmaq Art or on Twitter under @Mel7Labrador

WHEN: I have never known myself not to be an artist. I have very artistic parents to thank for that. I work on my art as the visions arrive, sometimes during the day, sometimes in the evening or late at night. I'm always thinking and creating, however sometimes the pictures in my mind become stronger and I simply have to get to work!

WHY: Art is something that stems from my rich cultural upbringing. I am able to teach others through art.



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