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EDITOR'S UPDATE:

Welcome to our 143rd issue, our 25th and final one for 2014. Last year, we pushed ourselves with back-to-back issues in December, but the calendar isn't really conducive to that sort of insanity this year. Taking a little 4-week break between issues feels well-earned, then we'll be back on January 8th, 2015.

Looking back over the work we've done this year, there are sincere feelings of accomplishment and appreciation among all of us in the office. All because of your on-going support and interest, The Grapevine can continue with its approach to being the best darned arts & culture paper in the Valley. We look back over this past year with gratitude for our many supporters: our advertisers, readers, contributors - everyone who makes our community, and The Grapevine - vibrant and interesting.

Now is the best time for all of us to be kind to one another. Christmas, the Holidays, and opportunities to spend quality time with family are here. We asked members of the amazing Grapevine team for their favourite festive experiences in the Valley (page 16); this is a joyous place to be.

Here's to a productive New Year...but let's not get ahead of ourselves just yet. There's a lot to first get done in this busy month. So select a local wine (page 15), pick up some good reading (page 17), and get into the spirit with whatever classic traditions best suit (page 5 - Mike Uncorked).

Warm, festive, Christmas & Holiday wishes everyone!

FAMILY FUN IN THE VALLEY:

P is for Pottery

Christmas is coming, and it's time to get cracking on those gifts! It's a great idea to have kids make some of their own presents to give away. A lot of time, love and thought goes into these gifts. There is no better place to do this than at the Clayground in Wolfville where you can paint your own pottery!

Children as young as two years old can find something to paint at the Clayground. Or, bring in your infant and make a decoration using their foot or hand print. The employees there have lots of ideas and advice to help you! Absolutely no skill or experience is needed. Just come and let the creative juices start to flow! Older kids can also try making a gift with fusible glass.

Anything painted by Dec. 16 will be fired in time for Christmas but the Clayground is still open until 2pm on Dec.

24 so you can paint or pick up pieces until then. Their gift tiles are a fun and popular gift and make late shopping easy! See you at the Clayground! (348 Main Street, Wolfville; www.theclaygroundstudio.ca)

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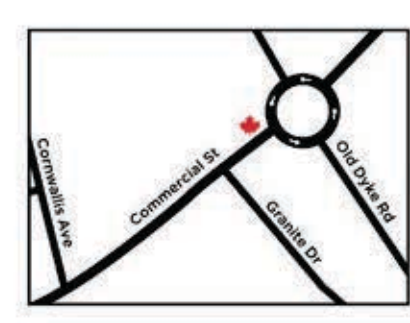
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I'd like to say a big thank-you to the many households in the Valley that put on a great Christmas light show for the community. The one in Grand Pré is our family fave. I'd like to also implore people to drop off a card and/or small donation (maybe a coffee card?) to any such house display that they enjoy each year. The time, cost of electricity (despite using LEDs), and year-round storage that these special families take on in order to provide the rest of us with something special for Christmas, deserves our thanks.

Kate Dalton

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for a random act of kindness that is now a much anticipated bi-weekly 'event' - the delivery of The Grapevine. This wonderful collection of community warms the heart (especially you, Mike), and invites the reader to become an active participant in the cultivation of our communities. Through celebration of the strengths of our communities, a sense of shared responsibility for the sustained social, emotional and economic wellbeing of our corner of Nova Scotia is emanated and easily embraced.

Thank you all for your continued contributions.

Belinda Beveridge

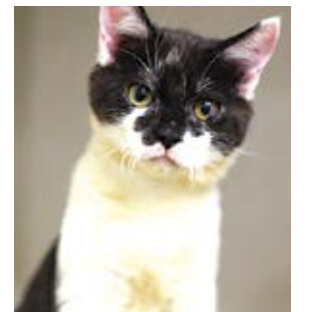
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UPDATE - TITAN STILL AVAILABLE!

Hi! My name is Titan. I am a 9 month old pit bull mix. I have been neutered and am up to date on all of my vaccinations. I am very lovable and like to play but I am just learning how to share and don't like to give up my favorite toys easily. I also don't care for cats or mops... yes mops; don't judge. I do however love humans but with my high energy level, I will need to be with someone with experience and no small children.

If you would like to meet me you can stop by the Nova Scotia SPCA, Kings County Branch Tuesday through Sunday, between 2pm and 5pm. We are located at 1295 County Home Road in Waterville. You can also check out our website at www.kings.spcans.ca, look us up on Facebook, or call my caregivers at 902-538-9075.



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Suggested Theme:

December is a busy month regardless of which holidays you celebrate. There's always so much to do in such a short amount of time and the arrival of really cold weather can make it that much more daunting.

Despite the clattering distractions, it's also a beautiful time of peace and reflection. What is something you, your family, and/or your business is most looking forward to this special time of year?

And/or, what's the best stocking stuffer you can provide?

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Kelsey Cornelius (left), Peter J. Herbin, Jessica Hudson (right)

comes we have over some family and friends for dinner and enjoy the day.

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Thanks Simon and Loay for posing in front of the tree with me! I owe you!

It's the Holiday Season! I have just returned from three days of shopping with my family in Moncton, New Brunswick - a tradition started about a decade and a half ago by the female members of my family. It's a chance to have some time together, shop until they drop, and get a little change of scenery for a few days. I love going with them every year because it's really more about the family time than the gift buying. This year, having that time away inspired me to make this 'Uncorked' all about my favourite Christmassy things!

December is a busy month for all of us but I must stress how important it is to take time 'outside' of the Christmas Busyness to keep your sanity as the holiday crunch approaches. I recommend taking in a show (or three!) this month. You have Fezziwig's *SCROOGE: Back to the Future* playing at the Festival Theatre December 11-13 (tickets available at Box Of Delights, Wolfville); *The Gentleman's Chorus: Christmas Concert and Carol-Sing* at the Al Whittle Theatre on December 20; and the incredibly funny *Farnedale Avenue Christmas Carol* at CentreStage Theatre in Kentville, playing through December (call 678-8040 to reserve tickets).

One of my favourite things to do at Christmas is read Christmas stories and watch Christmas movies. I can't remember a year that I didn't read Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (complete with different voices for each Who!) Be sure to add these selections to your 'Holiday Reading List': *Little Women*, *The Gift of the Magi*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, *Raymond Biggs The Snowman*, *The Polar Express*, *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, and the one that always tops my list, Charles Dicken's Classic *A Christmas Carol*. You can find these and many more holiday books at Box of Delights in Wolfville.

I am guilty of playing Christmas music all year round; there I said it! It could be the warmest day in July and I will have Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton's Christmas Album blaring while I am doing laundry. I do very much adore holiday music, as long as it's not annoying. I have listened to my share over the years and here are some of my favourite Christmas/holiday albums for you to locate and enjoy: I already mentioned Kenny & Dolly (they're just a holiday staple), but I also recommend

Sarah McLachlan's album *Wintersong*, Josh Groban's *Noel*, Michael Buble's *Christmas*, Bette Midler's *Cool Yule*, the original Anne Murray or Elvis Christmas Albums, Meaghan Smith's *It Snowed*, and *Christmas with Nana Mouskouri*. You can also throw in some Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby, Burl Ives and Brenda Lee for good measure, but my all-time favourite Christmas album has to be *Conway Twitty and the Twitty Birds Christmas Album!*

Now, let's see... I covered Music, Books, Theatre... how about Movies? The holidays (in my family at least) wouldn't be complete without our traditional get together where we eat our faces off and watch *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (reciting most of it verbatim) - for 20 years we've done this! Here's my Top Five Favourite Holiday Films: 1. *It's a Wonderful Life* (the black and white, James Stewart Classic!), 2. *A Christmas Carol* (from 1951 with Alistair Sim, which I believe is the best version ever made), 3. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (starring the incredible Chevy Chase in the ultimate Christmas Family Movie - watching it with new people is a lot of fun), 4. *Annabelle's Wish* (a little known children's movie about a calf that wishes to be a reindeer with surprising results - have Kleenex handy!) and 5. *Love Actually* (starring Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Emma Thompson, and Alan Rickman. It is a feel-good holiday treat for everyone). And an honourable mention has to go to *The Nightmare Before Christmas* because it's AWESOME!!!

But all movies and books aside, my favourite thing about Christmas is spending time with my family and friends. That's what it's all about isn't it? Sure the decorations, presents, food, and fun are benefits but being with my nephews and my niece and my beautiful partner, safe and cozy, is beyond anything Santa could give me. I hope you all make outstanding Holiday memories this season and take time to reflect on the year that has passed, analyze what you did and what you accomplished and strive for better in 2015. I wish all my friends near and far, staying and traveling, of all religions and cultures, a very warm, safe, happy holiday! You're all important to me, incredible life gifts I've received. I am ME because of you and I thank you! Merry Christmas Everyone!

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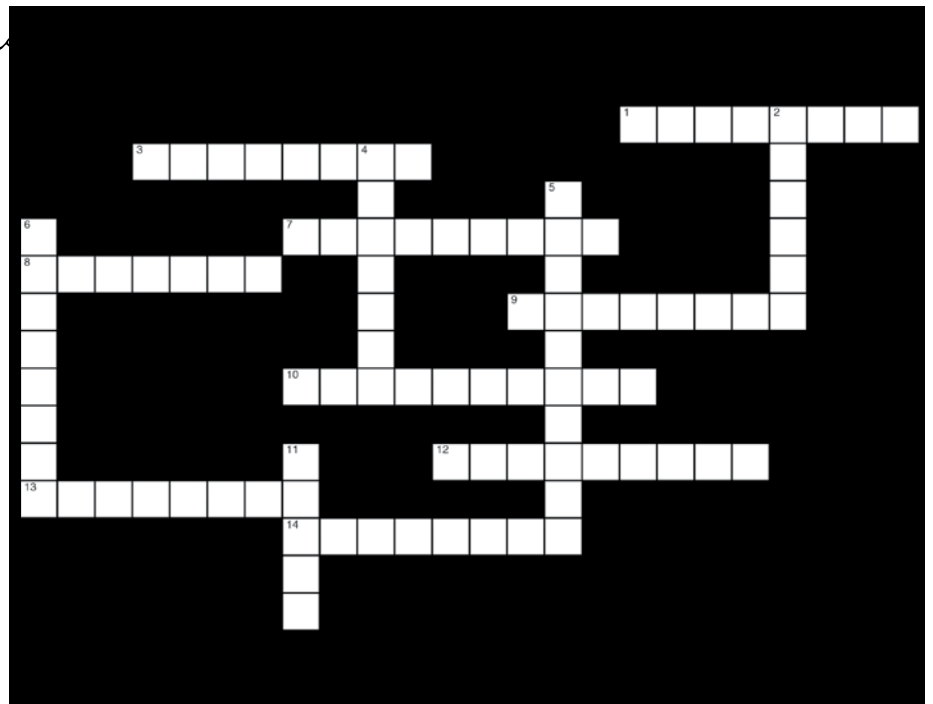
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Across

- All of today's puzzle answers take place in this month.
- The Jewish Festival of Lights is called ____.
- Folks living in the Wolfville area are invited to the free Wolfville ____ Dinner that happens at the Lion's club on the 25th (see ValleyEvents.ca for more details).
- The ____ of Japan's birthday is on the 23rd.
- Yours truly celebrated her 50th ____ on the 7th.
- On the 24th, many Canadian children await the arrival of this jolly old elf.
- The 26th, or (perhaps) 24 hours "in the ring".
- Winter ____ takes place on the 21st this year.
- A count down happens on this special "Eve".

Down

- On the 14th, a newish and unofficial holiday called ____ Day celebrates all non-human primates, not just its moniker.
- Kwanzaa begins on the 26th this year and is a week-long celebration that honours ____ heritage and culture.
- Some people born under the signs of Scorpio and ____ celebrate their birthdays in December.
- The December theme for Night Kitchen (music variety show that happens first Sat of month at Al Whittle Theatre in Wolfville) was ____.
- December was the ____ month of the year in the Roman Calendar.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Lord Byron (1788-1824) was an English poet who loved animals. In the course of his life, he not only had dogs and cats as pets, but also monkeys, horses, peacocks, geese, a crocodile, a falcon, a crane, and a parrot. When he enrolled in Trinity College at age 17, he was upset that the school's rules forbade students from having pet dogs, which meant he couldn't bring his adored Newfoundland dog Boatwain. There was no regulation, however, against having a tame bear as a pet. So Byron got one and named it Bruin. I think it's time for you to find a workaround like that, Aries. Be cunning. Try a gambit or two. Find a loophole.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Whenever I lost one of my baby teeth as a kid, I put it under my pillow before I went to sleep. During the night, the Tooth Fairy sneaked into my room to snatch the tooth, and in its place left me 25 cents. The same crazy thing happened to every kid I knew, although for unknown reasons my friend John always got five dollars for each of his teeth — far more than the rest of us. I see a metaphorically comparable development in your life, Taurus. It probably won't involve teeth or a visit from the Tooth Fairy. Rather, you will finally be compensated for a loss or deprivation or disappearance that you experienced in the past. I expect the restitution will be generous, too — more like John's than mine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Through the scientific magic of grafting, a single tree can be altered to grow several different kinds of fruit at the same time. One type of "fruit salad tree" produces apricots, nectarines, plums, and peaches, while another bears grapefruits, lemons, oranges, limes, and tangelos. I'm thinking this might be an apt and inspiring symbol for you in the coming months, Gemini. What multiple blooms will you create on your own metaphorical version of a fruit salad tree?

CANCER (June 21-July 22): No other structure on the planet is longer than the Great Wall of China, which stretches 3,945 miles. It's not actually one unbroken span, though. Some sections aren't connected, and there are redundant branches that are roughly parallel to the main structure. It reminds me of your own personal Great Wall, which is monumental yet permeable, strong in some ways but weak in others, daunting to the casual observer but less so to those who take the time to study it. Now is an excellent time to take inventory of that wall of yours. Is it serving you well? Is it keeping out the influences you don't want but allowing in the influences you do want? Could it use some renovation? Are you willing to

reimagine what its purpose is and how you want it to work for you in the future?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The Arctic Monkeys are British rockers who have produced five studio albums, which together have sold almost five million copies. Rolling Stone magazine called their first album, released in 2003, the 30th greatest debut of all time. Yet when they first formed in 2002, none of them could play a musical instrument. I see the current era of your life, Leo, as having a similar potential. How might you start from scratch to create something great?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Alan Turing (1912-1954) was a British mathematician and pioneering computer scientist. After World War II broke out, he got worried that the German army might invade and occupy England, as it had done to France. To protect his financial assets, he converted everything he owned into bars of silver, then buried them underground in the countryside north of London. When the war ended, he decided it was safe to dig up his fortune. Unfortunately, he couldn't recall where he had put it, and never did find it. Let's draw a lesson from his experience, Virgo. It's fine if you want to stash a treasure or protect a secret or safeguard a resource. That's probably a sensible thing to do right now. But make sure you remember every detail about why and how you're doing it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Even if you are not formally enrolled in a course of study or a training program, you are nevertheless being schooled. Maybe you're not fully conscious of what you have been learning. Maybe your teachers are disguised or unwitting. But I assure you that the universe has been dropping some intense new knowledge on you. The coming week will be an excellent time to become more conscious of the lessons you have been absorbing. If you have intuitions about where this educational drama should go next, be proactive about making that happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You now have a special ability to detect transformations that are happening below the threshold of everyone else's awareness. Anything that has been hidden or unknown will reveal itself to your gentle probes. You will also be skilled at communicating your discoveries to people who are important to you. Take full advantage of these superpowers. Don't underestimate how pivotal a role you can play as a teacher, guide, and catalyst. The future success of your collaborative efforts depends on your next moves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Harper Lee was born and raised in Alabama. At the age of 23, she relocated to New York City with hopes of becoming a writer. It was a struggle. To support herself, she worked as

a ticket agent for airline companies. Finding the time to develop her craft was difficult. Seven years went by. Then one Christmas, two friends gave her a remarkable gift: enough money to quit her job and work on her writing for a year. During that grace period, Lee created the basics for a book that won her a Pulitzer Prize: *To Kill a Mockingbird*. I don't foresee anything quite as dramatic for you in the coming months, Sagittarius. But I do suspect you will receive unexpected help that provides you with the slack and spaciousness you need to lay the foundations for a future creation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In the ancient Greek epic poem the *Odyssey*, Odysseus's wife Penelope describes two kinds of dreams. "Those that pass through the gate of ivory," she says, are deceptive. But dreams that "come forth through the gate of polished horn" tell the truth. Another ancient text echoes these ideas. In his poem the *Aeneid*, Virgil says that "true visions" arrive here from the land of dreams through the gate of horn, whereas "deluding lies" cross over through the gate of ivory. Judging from the current astrological omens, Capricorn, I expect you will have interesting and intense dreams flowing through both the gate of ivory and the gate of horn. Will you be able to tell the difference? Trust love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your chances of going viral are better than usual. It's a perfect moment to upload a Youtube video of yourself wearing a crown of black roses and a V for Vendetta mask as you ride a unicycle inside a church and sing an uptempo parody version of "O Come All Ye Faithful." It's also a favorable time for you to create a buzz for you and your pet causes through less spectacular measures. Promote yourself imaginatively.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): At age 80, author Joan Didion has published five novels, ten works of non-fiction, and five screenplays. When she was 27, she wrote, "I have already lost touch with a couple of people I used to be." That wasn't a good thing, she added: "We are well-advised to keep on nodding terms with the people we used to be, whether we find them attractive company or not. Otherwise they turn up unannounced and surprise us, come hammering on the mind's door and demand to know who deserted them, who betrayed them, who is going to make amends." I recommend her counsel to you in the coming months, Pisces. Get reacquainted with the old selves you have outgrown and abandoned.

Homework: Forget what Time magazine thinks. Who is your "Person of the Year?" Tell me at Truthrooster@gmail.com.

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- 1 What were the names of the two ships that collided causing the Halifax Explosion?
- 2 Where is Christmas Island located?
- 3 Which Nova Scotia county is the Balsam Fir Christmas tree capital of the world?
- 4 The first export of Christmas trees from Nova Scotia occurred in what year?
- 5 What is the Mi'Kmaq word for Christmas?

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DEC	High	Low
11	3:38pm	9:42am
12	4:43pm	10:27am
13	5:31pm	11:13am
14	6:20pm	12:02pm
15	*7:11pm	12:54pm
16	7:38am	1:46pm
17	8:28am	2:39pm
18	9:18am	3:30pm
19	10:07am	4:19pm
20	10:55am	5:08pm
21	11:42am	5:55pm
22	12:30pm	6:42pm
23	1:17pm	7:30pm
24	*2:06pm	7:50am
25	2:56pm	8:40am
26	3:48pm	9:31am
27	4:42pm	10:25am
28	5:39pm	11:22am
29	6:39pm	12:21pm
30	7:40pm	1:22pm
31	8:10am	2:24pm
JAN	High	Low
01	9:09am	3:24pm
02	10:06am	4:21pm
03	10:59am	5:14pm
04	11:50am	6:04pm
05	12:37pm	6:50pm
06	1:22pm	7:33pm
07	2:05pm	7:50am
08	2:46pm	8:31am

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WHAT'S GROWING AT THE HARRIET IRVING BOTANICAL GARDENS: *COMPOSTABLE ORNAMENTS*

Each year we decorate the Christmas tree in the lobby of the KC Irving Centre with natural ornaments. The decorations are all made of sustainably collected materials found in the garden or woods. We have pinecone reindeer, stars of milkweed, birch bark peace doves, wreaths of willow and my personal favourite, a christmas slug with a milkweed pod body and an acorn head! All of these treasures will eventually go back to the earth via the compost pile however many of them have lasted up to 10 years.



Take a quiet moment over the holidays to sit in front of the fire in the Garden Room this holiday season. We have a variety of magazines and newspapers - or bring a board game to play with friends. The Centre is open 365 days a year. Open hours from Dec 24 to Jan 4 will be 10am to 5pm. Happy Holidays from all of the staff and volunteers at the KC Irving Environmental Science Centre & Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens.

For more information on native plants of the Acadian Forest visit botanicalgardens.acadiau.ca or visit us in person on the campus of Acadia University.

*Melanie Priesnitz, Conservation Horticulturist
Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens
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STUDENTS DE-STRESS FROM EXAMS WITH THE HELP OF SOME FURRY FRIENDS

by Emily Leeson

There will be a few delightfully unlikely patrons at the Vaughan Memorial Library on December 12th.

This December, students at Acadia will get a little help recovering from the grueling schedule of studying, writing essays, and sitting for exams from some furry friends. Therapeutic Paws of Canada will be visiting the campus to connect students with the beneficial effects of pet therapy.

Therapeutic Paws of Canada is a non-profit organization of volunteers who provide pet-based therapy through a visitation program with cats and dogs. Volunteers and their pets visit schools, hospitals, and seniors residences to bring the benefits of therapy dog and

cat programs to those in need. Often cited as a calming influence, pet therapy can address many human issues and needs ranging from physical and mental to social and motivational. The interactions between pets and humans also tend to stimulate wonderful conversation.

The dogs visiting the Vaughan Memorial Library have all been certified through the Therapeutic Paws of Canada program. Acadia students are invited to come and pet, sit, and play with the four-legged visitors as a special way to ease out of this stressful time period.

For more information, visit:
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[Paws Room - Exam "De-Stress" Event tpoc.ca](http://Paws Room - Exam)



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OPEN ARMS: LOOKING FORWARD TO 2015

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Photo: Extra Submissions - Open Arms
Open Arms is a volunteer-based local rescue mission which operates the "Inn From the Cold" emergency shelter program and a transition house and provides several other essential community services. Established as a Registered Charity in 2004, Open Arms is made up of a network of more than 250 volunteers across the Annapolis Valley from Wolfville to Bridgetown.



In 2013/2014 the "Inn From the Cold" Shelter program and transition house hosted 45 guests through short-term shelter in the off-season. In many cases, the assistance of the volunteers often results in helping people secure housing before they ever need to spend a night in the emergency shelter program.

A Drop-in and Administration Centre (32 Cornwallis St., Kentville - located at the back of the Cornwallis Inn building) has over six hundred visits each month as well as countless calls for other assistance. A venue for people to feel safe, warm and fed, the centre also offers relevant community services including addiction supports, art & literacy programs, job and resume help, Bible study programs, and a community garden project. Approximately 50 regular volunteers make the programs possible at the Drop-in Centres and countless others regularly host additional meals and events.

Aside from assisting people who find themselves in the unfortunate situation of being on the street, hungry or lonely, Open Arms also provides prison ministry, support for released prisoners, rural food delivery for families, and a furniture bank and clothing give-away.

Open Arms is entirely community funded through donations from individuals & families, business, churches, social clubs, and a

variety of fundraisers.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Inn From The Cold shelter volunteers are always needed and we ask that those who are interested to contact: c.southall@ns.sympati-co.ca or call 902-365-3665.

Furniture Bank - Open Arms has a truck for pickups and deliveries of good used furniture. We take the following items if they are in good condition: couches & arm chairs, dressers, tables & chairs, and beds (we do not take electronics or hide-a-beds).

Renovations - We are still seeking skilled laborers to complete the renovation of our new building.

*If you have a particular skill you would like to share and a love for people, please let us know.

How to give:

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THE ANNAPOLIS VALLEY SERVES UP EXCELLENCE

Emily Leeson

Four Annapolis Valley organizations recently received Taste of Nova Scotia Prestige Awards for 2014. Tideview Cider won 'Innovative Product of the Year' for their aperitif-style strong cider, Olde Port of Halifax; Grand Pré Wines was awarded 'Producer of the Year'; Lia Rzinaldo and Michael Howell of Devour! The Food Film Fest received the 'Gary MacDonald Culinary Ambassador of the Year' award; and Avondale Sky Winery took home the 'Consumer Choice Product of the Year' award for their white wine, Bliss.



The Taste of Nova Scotia Prestige Awards celebrate excellence in the culinary industry, recognizing producers and restaurants for their exceptional work. The winners, chosen from both consumer and industry nominations, passed through a panel of judges, and approved by the Taste of Nova Scotia Board of Directors, were announced during the annual Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia's (TIANS) Tourism Summit on November 25, 2014.

"It is just astounding the ongoing dedication to Nova Scotia foods that we have in our province" says Janice Ruddock, executive director of Taste of Nova Scotia. "This is a small opportunity to recognize the dedicated companies and individuals who strive to continually exceed our expectations. It is truly an honour to be in the same room and hear their stories."



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There are three sets of shorts with different themes and start times (all on Dec 21): 2:30pm - Kids Under 8 (56 min); 4pm - Family 7+ (88 min); and 7pm - Comedy 13+ (99 min). Free admission: PLEASE CONSIDER A FOOD BANK DONATION. After expenses, any profit will go to the Wolfville Area Food Bank. Info: fundyfilm.ca.

CHRISTMAS SEASON CELEBRATIONS FOR WOLFFVILLE AND AREA CHURCHES

ANGLICAN

Parish of Horton

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December 24, Christmas Eve

- 6:15pm An Unexpected Christmas: A Family Service with Christmas Pageant and Holy Communion
- 8:30pm Christmas in Story and Song: Readings, Poetry and Carols to Celebrate the Birth of our Lord
- 10pm O Holy Night: A "Midnight" service of Holy Communion to Welcome "our dear Saviour's birth"

December 25, Christmas Day

- 10am Holy Communion - Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning!

Parish of Cornwallis

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December 24, Christmas Eve

- 4pm The Blessing of the Crèche, Saint. John's, Port Williams
- 7pm Holy Eucharist, Saint Michael & All Angels, Canning
- 9pm Holy Eucharist, Saint John's, Port Williams

BAPTIST

Port Williams United Baptist Church

1031 Main St., Port Williams 902-542-3495

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 4pm Featuring child performers
- 7pm Service will have an adult choir as well as hand chimes.

Wolfville Baptist Church

487 Main St., Wolfville, 902-542-5524

December 14

- 11am Christmas Lessons and Carols with special guest musicians

December 21

- 4:30pm Longest Night Service

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

ROMAN CATHOLIC

St. Francis of Assisi

118 Main St. Wolfville, 902-542-3074

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 8pm Service

St. Joseph's

48 Belcher, St. Kentville, 902-678-3303

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 4pm Service
- 7pm Service
- 10pm Service

December 25, Christmas Day

- 10am Mass

UNITED CHURCH

Orchard Valley United Church

130 Cornwallis Ave, New Minas (off Commerical St, between the roundabout and Canadian Tire) 902-681-0366

December 14

- 11am Worship with Special Guest, Berwick Handbell Choir
- 3pm Messy Nativity & Pot Luck Supper

December 19

- 7pm Orchard Valley Christmas Variety Show

December 21

- 11am Worship Service with OVUC Cantata
- 7pm The Longest Night Service

December 24, Christmas Eve

- 4pm Children's Pageant & Worship Service
- 7pm Communion Worship Service
- 11pm Covenanter Worship Service (Covenanter Church, Grand Pre)

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COST: Freewill Offering

INFO: Donna Holmes at iwakichick@hotmail.com

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See Poster on Page 12



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Quick Chat With Suzanne Balcom

Co-office Manager of Main Street Dental & Ex-president of the WBDC from 2012 to 2014.

What's on your local wish list?

Anything from We're Outside. There's some great grey Northface boots that I have my eye on...oh, and everything in the window from Jane's Again!

What's the most memorable local shows you saw in 2014?

We definitely attended Devour!, many Fundy Films, and I'm trying to remember my favourite acts from the Night Kitchens. We certainly saw a lot of them. The L'Arche fundraising concert by Gary Ness & The Mudcreek Boys recanting tales from the Dominion Atlantic Railway was fabulous too.

What are you looking forward to from Wolfville in 2015?

Getting back on stage in the musical 9-to-5 with Edalene Theater (February)! It's been 29 years since I last performed musical theater, the rehearsals have been a blast!

Why are you in Wolfville?

There's a perfect mixture of: culture, education, natural beauty, and liveability.

Merry Christmas!

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WOLFVILLE'S BUSINESS BUZZ

Wolfville Magic Winery Bus Ends Season with Prestigious Tourism Award and Continued Growth

The Wolfville Magic Winery Bus, one of Nova Scotia's "Top 10" 2014 experiences, according to the Canadian Tourism Commission, has won the Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia's (TIANS) prestigious 2014 Tourism Innovator Award. The award was announced during the Crystal Tourism Awards of Excellence ceremony, part of the closing gala of the 2014 TIANS Tourism Summit at the Halifax World Trade and Convention Centre on November 25.



"TIANS is proud to present the 2014 Tourism Innovator Award to the Wolfville Magic Winery Bus" said Glenn Squires, TIANS Chairman. "This award recognizes innovation in a product or service that has enhanced Nova Scotia's Tourism Industry. The success of the tourism industry depends on our ability to provide authentic, quality products which allow visitors to truly experience the region's unique offerings. This year's recipient is an outstanding example of how partnerships and collaboration can help leverage visitation to a region and add depth to our product offerings."

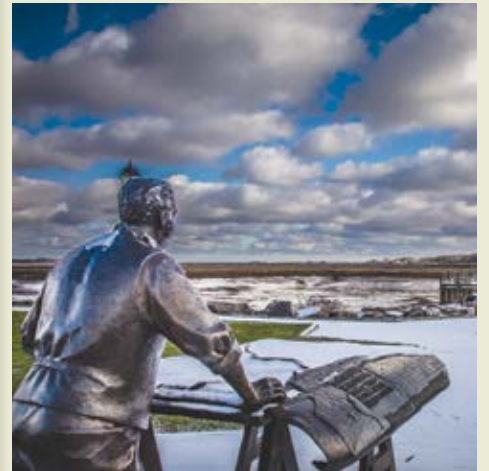
The Wolfville Magic Winery Bus attracted visitors from all corners of Atlantic Canada and as far away as the United States, United Kingdom

and Australia this season. Ridership in 2014 increased 40% compared to 2013 with close to 4,800 guests participating. There was an average of 335 guests per weekend over the fourteen-week season. Results from a 2014 guest survey, conducted by Dr. Donna Sears of Acadia University's F.C. Manning School of Business, concluded that almost one third of winery bus guests stayed at rental accommodations in the Wolfville area while more than half (56%) made purchases in Wolfville and the surrounding area. The estimated economic impact of the Wolfville Magic Winery Bus on the local economy this season was \$602,000.

"Together, we are aiming to make Wolfville the premier culinary and wine destination in Atlantic Canada" said David Hovell, Executive Director, Wolfville Business Development Corporation. "We are immensely proud to be recognized by TIANS for our achievements and have already begun to explore how the Wolfville Magic Winery Bus can create more opportunities for our local businesses to benefit from its success."

The Wolfville Magic Winery Bus is North America's only hop-on, hop-off wine tour aboard a traditional British double-decker bus. At each stop, visitors enjoy vineyard tours, wine tastings, food pairings, and fine to casual dining opportunities plus browsing through wine retail shops. Wineries on the route, which begins and ends in downtown Wolfville, include: Domaine de Grand Pré, Luckett Vineyards, L'Acadie Vineyards, and Gaspereau Vineyards.

Additional information can be found by visiting: wolfvillemagicwinerybus.ca



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BATTLING THE TEEMING MASSES OF NOODLE FANS

By Cheri Killam

The Noodle Guy (also reportedly known as Ross Patterson) needs no advertising. Nor does he need any more customers. He has nothing to be gained by me writing this. You know those scenes, in old movies, when the piano music

is frenzied and staccato and things happen onscreen at a pace that could never actually occur in real life? That's about what the Noodle Guy looks like every time I've ever seen him at the Wolfville Farmers' Market. I am pretty sure the Noodle Guy has some sort of deal with the space-time continuum that allows him to move faster and fry up more noodles (and the occasional batch of perogies) than the human body is actually capable of. I'm so overwhelmed, the previous sentence ended in a preposition.

All this activity is prompted by the perpetual line-up that forms next to the Noodle Guy's stand from the moment he opens until the last item is stricken off the chalkboard. Do you know what terrible agony it is to be standing in line, mouth watering as you anticipate the moment you get to take that first scrumptiously scrumptious mouthful of the Noodle Guy's Fox Hill garlic quark ravioli with maple caramelized onions only to hear that dreaded scratch as that very thing is subjected to merciless obliteration by coloured chalk? Do you? I bet you do! See, I often have morning activities (usually consisting of ridiculous runs) so my trips to the market are frequently nearer to closing time than to opening time. This weekend, however, my ridiculous run was not on until 11am, so Clara and I zipped in at about 9. No word of a lie – that was the very first time I'd seen the Noodle Guy's chalkboard entirely



marked-out free. Everything was available. I could hardly breathe. Clara had no problem insisting on the shells – they are one of the few meaty offerings the Noodle Guy makes. As usual, the pasta was unbelievable, and I had to

fight Clara for the last pieces (it was early, I didn't think we could eat two orders, I was wrong). As we walked away from the stand, I witnessed the first item being scratched off. Because pasta at 9am is where it is at, if it's made by the Noodle Guy.

For the sake of journalistic integrity, I felt it would only be fair to see if the Noodle Guy's magic was all in the wrist, or if I could replicate some of it from the comfort of my own home. The Noodle Guy has a wee fridge next to the frying pan strip and it contains amazing things like bags of handmade ready-to-fry fresh pasta and sauces. I decided to pick up a tub of Sundried Tomato, Jalapeno, and Coconut Milk sauce to try at home. Noodle Guy's wife (who shall remain nameless – they were busy – there was no time to ask) gave me a hot tip: not only is it fantastic on pasta, it also goes beautifully on rice with chicken. It is true, friends, the sauce is just to die for and tossing in a few (locally grown) brussels sprouts will almost make you offer to let your kids eat your piece of freshly baked pie just so you can take their shares.

But don't (just) take it from me – if you like an adventure, head to the Wolfville Farmers' Market and battle the hordes. Otherwise, you can stop by the Noodle Guy's sweet, sweet restaurant in Port Williams. For more info, check out their really great website at www.thenoodle.ca.

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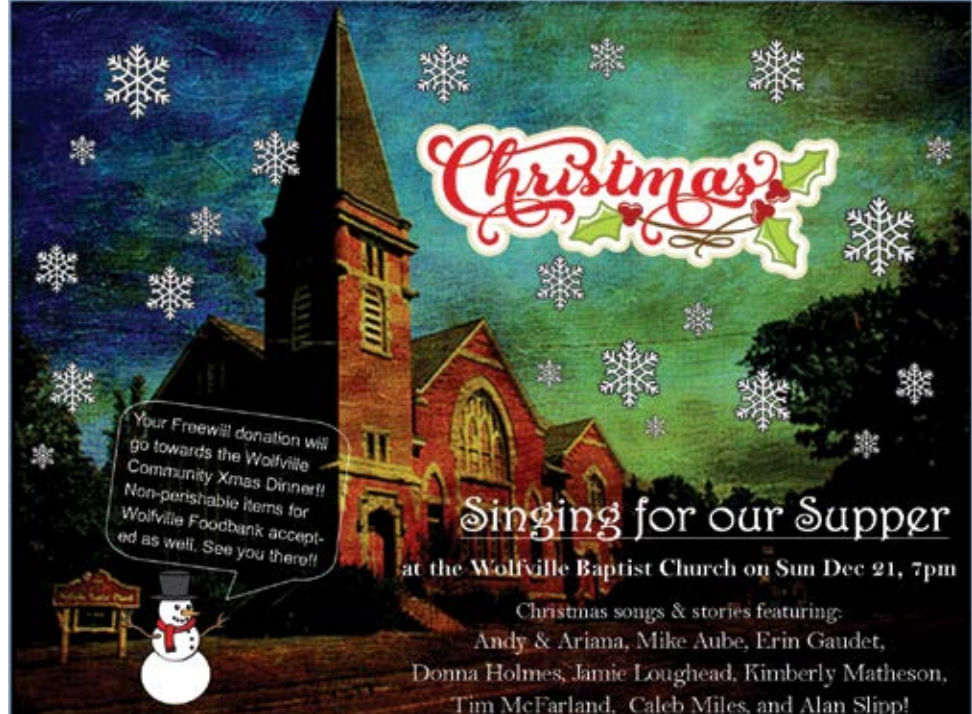
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The WHO'S WHO:

Mrs. Claus

I can't believe the year has flown by this fast. It's already time again for my Special Christmas Who's Who! This year I took a trip to the North Pole and sat down with a very special lady - Mrs. Claus - to chat about Christmas, life, love, and of course, swap Christmas baking recipes because who better to swap with... am I right?

Going to the North Pole is always intimidating, a bit scary (as I don't travel very much) and very cold, but the rewards are worth it. I was greeted with open arms and a cup of cocoa (no coffee up there!) and I met Mrs. Claus in her kitchen because she was knee deep in special orders for baked goods this time of year. I expressed my excitement and appreciation for her taking the time to chat with me just four weeks before Christmas and I hoped my poor timing didn't affect which list I would appear on: the naughty or the nice! She smiled and said, "Don't worry dear, Santa knows you've been good."

Her cheeks were rosy. Her hair was cloud white and put up in a perfect bun. Her apron and red dress didn't have a speck of flour on them, and she smiled for my entire visit with two dimples in her cheeks, a twinkle in her forest-green eyes, and she was covered in sparkles. It was impossible not to smile when she looked at you. She offered me a plate of sugar cookies and we sat to chat.

My first question, which I have wondered about for most of my life, was what her first name was. She smiled (eyes still twinkling) as she said, "Why... it's Mrs. dear." I didn't find it as funny as she did but then she explained a bit about her history.

"I was first mentioned as the wife of Santa Claus in 1849, in the short story 'A Christmas Legend', by James Rees, a Philadelphia-based Christian missionary. It seems like I've been around for longer than that but so be it. Nick [as she calls Santa Claus] and I have been inseparable for as long as I can remember and I love him dearly. Santa has always been the face of Christmas and I've just been in the background but I certainly know I play a very important role in the holiday season."

After that "Mrs. Claus" started popping up all over the place with many different names. She said, "I have been called Mary, Annalina, Jessica, Layla, Ahoop, Seeki, Martha, Kasey, Gretchen, and Santarina - just to name a few. I decided with all these options that I would just let folks come up with their own name for me instead of revealing my true identity... it makes it more fun for me." I was grateful for her answer because I thought back to those days of not knowing my elementary school teachers' names; it was always "Mrs. So and So", etc. and when I eventually found out



their real names, it was sometimes disappointing.

Since 1889, Mrs. Claus has generally been depicted in media as a fairly heavy-set, kindly, white-haired, elderly female baking cookies somewhere in the background of the Santa Claus mythos. She sometimes assists in toy production, and oversees Santa's elves. It is worth noting that, when not portrayed as white-haired or elderly, she is often shown to have red hair. This could be because red/ginger hair is the colour that most commonly fades to white with age. I probed a bit to confirm these things and it's true. Mrs. Claus, when she's not baking, helps out with toy production; coming up with many ideas for toys (Hey Gamers! Thank her for the new XBOX!) and she also assists with Elf duties and tending to the reindeer. In her downtime she knits mittens by the thousands, handles all the letters that come to Santa, and keeps Santa on track with his duties. She says it's no coincidence that GINGER is her favorite spice.

Between 1890 and 1960 Mrs. Claus wasn't "seen" as much. Her reappearance in popular media in the 1960s began with the children's book *How Mrs. Santa Claus Saved Christmas* by Phyllis McGinley. Today, Mrs. Claus is commonly seen as a character adjacent to Santa Claus. Her personality tends to be fairly consistent. She is usually seen as a calm, kind, and patient woman often in contrast to Santa himself, who can be prone to acting too exuberant. Mrs. Claus told me that all of this was the truth! She loves being a bit of a mystery - even to this interviewer. After I was done, there was still so much I didn't know, but it was okay. I was filled with cocoa, cookies and Christmas spirit... the interview was a success. Happy Holidays Everyone!

Mike Butler



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Sat. music 10am-1pm; Wed. music 5-7pm

For Special Event Listings &
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Event Details

**Sat December 13,
8:30am-1pm
Yule Market**

The Wolfville Farmers' Market hosts its annual Yuletide Market to celebrate the spirit of the tradition where families and friends gather for a warm and cheery celebration. Children are welcome to create a Yule log and everyone can try a delectable piece of celebratory Yule log cake. This holiday season, keep your gift dollars in the community and support local artisans, farmers and food producers.



Thanks to our awesome volunteers from Acadia University who came to help decorate the Market for the Holiday season.

**Wed December 17,
4pm-5pm
Mid-Week Market Mingle**

Business owners, student entrepreneurs, town staff: Stretch your legs, and join us for the "Mid-Week Market Mingle" - a new networking event where colleagues and business people can casually connect, share their questions and their experiences, enjoy tasty conversation, or take an opportunity to have a walking meeting along the trail outside! Stop by for a short mingle or stay for a Market Supper, either way, see you the third Wednesday of the month. Elsie Wetmore of Wetmore Counseling will facilitate and the Wolfville Farmers' Market will host. Between us, a warm welcome awaits...

**Wed December 17, 4pm-7pm
Handmade for the Holidays**

Join us for a cozy evening to celebrate the holiday season at the last Wednesday Market of 2014. The Market will offer an array of beautiful handmade creations and a scrumptious holiday menu. Whether shopping or dining, this is the perfect way to celebrate the warmth of community, support locally made, eat local, and embrace all that is offered in the community that you may live, work, or play in. Wishing you much warmth and appreciation for the Holidays!

**Sat December 27, 8:30am-1pm
New Year Market**

Join us to Ring in the New Year, Market style!

Market Team Profile: **SADIE MOLAND (Volunteer)**

Why have you made the decision to do this work at the Market?

By encouraging the consumption of organic food, and supporting the businesses of local farmers, I believe the Farmers' Market strengthens our community and our environment which is why I wanted to volunteer my time here.

What is your favourite part of working at the Market?

I most like the atmosphere of the Market. It's a busy place but everyone there is in a good mood; happy to be snacking on the great food and eyeing the beautiful crafts. I get to hear music and chat with friendly visitors. The time flies.

What are some of your other interests and passions? Have you a resource you would like to share?

Around the same time I started volunteering with the Market, I started helping out at the Acadia Community Farm. I encourage anyone with a passion for food, local farming, or the outdoors, to volunteer their time there as well.

What is your role with the Market Team? And, please describe what you do.

I work at the info table. I answer questions that visitors may ask about the vendors, the layout of the Market, special events etc. I also sell Market t-shirts, canvas bags, and other products.



Vendor Profile **John McLarty & Lisa Law**

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What are you most proud of in the product you make or grow for Market? We have preserved the rich farming heritage of the property through the cultivation of grapevines. We are crafting truly exceptional wines that appeal to a variety of wine drinkers using innovation, passion, and state of the art equipment. We are an approachable, innovative artisanal winery, which offers a distinctive Nova Scotia experience.

Have you a favourite resource or organization that you would like to share with the Community?

The Starrs Point Agri-Tourism Loop: "The Loop" goal is to bring awareness of the unique blend of businesses and attractions located within a loop of less than 10km in Port Williams. This short distance lends itself to cycling and walking with stops for u-pick, organic fruits & vegetables, cheese & gelato, wine, beer, places to eat, and a place to stay.

What values motivate you in the way you run your business and create or grow your product? We have a passion for wine and winemaking with the highest attention to detail. Using innovation and state of the art equipment enables us to produce truly exceptional wines. It is important to us that we provide customers with a reliable consistent product and ensure that their visit to our facility is a comfortable, relaxing, and educational experience.



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How do you pick the right wine for the Holidays? First of all buy Local. Our wine-growing region has reached new heights, depths and uniqueness. Celebrate by buying and supporting local libations for the people in your life. You can match these wines to the person or the cuisine. Here are some great reasonable choices from our area:

BLOMIDON VINEYARD WINERY, CREMANT, 2013, \$25

For the sparkling person in your life and also a terrific hostess gift. Cremant is simply a term for sparkling wines from France that are not made in the Champagne region. This particular wine has quite a bit of Seyval Blanc (52%) which creates a crisp minerality. This wine is fantastic with oysters or makes a great aperitif. Perfect for the New Year's toast! This wine is fun, crisp and easy – therefore an easy gift.

L'ACADIE VINEYARDS, BRUT RESERVE, 2008. \$44.95

For the more cherished gift and quiet special occasion. Do you know a person with an anniversary during the holidays or treasuring a special someone? This wine is for the conscientious, thoughtful person. L'Acadie understands and demands the love for the soil and our land. We are conscious of some of our foods being organic or what goes into the processing of our foods. Why not our wines? L'Acadie Vineyards are forerunners in our area for organic and biodynamic viticulture. This wine is toasty, bold and perfect in front of a fire with a loved one.

DOMAINE DE GRAND PRÉ, RIESLING, 2013, \$18

Dry Riesling with pear and lemon notes and crisp minerality. It is completely unique to our area and a Multiple award winner. It's a great match with pâté and charcuterie boards, salads, or just on its own; it's also perfect for cocktail parties, lighter fare and all things pork. Grand Pré Winery is an institution in our area. The winemaker continually evolves and has proven that with this wine. This wine is definitely for someone who appreciates the subtler and lighter things in life.

BENJAMIN BRIDGE, CABERNET FRANC ROSÉ, 2013, \$24

"Pretty in Pink". This wine is for the purist in your life. It is made in a traditional rosé manner with only black grapes allowed. It is like the great Chinon wines from the Loire Valley but with a Nova Scotia uniqueness of its own as it is slightly late-harvested. This

wine is sassy yet structured. It's the perfect match for turkey and all the cranberry accoutrements but is flexible enough to go well with many different dishes. It stands up as one of Canada's best rosés and is perfect for the woman who loves rosé (and the real men who eat quiche).

GASPEREAU VALLEY PINOT NOIR (500 ML), 2010, \$17

As a friend of mine said "it smells like pinot and tastes like pinot". This wine is perfect with the wonderful lamb from our area or simply with a cheese board. It is light and delicate with aromatics of vanilla and cherries in its undertone. It is made by one of the most important female winemakers in Canada. This wine is perfect for the person who likes the lighter side of life and yet sometimes has a serious undertone. It is an elegant wine that will make an elegant gift.

LUCKETT'S VINEYARD, PHONE BOX RED. 2012, \$25

For the more robust person in your life select this Deep Red for cold nights. It is a common misconception that Nova Scotia is better at whites. All of our wine regions grow white and red grapes side by side and our reds are becoming more prominent. Lockett's has garnered a lot of attention lately – attention that is well deserved. This wine is fun, quirky, and great with heavy meats and stew. Plus it doesn't hurt that the packaging itself makes a great gift.



DOMAINE DE GRAND PRÉ, POMME D'OR, CEPAGE, NV

This apple wine makes a great gift for anyone who likes the sweets. It is perfect with (you guessed it) all things apple. This wine matches well with caramel, sticky caramel, and steamed pudding. This unique wine is made from apples grown in our historic and world class apple orchards and represents our region well. It makes an excellent gift for friends and family afar to remind them of home. It is a drinkable "postcard" from our county and reminds one of a sense of "place".

Remember: the number one rule in matching food and wine is to serve wine and food that have been growing together in the same area side by side.

Happy New Year, KC

WOLFVILLE LIONS HOST SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER FOR LANDMARK EAST

The Wolfville Lions Club made a special gift of \$2000 to the Landmark East Student Bursary Fund this week. The donation represents proceeds from a community dinner in support of the school on October 24th. The event was a huge volunteer effort with the Lions members spearheading the bulk of ticket sales, delivering take-out meals, and orchestrating supper service to a sold-out crowd. The Landmark East Parent Committee and a team of student volunteers assisted with a gift basket raffle, pre-sales of dinner tickets, table service, and clean up.



Photo Caption: Left to Right are: Landmark East parents Christine Kroker and Debbie Tucker, Lions Marlene Vandertoorn (President), Butch Messom, Hollis Lake, and Don McBay. In front are Landmark East students Ben Kroker and Jacob Wadden.

An 'Undercover' Christmas Tradition

Genevieve Allen Hearn

My grandmother passed two summers ago, so last Christmas was tough on all of us - especially my grandfather who spent 60 years by her side. Grandma was quite the formidable force (with a likeness to the grandmother on Gilmore Girls), and in ways that only she could conceive, she continues to permeate our lives even posthumously.



One past Christmas, Grandma called a women's shelter and asked them what they needed for donations. She learned that they receive contributions of coats, mittens, and hats during the holiday season, but people would neglect to bring undergarments. So each subsequent year Grandma went on purchasing frenzies when bras, underwear, and socks went on sale. Before her annual shelter drop-off she would take pictures of her haul and send them to her sister-in-law in Calgary as a Christmas gift. It became such an entrenched part of Grandma's Christmas that she befriended a clerk at Sears who would put aside undergarments on sale so that Grandma could purchase them before they sold out.

However, none of us knew about this secret Christmas tradition. Grandma kept it between herself, Grandpa, her friend at Sears, and her Calgary relatives.

As a way to fondly remember Grandma last Christmas, Grandpa sent his daughters, granddaughters, and nieces an email with the story of Grandma's sneaky holiday tradition. We were all instantly inspired. With only three days before Christmas, over two dozen of us across North America (and one in Geneva, Switzerland) went out and bought undergarments, took silly pictures, and then brought our donations to local women's shelters. We documented the whole

thing, and put together a 'Knicker Album' for Grandpa as a Christmas gift.

Grandpa now preaches at the Canard Community Church. He told the congregation about Grandma's tradition, and they also felt moved by the story. They called Chrysalis House and discovered that personal hygiene products were what was needed most this year. At the service last Sunday, the church's Christmas tree was adorned with toothbrushes, soap, and socks, and larger items such as toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant filled bags underneath.

This is sure to be an annual Christmas tradition in our household, and I hope at the Canard Community Church as well. The story serves as a reminder that the holiday season is as much about giving back to the community as it is about giving to family and friends. It is hard not to feel propelled into action by Grandma's covert displays of generosity. And I'm sure, in some crafty way, this was always part of Grandma's plan....

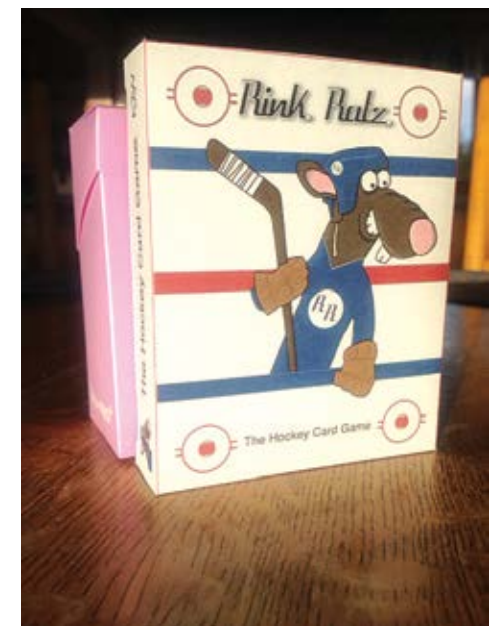
Did this story get you in the giving mood? There are many places accepting donations this holiday season. Call the Chrysalis House, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Open Arms, your local food bank, or one of the many other charities in your area and ask them what they need.

Bring Hockey to The Family Table This Christmas

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SMOKE EATER STYLE WINS MASHUP WEEKEND

by Emily Leeson

It only took Karl Downton, founder of Smoke Eater Style, fifty-four hours and a room full of like-minded entrepreneurs to bring his unique business plan to life. Smoke Eater Style, a brand of firefighter-themed apparel and accessories, has been brewing in Karl's thoughts for a long time. He initially established the brand in September 2013, but it was his involvement in a Mashup Weekend event which allowed him to share the idea with local business enthusiasts and experts.

MashUp Weekend was developed to connect entrepreneurs with the resources to develop their business ideas. The three-day event allows participants to present ideas, vote on their favourites and collaborate in small teams to develop the best ideas alongside experienced entrepreneurs. At the end of the weekend, each team pitches to a group of business mentors and winners are selected.

Based in the small community of Grafton, NS, Smoke Eater Style was born out of Karl's passion for the fire service and is a reflection of the dedication to duty that he feels as a firefighter. Karl's own experience as both a full-time and volunteer firefighter spans a course of over twenty years.

The name Smoke Eater Style comes from the nickname that had been given to firefighters before the development of life-saving Air Packs. Without the portable air devices, smoke inhalation was a dangerous reality of the job. Seasoned Smoke Eaters often even



sported large mustaches or beards in an attempt to filter out noxious smoke. Today, while the technology of the trade has significantly evolved, the strong culture of the fire service has prevailed over time. It's this history of courageous service that the Smoke Eater Style brand speaks to.

At the recent Mashup Weekend in Kentville, Smoke Eater Style came out on top, beating out three other business pitches and garnering the praise of three judges from the local business community. Winning three months of customized mentorship from MashUp Lab, Smoke Eater Style is poised to build momentum and further their burgeoning following of fans.

"I'm stoked to win the event, but the whole weekend was a success for me," said Karl, "The access to the business brains was invaluable. I met a bunch of super people, and the fact that they got the vision of 'Smoke Eater Style' couldn't make me happier. I'm really pleased I took action".

Find Smoke Eater Style at www.smokeeaterstyle.com or www.facebook.com/smokeeaterstyle and read more about MashUp at www.mashuplab.ca

Local Lyrics Lotto ANSWER - 'Big Red Heart' by Chris Robison

OPINIONS

We want to hear from you! We offer you, the reader, this section of the paper to share your positive or constructive thoughts on issues that matter to you. Please keep things brief (under 100 words), add your name to your opinion, and don't use proper names of people or businesses when talking about others. Also, be aware that we tend to be a community-building paper; we hold the right to refuse publishing. All letters are subject to edits for content and space.

VILLAGE OF PORT WILLIAMS: SAVE OUR VILLAGE

I am writing this letter with regard to the October 2014 Provincial Municipal Fiscal Review Report. In recommendations 13 and 14 it is directed that all incorporated villages in Nova Scotia should be phased out and merged with adjacent towns. On paper this sounds like a good idea. It is a chance to pool resources, not duplicate services, and for government to save money. However, in reality, this will destroy the cultural fabric that makes up Nova Scotia. Many of our Nova Scotia Villages, including Port Williams, are thriving. They have a strong economic foundation, efficient management, and energetic leadership. Port Williams in particular is blessed with a committed group of councillors and volunteers who work hard to make Port Williams what it is - a place that is thriving by any measure you care to apply. People want to move to the Village for all of these reasons and more. You would be hard-pressed to find a town or municipality that is run as well as the Village of Port Williams.

It is therefore completely unfair that such a flourishing, viable, and sustainable community should be swept up in a catch-all policy

that is province-wide and is neither nuanced nor tailored to the specific experiences of village communities. It is irresponsible and high-handed for the government to decree that they must amalgamate, simply because it seems good on paper, and without having asked the Villages how they feel about the idea. The amalgamation process, and the environment that it will produce, will erode and weaken many crucial aspects that make Village life unique and desirable. The amalgamated leadership team will have far too many details to look after (the basic necessities of water, sewer, roads, taxes) and it is likely that the finer details and programs offered uniquely by each Village will be lost and forgotten, forever changing what makes Port Williams such a strong, community-oriented, and economically viable village.

If anything, Villages should be given the choice to amalgamate or to maintain their status quo. They should be given a choice. Until a fair decision-making process is offered we must vote to reject the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Review!

Laura Churchill Duke

A GRAPEVINE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

The holidays are here and so many wonderful events are happening. To set the seasonal mood, we asked our crew to reminisce about their favourite festive experiences in the Valley.

Each time we passed the Covenant Church in Grand Pré during the Magic Wine Bus season I would tell people how absolutely wonderful their Christmas Eve Candlelight Services are. I recall one service a few years ago when I didn't go home. I was sad and lonely not to be around my family so I sat there in silence allowing the peace, love, and tranquility to overcome me. It worked. The Christmas sky seemed much brighter walking out of that historic gathering place.

Jeremy Novak, Co-publisher, Editor, Sales

We love being part of so many Christmas mornings for Valley families. Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles come in with an idea for the perfect gift and the best part of our jobs is when we find it for them.

Miranda, Jake, and Chelsea, Inquisitive Toy Company Trivia

Christmas to me means time to play, and

the Valley offers so many great opportunities for good old-fashioned outdoor fun. I love Christmas day hikes along the Wolfville dykes or through one of the many woods trails in town. I do these walks with my dog most everyday, however, at Christmas they're extra special because I'm joined by family and friends and we meet other rosy-cheeked families sharing the same experience along the way. If we're lucky enough for a white Christmas like last year, we spend the holidays making snow angels, sledding, snowshoeing, fort building, and catching snowflakes on our tongues!

Melanie Priesnitz, What's Growing at the Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens

Christmas is a busy time at the restaurant, but we have a mid-December ritual that fills us with the spirit. We pack good food, bundle up all the kids, and hike into our woods to pick out a tree. Stars twinkling, bonfire roaring, and the smell of freshly cut fir chase any humbugs away!!

Jenny Osburn, Recipes from Union Street Cafe

I have several equally favourite holiday experiences in the Valley... it's cheating, I know, but I just can't decide on only one! So BRIEFLY, they include: playing Scrabble on snowy December days in local coffee shops; singing Christmas songs (seriously, I LOVE them); the annual Lobster Massacre at 13 Prospect; taking the time to really figure out what I'm going to give to (or make for) people; rushing around madly looking for (or making) gifts at the last minute cuz I took too long THINKING about it; and eating a delicious Christmas meal at the Wolfville Community Dinner each year on Dec 25 (BTW... the more community members that come out to this, the merrier my Christmas is - hint, hint). :O)

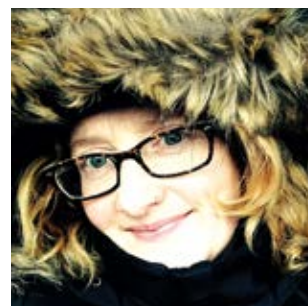
Donna Holmes, Crossword/Local Lyrics Lotto/Show Me Your Ink/ WFM Page/Copy Editor

My favourite holiday experience would have been around the time when I was five years old. There used to be a train that would take you from Windsor to Grand Pré and one December my mum, my cousins, and I all took it. I loved it so much! To my delight when I woke up on Christmas morning, a shiny red train circled our Christmas tree.

Linnea Swinimer, Humans of the Annapolis Valley

Our first Christmas in Kentville was also the first time Michael had ever put up a Christmas tree. Solomon was only one, so I left the engineering to Mike, but I strongly suggested tying the tree to the ceiling. He assured me it was fine. I still laugh about calling him after it crashed. Told you so!

For years my family has celebrated a very leisurely adult-style Christmas. This year, my husband and I welcomed a new baby boy, and our daughter turned three, so Christmas has finally switched gears to something significantly more intense. To stretch out the excitement, we've been trying to take in as many local events as possible. It's a bit of a learning curve. Among other things, we've discovered how peacefully a newborn can sleep through a concert at Festival Theatre, regardless of the trombones or audience's wild applause. We've also found out how uninhibitedly a three-year-old can dance in front of that same audience, regardless of how quickly you try to catch her.



Emily Leeson, Submissions Editor

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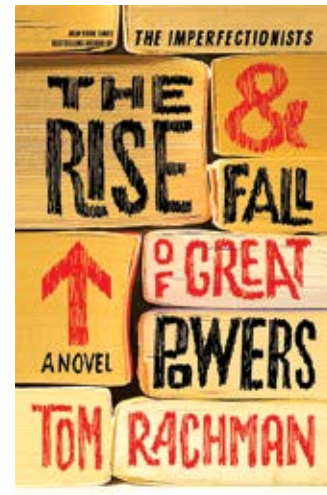
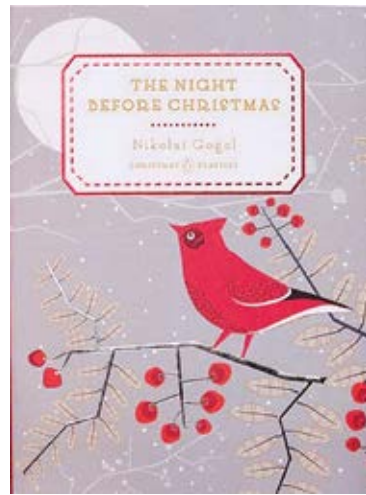
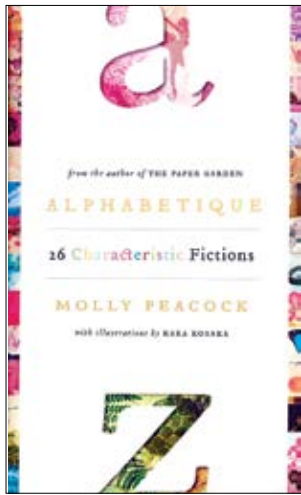
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BOOK REVIEWS:

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS

Doretta Groenendyk

Everybody loves a white Christmas. In this charming new book from beloved Annapolis Valley author Doretta Groenendyk, a small child makes a Christmas Eve wish for snow, prompting the whole family to fondly reminisce about their favourite white Christmases.



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RECIPE

Honey Lemon Panna Cotta

By Stephane Levac, Frais Catering

Here's a great holiday recipe that is no stress and can be done ahead of time. Put these together in advance, pop the tops on the Mason Jars, and they are good in the fridge for a week to ten days. They also make a great parting gift for guests!

Ingredients:

- 12 Sterilized Mason Jars (125ml)
- 4 Cups Heavy Cream
- Juice of 1 Lemon
- 4 Lemon Peels
- 1/4 - 1/2 Cup N.S. Liquid Honey
- 2 Packs Unflavoured Powdered Gelatin (about 2tbsp)
- Pinch of Salt

Directions:

In a large saucepan bring cream, lemon juice, lemon peel, and honey to a simmer over moderate heat, stirring with a whisk to dissolve honey. Continue to simmer for about ten minutes until thickened, stirring occasionally. Add powdered gelatin and pinch of salt, stirring continuously until gelatin has dissolved. Pour mixture in 12 mason jars or 6 large ramekins. Refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight. Garnish with pomegranate seeds and mint leaves, or other creative toppings of your choice.



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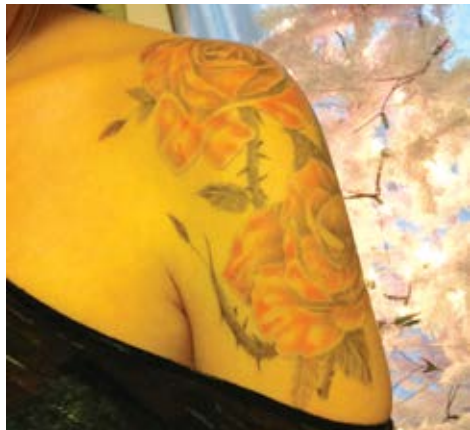
BY DONNA HOLMES



Tattoo Artist: Eldrick, Sin on Skin Tattoo Studio, Halifax, www.sinonskin.ca
Tattooeer: Cassandra Henske, Wolfville

Roses can represent both the good and the bad in life and Cassandra wanted her tattoo to be realistic and include the thorns. But she also wanted it to be soft and somewhat feminine. Cassandra brought a few photos in to Eldrick and they worked out the design together. She says "I can't draw though so the artwork is 100% his!" The flowers are light pink and the vines, thorns, and leaves are black emphasizing the contrast between the darkness and the light. Cassandra loves her new tattoo and remarks "Eldrick really captured the essence of what I wanted".

Photo Credit: Sarah Campbell



LOCAL LYRICS LOTTO

By Donna Holmes

THIS WEEK'S LYRIC FRAGMENT:

Well my memory has betrayed me
 I feel weaker than my Mama's coffee
 Let's get out of the middle and back to the East
 It was fine for a while and not the last of the least

And I'll do my thinking with my mind
 And you'll do your thinking with your heart
 Your big red heart...

Identify the song and songwriter(s) of the lyric fragment below. **YOU COULD WIN A FREE CD** from the artist and **2 tickets to CentreStage Theatre's Farndale Ave... Christmas Carol!** Our most recent winner, Beth Brewster, correctly guessed last issue's answer was 'Everything Shines' by Kimberly Matheson and she won one of Kimberly's CDs.

Don't know the name of this song or who wrote it? **Look for the answer printed somewhere (upside down) in THIS issue of the Grapevine.** Email your answers to donna@grapevinepublishing.ca by Friday, Dec 19, 2014 at NOON. The winning submission (chosen randomly from all correct answers submitted by deadline) will be contacted by email and listed in our next issue along with the next set of Local Lyrics.

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THURSDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Ron Edmunds Band (11th, 18th, 1st, 8th) 12pm-2pm

Spitfire Arms Ale-house (Windsor): Jam Session (11th, 18th, 8th) 7-11pm

Cocoa Pesto (Windsor): Adam Cameron (11th, 18th, 8th) 7pm

Dooly's (New Minas): Dooly's Karaoke w/Margie Brown Duo (11th, 18th, 1st, 8th) 8pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): The Hupman Brothers (11th, 18th) 9pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Trivia Night (11th, 18th, 8th) 9pm

Library Pub (Wolfville): Alex and Riley (11th, 18th, 8th) 9pm

Anvil (Wolfville): Top 40 DJ C-Bomb (11th, 18th, 1st, 8th) 10pm

West Side Charlie's (New Minas): DJ CV (25th) 10pm, Bunker Spencer Levee (1st) 3pm

FRIDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Carl Boutlier (12th, 19th, 26th, 2nd) 12-2pm

Kings Arms Pub By Lew Murphy's (Kentville): Andy & Arianna (12th), Guy Paul Thibault (19th) 5:30pm

The Designer Cafe (Kentville): TBA (12th, 19th, 26th, 2nd) 6-9pm

Blomidon Inn (Wolfville): Jazz Mannequins (12th, 26th, 2nd) 6:30-9:30pm

The Port Pub (Port Williams): Matt Millett (19th) 7pm

Joe's Food Emporium (Wolfville): The Groove Duo (12th), Mark Riley & Bernie Zinck (19th) 7-10pm

Spitfire Arms Ale-house (Windsor): Joe Murphy & The Water Street Blues Band (12th), Knee Deep (19th), Luvinit (2nd) 8pm

Union Street Café/Wick Pub (Berwick): Open Mic w/Jason Burns & Darcy Smith (12th) 8pm

Doolys (New Minas): Jam Session (12th, 19th, 26th) 10pm

West Side Charlie's

(New Minas): DJ Lethal Noize (12th), DJ Billy T (19th, 26th) 10pm

SATURDAYS:

Farmers' Market (Wolfville): Whistling Winds Of Wolfville (13th), John Tetrault (20th), Bob Deveau (27th), Charles Langmead (3rd) 10am

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): John Tetrault (13th, 20th, 27th, 3rd) 12pm-2pm

Spitfire Arms Ale-house (Windsor): TJ King Band (13th), Hupman Brothers (20th), The Cameros (27th), Shane Moore (3rd) 7pm

Union Street Cafe (Berwick): Jenn Grant w/special guest Kim Harris (13th), Gordie Sampson (20th) 8pm

Kings Arms Pub By Lew Murphy's (Kentville): McFarlane's Rant (13th), Mark Riley & Bernie Zinck (20th) 8:30pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Al King (13th) 9pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): George Carter Trio (20th) 9pm

Library Pub (Wolfville): Dan McFadyen (13th, 20th, 27th, 3rd) 9pm
West Side Charlie's (New Minas): Ambush Inc. (13th) 9pm, DJ Lethal Noize (20th), DJ Mutts (27th), DJ Lethal Noize (3rd) 10pm

Tommy Gun's (Windsor): DJ Shorty P, \$3 (13th), TJ King, \$5 (20th), DJ Shorty P, \$3 (3rd) 9:30pm-1:30am

Dooly's (New Minas): DJ Green Dragon (13th, 20th, 27th) 10pm

Anvil (Wolfville): DJ Vanz (13th, 20th) 10pm

SUNDAYS:

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Paddy's Irish Session (14th, 21st, 28th, 4th) 8pm

MONDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Carl Boutlier (15th, 22nd, 29th, 5th) 12pm-2pm

Paddy's Pub (Wolfville): Open Mic w/Caleb Miles (15th), w/Woodscott (22nd), w/Mike Milne (29th) 8pm

Union Street Cafe (Berwick): Matt Andersen **Sold Out!!** \$37 (15th) 8pm

TUESDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Carl Boutlier (16th, 30th, 6th) 12pm-3pm

Spitfire Arms Ale-house (Windsor): Trivia Nights, \$2 (16th, 23rd) 7pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): Irish Jam Session (16th, 23rd, 30th) 8pm

T.A.N. Coffee (Wolfville): Open Mic w/Donna Holmes (16th, 23rd) 8-10pm

Union Street Cafe (Berwick): Matt Andersen **Sold Out!!** \$37 (16th) 8pm

WEDNESDAYS:

Edible Art Cafe (New Minas): Steve Lee & Ian Brownstein (17th, 31st, 7th) 12pm-3pm

Just Us! Cafe (Wolfville): Xmas Open Mic (24th) 1pm

Farmers' Market (Wolfville): Donna Holmes (17th) 5-7pm

Troy Restaurant (Wolfville): Ian Brownstein & Friends (17th, 24th, 31st, 7th) 6pm

Joe's Food Emporium (Wolfville): Jill Hiscock & Speakeasy (31st) 7pm

The Port Pub (Port Williams): New Year's Eve At The Port feat. Freddie (31st) 7pm

Spitfire Arms Ale-house (Windsor): Margie Brown Duo (31st) 8pm

Kings Arms Pub by Lew Murphy's (Kentville): Shawn Hebb Trio, \$75 (Tickets include meal, party favours, ride home) (31st) 8:30pm

Paddy's Pub (Kentville): Kevin Davison (31st) 9pm

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

Dooly's (New Minas): DJ Green Dragon (31st) 9pm

Tommy Gun's (Windsor): DJ Shorty P, \$5 (31st) 9:30pm

CocoaPesto (Windsor): Adam Cameron (31st) 9:30pm

West Side Charlie's (New Minas): Billy T's Karaoke (17th) 9pm, DJ Lethal Noize (31st), Billy T's Karaoke (7th) 10pm

Anvil (Wolfville): New Year's Eve Party (31st) 10pm

Weekly Events

PLEASE NOTE: Event information may change without notice, especially during the holidays.

Thursdays

In the Round Knitting Group — Gaspereau Valley Fibres 1-4:30pm. Also Tuesdays 6-9pm. *INFO:* 542-2656 / gaspereauvalleyfibres.ca

Seniors' Afternoon Out — Wickwire Place, Wolfville 1:30-4:30pm. Social afternoon with peers. Also Tuesdays 1:30-4:30pm. *FEE:* \$5 *INFO:* Robin, 698-6309

Yoga — White Rock Community Centre, 6:30-7:30pm. *FEE:* \$2 drop in fee *INFO:* 542-3109 / dianneandjohn@eastlink.ca

AVD Clubhouse: Walking Club — Wolfville based, locations vary, 6:30-8pm. Offered through the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kings Branch. *FEE:* no charge *INFO:* 670-4103 / club@cmhakings.ns.ca

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

Fridays

AVD Clubhouse: Arts Program — CMHA-Kings, Coldbrook 1-4pm. Offered through the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kings Branch. *FEE:* no charge, but please pre-register. *INFO:* 670-4103 / club@cmhakings.ns.ca

Chase the Ace — Royal Canadian Legion, Berwick 5pm. Chase the Ace drawn at 7:15pm, light supper served 5-7pm *TIX:* \$5 per person, \$5 supper *INFO:* 375-2021 / rubyl@eastlink.ca

Fun Night — Legion (downstairs), Kentville, 7pm. Variety of music. 50/50 tickets available. *FEE:* \$2 per person *INFO:* kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca

Saturdays

Wolfville Farmers' Market — DeWolfe Building, Elm Ave., Wolfville 8:30am-1pm

December 13 Music: Whistling Wind of Wolfville **Theme:** Yule Market

December 20 Music: John Tetrault

December 27 Music: Bob Deveau **Theme:** New Year Market

January 3 Music: Charlie Langmead
INFO: wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

Windsor Farmers' Market — Coach House, Waterfront 10am-2pm. Last date is Dec. 20. See you again in June! Hot breakfasts, fruits & veggies, & many craft items. *INFO:* windsorfarmersmarket@gmail.com / facebook: Windsor Farmers' Market

Folk Artist Display — 27 Canaan Ave., Kentville 9am-5pm. Also Sundays. Featuring the work of Dennis Ramsay *INFO:* 365-5044

Peace Vigil — Post Office, Wolfville 12-1pm

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

Sundays

Family & Community Flea Market — Port Williams, former Stage 2 building. 8am-1pm. *INFO:* exidus36@gmail.com

Flea Market — Kentville Legion 8am. Until May 9, 2015. 50/50, kitchen open, everyone welcome. Tables \$5 *INFO:* 678-8935

Social Ballroom Dancing — Community Centre, Port Williams 3-5pm. Practice your existing dance skills and learn new group dances. *FEE:* \$17.50 per membership per semester, or \$5 per session drop-in fee per couple. *INFO:* Alan, 678-0375 / DanceTime_PortWilliams@hotmail.com

Acadia Improv — Student Union Building (basement), Acadia 7pm *INFO:* colinmcguire@live.ca

Mondays

Painting Morning — Recreation Centre, Wolfville 9:30am-12pm. W/Evangeline Artist Cooperative. Bring your own projects to work on & be inspired by like-minded artists. *FEE:* \$2, drop-in *INFO:* Susan, 542-4448

Fitness Classes — White Rock Community Centre, 10:30-11:30am. Also Tuesdays. *FEE:* \$2 drop in fee *INFO:* 542-3109 / dianneandjohn@eastlink.ca

Fiber Ops — Hantsport Library, Every second Monday, 3-4:30pm, Until Spring (next: Dec. 15, 29). Chat & Knit, Stitch, Hook or Weave. Bring your project & join this friendly group. All levels of experience welcome! Light refreshments served. *INFO:* hantsport@valleylibrary.ca

Windsor Game Night — Library, Windsor 6pm. Board game group. New players welcome! *FEE:* no charge *INFO:* meetup.com/valleygames

Toastmasters — 2nd Floor, Irving Centre, Acadia 6:30-8pm. Communicative skills to enhance peaceful and effective dialogue. *INFO:* Judy, 681-4643 / judymilne@eastlink.ca

Darts (mixed league) — White Rock Community Center, 7pm. *INFO:* Garf Langille, 542-7073

Musical Jam Night — Community Hall, 659 Victoria Rd., Millville 7pm. Bring your instrument or just relax & listen to the sounds. *INFO:* cadavis@nspes.ca

Insight (Vipassana) Meditation — Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia, downstairs, 7:30-9pm. W/Laura Bourassa. Suitable for beginner and experienced meditators. Instructions, short talk, discussion. *FEE:* free-will offering. *INFO:* 365-2409

Tuesdays

Book in the Nook — Wolfville Memorial Library 10-10:30am. Suggested age range: 3-5. *INFO:* 542-5760 / valleylibrary.ca

Friends in Bereavement — Western Kings Mem. Health Centre, Berwick 10am-12pm. 1st & 3rd Tues. each month (next: Dec. 16, Jan. 6). VON Adult Day Program Room (main floor). *INFO:* 681-8239 / friendsinbereavement@gmail.com

Rug Hooking — 57 Eden Row, Greenwich 1-3:30pm. Drop-in rug hooking. *FEE:* donation. *INFO:* Kay, 697-2850

Friends in Bereavement — Kentville Baptist Church 2-4pm. 1st & 3rd Tues. each month (next: Dec. 16, Jan. 6). Left parking lot entrance, sponsored by Careforce. *INFO:* 681-8239 / friendsinbereavement@gmail.com

Dukes of Kent Barbershop Chorus — Bethany Memorial Baptist Church (gym), Aldershot 7pm. We sing four-part harmony. *INFO:* duksofkent.ca

Learn Irish Music — Paddy's Pub (upstairs), Kentville 7-8pm. Bring your instrument & learn to play traditional music in a relaxed, convivial setting. *FEE:* no charge *INFO:* 697-2148 / slowsession@outlook.com

Card Party (45's) — White Rock Community Center, 7:30pm. Until April 21, 2015. *INFO:* Deanna Schofield, 542-7234

International Folk Dance — Wolfville Curling Club (upstairs), 7:30-10pm. Until June. Traditional circle & line dances from the Balkans & the Middle East. Expert instruction. No previous experience necessary. *FEE:* \$5 regular, \$3 students *INFO:* 690-7897

Wednesdays

AVD Clubhouse: Music Jam Session — Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas 10am-12pm. Offered through the Canadian Mental Health Association, Kings Branch. *FEE:* no charge *INFO:* 670-4103 / club@cmhakings.ns.ca

Kentville Farmers' Market — Town Hall Recreation Centre, 350 Main Street, Kentville 10am-2pm. Open year-round. *INFO:* marketmanager@kentville.ca / kentvillefarmersmarket.ca

Toddler Rhyme Time — Kings County Family Resource Centre, 503A Main St., Kentville 9:30-10:30am. Please register. *FEE:* no charge. *INFO:* 678-5760 / kcfr.ca

Wolfville Breastfeeding Support Group — Multipurpose room (upstairs), EKM Health Centre, Wolfville 10am-12pm. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month (next: Dec. 17, Jan. 7). *INFO:* facebook.com/AnnapolisValleyBreastfeedingSupportGroups

Recreational Pick-Up Indoor Soccer — Indoor Soccer Facility, Kentville 11am-1pm. Co-Ed & all ages. Bring both a dark & white shirt. *FEE:* \$5 *INFO:* 678-2426

Wolfville Farmers' Market — DeWolfe Building, Elm Ave., Wolfville 4-7pm. Featuring Community Market Suppers! **December 17 Music:** Donna Holmes **Theme:** Mid-Week Market Mingle / Handmade for the Holidays *INFO:* wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

Wolfville Community Chorus — 30 Wickwire Ave., Wolfville 5:30-7pm. New members welcome! *FEE:* \$180 yearly membership, no charge for first-time drop-in. *INFO:* 542-0649 / susan_dworkin@hotmail.com

Valley Youth Project — Louis Millet Community Complex, Rm 128, New Minas 6:30-8:30pm. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month (next: Dec. 17, Jan. 7). Social drop-in for LGBTQ+ youth and allies, 25 years & under. Conversation, snacks, activities, & good company. *INFO:* valleyyouthproject@gmail.com / valleyyouthproject.wordpress.com

New Horizons Band — Festival Theatre, Wolfville 7pm. Fun, informal community band under the direction of Brian Johnston. *INFO:* Donna, 542-7557 / macdonaldwilson@accesswave.ca

LIVE THEATRE

Farndale Avenue Christmas Carol — CentreStage Theatre, Kentville Dec. 12, 13, 19, 20, 8pm • In a festive mood, the ladies of the Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society mount another assault on the classics. They enthusiastically portray a dizzy array of characters from Dickens' A Christmas Carol, while bravely contending with an intrusive PA system and a real Farndale first, wrapping their vocal cords and feet around two original, show stopping songs. Sure to get you in the festive mood! *TIX:* \$15 regular, \$12 student/senior *INFO/RSVP:* 678-8040 / centrestage@centrestagetheatre.ca

Fezziwig Scrooge - Back to the Future — Festival Theatre, Wolfville Dec. 11, 12, 13, 7pm, Dec. 13, 2pm • This year's Fezziwig Society production is a reworked adaptation of Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Things go slightly awry when Scrooge realizes he regrets the choice he made as a young man to concentrate on money as opposed to love. Can his life be reversed? And if HE changes, what becomes of everyone else? However it all comes out, there will be lots of music, dancing & laughing. Playwright: Jeremy Webb. *TIX:* \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors, \$40 family (2 adults, 2 students) @ The Box of Delights (Wolfville) & at the door *INFO:* 542-9788 / pat@daysend.ca



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Reg Corkum — CentreStage Theatre, Kentville • Largely self-taught artist & photographer. *INFO:* regcorkum@yahoo.com / noramporthorse.blogspot.ca

'My Place' — T.A.N. Coffee, Wolfville. Until Dec. 18 • This photography exhibit by Claire Evangeline Colville involves people in & around Wolfville being photographed in their home or workplace. *INFO:* claireec@live.ca / 542-1225

Holiday Show of Small Works — Harvest Gallery, Wolfville. Until Dec. 23 • There is nothing more original than a gift of original art! Fine Art, Craft, Jewellery & more - all priced \$200 or less. Also come see Hockey, Morning Noon and Night, the latest book by Doretta Groenendyk - show and sale of the original illustrations! *INFO:* 542-7093 / harvestgallery.ca

Kelly Mitchelmore — Home Gallery, 65 Chestnut St., Windsor. Until Dec. 25 • A diverse collection of work is available this year - from small works under \$100 to much larger pieces as well. Drop me a line, stay for a glass of wine & choose the special piece for your loved one for Christmas this year. By appointment. *INFO:* 306-0030 / me@kellymitchelmore.ca

Long Winter Night — The Bread Gallery, Brooklyn. Until Jan. 25 • A Group show w/works ranging from metal sculptures, photography, jewelry, wooden folk art carvings, pottery, pastels, paintings and fibre art. Find the perfect present among this year's collection by 18 local artists: Sandra Aucoin, Shelley Dauphinee, Gail Davis, Greg Dickie, Charles Doucette, Jaki Durocher, Terrie Greencorn, Karen Harvie, G.A. Jank, Lynn Johnson, Robin Jones, Julia McCarthy, Carol Morrison, Tacha Reed, Elizabeth Robinson, Pauline Sullivan, Jim Tracey & Colleen Underwood. *INFO:* 757-3377 / breadgallery.blogspot.ca

Group Show — Jack's Gallery, Wolfville. Until Jan. 25 • Group show of paintings by Evangeline Artist's Coop members Laura Bourassa, Gail Davis, Jean Leung, Barbara Robertson & Gene Sampson. Submissions of work for future shows is also being accepted. Download submission form at acadiacinema.coop/jacksgallery *INFO:* jacksgallerywolfville@gmail.com

Apple Bin Art Gallery — Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville • Approximately 100 pieces of affordable original art created by local Valley artists. The art is changed every two months so there is always something new to see. Part proceeds go towards hospital equipment and to help support Annapolis Valley health care programs.



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THURSDAY, 11

Board Gaming – C@P Lab, Wolfville 7pm • Come join us for board gaming fun! We have a large selection of board games on site and welcome all gamers ages 10 and up! Snack donations are welcome. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 790-4536 / turpin56@gmail.com

FRIDAY, 12

Amnesty International Write for Rights – L'Arche Hall, Wolfville 11-2pm • Please join us for the Amnesty International letter writing campaign. We will be writing letters to prisoners of conscience, human rights defenders as well as some governments. Drop in & write one letter or bring your lunch & write for the duration, coffee/tea is on us. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** nguyenalisa1@gmail.com / writeathon.ca/index.php/events/events-map

Travelers Club Open House – Travelers Club, Kentville 6pm-1am. Also Dec. 13 & 14 • Ticket auction, live music from several acts, a dart tournament & more!! All weekend long!! Come renew your membership or join for the first time! Help us keep this over 60-year-old club from closing! **TIX:** donation, \$5 for musical events **INFO:** 599-0690 / fusionentertainmentco@hotmail.ca

Girl Power – Memorial Library, Wolfville 7:30-9:30pm. Also Dec. 19 • Hang out, play games, do crafts, write in your GirlPower Journal, and so much more! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 542-5760 / valleylibrary.ca

Concert: Meredith – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 8pm-2am • Come out & dance! **TIX:** \$5 at door **INFO:** 798-0888 / rclbr09windsor@gmail.com

SATURDAY, 13

Breakfast – Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 7:30-10am • Enjoy a good breakfast with friends! **TIX:** \$6 adults, \$3 children 12 & under **INFO:** 678-8935

Christmas Coffee Party – Baptist Church, Berwick 9am-12pm • Enjoy a coffee & muffin. Purchase your Christmas baking. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 678-2330 / elva.kelley@ns.sympatico.ca

Benefit For Jacob Stern – Lions Club, Kentville 10am • Help us help this little 3-year-old boy battle cancer by helping his family with medical expenses. Silent Auction, Ticket Auction Bachelor Auction, face painting for kids, sucker pull & more. There is a dance in the evening. **TIX:** 20 auction tickets for \$1, \$5 dance **INFO:** 538-9268

Hike: Dynamite Trail – 249 Edgewater St, Hebbs Cross 10:30am-2:30pm • Martins River to Mahone Bay (estimated 3 hrs, 10kms, on level rail trail). Great photo ops and scenery on this trail; easy walking surface. Dress for winter – it can get breezy on this trail; bring water and something to eat (we usually stop for a brief lunch break midway). After the hike, we can go to a pub and

browse the town. See website for directions/details/possible changes. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** scotianhiker.com

Book Signing: Linda Wasylciw – *The Box of Delights Bookshop, Wolfville 11am-2pm* • Having grown up in a remote part of the world, novels were her passage to places that she never imagined existed and had only dreamed to visit one day. Years later she has had the opportunity to visit some of those magical places & write about them. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 542-9511 / boxofdelights@ns.aliantzinc.ca / lindawasylciw.ca

Concert: Jenn Grant w/Kim Harris – Union Street Cafe, Berwick 8pm • PEI's Jenn Grant embarks on a brand new journey with her best collection of songs to date. Teetering on psychedelic folk and into a balladry of melodic storytelling, you are welcomed into the heart's cave. **TIX:** \$27 **INFO:** 538-7787 / contactunionstreet@gmail.com

Concert: East Coast Christmas w/Catherine MacLellan & Don Brownrigg – Evergreen Theatre, Margaretsville 8-10pm • PEI's favourite singer songwriter joined by Halifax's Don Brownrigg will present their original music & a bit of Christmas cheer. **TIX:** \$20 adults, \$10 students **INFO:** 825-6834 / evergreentheatre@gmail.com

Christmas Dance w/Big Deal – Legion, Kentville 9pm-12am • Age 19+ **TIX:** \$7, no charge for members **INFO:** 678-8935

SUNDAY, 14

Acadia Minor Hockey Fundraiser – Fire Hall, Greenwich 9am-1pm • Ticket Auction, bake sale, book sale, pictures w/Santa (\$5 will email photo), canteen: Hotdogs, chips & pop, door prize, 50/50 **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 670-8671 / aimeisner@hotmail.com

Kings Chorale: Rosa Mystica – St. James Anglican Church, Kentville 3-4:30pm • Rosa Mystica explores music around the birth of Christ and the importance of his mother Mary. Included is the very rhythmic and energetic Magnificat by John Rutter. Special guests include Judith Burdett, soprano and John Scott, organist. **TIX:** \$10 at door **INFO:** 825-4946 / perrot@ns.sympatico.ca

Fundy Film screens LOVE IS STRANGE – Al Whittle Theatre, 4 & 7pm • After 39 years together, Ben (John Lithgow) and George (Alfred Molina) embrace new marriage laws and tie the knot at a City Hall wedding in lower Manhattan. On account of their vows, Ben is fired from his longtime choir director position at a co-ed Catholic school & the couple can no longer afford their small Chelsea apartment. Only days after celebrating the nuptials, their tight-knit community of family & friends comes together again to try to help them. This love story from director Ira Sachs emerges as a total triumph, with Lithgow's & Molina's performances note-perfect. See ad p. 17 **TIX:** \$9 **INFO:** 542-5157 / info@fundyfilm.ca

Four Seasons Orchestra Christmas Concert – Fountain Hall Performing Arts Centre, Windsor 7-9pm • Concert of light seasonal orchestral music, plus guests: Tina Mumford-Kehoe (vocal) & students of Dare To Dream Dance Studio. **TIX:** \$10

general, \$5 students @ the door **INFO:** 798-1730 / dhamusic@ns.sympatico.ca

Concert: Measha Brueggergosman's Christmas – Convocation Hall, Wolfville 7:30pm • Soprano Measha Brueggergosman has emerged as one of the most magnificent performers & vibrant personalities of the day. **TIX:** \$40 adults, \$30 students @ Acadia Box Office (542-5500) **INFO:** 542-5500 / pas@acadiu.ca

MONDAY, 15

Board Gaming – Library, Windsor 6pm. Also Jan. 5 • Valley Game Night is a free board game/card game group. We welcome new players with or without experience. Play our games or bring your own. Ages 12+ (younger with a parent present). Free game give away (often), and snacks provided. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 790-4536 / turpin56@gmail.com

TUESDAY, 16

Committee of the Whole – County of Kings Municipal Complex, Kentville 9am • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 678-6141 / county.kings.ns.ca

Special Council Meeting – Town Hall, Wolfville 1pm • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

WEDNESDAY, 17

Mid-Week Market Mingle – Farmers Market, Wolfville 4-5pm • Business owners, student entrepreneurs, town staff: Stretch your legs, and join us for a new networking event where colleagues & business people can casually connect, share their questions & their experiences, or take an opportunity to have a walking meeting along the trail outside! Elsie Wetmore of Wetmore Counseling will facilitate & the Wolfville Farmers' Market will host. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 697-3344 / manager@wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

Handmade for the Holidays – Farmers Market, Wolfville 4-7pm • The last Wednesday Market of 2014. The Market will offer an array of beautiful handmade creations & a scrumptious holiday menu. Whether shopping or dining, this is the perfect way to celebrate the warmth of community, support locally made, eat local & embrace all that is offered in the community that you live, work or play in. Wishing you much warmth & appreciation for the Holidays! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 697-3344 / manager@wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

School Renovation Community Information – Wolfville School, Wolfville 7pm • Doors open 6:30pm for a meet & greet, session begins at 7pm. in the school gym. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfvillesac@gmail.com

Community Development Committee Meeting – Town Hall, Wolfville 7pm • **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** wolfville.ca

THURSDAY, 18

Climbing Night in the Valley – Northeast Kings Education Centre, Canning 6-10pm • Time to open up the wall to the public again. There are tons of fun bouldering problems to

challenge the newcomer & advanced climber alike. Free coaching offered all night and it's a great chance to try out the sport for the first time! Door prizes & canteen available. Youth (under 18 years) requires a parent/guardian signed waiver form. All equipment provided while quantities last. **TIX:** \$10/person (cash only please) **INFO:** anconner@nspes.ca

Non Duality Meet Up – Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville 7pm • Nonduality means 'not two'. There is an underlying oneness that pervades everything. These monthly meetups are for those interested in the discussion of the topic of non-duality, and interested in the exploration of our true, higher self. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 401-3973 / smodayur@gmail.com

Cheese Night – Grand Pre Winery • Enjoy raclette and cheese fondue. **TIX:** \$9 appetizer, \$23 raclette place (\$34 all you can eat), \$42 fondue (serves two) Reservation/**INFO:** 902-542-7177 / lecaveau@grandprewines.ns.ca

FRIDAY, 19

To Bethlehem with Kings – Christ Church Anglican Parish Hall, Windsor 5pm • Pulled pork supper with limited seating (5-6:30pm). Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir will perform "To Bethlehem with Kings" with Nick Halley, director and Paul Halley, organ. Concert begins at 7pm. **TIX:** \$10 for supper or concert only, \$15 for both @ Home Hardware (Windsor) or at the door. **INFO:** 798-9449

Dance: Route 12 – Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 8pm-12am • Come out & dance! **TIX:** \$5 at the door **INFO:** 798-0888 / rclbr09windsor@gmail.com

SATURDAY, 20

Lions Breakfast – Wolfville & District Lions Hall, Wolfville 7-10am • Scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, hashbrowns, baked beans, toast, coffee, tea, juice **TIX:** \$6 adults, \$3 age 10 & under **INFO:** 542-4508 / wolfvillelionsclub@hotmail.com

Standard First Aid CPR C & AED – Fire Hall, Berwick 8:30am-4:30pm • A two day course for those who want to learn more first aid skills. Registration required. **TIX:** \$110 **INFO:** 1-800-565-5056 / jenn.macphee@ns.sja.ca / sja.ca

Emergency First Aid CPR C & AED – Fire Hall, Berwick 8:30am-4:30pm • A state-of-the-art, modular course of basic first aid skills & other select subjects needed to sustain life & manage the scene of an injury. Registration required. **TIX:** \$80 **INFO:** 1-800-565-5056 / jenn.macphee@ns.sja.ca / sja.ca

Christmas Concert & Carol Sing – Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 3-5pm • An afternoon of Christmas music by the Gentlemen and also a great Carol-Sing for everyone! **TIX:** \$5 plus something for the food bank @ at the door **INFO:** 542-2723 / miamezzo@hotmail.com

Christmas Lights Walk – Town Hall, Berwick 5:45pm • Berwick sidewalks, pretty house lights. All are welcome to join the Valley Trekkers, member of the Canadian Volkssport Federation



TICKET GIVEAWAY: CHANCE TO WIN 2 TICKETS TO:

New Years Eve Dance, Wednesday, December 31, 8pm, War Memorial Community Centre, Windsor
Draw date: Monday, December 25 Enter all draws: valleyevents.ca/win

for our annual 10k Christmas Lights Walk!! A 5k option may be possible. Walk starts at 6pm. Dress warmly! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 765-0906

Concert: Gordie Sampson – *Union Street Cafe, Berwick 8pm* • A Grammy award-winning songwriter, he resides and writes in Nashville where his songs have been covered by Carrie Underwood, LeAnn Rimes, Little Big Town and Rascal Flatts – to name just a few. **TIX:** \$32 @ Union Street Cafe **INFO:** 538-7787 / contactunionstreet@gmail.com

Dance: Still Doin' Time – *Legion, Kentville 9pm-12am* • Age 19+ **TIX:** \$7 **INFO:** 678-8935 / legion.ca

SUNDAY, 21 – Winter Solstice

Black River Christmas Market & Cafe – *Black River Hall, Black River 11am-3pm* • Indulge with some cookies & eggnog at the cafe while you check out our great local vendors and enjoy some lovely holiday music. It's going to be a very festive spot! Proceeds to the hall. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 542-0002 / twkrausse@gmail.com

The Shortest Day: Free Films – *Al Whittle Theatre, Wolfville 2:30-3:30pm, 4-5:30pm, & Wolfville 7-8:45pm* • The Shortest Day comes to Wolfville for the first time this year, with 3 outstanding programs of new, classic and award-winning shorts by some of Canada's most talented filmmakers. Features 10 different shorts appropriate for kids and families brought to you by the Acadia Cinema Coop, the Fundy Film Society, the Town of Wolfville and the Wolfville Business Development Corporation (WBDC). Families and movie-lovers can celebrate the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, and usher in the holiday season. See page 9. **TIX:** no admission. Please consider a food bank donation. After expenses, any profit will go to the Wolfville area food bank. **INFO:** 542-3344 / manager@alwhittletheatre.ca / fundyfilm.ca

Potluck YULE/Winter Solstice Celebration – *Healer's Emporium, Windsor 3-7pm* • Come join our potluck! All ages are welcome. Feel free to bring your drum, rattle or other instrument to join in the celebration. The children will decorate the tiny tots tree & we will share in the celebration of the Sun & seasonal change **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 306-1711 / healersemporium@gmail.com

Skating – *Centennial Arena, Kentville 4-5pm* • Free community skate. See ad page 23. (Kings Physio) **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 681-8181 / kingsphysio@ns.sympatico.ca

Christmas His Story, Our Story – *Valley Cornerstone Assembly, Canning 6pm* • Christmas presentation, His Story Our Story, in song & script. Group singing & special guest. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** davidelliott1952@gmail.com

Singing for our Supper – *Wolfville Baptist Church, Wolfville 7-9pm* • Join Donna Holmes and friends for an evening of Christmas music & stories. Proceeds will go towards the Wolfville Community Christmas Dinner. Food

bank donations also welcomed. See page ____.
TIX: donation **INFO:** iwakichick@hotmail.com

Christmas Gospel Hymn Sing – *United Baptist Church, Wolfville Ridge 7-9pm* • Music by church choir, church members, & guest Harold Hunt. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 542-3419

Ardyth & Jennifer Longest Night – *St. James Anglican Church, Kentville 7:30-9:30pm* • Annual Longest Night Concert with Celtic Harpists Ardyth and Jennifer and Storyteller Rev'd Lynn Uzans. **TIX:** \$10 at the door **INFO:** 678-3123 / stjames@ns.sympatico.ca

WEDNESDAY, 24 – Christmas Eve!

For a list of services, see page 10.
Merry Christmas everyone!

Christmas Open Mic – *Just Us! Cafe, Wolfville 1-3pm* • Join host Donna Holmes for an afternoon of seasonal music & stories. Fun for all ages! **TIX:** no charge, but please buy a hot drink or yummy dessert from this fair trade cafe. **INFO:** iwakichick@hotmail.com

THURSDAY, 25 – Merry Christmas!

Community Christmas Day Dinner – *Lions Club, Wolfville 5pm* • A dinner event for everyone – dairy and wheat free, vegan options available. Live music. Locally sourced food prepared by Chef Dave Smart of Front & Central Restaurant, Wolfville. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 542-5511 / pickford@ns.sympatico.ca

FRIDAY, 26 – Boxing Day

SATURDAY, 27

New Year Market – *Farmers Market, Wolfville 8:30am-1pm* • Join us to Ring in the New Year, Market style! **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 697-3344 / manager@wolfvillefarmersmarket.ca

Dance: Appaloosa – *Legion, Kentville 9pm-12am* • Age 19+ **TIX:** \$7 **INFO:** 678-8935 / legion.ca

Concert: Andy & Ariana – *SoundMarket Recording Studios, 63 Pleasant Street, Wolfville 8pm* • See page 12. **TIX:** \$10 **INFO:** 902-542-0895 / kory.bayer@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, 31 – New Year's Eve!

Resolution Run/Walk/Roll – *Acadia Athletic Complex, Wolfville 3:30-5pm* • Gather w/friends, family & neighbors to usher out 2014 & welcome 2015. Registration at 3pm. Choose Acadia's Indoor Track or the Scenic Outdoors Route! Entry Fee: A donation to the Wolfville Area Food Bank (cash or non perishable food). Wolfville Recreation will also be accepting donations of

gently used running shoes. **TIX:** donation **INFO:** 542-0368 / recreation@wolfville.ca

New Year's Eve Family Skate – *Acadia Athletic Complex, Wolfville 5-7pm* • Wolfville Recreation along with the Wolfville Skating Club Cordially invite you to the New Year's Eve Family Skate. The 1st Wolfville Cubs will be offering hot chocolate as a fundraiser. Free will offering and food bank donations Wolfville Recreation will also be collecting gently used running shoes **TIX:** free will offering & food bank donations. Wolfville Recreation will also be collecting gently used running shoes **INFO:** 542-0368 / recreation@wolfville.ca

New Year's Eve Dance – *Royal Canadian Legion, Windsor 7:30pm-1am* • Hot Buffet at 7:30pm. Dance with Feelin Good Band at 9pm. **TIX:** \$25 **INFO:** 798-0888 / rclbr09windsor@gmail.com

New Year's Eve Dance – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 9pm-1am* • Dance band: Reboot. Shirt & tie w/jacket. NO jeans, t-shirts please! Jan. 1, 1-4pm, Levee. **TIX:** \$10 @ the bar **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca / 678-8935 / legion.ca

New Year's Eve Dance – *Royal Canadian Legion, Canning 9pm-1am* • Music by Bev Sheffield, light refreshments served at midnight, come out and celebrate the New Year with family & friends. **TIX:** \$30/couple (limited number to be sold) @ 582-7246 after 4pm daily **INFO:** brian.d.hazel@ns.sympatico.ca

SOLD OUT! A New Years Eve Extravaganza with Bluesmobile! – *Louis Millet Community Complex, New Minas 9pm-1am* • 89.3 K-Rock & Bluesmobile Present A New Years Eve Extravaganza! **TIX:** \$40 advance singles, \$50 at the door, \$70 advance couples **SOLD OUT!** **INFO:** bzguitar@ns.sympatico.ca

New Years Eve Dance – *Lions Club, Kentville 9pm-1am* • Dancing, munchies, spot dances, 50/50 draw, door prize, & a cold plate (potato salad, beet salad, mustard salad, ham, turkey, lettuce, tomato slice, bun) at midnight. Music by Vintage (50's, 60's, 70's). **TIX:** \$15 single, \$30 couple @ The Sparrows Nest (New Minas) **INFO:** 679-4899 / vintagemusic1@hotmail.com

New Years Eve Dance – *War Memorial Community Centre, Windsor 9pm-1am* • A fundraiser for the Classics Heritage Beef Show. Meredith McCulloch, Still Doin' Time, will be the entertainment for the evening. Snacks provided. **TIX:** \$15 per ticket. Please call. **INFO:** Gary, 790-1203 / Doug, 798-5873

New Years Dance – *Brooklyn Civic Centre, Newport Corner 9pm-1am* • Come out and celebrate the New Year. 19+. **TIX:** \$15 in advance. **INFO:** 757-2043

CANCELLED! TripALady New Years Eve Dance – *Old Orchard Heritage Barn, Wolfville 9pm-1am* • TripALady is sorry to announce they must cancel the dance planned for this New Year's Eve. The band is strong as ever but cannot perform owing to a family emergency. Please accept our heartfelt regrets and keep your dancing shoes polished

for 2015! **TIX:** CANCELLED! **INFO:** 697-2271 / bishopmountain@eastlink.ca

Hupman Brothers New Year's Eve Dance – *Community Hall, Gaspereau 9pm-1am* • 19+ See poster page 13. **TIX:** \$20 @ The Rolled Oat (Wolfville). **INFO:** hupmanbrothers@hotmail.com

THURSDAY, 1 – Happy New Year!

Levee – *Royal Canadian Legion, Kentville 1-4pm* • Levee. **INFO:** kentvillelegion@eastlink.ca / 678-8935 / legion.ca

SATURDAY, 3

Lions Breakfast – *St Andrew's Anglican Church Hall, Hantsport 7-10am* • Pancakes, eggs, bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, tea/coffee. Proceeds for Lions Community Service Programs. **TIX:** \$6 adult, \$3 children 6-12 yrs., no charge under 5 **INFO:** lionken@hantsportlionsclub.com

SUNDAY, 4

Social Ballroom Dancing – *Community Centre, Port Williams 3-5pm* • DanceTime at Port Williams, a non-profit social ballroom dance group, invites you and your dance partner to join them every Sunday afternoon. Practice your existing dance skills and learn new group dances. **TIX:** Membership per semester is \$30 per couple. \$5 drop in fee per couple, per class **INFO:** 698-2806 / DanceTime_PortWilliams@hotmail.com

MONDAY, 5

Full Moon Snowshoe Stomp – *The Trail Shop & Ski Martock combine to make a fun, unique event. Please contact for the time, location, and other information. INFO:* Phil, 902-802-3642 / trailshop.com

TUESDAY, 6

Friends in Bereavement – *United Baptist Church, Kentville 2-4pm* • Careforce Health Services is proud to sponsor the Kentville Chapter of the Friends in Bereavement Support Group! Find support, understanding, information, friendship, & confidentiality while grieving the death of a loved one. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 681-8239 / friendsinbereavement@gmail.com

THURSDAY, 8

Non Duality Meet Up – *Manning Memorial Chapel, Wolfville 7pm* • Nonduality means 'not two'. There is an underlying oneness that pervades everything. These monthly meetups are for those interested in the discussion of the topic of non-duality, and interested in the exploration of our true, higher self. **TIX:** no charge **INFO:** 401-3973 / smodayur@gmail.com

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CLASSES/LESSONS:

Music Lessons: Banjo, ukulele, classical guitar and music theory lessons now being offered in Canning, and at Moe's Music in Windsor. All ages welcome. **FEE:** \$18 half hour, \$36 hour. Inquire about group discounts. **INFO:** Kim Barlow, 698-9611 / kimbarlow77@gmail.com

Community Yoga: Wed. & Fri., 12-1pm @ Dance Studio, Downstairs, Old-SUB, Acadia. **FEE:** \$5, no charge for Acadia students **INFO:** Carole, cazaflows@gmail.com

Taoist Tai Chi™: Tuesdays: Beginners 6-8pm, Continuing 7-9pm. Thursdays: Beginners 11:30am-1:30pm, Continuing 12:30-2pm. **FEE:** (4 month session) \$125 adult, \$110 senior/student **INFO:** Mary Anne, 678-4609 / kentville@taoist.org

Adult Ceili Fitness Classes: Thursdays, 7-8pm starting Jan. 15 @ Greenwich Community Centre. **FEE:** \$50 for 8 weeks **INFO/Reg:** tntiptoptoes@gmail.com

Belly Dance with Angie Oriana Jenkins: Wolfville Farmers' Market, Mondays, Jan. 5-Feb. 9. Beginners: 6:30-7:30pm. Int/Adv: 6:30-8pm. **FEE:** \$60 beginners, \$75 Int/Adv **INFO:** sisterlotus.com

Stroller-Sculpt Bootcamp: Work-out with your baby! Tues. & Thurs. 10:30-11:30am at Berwick Apple Dome (Kings Mutual Century Centre). **INFO:** MOMentumconditioningandpt@gmail.com

WORKSHOPS/RETREATS/SESSIONS:

Solstice Yoga Celebration: Sun., Dec. 21, 3-4:30pm @ the Former Greenwich United Church, Hwy 1 Greenwich. Take time out of the busy holiday season to celebrate community, welcome back the light and have some good old fashioned fun. No yoga experience needed. Class includes partner & group work, games, breathing & postures. Monthly family/group yoga in new year. **FEE:** \$10 individual, \$20 family (if money is a barrier, talk to me.) **INFO:** Melanie Priesnitz, 542-0324 / zenspirit@eastlink.ca

"Eat & Be Well": #221, 112 Front St. (above EOS) Wolfville. A Chinese medicine food plan catered to you & your body's needs. Recipes & easy, fun ideas. Bring your favorite family recipes. With Winter Solstice approaching, now is the time to get festive inspiration. **FEE:** \$197 for 3, 1hr sessions. Group rates for "Best-Friend dates". **INFO:** 300-3017 / devorah@oceanbayclinic.com / oceanbayclinic.com

DONATE/VOLUNTEER:

Donate Used Clothing: Flowercart creates work and training for people. Donate your used clothing to Flowercart and keep your donation and the resulting money local. Drop off location 9412 Commercial St., New Minas. **INFO:** 681-0120 / lisahammetvaughan@flowercart.ca

Volunteer Tutors Needed: Hants Learning Network, Windsor, provides free one-on-one tutoring to adults in math, reading, writing & computer basics. Volunteer tutors do not need teaching experience. All you need is 1 hour per week & a desire to help! **INFO:** Sara McDonell, 792-6754 / tutorcoordinator.hlna@hotmail.com

Open Arms Volunteer Opportunities: Inn From The Cold shelter volunteers are always needed. Also, pickups & deliveries of good used furniture for the

furniture bank: couches & arm chairs, dressers, tables & chairs & beds (no electronics or hide-a-beds). Also, renovation help needed. Seeking skilled laborers to complete the renovation of our new building. **INFO:** 365-3665 / c.southall@ns.sympatico.ca

Health Board Volunteers: Your Eastern Kings Community Health Board is looking for volunteers. **INFO:** 542-1244 / kwilkie@avdha.nshealth.ca

The 8th Annual Wolfville Resolution Run/Walk/Roll: December 31. The entry fee is a cash or non-perishable food donation to the WAICC Food Bank. As well we will be collecting gently used running shoes of all sizes. **INFO:** 902.542.0368 / recreation@wolfville.ca / wolfville.ca

FOR HIRE/PURCHASE:

Pam's Editing Services: Make your writing look professional! Experienced editor and journalist can help you with: press releases, manuscripts, ads, reports, school essays, proposals. **FEE:** \$35/hr. **INFO:** Pam, 306-0570 / pamsediting@gmail.com

Interior/Exterior Painting: Women in Rollers does accurate quotes, shows up on time to work, and performs to perfection. We even leave your home neat and tidy! Call today for your free estimate. **INFO:** Pamela, 697-2926

Acupuncture-Tao TCM: A holistic approach to treating almost any health issue. Diagnosis and treatment based on Traditional Chinese Medicine. Provided by Sensei Yula. **INFO:** centrefortheways.com / Book an appointment: yula@centrefortheways.com / 697-2661.

Acupuncture / Chinese Medicine / Herbal Care: Devorah Fallows Dr. TCM (Sleep Assist Expert) is committed to supporting health in our community. Find lasting, overall health by getting to the root of your problem using natural, safe & healthy methods. Specializing in menopause, sexual & reproductive health, emotional balancing & sleep restoration. Children welcome. **INFO:** 300-3017 / devorah@oceanbayclinic.com / oceanbayclinic.com / #221, 112 Front St. (above EOS)

Hand-Crafted Urn Boxes: Respectful, wooden, locally-made. **INFO:** Farmer Eddie, 542-3387

Massiah's Cleaning: The best services, prices and quality of work. Stripping, waxing, deep scrubbing, recoating, buffing, tile & grout, cement & degreasing, carpets & general. Throughout the Valley, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - even on short notice. Maintenance plans available. **INFO:** Ryan, 691-3614

EMPLOYMENT:

Elderly Care: Looking for a kind individual to help with the care of my elderly father in our home. Duties require care during the day, including breakfast and lunch, ostomy and toiletry care, as well as 2 weeks per month night attendance. Please contact us for more information and details. **INFO:** Thomas, 691-7091 / twkrausse@gmail.com

Canada Summer Jobs: Government of Canada provides funding to help employers create summer job opportunities for students. Funding for not-for-profit organizations, public sector employers and small businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees. Application period until January 30. **INFO:** 1-800-935-5555 / servicecanada.gc.ca

Acadia Career Extravaganza: Feb. 4, 2015, 3-5:30pm. Are you looking for a new graduate, summer or co-op student? We can help connect you to enthusiastic university students & graduates

from a broad range of disciplines who are eager to get hands on experience. Employers: 40 tables still available. **INFO:** Michelle Johnson, 585-1233 / career.services@acadiau.ca

ACCOMMODATIONS:

House Sitting: 30-something professional able to provide house-sitting arrangements, within Wolfville preferred, car-required if beyond. Available anytime, references available. **INFO:** info@grapevinepublishing.ca

Room to Rent: 13 Prospect St. Wolfville. Large room on top floor of a funky Victorian home. Close to campus & town. Includes: shared use of kitchen, dining & living rooms, one & a half bathrooms, washer/dryer, Wifi, yard, cat & 2 dogs. Only happy people need apply! **FEE:** \$450 per month **INFO:** Lisa, 542-2361

Room for Rent: Spare bedroom to rent in Wolfville. Shared accommodation, quiet, non-smoker, no pets. **FEE:** \$550/mth **INFO:** Jill, 697-2454

House/ Pet Sitter Wanted: Reliable individual with references wanted for 1 to 2 month period beginning in mid-January, 2015, to live-in wood heated, rural community south shore of NS ocean side home and take care of 14 year old collie dog. Remuneration to be discussed. Own transportation required. Provide expression of interest and background. **INFO:** rossediger@eastlink.ca

GENERAL:

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