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Middleton Fire Department Leaders Recognized with Provincial Volunteer Awards

The Town of Middleton is incredibly proud to celebrate Fire Chief Michael “Mike” Toole and 2nd Deputy Fire Chief Jody Spidle, who have been recognized with Provincial Volunteer Awards for their outstanding dedication and service to our community.

Between them, Mike and Jody have contributed more than five decades of service to the Middleton Fire Department, giving countless hours to protecting our community, supporting fellow firefighters and helping build the strong, capable department that Middleton relies on today.

With more than 28 years of service, Chief Toole has provided steadfast leadership while strengthening relationships with municipal leaders, community organizations, businesses and residents. His work has helped secure funding, modernize equipment, advance fire prevention initiatives and build important regional partnerships, all contributing to a stronger and more resilient fire service for Middleton and the surrounding area.

For the past 24 years, 2nd Deputy Chief Spidle has been an equally important part of the department. His calm leadership, technical knowledge and commitment to training and mentoring volunteers have helped prepare generations of Middleton firefighters. Behind the scenes and on the front lines, Jody has worked to ensure members are trained, supported and equipped to serve their community.

Mike and Jody's contributions also extend far beyond emergency response. The Middleton Fire Department is an integral part of community life, and both have devoted countless hours to parades, school activities, holiday celebrations, fundraising initiatives and the many local traditions that bring Middleton together.

While we celebrate Mike and Jody receiving this well-deserved recognition, we also want to recognize Deputy Fire Chief Scott Veinot, whose dedication and service are an important part of the department's success. Scott was not eligible to be nominated this year because he was already a recipient of a Provincial Volunteer Award in 2013, and individuals can only receive the award once. We would have been proud to see all three members of the department's leadership recognized together, and Scott's previous award is a testament to the longstanding commitment to volunteer service shared by this team.



The Town is extremely fortunate to have Mike, Scott and Jody among the leaders of the Middleton Fire Department. Their commitment goes well beyond responding when an emergency call comes in. They train, mentor, organize, plan, volunteer at community events and continually work to ensure Middleton has a fire department it can depend on.

Congratulations to Chief Mike Toole and 2nd Deputy Chief Jody Spidle on this very deserving provincial recognition. On behalf of the Town of Middleton, thank you for the many years, countless hours and extraordinary commitment you have given to our community.

We are incredibly proud to call you members of the Middleton Fire Department.

Wilmot Woman Achieves Royalty Status

Bonnie Hatt of Wilmot changed her life and health by losing 221.25 pounds, earning the title of 2025 Queen for Nova Scotia from TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds SensiblySM), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization.

Hatt, honored this spring at the Nova Scotia recognition event, lost more weight than any other TOPS female member in the province and reached her goal weight. In addition, she was recognized as the organization's International Queen, having lost the most weight of any TOPS female member and reaching her goal weight. TOPS provides an individual approach to weight loss and overall wellness. Consistent group support, health education, and recognition are key to successful weight management. During 2025, TOPS Nova Scotia members lost a cumulative 4,857 pounds.

Memorial Banners

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Veteran Banners Queen Street Fall 2026

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We are taking applications from families who are interested in purchasing a Banner to honour a Veteran The banner will be displayed along Queen street in the Fall The family will need to submit pictures (The Veteran must be in dress uniform or combat uniform) Which Conflict Military Branch and Rank see image to the left

please contact secretary@rcl33bridgetown.ca for more information

“I was always a larger girl. I was teased and called names, and I believe that's one of the reasons I turned to food for comfort,” Hatt said. She joined TOPS in April of 1995, and her journey has been a long one. “Before TOPS, I tried many diets. I would lose some weight, then gain it back. It was a constant cycle - a rollercoaster of hope and disappointment.”

Years later, she asked her doctor to refer her for bariatric surgery, and after eight years, she had the surgery in 2014. “It wasn't easy. There was a strict plan before and after - liquids, then soft foods, then a 1200-calorie plan with high protein,” she said.

Hatt continued with TOPS because her habits still needed to change. “I loved ice cream, chocolate, and snack foods, the very things that contributed to my excess weight. I had to start having honest conversations with myself. Over time, I learned something important: Nothing tastes as good as feeling healthy feels.” Today, she follows a low-carb, high-protein lifestyle.

Last year, she joined a gym and works out Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. for about 50 minutes. “Sometimes I still have to pinch myself, as I can walk with ease now, and I even walk fast,” Hatt said.

Hatt learned journaling food makes a huge difference, as it keeps her accountable. “We often eat for comfort, for social reasons, or simply out of habit. There will always be apples ... and apple pie. The choice is ours.”

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Community Calendar

Fri. Oct. 9, 10- 11:30am Community Coffee every Friday at the Lower Granville Hall, 3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal. Come out and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and bring a snack to share if you are able. Meet a neighbour, make a new friend. Everyone is welcome. \$2/person suggested donation for the Hall.

Fri. Oct. 9, 10:00am Weekly Tai Chi classes at the Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Highway 201. Bring indoor slippers or shoes. Drop ins welcome. Good for balance, posture and relieving stress. Instructor Jamie Edwards of Empty Hand Martial Arts. \$75 for 10-week pass that does not expire. More info @ 902-448-2483 *

Fri. Oct. 9, 11am-1:00pm Get creative this autumn at The Macdonald Museum with a **Pumpkin Felting Workshop** led by Sheri Wood! Create your own beautiful, felted pumpkin that's perfect for your fall décor. No experience is necessary, and all supplies are included! Space is limited, so be sure to register in advance!

\$40/person. 21 School St., Middleton, 902-825-6116 contact@macdonaldmuseum.ca

Fri. Oct. 9 St. James Anglican Chowder Lunch Includes haddock chowder, roll and a dessert. \$14 per lunch. Chowder can be preordered by calling Hilda Connell at 902-665-4627 or calling the church on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning at 902-665-4734. Chowder can be delivered or picked up at the church hall from 11:30-12:30. 289 Granville St., Bridgetown.

Fri. Oct. 9, 12-1:00pm Tai Chi Classes, each Friday at the Bridgetown Salvation Army Church. \$60 for 10 classes. 902-824-0099.

Fri. Oct. 9 The Hampton Community Market at Hampton Hall has ended for the season. There is no market October 9.

Fri. Oct. 9, 6:00pm Come Help Us Celebrate! **The 20th Anniversary of Youngs Cove Jams** with local dignitaries, special guests, cake, prizes, etc. Everyone welcome, with a special invitation to the many jammers and friends who made our jams a success over the years. Weekly Jam Session will follow. 5407 Shore Rd. West, Youngs Cove. Email youngscovefundycommunityhall@gmail.com

Community Calendar and Bulletin Board items, News, Business Notes, & Rentals, are all FREE. We only charge for display ads.

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Sat. Oct. 10, 9am-1:00pm Summer Market in the Masonic Hall Church St., Annapolis Royal. From local handmade wood products, cards, Jeanette's Jams, & Annette's apparel; to textiles, vintage clothing & goods, Thai clothing, African jewelry, antiques, collectibles, home decor, books, CDs, LPs and more! Rain or shine. Cash & e-transfer.

Sat. Oct. 10, 9am-1:00pm Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Outdoor Market at Market Square, across from the wharf. Nova Scotia's longest-running outdoor market. With produce and artisan breads, locally made beer and wine, and so much more the Market is a celebration of everything homegrown and handcrafted.

Sat. Oct 10 Junior Fire Fighters Food Drive 10am-12pm at the Annapolis Royal Foodland and **12-2pm** at the Independent grocer, Annapolis Royal. Accepting non-perishable food and monetary donations with proceeds staying in the community.

Sat. Oct 10, 10am-2:00pm Ticket Auction at the Middleton Lions Club , 8921 Highway 10, Nictaux. Silent auction, 50/50 draw, yard sale, canteen.

Sat. Oct. 10, 12:30pm T & D Kitchen Jam Saturdays, 1407 Inglisville Road, Lawrencetown at the Community Hall. All are welcome! Doors open 12:30, music from 1:30-4:30. \$2 for entry. Snacks, tea /coffee are included in the price. *

Sat. Oct. 10, 1:00pm All Saints Church will be holding their **Annual Fun Fashion Show and Bake Sale** at the All Saints Church Hall, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston. Cost: \$7. Auntie Mame will be there, so come and join us!

Sun. Oct. 11, 8:50-10:30am Annapolis Shambhala Meditation Centre **Sunday Morning Sitting Practice**, weekly at the Granville Ferry Community Hall. <https://annapolis.shambhala.org>

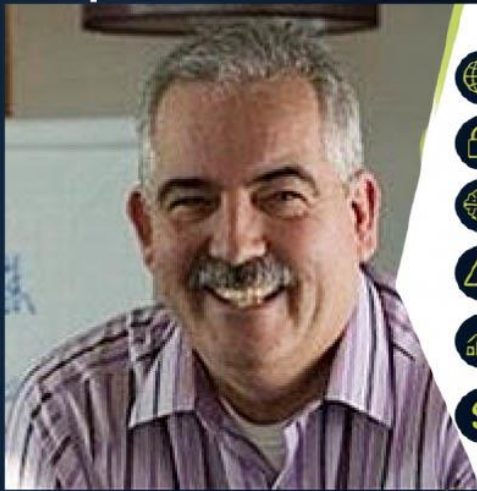
Sun. Oct. 11, 9:30am Thanksgiving Service Holy Eucharist at the Anglican Church of St. Mary's (6772 Hwy 1 in Belleisle). All are welcome to join us. We are an inclusive church.

Sun. Oct. 11, 10:30am Worship Service. Celebrate God's presence with us at St. George & St. Andrew United Church, 393 St. George St. Annapolis Royal 902-532-7954. Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds. *

Sun. Oct. 11, 11:00am Thanksgiving Service Holy Eucharist at St. James Anglican Church (289 Granville Rd, Bridgetown) followed by fellowship and food. All are welcome. We are an inclusive church and wheelchair accessible via the parking lot door.



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The Town of Annapolis Royal is accepting proposals for financial auditing services for a 5-year term (fiscal years 2026/27 to 2031/32). Deadline for proposals is Friday, October 30, 2026 at 1:00pm.

Details of the RFP are available online at www.annapolisroyal.com or by contacting Melony Robinson, Director of Finance
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There Will Be Lots to SEE At The Fall Annapolis Valley Premiere Antique/Vintage/Collectible Sale

This multi-vendor sale has become a well established Valley Fall tradition... Something for everyone!

Saturday October 17th from 9 AM to 3 PM

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If you are interested in joining us, please apply online to Carol Ward, Board Chair at cward@mountainsandmeadows.ca or call at 902-665-4161. Please enclose a letter of interest and a resume by October 31, 2026

Sun. Oct. 11, 11:00am
Bridgetown Baptist
continues to worship weekly. Join us on Sundays at the Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffery St., for a joyful time of worship. 902-665-2506. 10:30 for prayer and 11am for worship! bridgetownbaptist@gmail.com.

Sun. Oct. 11, 2:00pm
Centrelea Baptist Church. 3495 Hwy 201, weekly service followed by refreshments and social time. The challenge to read the entire book of Psalms continues including reflection and discussion.

Sun. Oct. 11, 7-9:00pm
Fun Darts, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Mon. Oct. 12, 10-11:00am
Indoor Fitness Walking at the Lower Granville Hall, 3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal. Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor fitness walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body including things like side steps, high knees, arm movements, and walking in place. (We usually walk 30-45 minutes). \$2 Donation Suggested.

Mon. Oct. 12, 10am-12:00pm
Memoir Writing Group meets weekly in the Music Room at the Annapolis Academy Hub to share passages from their memoir writing in progress for friendly discussion. No workshops. Everyone welcome. Donation of \$5 per participant is suggested (towards weekly room rental). For more information phone or text Tom at 902-526-3609.

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Tickets Sales

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Mon. Oct. 12, 7-9:00pm Come join in **Scottish Country Dance classes** in Wilmot. No experience or partner required. Classes run from Oct. 12 for 9 weeks, but you can join us within the first few weeks. Classes are led by Susan Van Horne, with over 40 years of dance experience! Contact 902-825-4600 or 902-765-0906.

Mon. Oct. 12, 7:00pm **Valley Lions Radio Bingo** (VLRB) is a Media Bingo broadcast on Annapolis Valley Radio, AVR 97.7FM and other AVR stations from Digby to Windsor, every Monday night from 7- 8pm. Bingo Cards are sold through valley retail locations. Info at www.vlrb.ca *

Mon. Oct. 12, 7:00pm **Jam Sessions** at Habitation New Horizons Hall at 1771 Granville Road Port Wade. Come sing, play or just listen. Lots of fun and fellowship, all welcome. For info contact Ann Marie 902-955-2244.

Mon. Oct. 12, 7-9:00pm **Craft Club** @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Now EVERY Monday night! Calling all Fibre enthusiasts. Join us at the Hall for a Stitch'n'Bi*ch. All skill levels welcome. Knit, crochet, embroider, felt, mend, sew, quilt, spin, weave, needlepoint, rug hooking... We will put the kettle on. Bring your project and \$2 Hall donation.

Tues. Oct. 13, 10:00am **Senior Exercise Class** at Bridgetown Legion with certified instructor. Stretch, strength, cardio, etc. Work at your own comfort level. \$5 per class. Bring hand weights and resistance band if you can. Come out for some fun while working out! Everyone welcome....just show up! 902-665-4308.

Tues. Oct. 13, 10am-12:00pm **Plein Air Painting along the river!** Paint the beauty of fall at Riverside Park! Participants will receive a brief introduction from the Artists' Circle before creating their own outdoor painting inspired by the beautiful fall scenery at Riverside Park. \$15 per person. All supplies included. No experience needed. At Riverside Park, 80 Bridge St., Middleton. Please bring a lawn chair! Space is limited, so be sure to register in advance by emailing mpal@town.middleton.ns.ca. Come enjoy the fall colours, get creative, and spend a morning painting outdoors!

Tues. Oct. 13, 1-3:00pm **The Annapolis East Seniors Card Group**, meet at NSCC Middleton campus every Tuesday.

Tues. Oct. 13, 6:00pm **Bridgetown Ramblers** join us at the Bridgetown Baptist Church parking lot, 7 Park St., for a fun, social and relaxed ramble around the community. For more information text 902-824-0057.

Tues. Oct. 13, 6:30-8pm **Pumpkin & Gourd Life Drawing Class.** Learn how to draw pumpkins, squash, and other gourds (placed in front of you) in this life drawing class. A variety of drawing utensils will be used. This class is great for ages 11-99+. Cost is \$20 per person. Register by email at info@7Arts.ca. At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Tues. Oct. 13, 6:30-8pm **Community Conversations** Join Middleton Town Council for an evening of open discussion about the Town services and infrastructure that help keep our community running. This session will focus on topics including: Water and sewer, Roads and sidewalks, Buildings and Parks Infrastructure, and Snow clearing, plus an opportunity to discuss anything you want! Community Conversations is an opportunity to ask questions, learn more, share your experiences and provide feedback directly to Council and Town staff. At the Middleton Firehall, 49 Church St. Light refreshments will be provided. No registration is required - just come ready to join the conversation!

Tues. Oct. 13, 7:15-10:15pm **Middleton Legion Bingo** Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton. *

Wed. Oct. 14, 10:00am **NS Walks Annapolis Royal** Wednesdays at 10am. Are you interested in getting some exercise, at your pace, with friendly people, and in picturesque surroundings? Join our Walk Group! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00am at the Annapolis Royal Farmers' Market parking lot. Walkers of all ages and abilities are welcome. For further information, call (902) 250-0429.

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Wed. Oct. 14, 10:00am NS WALKS

BRIDGETOWN a walking group for all levels and abilities If you are looking for motivation to get out for a bit of exercise and to socialize come join us. Walkers meet at the Library every Wednesday at 10:00 am. All are welcome Registration is not required. For more information check our Facebook Group NS WALKS BRIDGETOWN

Wed. Oct. 14 Yoga with Esme, 11:30am Mat and 1:00pm Chair Yoga

at the Bridgetown Legion (20 Jeffery St, Bridgetown). Mat yoga for building strength and flexibility and chair supported yoga suited for seniors and limited mobility. For more information contact Esme at (604) 537-5665 or esmeendres@gmail.com

Wed. Oct. 14, 1-3:00pm Senior's Day at the Bear River & Area Community Health Clinic, 1112 River Rd. This recurring monthly event falls on the second Wednesday of each month and is intended as a time to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy light refreshments and rotating activities through the year. Free will donation at the door. *

Wed. Oct. 14, 2-4:00pm Genealogy Coffee

Club Join us for an afternoon of socializing and storytelling at the O'Dell House Museum & Genealogy Centre. All are welcome. Donations Appreciated. The event takes place on the second Wednesday of each month, except for December.

Wed. Oct. 14, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Oct. 14, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed, Oct 14, and Fri, Oct 16, 7:30-9:30pm

Adult Pickleball at BRCS gym. Newcomers always welcome. Please bring a change of footwear. \$2/night. North entrance (NOT the main entrance). Join us!

Wed. Oct. 14, 8:00pm Al-anon Meeting, for relatives and friends of alcoholics, at the First United Baptist Church at 762 George Street, Annapolis Royal, every Wednesdays at 8pm. Please enter through the front door.

Thur. Oct. 15, 10-11:00am Indoor Fitness Walking at the Lower Granville Hall, 3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal. Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor fitness walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body including things like side steps, high knees, arm movements, and walking in place. (We usually walk 30-45 minutes). \$2 Donation Suggested.

Thur. Oct. 15, 10am-12:00pm Veterans Coffee Morning at the Bridgetown Legion. Veterans, 1st Responders, serving and retired firefighters and members. Every Thursday. Royal Canadian Legion, 20 Jeffery St. *

Thur. Oct. 15, 7-9:00pm Open Mic with Lisa Huyer, Thursdays at the Bridgetown Legion. Kitchen open 5-7pm. *

Thur. Oct. 15, 6:30-8pm Texture

Flower Painting. Join Artist Jenna to create your very own texture flower painting. Learn tips and techniques to help you create your masterpiece. This class is for ages 16+. The cost is \$35 per person. Seating is limited so email to register at info@7Arts.ca At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. Oct. 15, 7:00pm Card Night at Moschelle Community Hall, 718 Hwy 201 Moschelle. All players are welcome to join in. Continuing every Thursday until Nov. of 2026.

Thur. Oct. 15, 7:00pm Homestead

101-Composting, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 3337 Clarence Road. Join us as we learn many ways to turn your scraps into soil! We will be covering many aspects of the hows and why:

- Why make your own compost?
- What makes good compost?
- Essential elements of soil biology
- Different composting methods
- Ingredients and practices for successful composting
- Basic compost recipes- enhancements- maturing -Using your compost

Get your tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/homestead-101-composting-tickets-1990675691581> If this is your first time attending a barter-based class, note that attendees are encouraged to bring an item(s) to offer in exchange for the knowledge shared in addition to any supplies required for the class. Our facilitator's preferred items are: Food donation to the A.V.F.S. Pantry or a donation to Save Our Old Forests. If you have any difficulty registering you can send us an email at avfolkschool@gmail.com or messages us on Facebook, or call Maureen at 902 309 0224.

Fri. Oct. 16 St. James Anglican Chowder

Lunch Includes haddock chowder, roll and a dessert. \$14 per lunch. Chowder can be preordered by calling Hilda Connell at 902-665-4627 or calling the church on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning at 902-665-4734. Chowder can be delivered or picked up at the church hall from 11:30-12:30. 289 Granville St., Bridgetown.

Oct. 16 & 17, 19 to 23, and 27 to 29 Escape Room: Haunted House Museum at the Macdonald Museum, 21 School St., Middleton. \$10 per person, teams of 3 to 6. Gather your bravest friends and see if you can escape! Call for available dates, times and bookings. Tickets, registration and information: 902-825-6116.

Fri. Oct. 16, 5:00pm Lasagna Supper at the Clementsport Legion, \$20. Take out is available. Please confirm by Wed. noon Oct 14. 902-638-3303.

Fri. Oct. 16, 7:00pm Live from Sable Island: Art Chat w/ Artist-in-Residence, Nayani

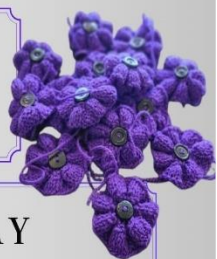
Jensen. Join us in-person or online for a conversation with writer and historian of science, Nayani Jensen, about her work and experiences since arriving on the island. Moderated by Zoe Lucas (Sable Island Institute president). Free to participate (donations welcome). Audience questions encouraged. Take part in-person, upstairs at ARTSPLACE, 396 St. George St, Annapolis Royal, or, participate online from anywhere! Visit www.arcac.ca/calendar for the Zoom link.

Sat. Oct. 17, 9am-3:00pm Fall Annapolis Valley Premiere Antique, Vintage and Collectible Sale at the Louis Millett Community Complex, 9489 Commercial St., New Minas. A Fall tradition with a great selection of vendors. Something for everyone!

Sat. Oct. 17 and Sun. Oct. 18, 10am-3:00pm

daily Join us for two days of historical demonstrations and re-enactments as the **King's Orange Rangers** visit North Hills Museum! There will be Heritage skills demonstrations, hands-on activities, and costumed interpreters. The King's Orange Rangers are based out of Liverpool Nova Scotia and is composed of volunteers who share a desire to preserve and promote Canada's history, specifically from the period of the American Revolution. 5065 Granville Rd., Granville Ferry. By donation.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026

Attention Crocheters, Knitters & Sewers!

We are still short of our target of 250 poppies for this year's Remembrance Day.

In addition to our regular display, we will be featuring a special exhibit honouring the animals that served during times of war.

We are looking for handmade purple poppies, with a maximum diameter of 3 inches, to be included in this display.

For more info, please contact the museum

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Saturday Oct. 24, 2026

Time 4 – 6 pm

Adults \$18

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The same cooks who bring you the Maplefest dinner will prepare a complete Harvest Dinner: Roasted and Glazed Old-Fashioned (Armstrong's) bone-in Ham with Potato Scallop, Baked Beans, Vegetables, Rolls, Pickles, and your choice of Apple, Blueberry or Rhubarb Crisp, Beverages - Tea, Coffee or Juice

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Gary Paul Withenshaw and George David Withenshaw

APPLICANTS

- and -

Gail Ellen Withenshaw

RESPONDENT

Notice of Public Auction

To be sold at Public Auction under an Execution Order at the request of the Applicants, unless before the time of sale the amount due to the Applicants on the judgment, plus costs to be taxed, are paid:

PROPERTY:

Certain lands located at 165 Bayard Road, Wilmot, Annapolis County identified by PID 05206388. This property is not registered pursuant to the *Land Registration Act*.

Certain lands located at Highway No. 1, Wilmot, Annapolis County identified by PID 05304134. This property is registered pursuant to the *Land Registration Act*.

A copy of the description of the property is on file at the Sheriff's office and may be inspected during business hours.

DATE OF SALE: November 10, 2026

TIME OF SALE: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Annapolis Royal Courthouse, 377 Saint George Street, Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) deposit payable by cash, certified cheque or solicitor's trust cheque at the time of sale, remainder within fifteen (15) days upon delivery of deed. The purchaser of any unregistered property will be responsible for any costs associated with migration.

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Sat. Oct. 17, 10:30am 2026 North American Conker Championship at the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens. Registration starts at 9:30am. Try your hand at this old British schoolyard favourite. 902-532-7018 <https://annapolisconkers.wordpress.com/>

Sat. Oct. 17, 11am-4:00pm Youth Art Show, Upper Clements Community Hall. For more info visit upperclementshall.ca

Sat. Oct. 17, 1-2:30pm Death Café Sponsored by Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library; 143 Ritchie Street, in the Duga Room. Facilitated by Valerie Wilson and Mia Robertson. Join us in a safe and supported environment to eat cake and discuss death-related issues. Free. No pre-registration required. All ages welcome.

Sat. Oct. 17, 1-4:00pm Are you ready to weather the storm? What would you do if you needed to evacuate? The Town of Annapolis Royal's Environment Advisory Committee is hosting an **Information Session on Emergency Preparedness** at the Annapolis Royal Library. Experts from the Province, County and emergency response organizations will be presenting on topics such as general emergency preparedness, the Nova Scotia Guard, how to "Fire-smart" your home, and keeping pets safe. There will also be a presentation on research regarding how forestry practices can affect wildfire behavior. Annapolis REMO (Regional Emergency Management Organization) and Intact Insurance will have information tables with more information. 143 Ritchie Street.

Sat. Oct. 17, 2-4:00pm Fall Festival in support of the Jubilee Park Natural Playground Join us at Jubilee Park for a Fall Celebration Fundraiser in support of the natural playground renovation in the Park! All ages welcome! Dress cozy for fall weather; rain date will be Sun. Oct. 18. Join us for fun kid activities, a hot dog, some music, and a chance to learn more about the project. This event is free to attend, we will also be collecting donations at the event - every contribution directly supports building this new community play space!

Sat. Oct. 17, 2-5:00pm SOOFSTOCK Presents... A Little Fall Music Join Save Our Old Forests for an afternoon of music at the Bridgetown Legion (20 Jeffrey Street)! Featuring performances by local bands: Infinity, No Pants By Friday, and Hysterix. Everyone welcome! Pay What You Can entry (suggested \$20) proceeds to SOOF. For more info check out saveouroldforests.ca/events

Sun. Oct. 18, 9:30am Holy Eucharist at the Anglican Church of St. Mary's (6772 Hwy 1 in Belleisle). 250th Anniversary Year. All are welcome to join us. We are an inclusive church.

Sun. Oct. 18, 10am-3:00pm Indoor Craft Market at the Middleton Legion, 205 Marshall Street. Enjoy the creativity, handmade treasures and community spirit.



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Sun. Oct. 18, 11am Holy Eucharist at St. James Anglican Church (289 Granville Rd, Bridgetown) followed by fellowship and food. All are welcome. We are an inclusive church. Wheelchair accessible via the parking lot door.

Sun. Oct. 18, 2-4:00pm Hymn Sing at St Mary's Anglican Church (6772 Hwy 1 in Belleisle). Everyone welcome to come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Sun. Oct. 18, 2 -4:00pm Perambulate in Paradise! Perambulate: to walk or travel through a place, especially for pleasure or leisure. People-Pleasing Pumpkin Pie Provided. Paradise is the Perfect Place for Perambulation, and we invite you to Participate. Pleasant Perspectives as you Stroll, Stride, or Saunter. Present yourself or your People or Partners at 2 PM Promptly for the Perambulation. Popping in for Pie is Perfectly Proper too.

Translation: We would love to have you join us for a walk, about 45 minutes, through Paradise. The historic homes, the orchards, the trail, maybe even the cemetery. If you are not able or inclined for a walk, come anyway to visit the Paradise Heritage Centre at 10307 Highway 1 and enjoy some socializing or partaking of pie. Please let us know you are coming so we know how many pies to bake. Contact barbarabishop84@gmail.com.

No charge for the afternoon but you are welcome to make a donation. We would just like to get out for some fresh air and enjoy a stroll in good company. Unless it's pouring the walk goes on, rain or shine.

Sun. Oct. 18, 6:30pm Hymn Sing at the Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Many of your favourite hymns, with special music by the church choir, Elroy & Linda Bobbett and Murry & Linda Hird. Refreshments to follow. Free Will Offering. Call 805-6631 for more information.

Mon. Oct. 19, 1:30-3pm Care Givers Support Group (for people who care for loved ones with dementia) The group meets the 3rd Monday of the month, except July and August, from 1:30 – 3:00pm, at St George & St Andrew United Church, 393 St George St, Annapolis Royal, (at the lights), Office Door, side entry. Contacts: Art Jones – 902-532-0784; Lou Fletcher – 902-532-2377.

Mon. Oct. 19, 4:30-6:00pm Council Engagement Session Members of the public are invited to meet and have a conversation with Annapolis Royal Town Council. The session will focus on the Strategic Plan-and council wants to hear from you. This is your opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, voices concerns, and bring forward new ideas and suggestions. At the Port Royal Legion, 66 Victoria St.

Mon. Oct. 19, 7:00pm The Hampton Social & Recreational Society would like to invite you to our AGM at the Hampton Community Hall - 8319 St. Croix Cove Rd. The agenda will include a Director's Report highlighting all the happenings at the Hall and plans for next year, the Annual Financial Report and selecting the 2026/27 Board of Directors. Membership is \$10 (cash), please bring this along. Please consider putting your name down for future volunteering, we always happily accept help!

Mon. Oct. 19, 6:00pm Homesteading 101: Rotational Grazing, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event at 3319 Clarence Road. Join facilitator Nicole for a hands-on class on the benefits and practical techniques of rotational grazing. Registration: Free ticket required via Eventbrite. If you experience issues registering, email avfolkschool@gmail.com or message via Facebook. (Please reserve a ticket rather than selecting "Going" on social media to ensure an accurate headcount).

Please wear appropriate footwear for walking through pasture fields. What You'll Learn:
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This is a barter-based class where attendees bring an offering in exchange for the instructor's time and knowledge. Preferred Barter Items: Local foods, Natural fiber products (new, used, or suitable for repurposing), Outdoor plants and seeds.

Mon. Oct 19, 7:30pm Granville Centre Community Hall Association will host a **general meeting** at the Granville Centre Hall. All community members are welcome to attend and are asked to bring bottles/cans for recycling, if you have any.

Tues. Oct. 20, 1:30-4pm Jam Session at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church, every 2nd Tuesday. Doors open at 1:00. Come out for an afternoon of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall. For info call Suzanne Brinton at 902-825-6413. Next Jam Nov. 3.*

Tue. Oct. 20, 2:00pm Mountains and Meadows Care Group would like to extend an invitation to attend the **2026 Annual General Meeting** at the Mountain Lea Lodge Recreation Room, 332 Church S., Bridgetown. Light Refreshments will be served. The following link will connect you to our Facebook Page if you prefer to join virtually. <https://www.facebook.com/acmhc>

Tues. Oct. 20, 6:30-8pm Coraline Paint Night. Want to be turned into a button-eyed doll? In this guided workshop with Artist Jenna, learn how to customize your own Coraline Doll Painting. Each participant will complete an 8x10" canvas painting. Cost is \$35 per person. Register by email at info@7Arts.ca At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Wed. Oct. 21, 5:30 -6:30pm Granville Ferry Community Hall Association (GFCHA)* Annual Fall General Meeting at the Granville Ferry Hall, 5352 Granville Rd. Agenda preview - Reports - President's; financial; Facility Status - Review; plan ahead; Hall Activities - Bookings; ?Holiday Party? * Serving residents in the Granville Ferry area, from Kerr Lane on Hwy 1, along Granville Rd to Hollow Mountain Rd, north on Hollow Mountain Rd to the crest of the North Mountain, eastward along the crest to Parker Mountain Rd, south on Parker Mountain Rd to rejoin Hwy 1.

Thur. Oct. 22 Trivia Night Put your knowledge to the test and enjoy an evening of friendly competition in support of the Annapolis Heritage Society! At the Port Royal Legion Branch 21. Doors Open 6:00pm. Trivia Begins 6:30pm. \$35/person, \$140/team of four. Fun categories, prizes, and good company guaranteed. Register your team today by visiting our website or reaching out by phone or email: annapolisheritage@gmail.com, 902-532-7754, annapolisheritagesociety.com

Thur. Oct. 22, 6-8:00pm Community Conversations at Port Lorne Fire Hall (532 Port Lorne Rd., Port Lorne). Connect directly with Annapolis County Council and staff to share ideas, ask questions, and learn more about what is happening in your community. More info at annapoliscounty.ca

Thur. Oct. 22, 6:30-8pm Kingfisher Paint Night. Join Artist Jenna for this fun and colourful paint night. Each participant will complete their own 8x10" kingfisher masterpiece. No experience necessary! All supplies included. Cost is \$35 per person. Register by email at info@7Arts.ca At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. Oct. 22, 7:00pm The Findhorn Garden Story Join Robert and Lisa Tucker as they share the story of the Findhorn Garden and community. The Findhorn community is an ecovillage in northern Scotland that continues to be a pioneer in sustainability, and in 2007 had the lowest ecological footprint recorded in the industrial world. The Tuckers have been Resource People for the community since 2016. Location: Granville Ferry Community Hall (5352 Granville Rd, Granville Ferry)

Sat. Oct. 24, 12-6:00pm Join us at the **Macdonald Museum's Witch Craft Fair** for a spellbinding afternoon filled with handcrafted treasures, mystical vendors, eerie décor, and delicious treats! Browse unique handmade creations from talented artisans and vendors. Discover enchanting décor and seasonal goodies. Enter our Basket Draw of Witchy Goodies for your chance to take home some magical prizes! Proudly sponsored by Wild Witch Potager. Costumes are welcome, black cats are optional, and broom parking is complimentary. Free admission.

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Saturday, October 24, 12pm-3pm

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Sat. Oct. 24, 4:00pm Grab your broomsticks and join us for a **Witch Walk** through Middleton. Dress in your witchiest attire and gather at the Macdonald Museum, 21 School Street, where the walk will begin and end. All witches and warlocks are welcome to join in the spooky fun! Want to see where we'll be wandering? View the route at www.discovermiddleton.ca/witch-walk We can't wait to see Middleton filled with witches.

Sat. Oct. 24, 4-6:00pm Milford Harvestfest at the Milford & Area Community Hall, 5439 Hwy. 8. Featuring a complete Harvest Dinner with roasted and glazed ham with potato scallop, baked beans, vegetables, rolls and a choice or apple. blueberry or rhubarb crisp. Adults \$18, children under 12 \$9. Take out available. No reservations. Detail at 902-532-5606.

Contact The Reader: Call or text 902-824-0412, email us at readerpublishing@outlook.com message us on Facebook or use the contact form at www.bridgetownreader.news.



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Sat. Oct. 24 The Annapolis Royal Legion will hold a **Special Centenary Roast Beef Dinner** to coincide with the start of this years’ Poppy Campaign. We will serve a 4 course meal with Roast Beef (Vegetarian Quiche option), potatoes and vegetables, with sorbet and a choice of caramel cake or cherry pie for dessert. A glass of Port will be included for the customary toast. Just \$50 / plate. Semi-formal dress. Doors open at 5pm with dinner served at 6pm. Reservations required. Tickets are limited. Please visit the Legion bar for ticket sales or call 902-532-5196 for more information.

Sat. Oct. 24 The Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at the Bridgetown Legion. The 2026 Inductees. 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67 “A” Senior Boys Volleyball; 1964-65 “A” Senior Boys soccer; Heather Bishop, Coach. Reserve your seats now. Contact Steven O’Neil, John Ray Lawrence or Tim Jackson.

Sun. Oct. 25, 10am-3:00pm Come treasure hunting in Clarence! The Clarence Country Market will host a special **Vintage & Antique Market** at the Clarence Community Hall, 3337 Clarence Road. Browse a unique assortment of antiques, vintage finds, collectibles, furniture, curiosities and plenty of good old-fashioned “cool junk.” Admission is free and everyone is welcome! For more information or to become a vendor email - clarencecountrymarket@gmail.com

Sun. Oct. 25, 1:00pm Pot Luck Luncheon at the Granville Centre Community Hall. A free will offering will be taken up - all proceeds for the Hall. There will also be a Quilt Raffle. So come on out and join us for a yummy lunch with friends and neighbours!

Sun. Oct. 25, 2:30pm October’s Makers Swap is a community event hosted by the Annapolis Valley Folk School where participants of all ages and skill levels exchange homemade items, homegrown goods, or personal service vouchers without any money changing hands. What to Share: Bring anything you have made (knitting, leather works, bound books, baked goods, preserves), homegrown (plants, produce, seeds), or personal services you can offer (haircuts, massages, prepared meals, service trades). Perfection is not required.

How Swapping Works: All contributed items and vouchers are pooled onto a central sharing table. After socializing, attendees take turns selecting items from the table one at a time until everyone feels they have received a fair share relative to what they contributed. Admission: Reserve your spot via Eventbrite. At 1963 Clarence Road.

Pantry Donations: Attendees are invited to bring non-perishable pantry items or refrigerated foods (e.g., milk, cheese, margarine, yogurt) to support the active community pantry.

Facebook: @annapolisvalleyfolkschool

Email: avfolkschool@gmail.com

Phone: Maureen at 902-309-0224

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Anna/Royal - ‘Legion 100’ Anniversary tulip bulbs are now on sale. Pkg of 5 bulbs cost \$10. Located at # 66 Victoria St . 532-5196. The distinctive bulb reflects the legion colours and reminds us of the symbolic colors of Canada, and its freedoms ... granted by the sacrifices of our Veterans .
Anna/ Royal - do you like Trivia? GREAT! Mark your calendar, Register at 532- 7754 (\$35 pp) OR annapolisheritage@gmail.com. It’s on Thurs Oct 22 from 6-9 , Annapolis Royal Legion. If not able to attend, if you'd like to contact the Annapolis Historical Society with a donation or other info Call 532- 7754.
Anna/Royal - Belinda’s Music Bingo is Sat Oct 17th @ 7 pm, P/Royal Legion.
Anna/Royal- Fall Fair at AWEC High School (Champlain Drive) on Thurs Oct 15th from 4 pm - 6:30. Bring your cash , it sounds like a lot going on! Student Council raising funds for student events.
Anna/Royal - did you know there is a Halloween event at the Sinclair Inn? #230 Lower St. George St. on Sat Oct 31 st from 1:30 - 6:30 pm.
Bridgetown- D’Aubin’s Family Meats, #607 Granville St. Pause for a Cause on Sunday Oct 18th at 11:00 am, you can donate your bottles and cans to help Thalia Barn Cat Rescue
Cornwallis - Frank & Dora’s fall hours are : 11:30 am - 7 pm daily until Sun, Oct 11th.
Fire Prevention Week is Oct 4 - 10th, 2026. ‘Charge into Fire Safety’, Safe Charging is a Superpower! Plug In. Power up. Stay Safe! For tools and Rides charge outside. Go to www.nfpa.org for excellent tips and great reading, what to do with your batteries.
Granville Ferry-this may be a 1st for Granville Ferry? Granville Community Fest, Sat Oct 17th at New Life Church parking lot . Opening hours 1- 4 pm. Free entry ! Inflatables , delicious food and sweet treats. Games, prizes and kids’ activities. Bring your friends, your family, and your community spirit . What a great Community event for everyone.
Middleton - Witchcraft Fair, MacDonald Museum, Sat Oct 24 th from Noon - 6 pm. An afternoon of spellbinding hand crafted treasurers, mystical vendors, eerie decor and delicious treats. Broomstick parking is entirely your responsibility. 825-6116.
Moschelle Com/ Hall - Mark your calendars for their Breakfast on Sat Oct 31st 8 - 10.
Thexton’s Greenhouse Parking lot in Lequille-Cats For Keeps Volunteers will be on hand to happily accept your refundables for a bottle drive. Help raise some much needed coin for all the cats and kittens in our care. Help us on Sat Oct 17th from 9 am - 12:30.Hope to see you at Civic # 9576 Hwy #8. Rain or Shine!
Upper Clements Com/ Hall - “Youth Art Show” Sat, Oct 17th 11:00 - 4:00 pm.
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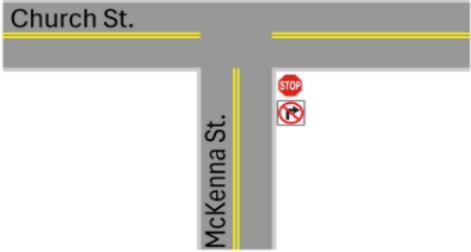
No Right Turn - McKenna Street Bridgetown October 1, 2026

Residents are advised that right turns will no longer be permitted at the intersection of McKenna St. and Church St, in the Community of Bridgetown, **effective October 1, 2026.**

This change is being implemented to improve traffic safety and circulation in the area.

Drivers are asked to observe all posted signs and traffic regulations and to use alternate routes where necessary.

The Municipality appreciates residents patience and cooperation as this change is implemented.



Mon. Oct. 26, 1:00-2:30pm Bookmark Bonanza. How many of you are using scrap paper or old receipts as bookmarks? Elevate your reading experience and join Jenna and Dani for this casual and fun bookmark-making workshop. We provide all of the supplies and just need you and your creative vibe! There'll be plenty of options including acrylic blanks, paint, paint markers, stencils, watercolour, and scrapbooking materials. Cost is \$25 per person. Space is limited so register early by email at info@7Arts.ca At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Mon. Oct. 26, 6:00-7:30pm Halloween Colouring Night. Colour haunted houses, jack o' lanterns, and more with your goblin and ghoulish friends. This event is open to all ages. Each participant will receive 12 original colouring pages by Jesseline from escapeitall.art, a 24-pack of crayons, and a treat bag. Cost is \$25 per person. Space is limited! Registration is required by email at info@7Arts. At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Tues. Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30pm Miniature Workshop. We invite you to explore the world of miniatures with us! Join Artists Amber & Sarah at the 7Arts studio and work towards creating your very own miniature room. For ages 18+. Cost is \$50 per class. Registration is required by email at info@7Arts.ca. At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Tues. Oct. 27, 7:00pm Whitman Cemetery Annual Meeting at the C.E. Hall (basement), Lawrencetown United Baptist Church, 430 Main Street. An open invitation is extended to all lot holders and family of lot holders. Come to receive important updates concerning the cemetery. May contact 902-825-6111.

Tues. Oct. 27, 7:30pm Two Pianos, No Rodeo: Bob Wiseman & Mike Boguski @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Doors open at 6:30 pm. \$40 cash or e-transfer. Limited tickets available. (No refunds) Fundraiser for the Lower Granville Hall. We kicked off ticket sales for our exclusive concert in August and will continue to sell tickets (until sold out): *Every Monday night 7-9pm (at Lower Granville Hall) *Every Friday morning 10 - 11:30am (at Lower Granville Hall).

Wed. Oct. 28, 1:00-3:00pm Art With Nature. Join us for this fun class in which Artist Joan will be exploring various art techniques and media in creating nature-inspired works of art. All supplies included. For ages 18+. The price is \$20 per person. Registration is required by email at info@7Arts.ca At 7Arts, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. Oct. 29, 2:00pm Join us for a fun **Afternoon of Games and Fellowship**, at the Wilmot Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road. Meet your friends there, bring a friend with you and plan to make new friends there. Play one of our many games or bring your own favourites. Tea, coffee and snacks available. Everyone is welcome. Freewill offering. Call 902-698-9467 for more information.

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The Town of Annapolis Royal is accepting proposals from interested parties for the purchase of municipally owned property located at 8843 Highway 8, Lequille, Nova Scotia (PID 05090675). Minimum bid to be accepted \$70,000 plus applicable HST. Proposals must describe the intended use of the property. The final decision will be made based on what Council believes is in the best interests of the Town.

Response Deadline: Monday, October 19, 2026 at 1:00pm

Details of the RFP are available online at
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or by contacting CAO Millett-Campbell at:
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Possess your soul without fussing; your guardian angel does not lose half the sleep over you that you think he does. Austin O'Malley, American professor of literature

Thur. Oct. 29, 4:30-6:00pm Community Meal Lawrencetown & District Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner at NSCC-COGS, 50 Elliott Rd. Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tea, coffee or juice, and a cookie for \$8 a plate. Children under 5 free. Gluten free options and take out available. Note, if Public Schools are closed due to weather the dinner will be cancelled.

Wed. Oct. 29-Sat. Oct. 31 ARTSPLACE invites you to travel back in time to experience terrors of a bygone era at the **Silent Screams Horror Film Festival!** Mad hypnotists, murderous phantom hands, circus freaks and witchcraft on the flickering silver screen -- Set to a live musical score, improvised in the moment:

Wed Oct 28, 7pm: The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari (1920) Hypnotist Dr. Caligari uses a somnambulist, Cesare, to commit murders.

Thur. Oct. 29, 7pm: The Hands of Orlac (1924) A world-famous pianist loses both hands in an accident. When new hands are grafted on, he doesn't know they once belonged to a murderer.

Fri. Oct. 30, 7pm: The Unknown (1927) A circus freak goes to horrific lengths to win the woman he admires.

Sat. Oct. 31, 7pm: Haxan (1922) Fictionalized documentary showing the evolution of witchcraft, from its pagan roots to its confusion with hysteria in Eastern Europe. Set to a live musical score, improvised in the moment by Arthur Bull. Purchase tickets today to guarantee your place. Also available at the door. Open seating. No refunds Admission: \$15 / Festival Pass: \$50. At ARTSPLACE Gallery, 396 St. George St, Annapolis Royal.

Sat. Oct. 31, 8-10:00am Pancake Breakfast at Moschelle Community Hall, held the last Saturday of the month at 718 Hwy 201, Moschelle. Come join us for a great breakfast \$10/plate and \$5/plate for children under 5. Your choice of Pancakes or French toast with all the trimmings and includes a side of sausages and homemade beans. *

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Thur. Nov. 5, 2:15-4:15pm Caregiver Support Group meets at the Kingston Library, 671 Main St. Do you give unpaid care to a parent, spouse, child, friend, or relative due to frailty, advanced age, chronic illness, mental illness, or disability? You are not alone! The NS Caregivers Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. It is facilitated by trained staff members who offer a confidential, friendly atmosphere for you to discuss your experiences and receive helpful information in a supportive environment. For more information and to register, call Jennine Wilson, 1-877-488-7390 (toll-free).

Sat. Nov. 7, 9am-3:00pm and Sun. Nov. 8, 9am-1:00pm Giant Used Book Sale in support of the Annapolis Royal Library branch, at the Community Hub, Gym entrance, 578 St. George Street. Book donations can be dropped off Sat. Oct. 24, 12-3pm at the same location or contact friendsoftheARlibrary@gmail.com

Sat. Nov. 7, 7:00pm The Middleton & District Arena will be hosting a **Turkey Dinner and Auction Fundraiser** at the Lawrencetown Fire Hall. Tickets are \$40 each or \$300 for a table of 8. The evening will bring community members together for a traditional turkey dinner, along with both a silent and live auction featuring items and services generously donated by local businesses, organizations, and supporters. Doors open at 6pm.

Thur. Nov. 12, 7:00pm The Clarence 4-H Club meets at the Clarence Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. New members and leaders are always welcome! For more information call Shanda at 902-824-2835.

Sun. Nov. 15, 10am-3:00pm Beaver Creek Vineyard invites you to join us for our **5th Annual Christmas at the Vineyard** FREE admission/collecting donations. Beaver Creek Vineyard, 496 Carleton Rd, (exit 19) Lawrencetown, Annapolis Valley. A sensational seasonal shopping experience with craft and artisan vendors, local food & drink, and festive photo ops. Join our holiday fun at the Vineyard! **Vendor Applications are now open till Oct. 5th.** <https://www.facebook.com/beavercreekvineyard902> Link > <https://forms.gle/DEEww3rgTHPXsFLY7> or find it on the FB event page. Questions: contact Anne at awkwardacres@gmail.com

Sun. Nov 15, 10am-3:00pm Christmas Craft Market at the Inglisville Community Hall. Decorations, gifts, pickles, preserves, baked goods. All local crafters. Something for everyone!

Sun. Nov. 15, 10am-3:00pm Get into the holiday spirit at the annual **Clarence Country Christmas Market** at 3337 Clarence Road, Clarence. Shop from a wonderful selection of local vendors offering homemade, homegrown and home-baked goods, along with crafts, gifts, preserves, baked treats and more. Come support local makers and producers while finding something special for Christmas. Admission is by donation and everyone is welcome! For more information email - clarencecountrymarket@gmail.com

Sat. Nov 28, 10am-3:00pm Book Sale, "New & Used" at the Upper Clements Community Hall, 2951 Hwy 1. 50/50 tickets. Canteen open: Lunch, Chili & a bun. To reserve a table call 902-340-8019.

Sat. Dec.5, 8-11:00am Annual Christmas Breakfast with a visit from Santa from 9:30-11 at the Inglisville Community Hall. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, beans, ham, sausage, toast, tea, coffee. Adults \$10., children under 12 free.



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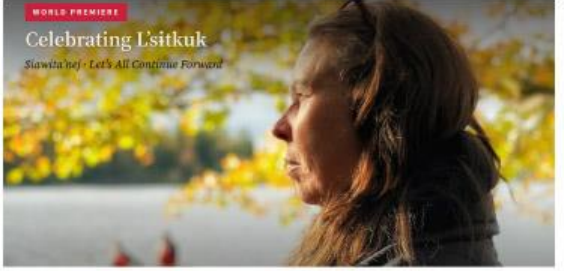
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THE ODYSSEY
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Getting to Know: The Bridgetown Regional Community School Advisory Council

School Advisory Councils (SAC) were created by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development a long, long time ago, but recently when school boards were eliminated, the Department enhanced the role and responsibilities of SAC's. Representative of all aspects of a school's life, SAC's have a voice, a community voice. These councils can be as active as their membership wants them to be, so their voice can be one that must be listened to. Students at Bridgetown Regional Community School (BRCS) are encouraged to participate actively in our SAC, as their voice is one we feel is absolutely vital to the work that an SAC should be doing.

BRCS has an active and keen School Advisory Council. Last year we won a \$10,000 grant for a special project at the school. Would you be interested in learning more about our local SAC and what it does for our school community? The BRCS Home and School and the BRCS School Advisory Council are learning to work closer together. These two organizations do work to support our community school because there is never enough money to do everything we would like to do to support all that goes on at the school. Would you like to help these two organizations in their endeavours to enhance the life of our community school?

The BRCS SAC meets maybe six times a year. The meetings last only an hour. It plays a very important role in the life of our community school. It works closely with the administration to find out what goes on in the classroom and with extracurricular activities. The SAC can, has and does offer advice to the administration, to the folks at central office in Berwick and to the Department in Halifax. Think you might want to be a part of this?

If you want to know more about our SAC, why not attend our first regular meeting on October 21 at the school. The meeting starts at 4:30 in room 109.

The Bridgetown Area Sports Hall of Fame

Induction Dinner at the Bridgetown Legion, Oct. 24. The 2026 Inductees. 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67 "A" Senior Boys Volleyball; 1964-65 "A" Senior Boys soccer; Heather Bishop, Coach. Reserve your seats now. Contact Steven O'Neil, John Ray Lawrence or Tim Jackson.

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For further information please contact Darlene MacLeod by email at macleod.darlene9@gmail.com

Town of **Middleton** Heart of the Valley

September 2026

Council Snapshot

Motions & New Business

- Council approved amendments to the Social Media Policy
- Council approved the Crisis Communications Plan
- Council approved the proposed Building and Fire Inspection Services Agreement with the Municipality of the County of Annapolis
- Council approved a supplementary capital project for upgrades to the SCADA software system and migration
- Council approved the Resolution for Pre-Approval Debenture Issuance
- Council authorized the interim CAO to sell the 1991 Spartan Fire Pumper to the Codroy Valley Volunteer Fire Department, and the 2017 John Deer x570 tractor to Nova International Limited
- Council authorized the interim CAO to dispose of the 2014 Ford F-150 through alternate means

Proclamations and Appointments

- Mayor Smith proclaimed September 30, 2026 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Mayor Smith proclaimed October 4-10 as Fire Prevention Week in Nova Scotia
- Perry Ross was appointed as Building and Fire Inspector
- Kevin Matherson was appointed as interim CAO.
- Councillor Dan Smith was appointed to the Annapolis Valley Regional Library Board effective July 9, 2026.
- Wayne Mason was appointed as Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Middleton effective October 19, 2026



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Events & Services

Sunday Service – 11:00am

Sunday School – 10:00am

Bible Study – Wednesday's 7:00pm

Prayer Circle – Wednesday's at 1:30pm

Seniors Lunch – 2nd Thursday of Each Month 11:30am

Messy Church – Last Thursday of each month 5:00pm

You Are Welcome in This Place

The County of Annapolis is asking people in and around Annapolis Royal to **please stay off the Dentiballis and Queen Anne Marshes.** This will allow recent hydroseeding to take root and prevent erosion. Signs will be posted and rocks will be placed at the west end of Queen Anne to prevent ATV traffic.

Nova Scotia's dykeland system protects tens of thousands of residents and businesses, historical and world heritage sites, Indigenous communities and more than 20,000 hectares of farmland.

After School Art: Our Forests with

Jessica Sheila (Ages 8-12).

Wednesdays, Oct. 21-Nov. 25. 3:30-5:00pm. Explore different artistic mediums while learning about the trees and forests of Nova Scotia. Upstairs at ARTSPLACE, 396 St. George St, Annapolis Royal. Registration required. Visit www.arcac.ca/afterschoolart

Heating Rebate

Applications Available

Applications for the annual Heating Assistance Rebate Program open Thursday, October 1.

Families earning a combined net income of up to \$45,000 and single-person households earning a net income up to \$30,000 are eligible for the rebate whether they rent or own, provided they directly pay for home heat. Recipients of the Guaranteed Income Supplement or income assistance are also eligible.

People can apply for the rebate online at <http://www.novascotia.ca/heatinghelp> Paper applications are available across the province at Access Nova Scotia centres and MLA offices. To help get the rebate sooner, people are encouraged to include a heating bill with their application; otherwise, they may be asked to provide one.

Previous recipients who qualify for this year's program will get an application in the mail or an email reminding them about the rebate. Seniors who opted in to the Heating Assistance Rebate Program as part of the Property Tax Rebate for Seniors program will be notified soon if they have been automatically approved for the heating rebate.

The deadline for applications is March 31. Nova Scotians applying for the rebate may also be eligible for the Seniors Care Grant program, Property Tax Rebate for Seniors program or Home Energy Assistance Top-Up Fund.

Felker Hall Community Center Weekly Activities

734 Broadway Ave, Cornwallis Park. Email cornwallispark@outlook.com

Sunday- Darts, 2pm Contact Jim 902-638-3175 or Cheryl 902-247-5082

Monday- Keep Fit and Healthy Classes 8:30 - 9:30am

Carole 902-376-2055

Line Dancing Intermediate 10:00 - 11:00am Lynn 902-532-8452

Hatha Yoga 11:30am - 1:00pm

Sridhara 1-250-228-3848 by donation

First Contact Karate 5-8pm Joe and Kelly 902-308-2562

Tuesday- Library open 1-3pm. Jackie 902-340-0007

Zumba 6:30 - 7:30pm \$7 per session Wendy 902-532-7736

Wednesday -Keep Fit and Healthy Classes 8:30-9:30am

Carole 902-376-2055

SMAC (Squad Martial Arts Collective) 5-8pm Jack and Amy 902-955-6244

Thursday- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 8am weigh in and 8:30 meeting. Contact Stephen

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Cribbage 1pm-3:00 Pete 902-376-2007

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Friday- Keep Fit and Healthy Classes

8:30-9:30am Carole 902-376-2055

Line Dancing Intermediate 10:00-

11:00am Lynn 902-532-845

Chair Yoga 11:30am - 1:00pm

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Meat Bingo - 7:00pm, Doors open @

6pm Contact Gina 902-526-2694 or ontheshore4@outlook.com

For Hall Rental please contact Gail @ 902-247-0545

The Trip Home: Kindness in Nova Scotia Is Alive and Well

Recently, I drove from Halifax to Ottawa for my nephew’s wedding. It was a wonderful occasion—intimate, elegant, and filled with happiness for the couple.

For the trip home, my two sisters joined me for the road trip back to Halifax. Both of my sisters were born here, and although they have lived elsewhere for many years, they still have a deep love for the Maritimes—especially for anything that brings them back to their roots.

We decided to take the scenic route through New Brunswick to Saint John and then cross the Bay of Fundy by ferry to Digby. It seemed like the perfect plan.

And, for the most part, it was.

There was plenty of catching up, beautiful scenery, a ferry ride, and surprisingly good roads.

We were enjoying ourselves.

What could possibly go wrong?

With only about two hours left before reaching Halifax, I decided to stop for gas in Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, a small and historic rural community of about 1,000 people alongside the Annapolis River.

In what can only be described as a spectacular lapse in concentration, I put diesel fuel into the car instead of gasoline.

Yes.

Diesel.

We got back on Highway 101 and managed to travel approximately two kilometres before the car began to sputter, cough, and then stop completely.

Almost immediately, all three of us pulled out our phones and went into crisis-management mode. We began searching for a tow truck, calling friends for suggestions, and looking for somewhere we could spend the night.

With the help of CAA, we learned that there was only one local provider available for towing: Chad’s Garage in Granville Ferry. The driver, a man named Red, was two hours away on another call.

My sisters began searching for accommodations nearby.

Then came another complication.

Red could only take one passenger in the tow truck. My sisters would have to find a cab to take them to wherever they could find a room for the night. The closest accommodation they could find was in Digby.

Digby.

Fifty-six kilometres in the wrong direction.

An RCMP cruiser happened to drive past and stopped to check on us. Unfortunately, there wasn’t much he could do other than alert the detachment that my car might be sitting on the side of the highway for quite some time.

He wished us the best and drove away.

I also discovered that I did not have the “premium” CAA membership. Apparently, there is a significant difference between having roadside assistance and having roadside assistance with the extra premium.

Having the car towed to Halifax would cost approximately \$1,200.

Um...no thanks.

Then, just when things were beginning to look rather complicated, a young woman pulled over.

When my sister later asked her what made her stop, she laughed and said she had seen “three women stranded on the side of the road looking like deer caught in the headlights.”

She was a blessing.

She offered to take my sisters into Halifax—or at least as far as Lower Sackville, where she was headed. From there, they could make their way to my home and call it a night.

They were dropped off, bought some sandwiches, grabbed a cab into the city, and finally made it home.

But what stayed with them wasn’t the sandwiches, the cab ride, or the diesel. It was the young woman herself.

During the drive, they learned about her life, her little boy, and what it was like being a single mother. Despite having plenty of reasons to simply drive past three stranded strangers, she had stopped.

She didn’t know us.

She didn’t have to stop.

But she did.

Meanwhile, I was still sitting beside my car on the side of Highway 101, watching the daylight disappear.

Dusk was settling in. The road had become quieter, with only the occasional passing car and a few ATVs breaking the silence.

When I saw Red pull up with the truck, I was very relieved.

He took one look at the situation and promptly told me I would be crazy to go all the way back to Digby, where I had found accommodation. My car was going to stay in Bridgetown—or, more accurately, Granville Ferry, at Chad’s Garage—for repairs anyway.

Instead, he suggested a motel, the Bridgetown Motor Inn.

In fact, he had already called to make sure they had a room available.

At this point, I was tired, hungry, and more than ready to let someone else make a decision.

It sounded perfectly fine to me, so I cancelled the Digby reservation.

With my car in tow behind us and the sun disappearing for the evening, Red drove me to Bridgetown.

I had absolutely no idea what the next morning would bring.

But at least I had a room.

And, for the moment, that was good enough.

It was pouring rain when I woke up—one of those heavy, tropical rains Nova Scotia gets during hurricane season.

Jay, the motel owner, kindly made me a coffee. The motel was clean and comfortable, and the staff didn’t seem to mind that I had taken up residence in the lounge.

When it was time to call Chad, he told me he had already been researching how to repair my 2022 Honda. Fortunately, he had a cancellation that morning and could start on my car right away. Neither of us knew for certain that the diesel was the cause of my troubles. Chad reassured me that it certainly sounded like it.

Meanwhile, a group of men had gathered around the large table in the lounge for their morning coffee.

They had seen me going back and forth to the coffee pot, so on my next trip they asked me, “What’s your story?” I gave the Coles notes.



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I was working on Plan B in case I had to leave my car in Bridgetown for a couple of days, so I asked them about ways to get to Halifax that day, if needed.

It was a silly question.

I was about to learn that Nova Scotia is one of Canada’s least accessible provinces for those who live in rural communities. There was no public transportation that could get me to Halifax.

We shared a few laughs, mostly at my expense. Everyone took turns commiserating and guessing what the damage might cost.

Turns out, the group were members of a coffee klatch called the Koffee Klub—a group of a couple of dozen men who had met every week since the 1960s. The plaque hanging on the wall was a testament to their longevity.

That morning, there were farmers, a pharmacist, a financial planner, an accountant, a teacher, a school principal, a university professor, and a small-business owner.

They were a savvy, spirited group, clearly committed to their white mugs, coffee, muffins—and one another.

Of course, you can’t sit down with a group like that in Nova Scotia without eventually talking politics.

They teased out of me that I had spent much of my career working for the NDP, and I teased them back, trying to pull their votes.

For a while, I forgot that my car was sitting in a garage somewhere and that I was stranded. **(Article continued on back page)**

Bulletin Board

Looking for something? Buying, selling, giving away, renting? Listings are free; please let us know when an item sells, etc. Email submissions to readerpublishing@outlook.com or call 902-824-0412.

Yard Sale: A small sale of craft items, many handmade wood pieces (shelves, small boxes, etc.), a few old storm doors, two live-edge red maple planks (2" X 10" X 8'), a couple of DUI pieces, many small odds and ends. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10 & 11, 9:30 a.m. to whenever. 1266 Highway 201, Round Hill (just west of Bishop Park.)

For Sale: Zero Turn Mower - 2022 EGO Z6 (ZT4200L) 42 inch cutting deck. Includes four 10 Ah batteries, Z6 1600W charger (CHV1600) and two keys. There are less than 70 hours on the mower. It is in excellent shape, and handles and cuts beautifully. Mower is in the Annapolis Royal area. Buyer would need to pick it up. \$3800 firm. To view in person, contact Graham at: bakergrahamt@gmail.com or call (416) 456-6702. Pictures are also available on request.

For Sale: Four 22 inch snow tires on rims for sale. Contact 1-902-532-2683.

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For Sale: 2009 Yukon SLT, 245,000 km. \$7,500. 10552 Hwy. 1, Paradise. 905-929-2364

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For Sale: Heavy duty 10" table saw. Very good condition. \$300 OBO. Apartment size refrigerator, like new. \$50. 902-309-1299.

For Sale: Various antiques including Kerosene Lamps, Clocks, Crocks, China Dolls and a three-piece Victorian Grape-back Parlor Set. Please call 902-765-3467 for appointment to view at a Private Home in Kingston Area.

The Gallery & Antiques at 221 St Anthony Street in Annapolis Royal closed Sept. 30th for the season. Thank you for your support in 2026. See you again on Mother's Day 2027. Sarah Pavia

For Sale: 36" exterior steel left-hand inswing door. Like new, \$400. 4 Firestone winter tires, 245/70 17. \$450. Drop leaf table and 4 chairs, \$300. 902-532-2044.

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For Sale: 2011 Suzuki SX4 - AWD / Excellent Condition/ New MVI till 2027, 285,000 kms (highway) \$5400. This 2011 Suzuki SX4 is in excellent condition and has been exceptionally well cared for. Rust checked since 2015 and the body is in good condition (no rust). It has a cracked mirror driver's side, and the A/C no longer works. A complete service history since 2015 is available. Please text if interested 902-955-5606

For Sale: 4 winter tires Bridgestone 235/55R19 Blizzak radials off 2024 Toyota RAV4. \$1700 new. Good tread. \$800. 902-824-3690

Requesting Vendors for the Nov. 28th, 2026, Christmas Craft Sale at Moschelle Community Hall, 718 HWY201, NS. Please call Treena at 902-526-2252to hold your spot. \$10/6 foot spot.

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For Sale: A Lion's Pelt? I have that and other throws with various animals on them, warm and snuggly. How about a 5 pound exercise weight for arm exercises? I have many marvelous, useful, and desirable items as well as paintings and craft supplies, and a Vagabond II for any crafter wishing to improve their capabilities. Jigsaw puzzles for those days when you just want some simple fun. Come and browse a bit. Call 902-340-0442

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At the Clementsport Legion

Tues. Oct. 13

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Bingo – in the evening starting at 7:00pm.

Wed. Oct. 14

Come and join us for our weekly coffee gathering. 9-11:00am in the Upper Hall. Coffee, tea, treats \$1. Open to everyone – come and meet your neighbours. There is a great turnout for this event. If you have any questions please call the Legion – 902 638 3303.

Pool will be held at the Clementsport Legion on Wednesday nights in the lower level for members and guest. Doors open at 6:00pm and open bar from 7pm until 10pm. Come out and enjoy yourself for an evening of socialization.

Thur. Oct. 15

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Fri. Oct. 16

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Sat. Oct. 10, 7:30pm David Francey (live performance) One of Canada’s outstanding poets, songwriters, storytellers returns to King’s Theatre with his trio. David Francey is a Scottish-born Canadian carpenter-turned-songwriter, who has become known as “one of Canada’s most revered folk poets and singers” (Toronto Star). Born in Ayrshire, Scotland to parents who were factory workers, he moved to Canada when he was twelve. For decades, he worked across Canada in rail yards, construction sites, and in the Yukon bush, all the while writing poetry, setting it to melodies in his head and singing it to himself as he worked. Tickets: Adults \$40, Subsidized \$20, Youth \$15.

Sun. Oct. 11, 2:00pm Coyote vs Acme (film, PG) After decades of being blown to bits by bombs, demolished by dynamite, mangled by magnets, battered by boulders, trampled by trains, tricked by tunnels, sprung by springs, steamrolled by steamrollers, maligned by misfires, bedeviled by bungees, rattled by rockets, backstabbed by bat suits, rocked by rocket skates, upended by unicycles, quaked by quake pills, rubberized by rogue bands, and hurled headlong off every cliff in the Southwest, Wile E. Coyote (Genius) finally fights back. Teaming up with billboard accident lawyer Kevin Avery (Will Forte), he takes on slick corporate counsel Buddy Crane (John Cena) and ACME, Inc., the profit-obsessed conglomerate behind every one of the Coyote’s chaotic catastrophes. Tickets: Adult \$11.95, Youth \$7.95 (under 18).

Thur. Oct. 15, 7:00pm The Last Days of April (documentary film) The Last Days of April follows April Hubbard, a disability advocate in Nova Scotia, living with a tethered spinal cord and chronic pain, who navigates the end of her life. April’s courageous decision to share her Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) journey sparks an emotional and thought-provoking narrative. Through intimate interviews and personal anecdotes, this film documents the intersection of bodily autonomy and systemic barriers, ultimately advocating for a more inclusive and compassionate world. Produced with the assistance of the Canada Media Fund, Screen Nova Scotia, the Government of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada. April Hubbard will be in attendance for a Q & A. Tickets: Adult \$11.95, Youth \$7.95 (under 18).

Fri. Oct. 16, 7:00pm The Odyssey (film, PG) Odysseus, king of Ithaca, embarks on a perilous journey to return home after the Trojan War. Crossing the Mediterranean Sea with his fellow soldiers, they soon find themselves battling not only the elements, but an array of deadly obstacles and mythical creatures along the way. Tickets: Adult \$11.95, Youth \$7.95 (under 18).

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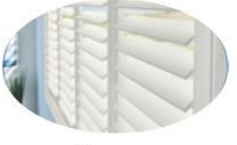
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J. M. Barrie

A common proverb, THIS IS MEANT AS INCENTIVE. Rearrange the capital letters to form a six word phrase.

Someone with this quality OFTEN SHEDS TEARS.

Answer: SOFTHEARTEDNESS

Anagrams Answers

Puzzle 39

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form two other common English words.

Mattress - Smartest
- Smatters

Seminates - Amnesties
- Meatiness

Slimed - Misled
- Smiled

Termini - Interim
- Mintier

Unsainted - Inundates
- Unstained

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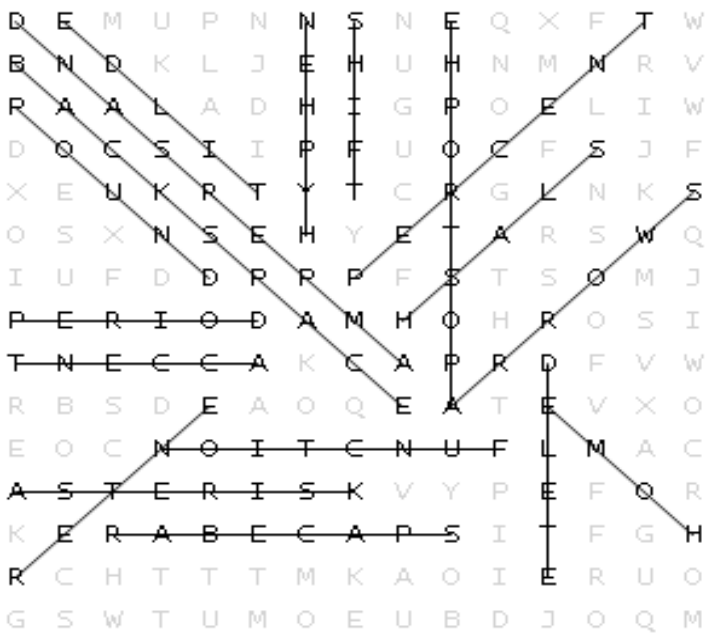
The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Download the Puzzle

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Sudoku answer here next week.

"On the Keyboard" Word Search Answer



"70's Car Models" Word Search Puzzle

Capella	Carina
Celica	Cherry
Estate	Falcon
Galant	Gremlin
Hornet	Jimny
Manta	Maverick
Monte Carlo	Pinto
Rodeo	Sprint
Taurus	Toledo
Valiant	Vega

Find the word or phrase in the puzzle. Words can share letters as they cross over each other. Answer next week.



Anagrams Puzzle 40

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form two other common English words.

Answers next week.

Hatters - _____

Louvre - _____

Rosetta - _____

Satrapies - _____

Tantra - _____

"Familiar" Cryptoquote: Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter.

Answer next week.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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Wilmot Woman Achieves Royalty Status
(article continued from front page)

Weighing in each week also plays an important role in helping her to maintain her weight. “The support of my family, my friends, and my TOPS Chapter in Greenwood has meant everything to me. I learned to lean on my TOPS family, as we need each other for encouragement, understanding, and sometimes for a gentle wake-up call. When my son joined in 2021, it brought me so much joy.” Her doctor told her that reaching 195 pounds was a wonderful goal. “I didn’t believe I could do it. But in November 2025, I did. I reached my goal, having lost a total of 221.25 pounds.”

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Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. Membership starts at \$70 USD per year, plus nominal chapter fees. Visit www.tops.org or call 800-932-8677 to learn more about TOPS and to find a local chapter. (article submitted)

The Trip Home: Kindness in Nova Scotia Is Alive and Well
(Continued from page 11)

As always, I marveled at the grit, humour, and strength of those who live in rural Nova Scotian communities. Five hours into the day, Chad called with good news. “My car was ready.” I would be back on the road within the hour. Chad saved me the cost of a cab from the motel to his garage in Granville Ferry, about 22 kilometres away. He offered to pick me up if I would drive him back. Again, the generosity of his time speaks for itself. By now, you may be wondering why I am writing all of this. It isn’t really about the car, the diesel, or the road trip. It’s about what happened because of it. In the middle of an ordinary road trip, three sisters found themselves stranded on the side of a highway. In the hours that followed, we were reminded of something that is easy to forget when life—and the world—feels so uncertain. People still stop. People still help. People still take the time to sit with a stranger, share a coffee, tell a story, and have a laugh. A young mother stopped on the highway and helped. An RCMP officer stopped to make sure we were safe. A tow-truck driver found me a place to sleep. A motel owner made sure I had coffee and somewhere welcoming to wait out the rain. And the garage owner, with his calm manner and quiet generosity, got me back on the road far sooner than I expected. None of these people had to help. They simply chose to. What my sisters and I brought home wasn’t the memory of the diesel. It was the memory of the people. And, in the end, that’s a pretty good souvenir from a road trip.

(submitted by Phyllis Larsen, Halifax)

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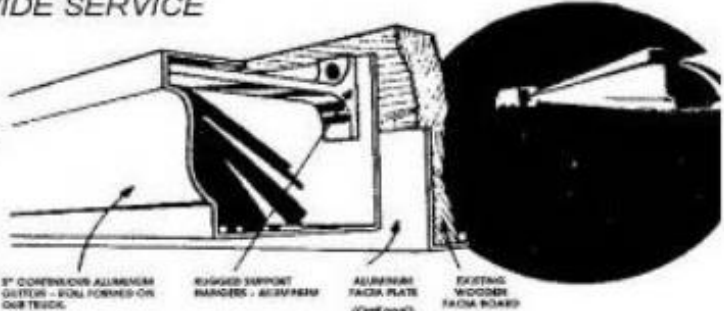
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