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11th BIG CHILL Snowshoe Event

February 28, 2026. The BIG CHILL is a snowshoe event that offers three challenging distances – 5kms, 15kms & 30kms – set in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. The event, on North Mountain, just outside Middleton, fundraises to support youth-at-risk in Annapolis County and other local endeavours, and is sponsored by GIVETOLIVE.ca. The routes are on the site of an old, retired ski hill and throughout the nearby wooded trails. It has beautiful views with rest and warming stations throughout, with some nice personal touches along the way! Folks can do it solo or gather a team.

The youth that the event helps to support help clear the trail and build bridges along the route, as well as volunteer on event day on the trails and basecamp. Funds raised go directly to helping these youth with clothing, food hampers, training courses, dental work, scholarships for higher education.

At 66, local resident Judy Peppard has signed up for her 11th BIG CHILL! She is the sister of one of the founders of the event (Jamie Peppard) and even when she lived away always travel home for The BIG CHILL. She is once again doing the 30km route at the 2026 event! In her words why she is involved:

"I grew up in Middleton and went to school with many students whose families were in need. Our parents were very involved in helping the community and we were raised the same, so when Jamie (her brother) mentioned the fundraiser, I didn't hesitate to jump on board. As soon as things freeze up, my brothers and I are busy getting the trails ready. My parents were very physically active, and we all played many sports. Snowshoeing and hiking are my way of staying fit in the winter. Being up on the trails every day makes the snow and cold weather more enjoyable."

Jamie Peppard, one of the event organizers also recently shared his perspective.

"People in Annapolis County are still recovering from the Long Lake Wildfire Disaster. Seven of the homes lost were not insured and those displaced people are still living in Airbnb's and apartments. Lawrencetown Education Centre (LEC) has partnered with Housing Construction Council, EMO, and 3 Rotary Clubs to build 6 small homes to help these folks. A significant portion of funds raised from this year's BIG CHILL event will support this project. The goal is to have these done by the end of August, which is when the emergency funding runs out for those being housed.

"As I look across the street and see 7 of our current and former students working in the snow setting up 40' laminated beams on engineered blocks they built, I couldn't be prouder! Our students have delivered food to victims of the fire, delivered supplies to the men and women who fought the fire, and hosted all the families here at LEC for a big chicken dinner! Now they are working with a red seal carpenter to replace homes! It has been a difficult year for sure ... but these youth are learning first-hand that you don't have to be wealthy to make a big difference in the lives of those who have lost everything.... kindness and hard work go a long way."



More than 1 in 3 children in Annapolis County live in poverty. These numbers are daunting but reflect the importance of supporting youth at risk in Annapolis County through innovative and impactful projects. Thanks to the generous support of BIG CHILLers over the last nine years, many meaningful developments and individual impacts have been made to support the mental, physical and emotional health of youth in our area.

By participating in and donating to The BIG CHILL you show the youth-at-risk who live there that you see them & believe in them.

In recent years thanks to the generosity and commitment of CHILLers and donors, a multi-use outdoor court in Lawrencetown, Annapolis County was built. This court provides outdoor recreation space for local elementary and high school students, as well as for other youth in the community.

Funds raised also supported maintenance of the Second Lake Outdoor Education site, including the outdoor classroom and canoe launch. The outdoor programming provided at this site helps to strengthen the social, emotional, and physical wellness of youth-at-risk in the area through outdoor, hands-on, experiential learning education activities. It's also a special portion of our BIG CHILL trail that student volunteers work hard to maintain!

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Start Times: 8:00am - 30kms; 10:00am - 15kms; 2:00pm - 5kms. Registration Fee: \$60/snowshoer.

*Kids 12 & under are free (with the registration of an accompanying adult for the 5kms route). First Responders 50% Off. Registration includes: Access to 5kms, 15kms or 30kms trails on North Mountain; Pre-event safety report & meeting; On-the-trail event support; BIG CHILL swag kit; Participation recognition at finish line and a post-event warm meal & beverages.

Fundraising: Each snowshoer must reach their fundraising minimum to participate, but of course more is encouraged;)

5kms - minimum \$300/person

15kms & 30kms - minimum \$500/person

NOTE: if you're part of a team you must raise the minimum outlined above X the number of team members, i.e. a team of 3 doing the 15kms route must raise a collective \$1,500 (3 X \$500).

**All event facts & sign up link at
www.givetolive.ca/chill**

It takes many community partners to put on an event like this. Thank you to:

Rotary Club of Middleton

Annapolis County Search & Rescue

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Thanks also to the many local landowners that allow us to use their land for The BIG CHILL route. It is a very important part of the puzzle each year and their generosity is appreciated.

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The Bridgetown Reader is published weekly on Friday by TAR Publishing. The deadline for submissions to our next issue is noon Monday Feb. 9.

Community Calendar

Fri. Feb. 6, 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. Feb. 6, 10-11:30am **Community Coffee**, every Friday @ 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 donation for the Hall.

Fri. Feb. 6, 7:00pm **Jam Session** every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *

Fri. Feb. 6, 7-9:00pm or later! **Weekly Music** - The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 will host **The Hillbilly Band**. Join us for some great music weekly with no cover charge! Don't forget that we have Happy Hour each Friday from 5:30-7:00pm and cocktail specials each Friday and Saturday! The Chase the Ace Draw on behalf of the Annapolis Royal Community Centre will be held each week at 8pm. Please check the Annapolis Royal Legion Facebook site for updated info. All members and guests are welcome!

Sat. Feb. 7, 8-10:00am **Lions Big Breakfast** at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. Come and join us for Breakfast. We'd love to see you. Free will offering as always.

Sat. Feb. 7, 9am-1:00pm **Annapolis Royal Winter Farmers Market** indoors at St. Luke's Parish Hall (340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal, accessible from St George St and Victoria St)!

Sat. Feb. 7, 10:00am **St Mark's Anglican Church AGM**: at St Mark's, 2553 Perotte Road.

Sat. Feb. 7, 10am-2:00pm **Hearts & Crafts Market** at the Wilmot Community Centre, 13972 Highway 1. Sponsored by Nova Scotia Pantry. Cupid Photo Booth, Kids Craft Station, Goodie Bags for each family, lots of amazing food and craft vendors and so much more! Free admission. For more info and to register as a business email novascotiapantry@hotmail.com Check us out at www.novascotiapantry.com

Sat. Feb. 7, 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. Feb. 7, 3-5:00pm **Kitchen Party at the Annapolis Royal Legion**. Theresa Porter will host a number of her musical friends. Join us for some great live music and remember that the Legion Members' "Toonie" Draw is held at 5pm each Saturday. You never know who will show up to play! Something new each week! Attendance is by free will offering.

Sun. Feb. 8, 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!

Sun. Feb. 8, 11:00 am **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. Feb. 8, 11am-2:00pm **Farmers and Crafters Market**, every Sunday at the Lions Club at 948 Hwy 1, Deep Brook. Local vendors and farmers. New vendors always welcome.

Sat. Feb. 8 **Doubles Cribbage Tournament** at the Annapolis Royal Legion. Sign in at 11:30am with play starting at 12:30pm. The cost is just \$20 / team with a maximum of 24 teams. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place depending on participation.

Sun. Feb. 8, 11:30am-2:00pm **Coffee Social** at the Port Lorne Fundy Hall. Visit with neighbours, enjoy strawberry shortcake. Check the Port Lorne! Facebook page for possible cancellation in case of nasty weather

Sun. Feb. 8, 2:00pm **The Centrelea United Baptist Church** is holding weekly worship services at the Centrelea Hall for the winter months. Services are at 2pm, except on February 15th and March 15th, as these are SOOF Sundays at the Hall. On those Sundays, please join us for worship at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information about the church, services or our beliefs, please text or phone Pastor Elizabeth Legassie (D.Min.) at 902-526-2493.

Sun. Feb. 8, 2-4:00pm **Galentine's Paint Day with Sarah**. Celebrate the love of a great friend and create a shared memory together. Cost is \$35 per person. All supplies included! Registration is required by emailing info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Sun. Feb. 8, 7-9:00pm **Fun Darts**, every Sunday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$3 entry returned in prizes.

Sun. Feb. 8, 7-10:00pm or later! The Annapolis Royal Legion will host a **Super Bowl Party**. Kickoff will be ±7:30pm. Watch the game on our 65" UHD TV with surround sound! We will have a BBQ with BYOM (bring your own meat and munchies). Bring what you want, share with your friends. The Legion will supply Frank's famous potato salad and Chili. No charge admission.

Mon. Feb. 9, 10-11:00am **Indoor Fitness Walking** @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (We usually walk 2-3 miles which is 30 or 45 minutes). These videos

Mon. Feb. 9, 7:00pm **Young Adult Bible Study**, weekly, at Salvation Army Church, Bridgetown. Are you a young adult (age 18-40ish) interested in meeting other young adults in the area and studying God's word together? This is the group for you! Light refreshments will be provided. All are welcome! Bring a friend! Please email Carrie at bridgetownbaptistyoungadults@gmail.com with any questions. *

Mon. Feb. 9, 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 *

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Mon. Feb. 9, 10am-12:00pm **Memoir**

Writing Group meets every Monday morning in the music room at the Annapolis Library to share chapters of their memoirs for friendly discussion. No workshops. Everyone welcome.

Mon. Feb 9, 12 noon **Do You Live Alone?**

Join us for a Luncheon at the Salvation

Army Church on Rink Street. Bridgetown Baptist is hosting a time of food and fellowship, so please join us, bring a friend and come in out of the cold! 902-245-8078

Mon. Feb. 9, 2:00 pm **Financial Planning and Banking Information Presentation**

Lawrencetown and Area Seniors Assoc. invites you to attend this special presentation being held at the Lawrencetown Legion, 490 Main St. The presentation will include answering questions. Everyone welcome.

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Wed. Feb. 11, 6:30-8:30pm **February Sound Circle** - Rest For The Heart at the Cornwallis Recreation Center, 180 Atlantic Ave. This Sound Circle is a guided experience designed to help you slow down, release tension, and reset your nervous system through soothing sound. Learn more at: circlewithmelly.com

Wed. Feb. 11, 7:00pm **Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions** Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Feb. 11, 7-9:00pm **Fun Cribbage** every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed. Feb. 11 and Fri. Feb. 13, 7:30-9:30pm **Bridgetown Pickleball at BRCS**. Entrance on north end of school (NOT the main entrance). Please bring a change of footwear. \$2 per night. Newcomers always welcome! Questions? 902-665-4353 or 902-665-4308.

Wed. Feb. 11, 8:00pm **Al-anon Meeting**, for relatives and friends of alcoholics, at the First United Baptist Church at 762 George Street, Annapolis Royal, Wednesdays at 8pm. Please enter through the front door.

Thur. Feb. 12, 10-11:00am **Indoor Fitness Walking** @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Drop in every Monday and/or Thursday for an indoor walk. These basic low-impact cardio walking videos exercise the whole body (We usually walk 2-3 miles which is 30 or 45 minutes). These videos incorporate walking in place, knee raises, kicks, side and back steps, arm movements and so much more. \$2 Donation Suggested. *

Thur. Feb. 12, 11:30am Please join us for the **Best Years Fellowship for Seniors** at the Hillsburn United Baptist Church, 3686 Shore Road West, Hillsburn. There will be a free lunch. Charlie and Jennifer Thibodeau will be providing the entertainment. Hope you can join us.

Thur. Feb. 12, 6:30-8pm **Valentine's Texture Art**. Join us for this fun Valentine's themed texture art workshop. Each participant will get to complete two 5x7" canvas paintings. Cost is \$35 per person. No experience necessary. All supplies included. Registration is required by emailing info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Thur. Feb. 12, 7-9:00pm **Paint Night @ Lower Granville Hall** (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Look forward to Spring by painting Dunes at Dusk, a beautiful landscape with sand dunes in the foreground and the sea in the background. (You can see the painting on our website &/or Facebook) Registration fee is \$40, which includes a beverage, light snack, and all the supplies you need to create your own piece of art. Join us and unleash your inner creativity. Don't worry if you are not an artist, we will guide you step by step to create a beautiful masterpiece! To register email lowergranvillehall@gmail.com. Payment is due at time of reservation to guarantee your seat. Limited seating available.

Thur. Feb. 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.

Fri. Feb. 13, 9:30-11:30am **Veteran's Lodge Buddy Check coffee**. This event is open to all Annapolis Valley Veterans and serving members. This is a FREE event for Veterans. Register by emailing theveteranslodge@gmail.com. At the 7Arts Centre 619 Central Ave, Greenwood. *



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Sat. Feb. 14, 7:00pm **Valentine's Day Country Dance** at the Bear River Royal Canadian Legion, 1877 Clementsvalle Rd. Doors open at 6:45pm. Featuring Revelstoke Power Supply & Bill Ricky. Save the date and elope in Bear River! Two country bands are coming from Halifax to celebrate a romantic evening in Bear River. Wear your best bride and groom attire. Admission \$15 or Pay What You Can. Advance tickets at Bear River Grocery.

Sun Feb 15 SOOF Soup Sunday Join Save Our Old Forests at the Centrelea Community Hall (3495 Highway 201) for our February SOOF Soup Sunday! Doors open and lunch is served starting at 12 pm. Shortly after 1pm, Guest Speaker Sadie Beaton will facilitate a conversation about what the Treaties of Peace and Friendship mean today. You can also pick up a belated Valentine for the pottery lover in your life; Ray Mackie's "Seconds" will be available for Pay What You Can (proceeds to SOOF). Free lunch. All Welcome. Donations to the Hall appreciated. saveouroldforests.ca/event/20260215-soupsunday/

FEbruary EVENTS

3 **AGM**
LOUNGE 7.30pm

8 **SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY** LOUNGE 6.30PM
KITCHEN OPEN 6.30- 8.30

14 **JOKERS RIGHT**
VALENTINES DANCE \$15
8pm til Late

20 **KARAOKE**
7pm BAR & KITCHEN OPEN

21 **WINTER CARNIVAL DARTS**
\$60 TEAM of 4
10am BAR & KITCHEN OPEN

27 **PUB NIGHT**
BVFD DRAW NIGHT, FOOD, LIVE
MUSIC 5.30pm - 10.30pm

28 **Cribbage**
DOUBLES TOURNAMENT \$24
12.30pm BAR & KITCHEN OPEN

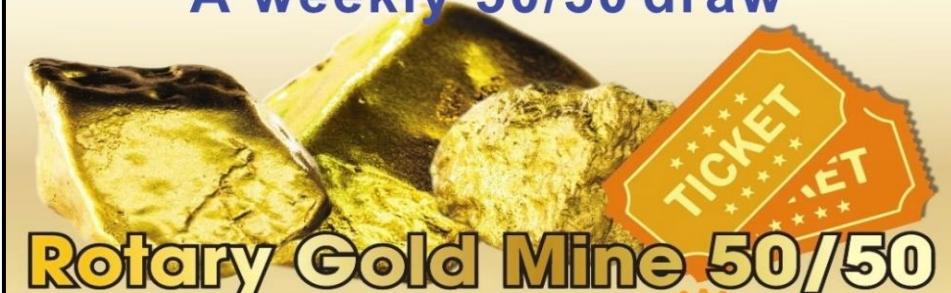
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Sun. Feb. 15, 1-2:00pm **National Flag Day Courtyard Bonfire** at the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens. Gather 'round the bonfire with hot chocolate & marshmallows and sing along to an iconic Canadian playlist. Be sure to wear Red and bring something with a Maple Leaf if you can! Many of you may wish to complete your afternoon in the cozy King's Theatre, enjoying "The Choral", a great film starting at 2pm. The timing will allow you to do both, or you may choose to linger at the Gardens for a while. Lots of options! By donation. 441 St. George St.

Sun. Feb. 15, 5:00pm **Potluck Supper & Dessert Auction**, Round Hill Hall, 1689 Hwy 201, Round Hill, NS. Come on out and meet members of the community, enjoy some delicious food, and bid on delicious desserts! All welcome. Free Will Offering.

Mon. Feb. 16, 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. Feb. 16, 7:00pm The Annual

General Meeting of Twelve Baskets Food

Bank will take place at Nictaux Baptist Church (8836 Highway 201 in Nictaux). This meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Tue. Feb. 17, 9:00am Success Sisters

Networking Breakfast takes place at Digby Irving Big Stop Restaurant. Start your week with meaningful connection, great conversation, and a relaxed networking experience alongside fellow local businesswomen. Each attendee is responsible for her own meal. Learn more at successsisters.ca

Tues. Feb. 17, 4-6:00pm All Saints

Church will be holding a **Shrove Tuesday Supper** in All Saints Church Hall, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston. Cost : \$ 12. Menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, tea & coffee. Dine in / take out!

Tues. Feb. 17, 5-6:30pm The Anglican Parish of Bridgetown is planning a **Shrove**

Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. James Anglican Church, Bridgetown. The menu will feature pancakes and sausage, a light dessert with juice, tea and coffee. The meal will be served between 5 and 6:30pm. A free-will offering will be collected at the door.

Tues. Feb. 17, 10-11:30am Watercolour

& Mixed Media Workshop. Experiment with watercolour and mixed media techniques. This is a guided workshop with artist Jenna. No experience necessary. \$35 per person. Registration is required by emailing info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Tues. Feb. 17, 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. Next Jam March 3.*

Wed. Feb. 18, 4:00pm "Together for Peace", a short service of prayer, meditation and music. Wednesdays at 4pm from February 18 to April 1. All are welcome at St. George and St. Andrew United Church in Annapolis Royal.

Wed. Feb. 18, 6-7:30pm Achieving Good Mental Health Join us at Upper Clements Hall for a clear, grounded conversation on mental health – what it is, why it matters, and how to strengthen it in everyday life. You'll learn practical ways to prevent unnecessary suffering and build resilience, even through winter's challenges. Presented by guest speaker Tim Wall, a therapist, educator and resource developer with over 35 years' experience in the field of post-traumatic stress. Upper Clements Hall, 2951 Hwy 1.

Thur. Feb. 19, 3:00pm Public Information Meeting Middleton residents are encouraged to attend a Public Information Meeting regarding proposed Municipal Planning Strategy/Land Use Bylaw amendments for 18 King Street. In Town Hall Council Chambers, 131 Commercial St. Questions or comments can be sent in advance to ea@town.middleton.ns.ca

Thur. Feb. 19, 6:30-8:30pm Craft & Chat at the Paradise Community Hall. Join us for a cozy and creative gathering held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Paradise Community Hall (10300 Hwy #1, Paradise). Whether you're into knitting, painting, diamond art, scrapbooking, or any other craft - bring your project along and we'll put the kettle on! \$5 per person with all proceeds to help support the hall. *

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Thur. Feb. 19, 7:00pm Trail Meeting The Annapolis County Trails Society (ACTS) will hold a board meeting in the Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Highway 201. This will be the first full meeting of the year, and all members and the public are invited to attend. If you use the Harvest Moon Trail or have any concerns about its use, please come along and join us as we plan for the future of this important recreational trail. For more information, you can call 902-532-5552 or email an.co.tr.so.2025@gmail.com.

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Sat Feb 21 SOOFSTOCK Presents "Music at the Museum"

Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) is excited to invite you to our first concert of 2026: Music at the Museum! We hope you can join us for an afternoon of uplifting harmonies and joyful instrumentals featuring performances from Still River, Lorne Allan & Sue Littleton, and Permanent Resonance. Tickets are Pay What You Can (suggested \$20) at the door. Doors open at 1:30pm and music starts at 2pm. Macdonald Museum (21 School Street, Middleton).

Sat. Feb. 21, 1-1:45pm Monthly Death

Cafe in the Dugua Room at the Annapolis Royal Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Come to One or Come to All. *

Sun. Feb. 22, 1-2:30pm Mickey Hill Park

at Risk - Take Action, at the United Church, 393 St George St, Annapolis Royal. Proposed clear cutting and glyphosate spraying are planned adjacent to Mickey Hill and Lambs Lake, threatening the last intact forest in the area. Join us to learn what's happening, what it means for the community and environment, and how you can help protect this special place. Hosted by the Friends of Mickey Hill

Sun. Feb. 22 St. Luke's Anglican Church

AGM, following the morning service. 360 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

Tues. Feb. 24, 10-11:30am Acrylic

Workshop. Guided by artist Jenna, each participant will be completing an 8x10" canvas acrylic painting. No experience necessary. \$35 per person. Registration is required by emailing info@7Arts.ca. 7Arts Centre, 619 Central Ave, Greenwood.

Tues. Feb. 24, 12:00pm Free Lunch and Fun at Annapolis Royal United Baptist Church, 762 St George Street, Annapolis Royal. Come and join us.

Thur. Feb. 26, 4:30-6:00pm

Lawrencetown and District Lions Club **Community Spaghetti Dinner** at COGS, 50 Elliott Rd. Spaghetti dinner with meat sauce, garlic bread, tea, coffee, juice for kids and a cookie. Gluten free option available. Take out available \$10 adults, \$8 kids under 12. Free for kids under 5.

Thur. Feb. 26, 5:30- 9pm

Join us for the **February New Neighbours of Annapolis Valley** get-together at Lunn's Mill Beer Co., 515 Carleton Rd., Lawrencetown. Come for a drink, order a meal, catch up with familiar faces, or meet someone new. As always, it's casual, relaxed, and everyone is welcome—new to the Valley, lifelong locals, and everyone in between. RSVPs are appreciated, but if you decide last minute to brave the cold, come anyway. We'll be warm inside! rob@robschellenberger.ca

Sat. Feb. 28 BIG CHILL Snowshoe Event

The BIG CHILL offers three challenging distances – 5kms, 15kms & 30kms – set in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. The event, on North Mountain, just outside Middleton, fundraises to support youth-at-risk in Annapolis County and other local endeavours, and is sponsored by GIVETOLIVE.ca. All event facts & sign up link are at www.givetolive.ca/chill

Sat. Feb. 28, 3-8:30pm Crokinole Social

& Tournament, at Lunn's Mill Beer Company, 515 Carleton Rd., Lawrencetown. Kingston Crokinole is hosting another Social and tournament! Social Play, 3-430pm. Tournament, 6-830pm. Reserve by email, kingstoncrokinole@gmail.com There is a \$10 tournament entry fee.

Sun. March 1, 1:00pm Snowshoe /

Winter Walk at Kejimkujik National Park, sponsored by Annapolis county Recreation. Meet at Mill Falls Parking lot (right after Visitor Centre). Join us for refreshments and a fire after the walk. Contact winteractive@annapoliscounty.ca or 902-532-2142 for more info and updates.

Thur. March. 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).

Sun Mar 15 SOOF Soup Sunday Come join Save Our Old Forests at the Centrelea Community Hall (3495 Highway 201) for our March SOOF Soup Sunday! Doors open and lunch is served starting at 12 pm. Shortly after 1pm, Guest Speaker Keith Egger will host a talk about Postfire Mushrooms and what role fungi play in the postfire ecosystem. Ray Mackie's "Seconds" will be available for purchase by donation (proceeds to SOOF). Free lunch. All Welcome. Donations to the Hall appreciated. saveouroldforests.ca/event/20260315-soupsunday/

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Cancer Care - lap-sized blankets

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The blankets will be handed out by volunteers to the patients in palliative care, and in the numerous cancer centre waiting rooms while they wait for treatment. A lap-sized blanket, or "lapghan", is made to fit over a wheelchair or someone in a sitting position. Sizes typically range from 32" to 48" (81-122 cm) wide by 35" to 40" (89-102 cm) in length. There are many patterns to choose from online. A single-bed size blanket is around 65" wide by 90" in length (165 x 228 cm).

If you would like to quilt, knit or crochet a lapghan or blanket for our cancer centre and palliative care patients, please bring your donations to our volunteer coordinator of Cancer Care and Palliative Care, Erin Fair, in Volunteer Services, Room 24, main floor of the Centennial Building, any time from Monday - Friday, 8am - 4pm or to Valley Regional Hospital in Kentville, Chipman Building, Room 622, any time from Monday - Friday, 9am - 3pm

If no one is there when you arrive, or if you can only deliver after these hours, donations can be left outside the office door and will be collected the following business day.

The QEII Foundation will give an in-kind tax donation receipt for a minimum of \$50 of yarn, wool, or fabric purchased to make these lap blankets. Receipts will be issued for the cost of materials, less any taxes paid. You will just need to give your receipts and the following information, along with your donation:

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Heart Valentine's Day Giveaway! Heart

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Anna/Royal: A Valentine's Fellowship Dinner, being held at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall (across from Fort Anne) Wed, Feb 11th at 5:30 pm. **Blessing Box Fundraiser**. \$25 ticket (Only 60 available). Menu: BBQ 1/4 chicken, roasted potatoes, glazed veggies, green salad, rolls, chocolate cake, sparkling juice, tea & coffee. Non-perishable food donations welcomed! Call (902) 532-8797 or email: patriciahiscock@yahoo.ca.

Anna/Royal-Genealogy Coffee Club is turning ONE! Celebrate one year of socializing and story telling with us on Wed Feb 11th from 2 -4 pm at the O'Dell House Museum (Lower St. George St) Cake & Refreshments being served. Donations always appreciated.

Anna/Royal-Galentine's Paint Night, at the Taproom, Thurs, Feb 12th at 6:30 pm.

With host Artist Connie Lowe-Parker. Purchase tickets at the taproom or online

Anna/Royal -Come have Spaghetti Supper at AWEC Cafeteria so the kids can have supper in Venice! Fundraiser for the Travel Club going to Switzerland, Germany, and Venice. Supper is on Fri, Feb the 13th at 6:00 pm. Ticket prices : Adults \$20, Children (under 12) \$10. (I'm SURE they will share with you how excited they are about the trip!) (AWEC= Annapolis West Education Centre on Champlain Drive)

Anna/Royal- The Potting Shed Flowers and Plants are at their NEW location lower St George St. (Right hand side, formerly the Eye-Care building). Open Mon - Fri 10 - 4 pm & Sat. Feb 14th for your convenience. Don't delay...Call today. 532-1442

Bridgetown- Valentine's Dance Sat Feb 14th, 8 pm - 1 am, at Royal Canadian Legion Br #33. \$15 at the door. Tickets call 902-665-2820 Music starts at 9 pm with Joker's Right.

Granville Ferry- You are invited to a Free Community Valentine's Day Spaghetti Supper, being held at #120 Parker Mtn Rd, Sat Feb 14th. 4 - 6 pm. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. (Optional: bring a small foodbank donation) RSVP: susanne2426@gmail.com

Lawrencetown -Lunns Mill Beer Company 19+ Polar Dip is Sun Feb 8th 12 pm - 2 pm, (Prizes for the best Onesie & swimsuit). They also have a Valentine's celebration on Sun Feb 15th 12 - 3 pm. Treat your partner, best friend or your favorite human to a Valentine's brunch experience- supporting Thalia Barn Cat Rescue. \$100 a couple. 50/50 Draw, Raffles, Sponsor - A- Paw. Fun, lighthearted cat themed trivia with prizes. Must be in advance:

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Upper Clements Hall - Welcoming you to visit all the vendors set up on Sat Feb 14th, from 10 - 3 pm. The theme is 'Chocolate'.

Upper Clements Hall will also be hosting a Guest Speaker Tim Wall, Mental Health Expert on 'Achieving Good Mental Health' Wed Feb 18 from 6 - 7:30 pm. You'll learn practical ways to prevent unnecessary suffering and build resilience, even through winter's challenges. Visit UpperClementsHall.ca

Valentines Day- Yuk Yuk's are at the Pine's Resort in Digby, Sat Feb 14th at 8 pm. (HURRY. 60% sold out) \$25 pl tax. Tickets @ www.WeberEntertainment.ca.

- Sunday, March 8th we will spring forward to Daylight Savings.
- Less than 45 days until spring.
- If you would like to donate to the Blessing Box Fundraiser on Feb 11th, but can't make it there, feel free to drop off nonperishable food to the salon anytime, we will get it to them for you.
- ATTENTION Nova Scotians who quilt, knit or crochet, NS Health needs Your help!! Cancer Care - need lap-sized blankets. Palliative Care - need single-bed size blankets. Sizes & drop off info in the next issue or call the salon.



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IN THE MATTER OF:

The Companies Act, Chapter 81, R.S.N.S., 1989, as amended;

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF:

An application by MOOSEHORN MANAGEMENT LIMITED for leave to surrender its Certificate of Incorporation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MOOSEHORN MANAGEMENT LIMITED intends to make an application to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for leave to surrender its Certificate of Incorporation.

DATED this 30th day of January, 2026.

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Fri. Feb. 6, 7:30pm The Heterosexuals (live performance) A deep-dive into the shocking world of Heterosexuality! THEY WALK AMONG US! But where did they come from? And what do they think they're wearing?! Find out in this explosive solo show based on undercover research gathered while posing as one of their own! Combining elements of storytelling, satire, comedy, and deep personal humiliation, The Heterosexuals is here to spill the T on what The Queers really think about The Straights.

The latest solo show from tour-de-force writer/performer Johnnie McNamara Walker has wowed audiences and sold out houses across Canada as well as touring internationally to Ireland and the US, including an Off-Broadway run at The SoHo Playhouse in NYC. Walker is a writer and performer from Toronto who has been producing work for the stage for twenty years. Recommended for audiences 13+. Light cursing and sexual content. Tickets: Adults \$45, Supported \$25, Youth \$15.

Sat. Feb. 7, 7:00pm Song Sung Blue (film, PG) Based on a true story, two down-on-their-luck musicians (Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson) form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band, proving it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams. Tickets: \$11.95 Adult, \$7.95 Youth (under 18).

Sun. Feb. 8, 2:00pm Tong Wang (live performance) Thrilling Canadian pianist Tong Wang is a dynamic artist whose work spans styles, genres, and communities. A prizewinner of the International Chopin Golden Ring Competition and recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal of Performing Arts, she has performed with the Edmonton and Red Deer Symphony Orchestras, toured internationally, and brought music to schools, senior homes, and hospitals.

Beyond the stage, Tong is deeply engaged in social and cultural initiatives. She has led multimedia projects, co-founded innovative ensembles, and launched the Windwood Music Festival to bring chamber music into rural communities. Tickets: Adults \$30, Youth \$10.

Fri. Feb. 13, 7:00pm Private Life / Vie Privée (film) The renowned psychiatrist Lilian Steiner mounts a private investigation into the death of one of her patients, whom she is convinced has been murdered. With Jodie Foster, Daniel Auteuil, Virginie Efira and directed by Rebecca Zlotowski. In French and English. Tickets: \$11.95 Adult, \$7.95 Youth (under 18).

Sat. Feb. 14, 2:00pm Charlie the Wonderdog (film, PG) This heartfelt animated film follows Charlie the Wonderdog (Owen Wilson), a beloved family dog; after discovering his superpowers, he sets out to fulfill his destiny and protect the people he loves—only to learn that real heroism comes from courage, kindness, and believing in yourself. Tickets: \$11.95 Adult, \$7.95 Youth (under 18).

Sun. Feb. 15, 2:00pm The Choral (film, 14A) 1916. As war rages on the Western Front, the Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Coral's ambitious committee, determined to press ahead, decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks. They must also engage a new chorus master, and despite their suspicions that he has something to hide, their best bet seems to be Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) – driven, uncompromising, and recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together. Tickets: \$11.95 Adult, \$7.95 Youth (under 18).



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Annapolis Valley Folk School Events

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Sun. Feb. 15, 2:30pm February's Makers Swap, at 1963 Clarence Road. Get tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/februarys-makers-swap-tickets-1982194330602> For those who are new to the Makers Swaps, this is a simple community gathering where all ages and abilities are welcome and the concept is simple: bring anything you have made with your hands and trade for treasures from others. There is no money exchanged and PERFECTION IS NOT REQUIRED! Just a willingness to share your talents and passion projects with others in the community. Here are a few insights for those new to the Makers Swaps:

- a) All are welcome, bring a friend, and get your tickets on Eventbrite.
- b) Everyone brings what they feel comfortable with giving to the community – there are no limitations or expectations – our definition of fairness is that each person will share within their means and that has always resulted in amazing generosity and abundance.
- c) All items brought to be shared will go on to a common table to get blended in with everything else others are sharing. After spending time getting to know each other, we will go up to take items from the table, one item at a time, until each person decides they have taken enough to be “fair” to the community.

Some popular tradeable items (to get your creative juices flowing): preserves, pickles and jam, kombucha and shrubs, soaps and beauty care items, plants, baked goods, jewellery, leather crafts, wooden carvings, dog toys and treats, paintings and

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drawings, vouchers for service trades like haircuts, massages, and prepared meals... Everything under the sun! If you have any questions at all feel free to post in this event on Facebook or email to avfolkschool@gmail.com

It is also greatly appreciated if you can bring a few pantry items to the swap. Our pantry is increasingly active with many people using it. A few suggestions are crackers, beans, canned pasta, meats, and veggies, apple sauce, fruit cups, macaroni and cheese, pastas and sauces. We were gifted a fridge so milk, cream, margarine, yogurt, cheeses can all be dropped off as well.

If you have any questions reach out to us on facebook [@annapolisvalleyfolkschool](https://www.facebook.com/annapolisvalleyfolkschool) or at avfolkschool@gmail.com or call Maureen at 902 309 0224.

Tues. Feb. 17, 7:00pm Barter Based Session: Mending,

at 1963 Clarence Road. Save your favorite clothes! Learn how to keep your socks and sweaters going for years to come! We will be looking at both invisible and visible darning techniques, with some tips on fun additions like patterns and plaids. Supplies provided, but feel free to bring something(s) you would like to darn, as well as any materials you would like to incorporate into that darning (i.e. yarn that matches the sweater you want to fix). We will be working with samples. Tickets at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-mending-tickets-1982194853165>

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 organic beer, organic bread, cheese, fish, homemade preserves/canned goods, wool fleece/fabric/blankets, fur or leather items or material. If you have any difficulty registering you can send us an email at avfolkschool@gmail.com or messages us on Facebook or call 902 309 0224.

Sat. Feb. 28, 2:00pm Barter Based Session: Spoken

Word Afternoon with Author's Ink, at 3337 Clarence Road. Come on out to welcome our local writers group: Author's Ink! Grab a friend and bring a cup of java to the School House on Clarence for an afternoon of Spoken Word from our very own local Author's Inc group. Get tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-spoken-words-in-the-school-house-with-authors-ink-tickets-1982196942414>

Author's Ink is a group of local writers that are going to come and read excerpts of their writing to us. It will be a great way to spend a winter's afternoon while getting to experience our local talent!

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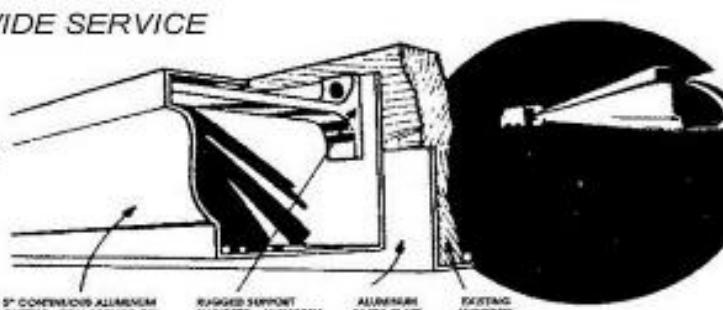
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The planning work will also look at how nature based solutions, such as natural grasses, shrubs and trees, can protect the harbour and the port. Nature-based solutions are one of the most effective ways to protect the coastline and adjacent infrastructure from waves, flooding and erosion.

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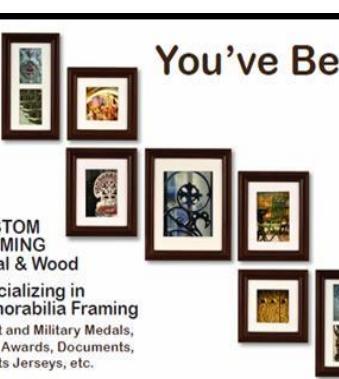
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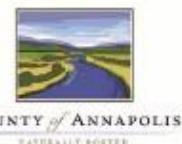
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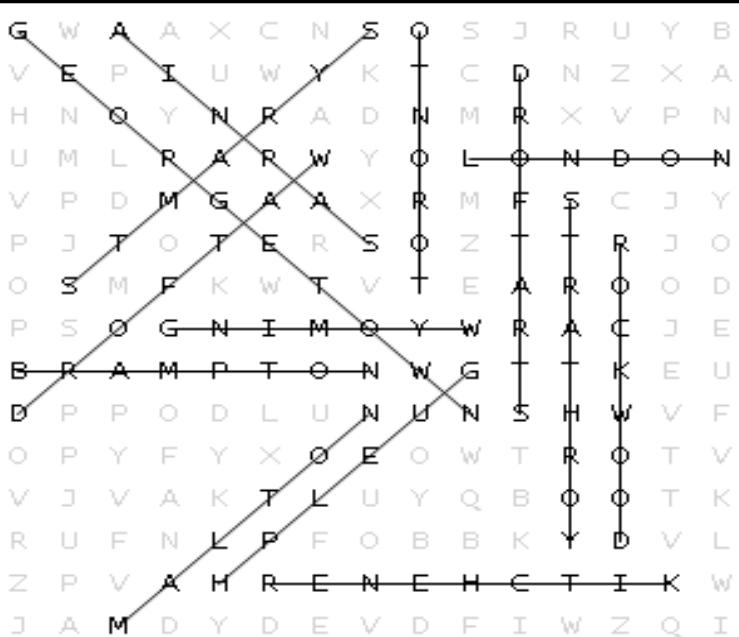
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---Carl Sagan

from Broca's Brain: Reflections on the Romance of Science

Anagrams Answers Puzzle 4

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form another common English word.

Dashed - Shaded
Deadlier - Derailed
Dennis - Sinned
Engrave - Avenger
Freight - Fighter
Inbreathe - Hibernate
Italicised - Idealistic
Marginal - Alarming
Medusa - Amused
Spaniels - Painless

Anagrams Puzzle 5

Rearrange all the letters of each word to form another common English word.

Answers next week.

At once - _____

Backrest - _____

Bleated - _____

Delicatessen - _____

Descent - _____

Incises - _____

Nonesuch - _____

Parchesi - _____

Parleyed - _____

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William Saroyan, from "Short Drive, Sweet Chariot"

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**What "CLOSES US IN?"
Answer: SECLUSION**

"VIA Rail – Toronto to Windsor, with a side to Niagara" Word Search Puzzle

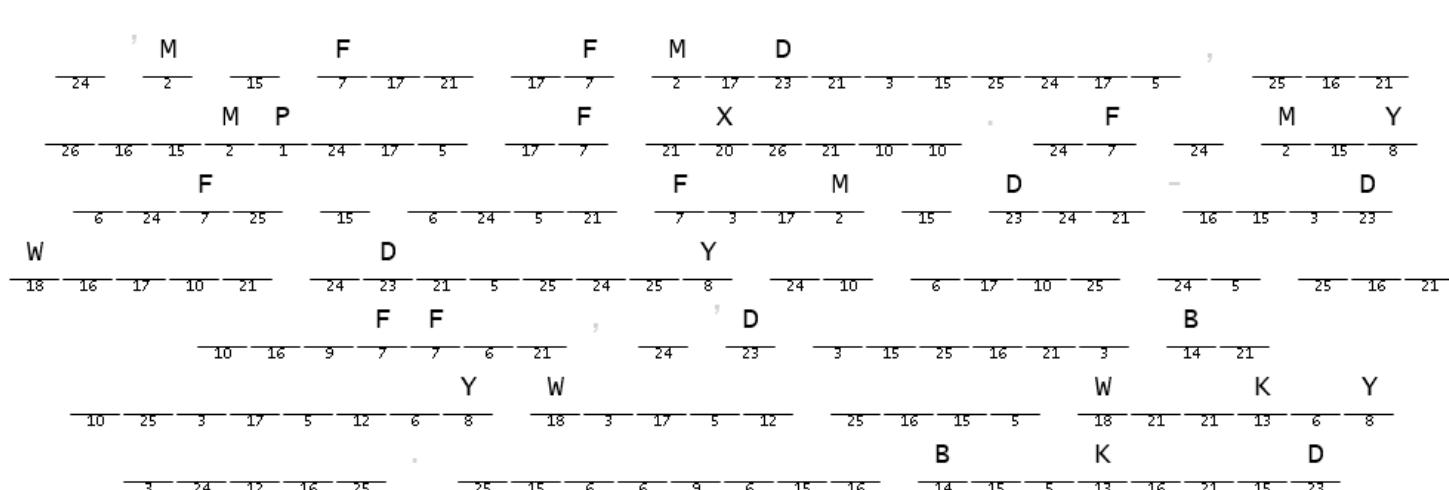
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Find the word or phrase in the puzzle. Words can share letters as they cross over each other. Answer next week.

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"All In" 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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THE CHORAL
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SUNDAY, FEB 15th @ 2:00 PM



IS THIS THING ON?
Will Arnett & Laura Dern navigate midlife divorce in their own way. Directed by Bradley Cooper

FRIDAY, FEB 20th @ 7:00 PM



RUM RAGGED
Newfoundland Trad.
JUNO Award nominees & EMCA winners

SATURDAY, FEB 21st @ 7:30 PM



HAMLET
National Theatre Stage to Screen starring Olivier award-winner Hiran Abeysekera

SUNDAY, FEB 22nd @ 2:00 PM



GIRLS NITE OUT
Comedy Night of Improv & Stand Up featuring Elvira Kurt & Friends

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WOMEN SING THE BLUES
Theresa Malenfant & Kim Doolittle with Scott Medford & John Ebata

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THALEA STRING QUARTET
Vibrant, emotional, dynamic.
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