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Getting to Know: Chris Fertnig, Port Royal Sport Fishing

I believe that I was born a fisherman. No one in my family had a clue about fishing and my parents never even held a fishing rod. From the age of six I was obsessed with fishing and I still am. If anything, my passion for angling has increased. I've been fishing for 50 years and fly-fishing for 38 of those years.

I have a deep affection for Nova Scotia and particularly for the valley and the headwater systems of the Medway and Mersey watersheds. What we have here is very special. The beauty of our forests, rivers and lakes deserve care and protection. I'm a conservationist at heart and I strongly promote catch and release fishing for our wild brook trout (speckled trout), though there's nothing wrong with keeping a couple of tasty 10-12" trout for the pan. With striped bass returning in growing numbers, we are enjoying some great sport on the Annapolis and Bear Rivers. I particularly like fishing for them on a fly rod, but I am happy to take people out using conventional tackle.

My guided trips are walk & wade half-day (4 hrs on the water) or full-days (8 hours on the water). My trout guiding season is April - June and I guide striped bass June through to November. Smallmouths are a blast to fish with a spinning rod or fly rod in the summer months from our square stern canoe. I also return to trout in September. I can outfit clients with all the tackle they require. Food and drinks are provided. I have first aid/CPR training and my guiding certification is completed in May.

I welcome newcomers of all ages and backgrounds to the sport. I always remind people that fish do not care how old you are, what your gender is or what your lifestyle is. Get outside with Port Royal Sport Fishing and enjoy the natural beauty southwest Nova Scotia. Contact: 902-250-0807, portroyalsportfishing@gmail.com, portroyalsportfishing.ca

Auditions for King's Shorts, Festival of 10 Minute Plays

The King's Shorts Festival of Ten Minute Plays, is looking for 19 actors/actresses or aspiring actors/actresses (9 females, ages 20 to 70 and 10 males, ages 20 to 65 and 1 extra male or female (no speaking part) age 20 to 50, no roles for children or teenagers, to perform in eight short plays to be staged during the Festival on June 21, 22 and 23, 2024.

Anyone interested in being cast in one of the Shorts is invited to attend auditions at King's Theatre in Annapolis Royal, 6:30pm. Tuesday, April 9 or 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 13.

Please bring a short (less than 5-minute) prepared piece to read. Additional material will also be available to read to the festival directors.

If you are unable to attend and are still interested in participating or want more information, please contact Verilea Ellis 902-245-2309 or verilea@yahoo.ca

DIY Comedy Tour

Thur. April 11, 8:00pm at Annapolis Brewing Company, 302 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal, featuring comedians who have been on Canada's Got Talent, The Winnipeg Comedy Festival, The Cottage Country Comedy Festival, The LOL Comedy Festival and several stages across Canada and the US. Pricing: \$25 for a single; \$40 for a pair. Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of or online at www.diycomedytour.ca

The Bridgetown Reader is published weekly on Friday by TAR Publishing. The deadline for submissions to our next issue is noon Mon. March 25. Community Events, news and Bulletin Board items are free. Email us at readerpublishing@outlook.com call 902-824-0412, or use the contact forms at www.bridgetownreader.news

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Did you know? In December 2023 the World Health Organization released guidelines for treatment of lower back pain in which it recommends non-surgical interventions, including massage therapy!

Community Calendar

Fri. March 22, 9-11:00am Open House at the Bear River & Area Community Health Clinic, 1112 River Rd., Bear River. Meet members of the community to chat about all things health and wellness and learn about services available to you. Baked goods and healthy snacks, tea and coffee, and a chance at a Gift Basket. Free will donation at the door to help us repair our roof this summer.

Fri. March 22, 12-1:00pm Make a Felt Fox Mug Cozy at the Innovation Lab at the Annapolis Royal Library. Come create a cute felt fox mug cozy! No sewing skills required. Ages 16+. Registration is required. 143 Ritchie St., Annapolis Royal. 902-532-2226

Fri. March 22, 1:30-3:00pm Craft Connections: Junk Art Jewellery- A perfect way to upcycle using scraps of fabric and found objects, we'll make wearable art! All materials supplied, but if you have a few bits and bobs you want to add, bring them along. Hand-sewing is required, all experience levels welcome. For ages 18+. No experience necessary. Registration is required. This event is sponsored by the Bridgetown & Area Friends of the Library. Visit <https://annapolisvalley.librarycalendar.com/event/crafty-connections-junk-art-jewellery-10061> to register.

Fri. March 22, 7:00pm Jam Session every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd.

Fri. March 22, 7-11:30pm Karaoke Night Fundraiser for the MacDonald Museum. Warm up those vocal cords, shake off those winter blues and join us for an evening of fun and music. The Macdonald Museum together with the NSCC Middleton Student Association present Karaoke Night! For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Museum @ 902-825-6116. Tickets \$10. 21 School Street.

Fri. March 22, 7-9:00pm or later Weekly Music - The Annapolis Royal Legion, Branch #21 will host **Pat O'Brien & Paul Ryan.** 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! Chase the Ace is Back! The Chase the Ace Draw on behalf of the Annapolis Royal Community Centre will be held each week at 8pm. All members and guests are welcome!

Sat. March 23, 9am-12:00pm Annapolis Royal Winter Farmers and Traders Market is indoors at the Annapolis Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street, Saturdays until Spring.

Sat. March 23, 9am-3:00pm Come to New Minas for the Spring Edition of the **Annapolis Valley Premiere Antique, Vintage and Collectible Sale.** At the Louis Millet Community complex Civic Banquet Hall, 9489 Commercial Street, New Minas. Info: Kim, 902-385-2238.

Sat. March 23, 10am-3:00pm You are all welcome to come by the **2024 Bridgetown Curling Club's Farmer's Bonspiel** (333 Granville St, Bridgetown). Please join us on Saturday 23rd between 10am and 3pm to watch the games and enjoy refreshments/bar AND bid on silent auction items. The auction will close at 7:00pm on Saturday. The Community is welcome!

Sat. March 23, 12-3:00pm Saulnierville Shoreline Cleanup at the end of Duffy Road. Family friendly. dress for the weather with sturdy footwear. Bags and gloves provided. More info at scotianshores.com and www.facebook.com/ScotianShores/

Sat. March 23, 1:30pm The Good Samaritan Circle will be hosting an Easter-themed time of fellowship and fun. There will be games, puzzles, refreshments, and lots of fellowship. Bring a friend, make some new ones. Everyone is welcome. You can call 902-698-9467 for more information. Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road.

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Sat. March 23, 7:00pm Jam Sessions, every Saturday night at the Litchfield Hall. Come out for an evening of music, fun and refreshments and support the hall.

Sun. March 24, 1-4:00pm Sandy Cove BoF Shoreline Cleanup. Family friendly. Dress for the weather with sturdy footwear. Bags and gloves provided. More info at scotianshores.com and www.facebook.com/ScotianShores/

Sun. March 24, 6:30pm Easter Hymn Sing at Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road, Wilmot. Everyone welcome. Call 782-492-0265 for more information.

Mon. March 25, 1-4 pm Monday Life Drawing Sessions at ARTSPLACE. Mondays, Feb. 5-Mar. 25, \$14 per session. Block pricing available for ARCAC Members: \$96 for 8 sessions. applecart61@aim.com 396 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

Mon. March 25, 7:00pm Choral evensong at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St). Choral Evensong is the sung evening worship service of the Anglican Church based on the monastic tradition. This service will include choral works by Thomas Tallis featuring the new St. Luke's Chamber Choir. Free Admission.

Mon. March 25, 7-8:00pm Annapolis Lions Community Radio Bingo at Annapolis Royal Firehall. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Bingo cards sold at the door \$6 each, 50/50 draw and canteen also. There is lots of amazing prize money to be won as well as double prize amounts on all regular games. Gather some friends and come on out for a fun evening and show your support for your local Lions Club. If you can't make it, then be sure to pick up some cards from local retailers and play from home at avrnetwork.com every Monday night.

Mon. March 25, 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

Tues. March 26, 10am Yoga For All Ages and Levels every Tuesday at Clarence Community Hall, 3337 Clarence Road, 10 to 11am. There will be a free will offering to cover heating costs for the hall. Bring your mat or if you are a chair yoga person they will be available. Also, if you are able a few items for the food pantry that Annapolis Valley Folk School runs in Lawrencetown would be greatly appreciated. Email avfolkschool@gmail.com or call Maureen at 902-825-3070.

Bridgetown Baptist Church Events:

March 24th: Palm Sunday Worship Service at 11 am (Special Easter Music Service)

March 28th: Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service at 6 pm

March 29th: Good Friday Worship Service at 11 am

March 30th: Silent Saturday, the sanctuary will be available for silent prayer from 9 am to noon.

March 31st: Easter Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11 am

Centrelea United Baptist Church Events:

Easter Sunrise Service at 8 am

Easter Breakfast at the Centrelea Hall following the service



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Tues. March 26, 1:30pm Jam Sessions every Tuesday afternoon at Parker Hall, Victoria Vale, across from the church. Come out for an afternoon of music, fun and refreshment and support the Hall.

Tues. March 26, 7:15-10:15 Middleton Legion Bingo Tuesdays at 205 Marshall Street, Middleton.

Wed. March 27, 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.

Wed. March 27, 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. March 27, 10:00am CMHA NS Peer Support Group - Circle of Friends Connections are important for overall mood enhancement and can help us through 'blue' periods as well as during times of isolation. If you'd like to improve your communication skills and improve your ability to connect or just broaden your circle, join Circle of Friends! This virtual peer support group is a safe, confidential place for peers to connect and share their journeys as they offer peer support to one another. Sessions are held each Wednesdays via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome! To register, visit www.novascotia.cmha.ca

Wed. March 27, 3-5:00pm Farmers and Crafters Market, every Wednesday at the Lions Club at 948 Hwy 1, Deep Brook. Local vendors and farmers. New vendors always welcome.

Wed. March 27, 7-9:00pm Crafting Evening at Round Hill Hall every 2nd Wednesday. Bring what you enjoy crafting and show everyone what you know. Drop a donation in our can to help with heating and electric. For more information call Geri 902-532-2948

Wed. March 27, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions-Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome.

Wed. March 27, 7:00pm CMHA NS Men's Peer Support Group Unrealistic expectations based on gender and a lack of suitable mental health options can prevent those who identify as men from honouring their mental health and reaching out for support when they need it. CMHA NS Division's virtual Men's Peer Support group provides a safe, confidential space for those who identify as male to connect without judgement. Sessions are held each Wednesday via Zoom. Newcomers are welcome! To register, visit www.novascotia.cmha.ca Questions? Contact Keith Anderson, Provincial Lead - Peer Support and Community Suicide Prevention at keith.anderson@novascotia.cmha.ca

Wed. March 27, 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. March 28 Easter Bake Sale at Middleton Home Hardware, 47 Commercial St., beginning at 9:00am. Baked items include: Various loaves, Cookies, Squares, Cakes, Bread, and other home-made baked goods. There will also be some craft items for sale. Proceeds in aid of Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary.

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Thur. March 28, 12 4:00pm Greenwood Mall Farmers Market. Every Thursday. Our mission is to promote healthy living by eating, drinking and shopping local! Greenwood Mall.

Thur. March 28, 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service at Bridgetown Baptist Church.

Thur. March 28, 7:00pm Phil Williams presents...Behold, a hope-filled musical presentation and dramatic recitation of the Gospel Story. At Annapolis Royal Baptist Church, 762 St. George Street. Refreshments to follow. Free will offering.

Thurs. March 28, 7:00pm Annual General Meeting - West Dalhousie Community Hall, 4868 West Dalhousie Rd. All welcome to attend.

Fri. March 29, 11:00am Good Friday Service at Bridgetown Baptist Church.

Sat. March 30, 8am-12:00pm Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction Save the Pool Fundraiser at Granville Ferry Community Hall. Support the Annapolis Community Pool with some pancakes and a silent auction. Pre-order tickets. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website at ANNAPOLISPOOL.ORG. Thank you for your support!!!

Sat. March 30, 9am to noon Silent Saturday: the Bridgetown Baptist Church sanctuary will be open for silent prayer.

Sat. March 30, 2-4:00pm Easter Eggstravaganza. Middleton Baptist Church is hosting their annual Easter Eggstravaganza. This event is free for the whole family to come out to enjoy an afternoon of fun! There will be a concert by Matt the Music Man followed with a fun Easter story, Easter Egg hunt and carnival games. There will be free food and refreshments. Enter via School Street entrance.

Sat. March 30, 8:00pm Alana Yorke & Taryn Kawaja, a doubleheader with two exceptional Halifax musicians at Evergreen Theatre. Adults \$35, Members \$25, Military \$30, Students \$20. Available at www.evergreentheatre.ca or 902-825-6834. 1941 Stronach Mountain Rd., Margaretsville.

Sun. March 31, 8:00am Easter Sunday Worship Service to celebrate the risen Lord, at Centrelea United Baptist Church, with Easter Breakfast at the Centrelea Hall following the service.

Sun. March 31, 11:00am Easter Sunday Worship Service at Bridgetown Baptist Church.



Request for Proposal for Promotional Video

This Request for Quotation is for contract services design and the making of a video to promote the Town of Annapolis to healthcare professionals to relocate to the Town with the option of working in their field in the local area.

Proposal Requirements

The Town has received funding to develop a video that will showcase everything that we have to offer from the largest concentration of heritage buildings per capita in Canada, to a theatre and arts centre, award winning gardens, a strong downtown core of businesses, good recreational facilities with several trail systems in the area, and the list goes on. The Town realizes that municipal units are being expected to play a greater role in attracting and supporting healthcare professionals to our area and this video project is the first step in our process. The contractor would be asked to work with the local Annapolis Royal Health Foundation, the ACHC Ladies Auxiliary, Council, Health Care Task Team, and local healthcare workers to get their input on what makes our Town a great place to work, live and play in Annapolis Royal. The video must be a minimum of 10 minutes in length including some testimonials from the groups mentioned above.

Deadline for submissions is Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 4pm.

More information can be found on the Town of Annapolis Royal website: [Request for Proposal for Promotional Video - Town of Annapolis Royal](#)

Tues. April 2, 7-8:30pm You're Invited to the **Centrelea Community Hall's AGM** at Centrelea Community Hall, 3495 Hwy 201. All welcome. Mingling and Refreshments after meeting "Like" our Facebook Page (Centrelea Community Hall) to Learn More About this Mighty Little Hall. See You at the Hall!

Wed. April 3, 2:00pm Clements Historical Society meeting at the Clementsport Legion. Author Blain Henshaw will be present to talk about his new book, Legacy of a Weymouth Woman: A Pioneering Spirit and a Love of Tall Ships. It is the story of the life and times of Lilian May Doty Henshaw, Blain's mother. Lilian Henshaw was a journalist, homemaker, businesswoman, early feminist, and a strong advocate for education. Blain will be signing and selling his book. Everyone welcome. Refreshments served.

Sat. April 6, 8-10:00am Lions Big Breakfast. Pancakes, eggs, hashbrowns, ham, sausages, toast, coffee or tea, juice. And community spirit. Free will offering. All welcome. Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street.

Sat. April 6, 8:30-11:30am Annapolis PC Association is having a **Pancake Breakfast** at the Granville Ferry Community Hall. Price \$15. MLA's will be on hand.

Sun. April 7, 10am-2:00pm Bear River Jumble Sale: Community Yard Sale, at 1913 Clementsvale Road, Bear River. Find a wide variety of collectables, antiques, functional, and novelty items. Contact [BearRiverEvents@gmail.com](mailto: BearRiverEvents@gmail.com)

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Thur. April 11, 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

Sat. April 13, 9-11:00am Pancake Breakfast at St. Luke's! There will be a pancake breakfast in the St. Luke's Church Hall, 340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal. We will serve coffee & tea, pancakes, sausages, fruit sauce, real maple syrup and whipped cream. Cost \$12. Children under 12 are \$5 and free for the under 5's. See you there!

Sat. April 13, 1-3:00pm Book Launch and Signing with Steve Skafte at Lazy Daisy Café, 222 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal. "Light in the Darkhouse" is his latest full-colour coffee table book of photos and prose! Featuring stunning images captured under starlight, moonlight, and even some of the northern lights. Steve is a well-known local artist, with a monthly column in Rural Delivery, regular appearances on TV and radio, and a daily journal he's been sharing online for 16 years. Support the café by grabbing a coffee or snack when you stop by!

Sat. April 13, 4:00pm Choral Evensong featuring joint choirs of the St. Luke's Chamber Choir & The Kings' College Chapel Choir. Choral Evensong is the sung evening worship service of the Anglican Church based on the monastic tradition. This service will include choral works by Thomas Tallis. St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal). Free Admission.

Sat. April 13, 8:00pm JP Cormier, Canada's legendary multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, producer and teacher makes a return visit to the Evergreen Theatre. Tickets: Adults \$40, Members \$30,

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Mon. April 15, 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

Sat. April 20, 2-3:30pm Speaker Claire Jimmison provides an opportunity to learn about dementia and how to reduce your risk of vascular dementia by reducing your risk of stroke. Part of the 2024 Speaker series by the Friends of the Annapolis Royal Library in the Dugua Room at the Annapolis Royal Library, 143 Ritchie Street. All sessions are free. Free will gratefully accepted.

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Sat. May 18, 6:00pm Annapolis PC Association is having a **Roast Pork Dinner** at the West Dalhousie Community Hall. Price \$25. Silent Auction, 50/50 and cash bar. There will be a guest speaker and MLAs on hand. Tickets call 902 665-2019 or 902 825-4327.

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 Tuesday - Library open 1-3pm. Jackie @ 902-340-0007
 Zumba 6:30 - 7:30 \$5 per session Wendy @ 902-532-7736
 Wednesday - Keep Fit and Healthy Classes 8:45-9:45am
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 Thursday - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 8am weigh in and 8:30
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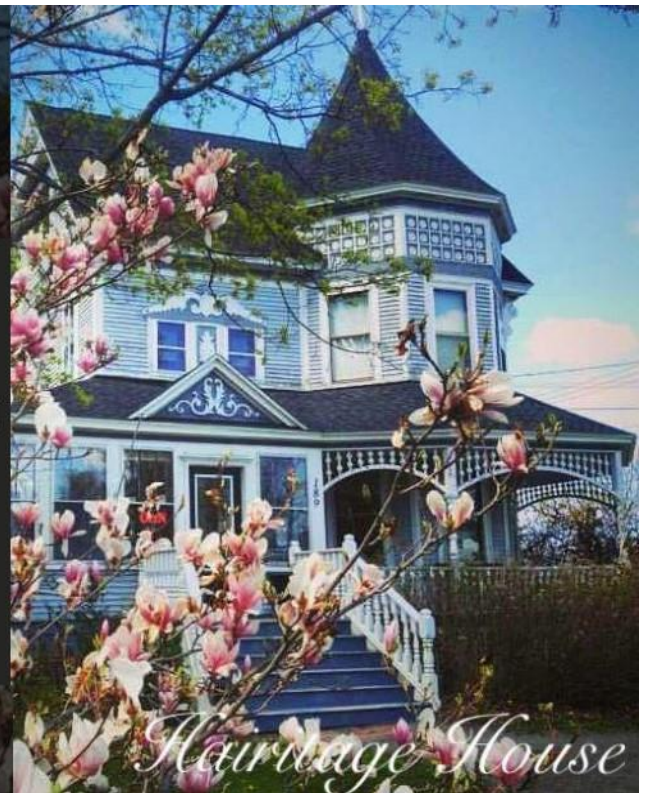
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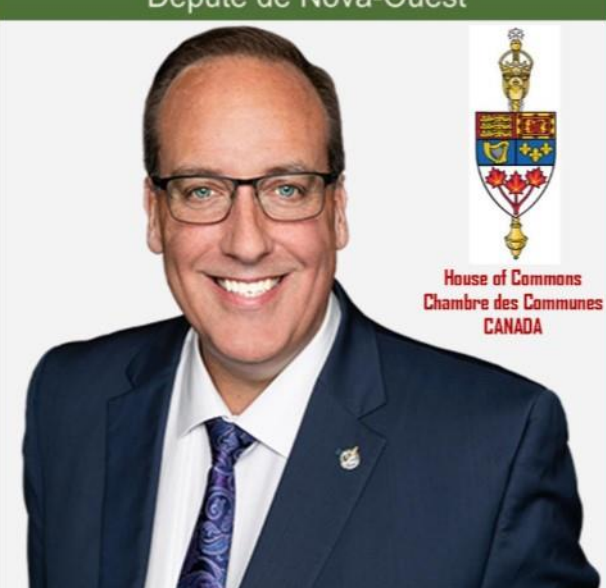

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Mon. March 25, 7pm – Choral Evensong at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St) – A service of Evening Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (1962)

Tues. March 26, 7pm – Stations of the Cross - at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St). A chance to move from station to station in the church and pray at each as we re-trace the path Jesus walked from Pilate's house to Calvary and to death on the Cross.

Wed. March 27, 10am - Said Eucharist - at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St).

Wed. March 27, 7pm– A Service of Tenebrae - at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St). Tenebrae is Latin for “darkness”. In this service we will gradually extinguish lights until only one remains. Even that light is hidden to symbolize the triumph of evil. Christ has died. We are not left with evil, however as the last symbol of the service is to remind us of the earthquake at the time of resurrection and then the re-appearance of the light that was hidden.

Thur. March 28, 7pm – Maundy Thursday - at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St). We remember the institution of the Eucharist by our Lord Jesus on his last earthly Passover Meal and his subsequent betrayal.

Fri. March 28, 10am – Good Friday - at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St) A somber service remembering the death of Jesus at Calvary.

Sat. March 30, 8pm – Easter Vigil - at St. Luke's Anglican Church (340 St. George St). We start in darkness. A fire is lit to remind us of how Christ has been present from the beginning of all creation. From that fire the paschal candle and then our own tapers are lit. We hear the stories of our redemption and celebrate Christ's Resurrection. A glorious wave of sound from bells to other instruments during the singing of the Gloria reminds of the joy of the resurrection. We end the evening with Eucharist.

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- Wednesday March 27th, 7pm- A Service of Tenebrae
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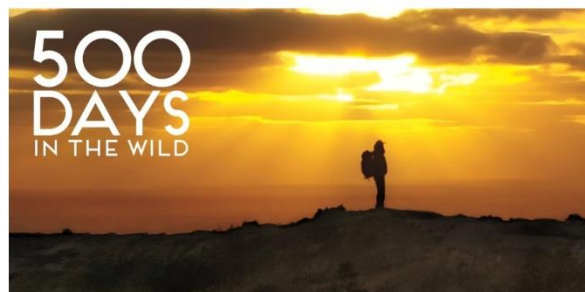
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The Parish of Bridgetown, Anglican Church Service Schedule

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11:00AM: St. James, Bridgetown

March 27, 2024
Celtic Service, Anointing of Healing
7PM: St. James, Bridgetown

March 28, 2024
Maundy Thursday Service
with the washing of hands
11AM: St. James, Bridgetown

March 29, 2024
Good Friday Services
11:30AM: St. James, Bridgetown
2:30PM: St. Mary's Belleisle

March 31, 2024
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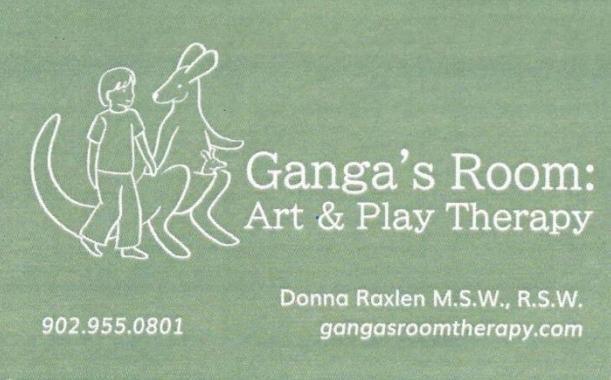
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We hope you'll join us as we are trying to fill 2 jars at our salon with community donations. Together... we CAN make a difference! 2 names will be drawn from the donation entries on Sat May 11th (day before Mothers Day) 1 for the Town Community Pool and 1 for the Grant Potter Park (lower St. George St) (they need to raise \$10,000 for phase 1 with swings n' other playground equipment.)

Annapolis Boutique Lash n' Nails- accepting new clients Call 1-403-809-4793, located 27 Church St. Pedicures to Manicures.

Baby 'Boy' wristband- found in Wilmot. Mother is listed as Mrs. Janice McQuire. Kelly Reinhart posted on FB.

Batteries?- Did you know- Annapolis HH has a battery recycling program. Put them in a bag, seal it and drop it in, it's that easy. Lequille Pizza also has a bucket to drop off your old batteries as well.

Lawrencetown Depot site is also a battery drop off station.

Bridgetown- Junction Sixteen has reopened after their winter break.

Bridgetown Curling Club - is hosting a bonspiel on Sat March 23, welcome to watch the games and bid on silent auction items 10 - 3 p. The auction closes @ 7 pm Sat.

Bushel & Barrow- 4720 Granville Ferry. Call Robyn and see what she's got in stock, 902-526-2779 Tues - Sat 11 am - 5 pm. There is Thai food, sour dough, bread & baguettes, fresh sprouts and salad greens. Jams n' jellies. Even sugar-free jelly!

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Did you know... You can get cheese curds in Anna/Royal. Port Royal Cheese.

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Easter Crafts & Collectibles Sale- Sat March 30th from 9 am - 1 pm at the Annapolis Legion Com. Centre (66 Victoria St.) The town is going to be HOPPING!

Easter Eggstravaqanza- events all morning at the Annapolis Fire Hall, BIG HUNT @ 1:30 at the Historic Fort Anne, back to the Fire Hall for a dance PLUS an EGGSCCELLANT chance to drop off all those plastic eggs! You can ALSO leave them at WEASY'S HAIR SALON outside the front door in the tote boxes provided for you, with many thanks!

ATTENTION all entries for egg decorating contest, date is extended until WED, March 27th.

Decorate an egg, take a picture, email it with your name and age. Email your entries to easterinar@gmail.com. A random draw on March 30 around 3 pm at the Fire Hall. IF you had offered to fill plastic eggs and weren't called, don't be offended, I'm hearing some kitchen parties happened with a lot of people and progress.

Happy 4th Anniversary to The Red Onion - Annapolis Royal.

Happy 2nd Anniversary Slopes & Cycles Bicycle Shop, Bridgetown Sale until March 30.

Happy 110th Anniversary to the Annapolis Royal Train Station (March 12, 1914)

Hot Cross buns are being baked at Double D Bakery, Granville Ferry. HOT \$5 lunch specials. The DD Cafe is open Wed- Sat 8 - 2pm, Sun 9 - 2 p. Ice cream is back!

IF your garbage day is normally Friday March 29th...it is scheduled for Sat March 30th.

Lazy Daisy Cafe- in Annapolis Royal, is opening soon, they have a Book launch & signing by Steve Skafte on Saturday April 13th from 1 -3 pm.

Lequille Depot is Open Tues - Friday 9am - 3:45 and Sat 9 am - 2:45. Did you know you can leave the caps on the bottles now.

Middleton-Home Hardware - is hosting an Easter Bake Sale & Crafts on THURS March 28th, proceeds go to Soldiers Memorial Health Auxiliary. BYOB... Bring Your Own Bags!

Middleton- Allans @ 166 Commercial St, is Hiring! bring resume & cover letter or email a copy to Martin@awallen.com

Natal Day Meeting- Mon March 25 @ Mad Hatter Wine Bar @ 4 clock. Anna/Royal

Paint Event Fundraiser - for 'Cats for Keeps' Sun April 7 @2 pm Mad Hatter Wine Bar Register NancyComeau28@Gmail.com 902-247-1900.

Paradise-Calling all crafters! - Craft supply & De-Stash Sale & Tea Sat April 27 10 - 3 pm Paradise Hall #10300 Hwy #201. Bring cash 4 lunch: sandwiches and sweets plate, Tea/ Coffee* scent free please. Email paradisevillagequilters@gmail.com Bring Bags.

Round Hill Hall- Easter Turkey & Fixings Tickets \$5. Send: \$5 roundhillhall@gmail.com Draw date is Fri, March 22.

Wed March 27 is their crafting evening (every 2nd Wed) Call Geri 902-532-2948. Donations \$2 to drop in the can for heat & elec. Thank YOU. Potluck is Sat Mar23 @ 5

Spring Clean up is April 9 - 19 on your regular garbage day.

Save the Anna/Pool- Bottle drive-Sat April 20- if you are unable to store the bottles you'd like to donate, drop them off at the back of our salon and we'll hoard them until the bottle drive on Sat April 20th from 10 - 2 pm at the Annapolis Royal Fire Hall.

Save The Pool Pancake Breakfast- Granville Ferry Hall, reserve your time of arrival & pay online @ www.fundraise.teamlinkt.com/annapolis.../1877753 PLUS they are having a silent auction & 'Grand in the Hand' (Pay \$20 per square and you have a chance to win \$1000.)

St. Luke's Anglican Church - St. George St. (Anna/Royal) -St. Luke's also has a Pancake Breakfast planned for Sat April 13th @ 9 - 11 am in the church hall. Cost is \$12. Remember the tree out front with hats n' mittens? That project will be upgraded in the spring. Thank you to those who donate and keep it going, and happy it helps those in need.

Tickets for 'Hearts for Hospice Gala'- you can call 902-532-8148

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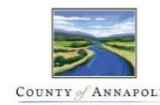
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For Sale: Dish cabinet with contents, 74" H x 50" W, \$450. Large glass top deck table with 4 chairs and cushions. Like new, \$250. Wooden picnic table, \$80. 902-825-4655 (no voice mail or text, please)

For Sale: Registered massage therapist selling office and home contents: 2 massage tables: 1) portable like-new condition in carrying case, 2) office "Oakworks" table. Also: set of Maternity massage cushions (new) in carrying case, wall charts, anatomical models - skull & brain, also sacrum. Self-help items: Lite Box, "Sun Ancon" Chi Machine, Inversion frame, "Jaclean" foot massager. Located in Annapolis Royal. Email to: moving.sale.royal@gmail.com or call (902) 532-2503 and leave message for appointment. Sale is on until March 28.

For Sale: Four pairs cowboy boots, size 7. 12 country & western LP's. Yamaha keyboard, like new. Christmas village display with a number of buildings. Pair size 8 work boots with carbon fibre toes. 902-825-4523

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For Sale: Various antiques including Kerosene Lamps, Clocks, Crocks, small spinning wheel, 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.

For Sale: Savage Mod. 99, lever rifle with new scope. Excellent condition. \$495. Winchester pump, 12 ga. Shot gun with rifle sights. \$350. Browning Pat., Ranger, 12 ga. Pump. Good condition. \$225, as is. Hopkins & Allen Falling block rifle, 32 rim fire. Good condition. Pat. Date 1895. \$195. Hopkins & Allen 16 ga., Falling Block shot gun. Pat. Date 1888. Very good condition. \$195. Phone or text 902-824-1849

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For Sale: Several pieces of art: 5 deGarthe, all framed, 1 signed plus a book about deGarthe; 3 Lincolns; 1 Frank Carson; plus other assorted pieces. Collector books, mostly military history. 1Royal Dalton figurine. Tempo Fold-away treadmill, hardly used, great machine. Several hand braided mats left. Handmade canes and walking sticks. Email w2maceachern@gmail.com

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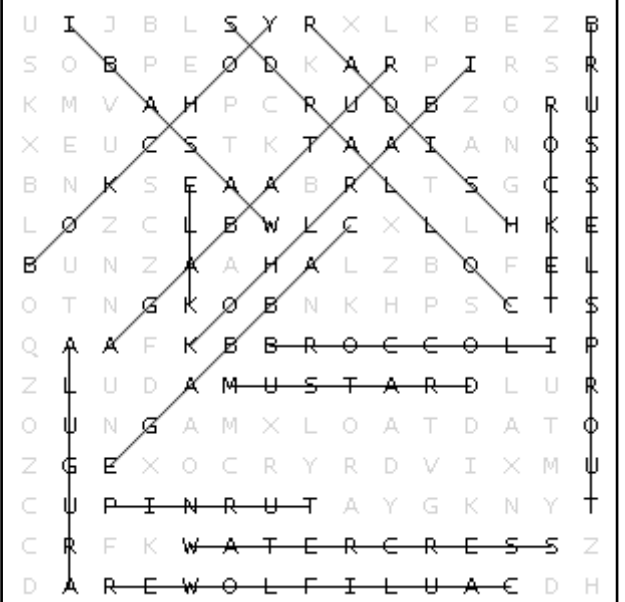
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Year-Over-Year % Change	-23.3%
Residential Average Price	\$347,610
Year-Over-Year % Change	2.6%
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Residential Sales	10,333
Year-Over-Year % Change	-17.2%
Residential Average Price	\$423,804
Year-Over-Year % Change	2.9%

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- Habitat destruction from coastal development
- Sea-level rise
- Pollution from runoff
- Invasive species

Conservation

- Restoration & conservation projects
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- Active community involvement & education

Fun Fact
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Fri. March 22, 7:00pm Ordinary Angels (film, PG) Based on a remarkable true story, *Ordinary Angels* centers on Sharon Steves (Hilary Swank), a fierce but struggling hairdresser in small-town Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed Schmitt (Alan Ritchson), a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels. Directed by Jon Gunn. Tickets: 10.95 adults, 6.95 youth.

Sat. March 23, 7:30pm Mad About March Cabaret (live performance) This crazy little Community Cabaret directed by Dany Rousseau and featuring amazing local talent, is taking the words "March Madness" and running with them. No, not down the court to the basket, but to the King's Theatre stage! This cabaret will feature songs & performances centered around turning wild, letting loose, and going mad. So, let loose your wild side, spring into song, and come lose yourself in the music! Want to participate? Contact King's Theatre for details. Tickets: \$20 Adults. \$5 Youth.

Sun. March 24, 3:00pm Florencia en la Amazonas, a Met Opera Stage to Screen presentation. Sung in Spanish (with sub-titles) and inspired by the magical realism of Gabriel García Márquez, Mexican composer Daniel Catán's 1996 opera tells the enchanting story of an opera diva who returns to her native South America to perform at the legendary opera house of Manaus—and to search for her lost lover, who has vanished into the jungle.

The Met premiere stars soprano Ailyn Pérez as Florencia Grimaldi, with Yannick Nézet-Séguin on the podium to lead a spellbinding new production by Mary Zimmerman that brings the mysterious and magical realm of the Amazon to the Met stage. A distinguished ensemble of artists portray the diva's fellow travelers on the river boat to Manaus, including soprano Gabriella Reyes as the journalist Rosalba, bass-baritone Greer Grimsley as the ship's captain, baritone Mattia Olivieri as his enigmatic first mate, tenor Mario Chang as the captain's nephew Arcadio, and mezzo-soprano Nancy Fabiola Herrera and baritone Michael Chioldi as the feuding couple Paula and Alvaro. Tickets: Adult \$15.95, Youth Free.

Thur. March 28, 7:00pm Dune: Part Two (film, PG) Paul Atreides unites with Chani and the Fremen while on a warpath of revenge against the conspirators who destroyed his family. Facing a choice between the love of his life and the fate of the known universe, he endeavors to prevent a terrible future only he can foresee. Directed by Denis Villeneuve and starring Timothée Chalamet, Zendaya, Rebecca Ferguson, Javier Bardem, Josh Brolin, Austin Butler, Florence Pugh, Dave Bautista, Christopher Walken, Léa Seydoux, Stellan Skarsgård, Charlotte Rampling. Note: run time is 2 hrs. 46 min. Tickets: 10.95 adults, 6.95 youth.

Sat. March 30, 10:00am Brave (free Easter film, animated, PG) Merida (Kelly Macdonald), the impetuous but courageous daughter of Scottish King Fergus (Billy Connolly) and Queen Elinor (Emma Thompson), is a skilled archer who wants to carve out her own path in life. Her defiance of an age-old tradition angers the Highland lords and leads to chaos in the kingdom. Merida seeks help from an eccentric witch (Julie Walters), who grants her an ill-fated wish. Now, Merida must discover the true meaning of courage and undo a beastly curse before it's too late. Free, no advance tickets; general admission at the door.

Sat. March 30, 7:00pm Kim Doolittle and The Doctors (live performance) Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller and Recording Artist, Kim Doolittle is bringing her Show "50 Years a Singer" to Kings Theatre. This self proclaimed "Road Scholar" will bring a retrospective of her storied musical journey, starting in The Annapolis Valley in the 70's that has spanned decades Land and Sea. She is influenced by Roots, Blues, Gospel, and Maritime Folk. Interspersed with her Original Music, she will include an Homage to The Great Girl Singers who inspired her from Janis Joplin, Heart, Bonnie Raitt, Patsy Cline, Joni Mitchell, Bette Midler, and Tina Turner to name a few. She has come full circle to her Maritime Roots and is looking forward to sharing her Muse on the boards of Kings with her band "The Doctors". The Doctors: Tom Bona, drums; Donnie Donahue, guitar; Kev Corbett, bass; Alex Constable, sax & flute; John Ebata, keyboard. Tickets: Adults \$30, Youth \$5.

Annapolis Valley Folk School Events

The following are barter-based events. If this is your first time attending a barter-based skills-trade 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. Preferred items are noted for each session. Registration and a ticket are required. For more info and link to Eventbrite find Annapolis Valley Folk School on Facebook. There is no fee associated with this ticket but please do not just indicate "coming" on the event - we've found this is not an accurate capture of attendees. If you have any difficulty registering, you can send us an email to avfolkschool@gmail.com or Annapolis Valley Folk School on Facebook.

March's Makers Swap

Mon. March 25 6:30pm at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence.

GET A TICKET ON EVENTBRITE, <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/marchs-makers-swap-tickets-845848484587?aff=oddtcreator>

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, grown or a service you have to offer 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 always results 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 trade able 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 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. Located at 43 Lawrencetown Lane. A few suggestions are crackers, canned pasta, meats, and veggies, rice, 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 or at avfolkschool@gmail.com or call Maureen at 902 825 3070.

Barter Based Session: Acrylic Pour Painting: Wed. April 3, 7pm at Clarence Hall, 3337 Clarence Road, Clarence. Remember when you were a kid and you played in paint? Express your inner artist with Acrylic Pour Painting with its free flowing style and no formal training required. Bring a willing spirit, and a desire to have fun amid a profusion of Colour and canvas, for you to take home and enjoy as your creation. Join Kim as she guides us through this exciting art form. Once you have your tickets you will receive an email with the items required for the class.

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Rotary Gold Mine 50/50

A weekly 50/50 draw where the proceeds support Rotary projects and local charities.

How it Works

Register at a Vendor. Play before noon Friday by:

- 1) Placing a yellow sticker on a toonie with your registration number and depositing it in the Rotary box at the Vendors location.
- 2) Placing a cash bill (min. \$10) or a cheque in an envelope provided by the Vendor. Include your name and registration number on the envelope and place the completed envelope in the Rotary Box. Note: \$10 will cover you for the upcoming 5 draws (a "prepayment"). The weekly draw is made from the registered numbers.

Participating Vendors

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 - Needs (Kingston)
 - Greenwood UltraMar
- Aylesford**
 - Needs
- Auburn**
 - Berl's Kwik-Way

Again, Thank you for supporting our work! You are helping to make a difference in your community.
 -Rotary Club of Middleton

www.rotaryclubofmiddleton.com All players must be 19 years of age or older. Licence# AGD- 100451-24

Get your tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-acrylic-pour-painting-tickets-865478829477?aff=>

Our facilitator's preferred items are: Fabric, veggie seeds, house plants, wool, paint supplies(canvas' and paint), old relic musical instruments, fabrics.

Barter Based Session: Needle Felting: Fri. April 12, 7pm at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence. More Details to follow.

Barter Based Session: Introduction to Cross Stitch: Wed. April 24, 6:30pm at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence. Come and learn about the slow but satisfying art of cross stitch - everything you need to make a little Lighthouse greeting card will be supplied. Tickets available here on April 14th, <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/barter-based-session-introduction-to-cross-stitch-tickets-862311586167?aff=>

Our facilitator's preferred items are: any baked goods, seeds for the garden, wine, coffee.

<p>Related to Chocolate Word Search Puzzle</p> <p>Almond Brownie</p> <p>Candy Caramel</p> <p>Cocoa Coconut</p> <p>Cookie Dessert</p> <p>Fudge Ganache</p> <p>Hazelnut Mousse</p> <p>Nougat Pastry</p> <p>Temper Truffle</p> <p><i>Find the word or phrase in the puzzle. Words can share letters as they cross over each other. Answer next week.</i></p>	N	D	F	B	F	X	T	E	E	T	P	O	C	E	Q	F	L	A
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Seedlings Calendar

(courtesy Fafard Gardening Products, www.fafard.ca) Zones 5b to 6b

Legend

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	Week	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4					
Beet																																	5 to 7	65 to 80			
Broccoli																																	10 to 12	75			
Carrot																																	7 to 10	65			
Celery																																	7 to 21	95			
Cauliflower																																	4 to 7	65			
Cabbage (headed or kale)																																	4 to 7	30 to 50			
Cucumber																																	3 to 10	55			
Zucchini																																	6 to 10	45 to 60			
Spinach																																	5 to 12	45			
Herbs																																	5 to 21	90			
Bean																																	5 to 12	50 to 65			
Lettuce																																	2 to 10	35 to 55			
Onion																																	4 to 5	100			
Pepper																																	6 to 8	65 to 80			
Leek																																	5 to 7	95			
Radish																																	4 to 8	30			
Tomato																																	5 to 8	55 to 90			

"Messengers" Cryptoquote: Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter. Answer next week.

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