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Road Closure/Detour Alert Update, Hwy 1

Due to Culvert Replacement that started on Monday, November 4, 2024, Trunk 1 at Cornwallis Park, (Near Frank and Dora's Take Out) is closed and completely impassable and traffic is being detoured. The original anticipated completion date was mid-December, however, on December 10 NS Public Works issued an update.

- Due to unforeseen impacts, primarily caused by weather-related challenges, the project's completion timeline has been extended. The new anticipated completion date is **February 15, 2025**.

- During this time, the current detour route will remain in place until the project's completion. Nova Scotia Public Works understands the inconvenience this may cause and appreciates your patience and understanding as they work to ensure the safety and quality of the final roadway.

- Nova Scotia Public Works is committed to completing the project as efficiently as possible while prioritizing safety and long-term reliability. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. For further updates, please visit Nova Scotia 511 <https://511.novascotia.ca/>

Detour Information: Detour route will be marked.

- Burns Hill Road to Waldeck Line Road, Shaw Road, Clementsport Road, back to Trunk 1.

- Trucks over 49,500kg to take Highway 101 at exits 22 or 23 and remain on Trunk 8 or Trunk 1.

This alert will remain in effect until the road re-opens but is expected to end February 15, 2025. Visit Nova Scotia 511 for details at 511.novascotia.ca

Drivers need to follow detour signs or use alternate routes and should plan extra time for travelling.

The Bridgetown Reader is published weekly on Friday by TAR Publishing. The deadline for submissions to our next issue is noon Monday Jan. 6. The Bridgetown Reader is available night and day, 7 days a week at www.bridgetownreader.news

AVRL Now Offering Kanopy

Valley residents can now get free access to thousands of movies with an Annapolis Valley Regional Library user's card. Kanopy is a streaming service with access to thousands of films, documentaries, and television shows. Its selections include film festival winners, classic cinema, foreign films, and much more.

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Find the link and more information at <https://valleylibrary.ca> or visit or visit valleylibrary.kanopy.com.

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL) is one of the nine regional public library systems in Nova Scotia. AVRL serves a population of just over 101,000 in Annapolis County, Kings County and the West Hants Regional Municipality with eleven branch libraries, Borrow By Mail service, and downloadable eBook and audiobook service. The Same Page service allows patrons to search and borrow library items from 8 of the 9 regional libraries in Nova Scotia.

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library is governed by a Board of Directors that consists of municipal and provincial representatives.

Over the past year Same Page usage grew by 20% with AVRL users borrowing over 157,000 items. From 2023 to 2024 there were 4,000 new memberships. One in five residents in the Annapolis valley are active library users. 2024 saw an overall increase of 5% in library usage.

Best Wishes to everyone from our family at The Bridgetown Reader and TAR Publishing. Thank you for your support during 2024. A big Thank You to our advertisers, who keep us going, and to the businesses who kindly allow us to distribute The Reader through them. See you in the New Year!



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Thank You

The Bridgetown Food Bank volunteers, wish to extend a very sincere appreciation to all who made it possible in 2024, for us to help so many in need.

A special thank you from our management team to you who volunteered personal time, and just as importantly all to those who made food or cash donations.

We would like to wish, everyone a Very Merry Christmas, while recognizing how blessed we are to live in a community that cares about others.

The Bridgetown Reader Publication Schedule

The Reader will take a two week break over the holidays. Our last issue of 2024 will publish on December 20. The Reader returns on January 10, 2025 with a submission deadline of noon Monday January 6. You can still call or email us during the break, and we will gladly answer your questions or accept items for inclusion when we resume. Thank you and best wishes.

Community Calendar

Fri. Dec. 20, 9:30-11:30am (No sessions over the Holidays. We return Jan. 10)
Family Matters (the Annapolis County Resource Center) in conjunction with Dawn Scott is offering a free, confidential, adult **Mental Wellness Peer Support Group** each Friday morning at Family Matters (10 Middle Road, Lawrencetown). Childcare will be available. Please contact dawnscott61@gmail.com or jencfamilymatters@gmail.com for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Fri. Dec. 20, 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. Dec. 20, 5:30-10:30pm Pub Night at the Bridgetown Legion. Last Pub Night of the year. Mrs. Claus will be serving dinner. Meat Draw; Sports Hall of Fame Draw. Music by Tyra Brennon Duo. Music starts at 6:30. Kitchen open 6-8pm. 20 Jeffery St.

Fri. Dec. 20, 6-7:00pm Yoga with Esme Endres every Friday night from 6-7 at Brickton Community Hall, 12062 Hwy 1. *

Fri. Dec. 20, 7:00pm Jam Session every Friday Evening at the Youngs Cove Community Hall, 5407 Shore Rd. *

Fri. Dec. 20, 7:00pm Community Carol Sing at St. Luke's: Come out for our annual Christmas Carol Sing, followed by cider and cookies in the church hall! St. Luke's Church 340 St. George St. Annapolis Royal. Please bring a small, unwrapped toy or Christmas treat and wear your most festive Christmas sweaters! These will be put in the Blessing Box outside the church for those who in need who have children but cannot afford many extra things at Christmas. Hope to see you there!

Fri. Dec. 20, 9:30pm-1am The Legion is where you'll want to be for a fun filled evening of **Karaoke with Kelly!** Wear your favorite festive sweater! 50/50 draw close to the end of the evening. A great way to kick off the Holiday's. Lawrencetown Royal Canadian Legion, 490 Main Street.

Sat. Dec. 21, 9am-12pm Annapolis Royal Farmers and Traders Winter Market at the Annapolis Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street. Indoors weekly until Spring.

Sat. Dec 21, 10am-12 noon Get ready to **celebrate the birth of Jesus with crafts, story & songs.** Please register your children by calling or texting Rachel at 1-902-222-0824. At St James' Anglican Church corner of Granville and Church Streets in Bridgetown.

Sat. Dec. 21, 12-3:00pm 5th Annual Holiday Tourtiere Takeout @ Lower Granville Hall (3551 Granville Rd., Port Royal). Tickets are now on sale at The Red Onion Market and Weasy's Hair Salon until sold out. Ticket sales are non-refundable and cash only, \$30. This year features your choice of an authentic Acadian meat pie OR a Vegan Mushroom Lentil Pie, both pies have a delicious homemade crust. These large 1.36K/3 lb. pies serve 6 to 8. Pre-sales only. Pick up your frozen pies at the Lower Granville Hall, from 12 -3 p.m. on Saturday, the 21st of December. Limited quantities of our Cookies in a Jar Kits (\$20) will be available at pickup.

Sat. Dec. 21, & Sun. Dec. 22, 12-4:00pm Join us for **Christmas at the Station** at the Middleton Railway Museum. Enjoy our model railway that depicts railways in the Annapolis Valley from Windsor to Torbrook to Deep Brook. Watch for our special Christmas Train as it traverses the Valley. Evening visitors will enjoy the illuminations on our full-size steam locomotives and caboose. Groups are encouraged to call ahead for reservations, 902 825-6062. 61 School St., Middleton.

Sat. Dec. 21, 1-3:00pm Meet Andy Tolson, local author of the new middle-grade fantasy series, The Quests of Tiny Wilde, about a young giant who joins forces with a mermaid and a gnome to rescue their stolen magic. Andy will be signing copies of book one of the series, How to Kidnap a Mermaid, and he loves to talk to young readers about writing and stories. Endless Shores Books, 279 Granville St., Bridgetown.

Sat. Dec. 21, 6:30pm Blue Christmas Service at Wilmot Baptist Christian Fellowship Centre, 208 Dodge Road, Wilmot. A service of hope and healing for those who struggle to find joy and peace at Christmas. Call 782-492-0265 for more information.



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HOLIDAY HOURS

The Municipal Office (Annapolis Royal) will be closed from Tuesday, December 24th, 12:00pm (Noon) to Wednesday, January 1st. Normal business hours will resume on Thursday, January 2nd, 8:30am.

The Municipal Office (Middleton) will be closed from Friday, December 20th to Wednesday, January 1st. Normal business hours will resume on Thursday, January 2nd, 8:30am.

If the event of a public works emergency, please call 1-844-944-4074.




Merry Christmas



WARDEN'S HOLIDAY GREETING

On behalf of Council and Staff, may this holiday season bring you peace and joy. Wishing you love, laughter, and a happy and prosperous New Year in 2025.

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8:30 pm at All Saints Anglican Church, 521 Pleasant St., Kingston

Christmas Day Service Wed Dec 25th 10:00 am Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 45 Main St., Middleton

Corpus Christi Parish schedule of Christmas Masses in our local area:

Christmas Eve
6pm St. Louis Church, Annapolis Royal,
8pm St. Monica's Church, Middleton

Christmas Day:
11am St. Alphonsus Church, Bridgetown
Wishing everyone a Joyous Christmas Season and the very best of God's blessings in the New Year.

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Sunday Dec 22 nd	Public Skate	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Dec 25 th	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Thursday Dec 26 th	Boxing Day	
Friday Dec 27 th	Adult Skate Public Skate	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Dec 28 th	Kinder Pre-Skate Public Skate Adult Skate	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Sunday Dec 29 th	Public Skate	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday Dec 30 th	Adult Skate Public Skate	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday Dec 31 st	Kinder Pre-Skate Public Skate	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Jan 1 st	New Years Day	CLOSED
Thursday Jan 2 nd	Adult Skate Public Skate	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Friday Jan 3 rd	Public Skate	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Jan 4 th	Kinder Pre-Skate Public Skate	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.



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Tues. Dec. 24, 4:00pm There will be a **Christmas Eve Service** at the Centrelea United Baptist Church. Christmas Carols, a Special Message and Candle Lighting. All welcome.

Tues. Dec. 24 6:00pm Christmas Candlelight Service Celebrate with us at St. Croix Cove Baptist Church, 9087 Shore Road East. Everyone welcome.

Tues. Dec. 24, 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols at Lawrencetown Baptist United Church.

Tues. Dec.24, 7:00pm Bridgetown Baptist celebrates the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ with joyful song. Begin your Christmas celebrations by worshipping with us! 902-665-2506 bridgetownbaptist@gmail.com.

Tues. Dec. 24, 7:00pm Christmas Eve- Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's: We will celebrate Christmas Eve with a beautiful choral Holy Eucharist service at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal at 7:00pm. Merry Christmas!

Tues. Dec 24, 8:00pm Holy Eucharist Service at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Belleisle.

Tues. Dec 24, 10:00pm Holy Eucharist service with choir. At St James' Anglican Church corner of Granville and Church Streets in Bridgetown.

Wed. Dec. 25, 10:00am Christmas Morning Service: We will gather at the church Christmas Morning to celebrate Christ's birth! A Holy Eucharist service from the Book of Common Prayer. St. Luke's Church (340 St. George St. Annapolis Royal).



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Fri. Dec. 27, 6:00pm Fifth Annual In Between Potluck at 1963 Clarence Road, Clarence, an Annapolis Valley Folk School event. Bring some leftovers or your favorite thing to share with everyone, As well as a favorite memory or two for sharing, and if any of you loves to make music do bring your instrument to share as well! You can get your tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/fifth-annual-in-between-potluck-tickets-1087132987029> Please bring some food for the community pantry, it has been in very high demand as of late and anything is appreciated to help keep the shelves stocked!

Sun. Dec. 29, 11:00am **Bridgetown Baptist** continues to meet weekly at the Royal Canadian Legion, 20, Jeffery St. Join us for a joyful time of worship. 902-665-2506 bridgetownbaptist@gmail.com.

Tues. Dec. 31, 1-3:00pm New Year's Eve Courtyard Bonfire at the Annapolis Royal Historic Gardens. Ring in the New Year with us. We'll have a bonfire and treats to make the afternoon complete! By donation. 441 St. George Street.

Tues. Dec. 31, 8pm-1:00am New Years Eve Dance at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery St. Doors open at 8pm. Bar open 8pm-1am. Ring in the New Year with us at the Legion and dance the night away. Tickets \$25. Ticket includes party favours, pulled pork sliders, snacks & sparkling wine at midnight.

Tues. Dec. 31, 9pm-1:00am New Years Eve Dance at the Lawrencetown Legion with the Darrin Beaton Band. Doors open at 8:30. 19+. Advance tickets \$25/single, \$45/couple. At the door \$30/single, \$55/couple. Cash bar and snacks at midnight. Advance tickets at the bar or call Dawn at 902-840-1046.

Wed. Jan. 1, 10:00am New Year's Day Service: Holy Eucharist Service (from the BAS) to celebrate New Year's Day at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 340 St. George St, Annapolis Royal. Happy New Year!

New Years Day Levees.

Wed. Jan. 1

Middleton, 1-5:00pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, 205 Marshall St.

Bridgetown, Noon-3:00pm, 20 Jeffery Street.

Annapolis Royal. Noon-4:00pm at the Port Royal Legion, 66 Victoria Street. Includes a free buffet with chowder, soups, sandwiches and all the sweets you can eat.

Thur. Jan. 2, 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. Jan. 2, 2-3:00pm Nova Scotia Works Job Search Club Embarking on a job search journey? Join our dynamic Job Search Club! Connect with like-minded individuals, share insights, and gain invaluable support and resources to ace your career transition. Let's navigate the job market together and land your dream job! Weekly at PeopleWorx, 298 Marshall Street, Middleton.

Thur. Jan. 2, 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. Jan. 4, 8-10:00am Bridgetown Lions Club BIG BREAKFAST at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street, Bridgetown, come celebrate the New Year. Pancakes, eggs, ham, sausage, coffee, tea, toast, juice and the friendship of our community. Free will offering.

Sun. Jan. 5, 11:00am Bridgetown Baptist continues to worship weekly at the Royal Canadian Legion, 20, Jeffery St. Join us as we celebrate the start of a new year. 902-665-2506 bridgetownbaptist@gmail.com.

Tues. Jan. 7, 12:30-1:30pm Senior Fitness Classes at Bridgetown Legion on Tuesdays 12:30-1:30. Certified instructor. Stretching, balance, strength, cardio, etc. Work to your own comfort and ability level. Please bring a band and hand weights if you have them. Come for fun while getting active! Change of footwear is required. \$4 per class. Questions? Phone 902-665-4726 or 906-665-4308.


Tues. Jan. 7, 1:00pm Senior Card Games, every Tuesday at NSCC Middleton campus. *

Tues. Jan. 7, 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 Jan. 21.

Tues. Jan. 7, 2:30-3:30pm Chair Yoga at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery St. Gentle Yoga each Tuesday. All welcome. *

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



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Wed. Jan. 8, 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. Jan. 8, 7:00pm Brickton Community Hall Jam Sessions- Every Wednesday @ 7. Free will offering. All welcome. *

Wed. Jan. 8, 7-9:00pm Fun Cribbage every Wednesday evening at the Bridgetown Legion, 20 Jeffery Street. \$6 entry returned in prizes. All welcome. *

Wed. Jan. 8, 7:30pm Bridgetown Pickleball Wednesdays at BRCS. Newcomers welcome; come when you can. Some equipment available if you want to give it a try. No charge. Change of footwear required. North entrance to the gym. Questions? Phone 902-665-4308 or 902-665-4353. *

Wed. Jan. 8, 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. Jan. 9, 6:00pm Let's Talk Annapolis Royal Pride 2025! We're gearing up for Annapolis Royal Pride 2025 and want YOUR voice to be part of the celebration! Join us for a **Community Consultation & Conversation** to share your ideas, provide feedback, and help shape next year's Pride. Whether you're a longtime participant or new to the community, this is your chance to make Annapolis Royal Pride 2025 truly unforgettable! Let's come together to create an inclusive, vibrant, and exciting Pride celebration. Spread the word and bring a friend! At the Granville Ferry Community Hall, 5352 Granville Rd.

Thur. Jan. 9, 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. Jan. 10, 9:30-11:00 Family Matters (the Annapolis County Resource Center) in conjunction with Dawn Scott is offering a free, confidential, adult **Mental Wellness Peer Support Group** each Friday morning at Family Matters (10 Middle Road, Lawrencetown). Childcare will be available. Please contact dawncott61@gmail.com or jencfamilymatters@gmail.com for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Sat. Jan. 11, 7:00pm T. Thomason presents "Tenderness" on Tour, with Dusted, at the Paradise community Hall, 10300 Hwy 1, Paradise. Tickets \$20 advance on side door or by phone, 902-300-9349, \$25 at the door. A fundraiser for the Hall.

Wed. Jan. 16, 3:00-pm Mad Hatter Books & Bar presents **Open Mic for Book Conversations**, the third Wednesday of the month. 902-532-2070. 213 St. George Street, Annapolis Royal.

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Community Carol Sing
Friday, December 20th at 7:00pm
Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00pm
Christmas Day Service
Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00am

Sun. Jan. 19, 12-2:30pm SOOF Soup Sunday Join Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) at the Centre Community Hall (3496 Highway 201, Centrelea) for a free lunch of delicious soup and bread, followed by a conversation with Nina Newington about the difference between OLD and OLD GROWTH forests! Free will donations to the Hall are appreciated. Please send an email to soof@saveourolforests.ca so we get a sense of numbers. Also let us know if you'll bring something for the dessert table!

Mon. Jan. 20, 10:00am The **Annual Meeting of the Bridgetown and Area Community Fund** will be held in the Britespan boardroom at 441 Granville St. Unit 1, Bridgetown. The public are welcome and encouraged to come to learn about their local Community Fund and how it serves needs in our area.

Mon. Jan. 20, 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



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Ideally, the candidate must have a minimum of five years' experience in the construction or maintenance of water or wastewater systems, with preference given to those whose experience is directly or indirectly working with a municipal government organization, or a combination of formal experience and lived experience.

For a complete job description please visit our website: www.AnnapolisCounty.ca

Deadline for submissions: 4:00PM on January 2, 2025

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 20th @ 7:00 PM



WICKED
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FRI DEC 27th @ 7 PM | SUN DEC 28th @ 3 PM



MEMOIR OF A SNAIL
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 29th @ 7:00 PM



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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9th @ 3:00 PM



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Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal
SAT DEC 28th @ 7 PM | SUN DEC 29th @ 3 PM



DUFFLEBAG THEATRE'S 'PETER PAN'
Join Peter and Wendy in their adventures vs. Captain Hook!
MONDAY DECEMBER 30th @ 2:00 PM



JOSEPHINE: A BURLESQUE CABARET DREAM PLAY
Off-broadway show about Josephine Baker
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7th @ 7:30 PM



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Sun. Dec. 22, 7:30pm Thane Dunn's Elvis Christmas Special (live performance) Imagine Elvis Presley's legendary "Aloha From Hawaii" satellite telecast, and his Christmas Classics mixed together in one over the top World class show that will get everyone into the Christmas spirit, Elvis-style. Two Time World Champion Thane Dunn and his Cadillac Kings are an Atlantic Canada favourite. Thane is known worldwide as one of the best in the business – so close to the real thing that he is actually endorsed by several people who worked and performed with the real Elvis. His shows are loved by young and old and are extremely fun and high energy.

A night that truly brings the entire family together at the Christmas season and is guaranteed to become a family tradition. Make sure and get your tickets while they last! Tickets: \$55 Adults, \$25 Youth.

Fri. Dec. 27, 7:00pm and Sat. Dec. 28, 3:00pm Wicked (film) Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz, stars Emmy, Grammy and Tony winning powerhouse Cynthia Erivo (Harriet, Broadway's The Color Purple) as Elphaba, a young woman, misunderstood because of her unusual green skin, who has yet to discover her true power, and Grammy-winning, multi-platinum recording artist and global superstar Ariana Grande as Glinda, a popular young woman, gilded by privilege and ambition, who has yet to discover her true heart. The two meet as students at Shiz University in the fantastical Land of Oz and forge an unlikely but profound friendship. Following an encounter with The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads, and their lives take very different paths. Glinda's unflinching desire for popularity sees her seduced by power, while Elphaba's determination to remain true to herself, and to those around her, will have unexpected and shocking consequences on her future. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfill their destinies as Glinda the Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

Sat. Dec. 28, 7:00pm and Sun. Dec. 29, 3:00pm Gladiator II (film) Years after witnessing the death of Maximus at the hands of his uncle, Lucius must enter the Colosseum after the powerful emperors of Rome conquer his home. With rage in his heart and the future of the empire at stake, he looks to the past to find the strength and honor needed to return the glory of Rome to its people. Ridley Scott directs Connie Nielsen, Paul Mescal, Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal.

Sun. Dec. 29, 7:00pm Memoir of a Snail (film, 14A) In 1970s Australia, Grace's life is troubled by misfortune and loss. After their mother dies during pregnancy, she and her twin brother, Gilbert, are raised by their paraplegic-alcoholic former juggler father, Percy. Despite a life filled with love, tragedy strikes anew when Percy passes away in his sleep. The siblings are forcibly separated and thrust into separate homes. Gilbert finds himself in the care of a cruel evangelical family, while Grace, grappling with intense loneliness, gradually withdraws into her shell, much like the snails she adopts. As the years pass, and despite new disappointments and sorrows, a glimmer of hope emerges when she strikes up an enduring friendship with an elderly eccentric woman called Pinky. Director and writer Adam Elliot. (Stopmotion animation but contains nudity and some violent and sexual content)

Mon. Dec. 30, 2:00pm DuffleBag Theatre's Peter Pan (live performance) Wendy Darling is sad to learn that she's growing too old to stay in the nursery any longer and must move to the adult wing of the house. But when an adventurous young boy offers to fly her to Neverland where she can stay young forever, Wendy is catapulted into an adventure filled with magic pixies, charming pirates, and talking trees! As Peter Pan battles his arch-nemesis Captain Hook in this fun version of the beloved classic, even grown-ups will feel like kids again! Filled with their usual twists, surprises, and humour, DuffleBag Theatre's Peter Pan is guaranteed to amuse young and old alike—especially when members of the audience are invited to star in the show! The "nearly world-famous" DuffleBag Theatre returns! Now in their 32nd season of touring hilarious adaptations of fairy tales & classic stories, DuffleBag Theatre performances feature members of the audience in the key roles! Everyone's dream of living a fairy tale can come true as audiences across Canada, the U.S., Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Brunei have come to know. Always expect the unexpected with the improvisation and spontaneity of a DuffleBag Theatre performance. Come play a part! Established in 1992 in London, Ontario, Canada, DuffleBag Theatre is an international touring theatre company for young audiences specializing in hilarious adaptations of fairy tales and classic stories that star members of the audience in the main parts. Tickets: Adult \$18, Youth \$12.

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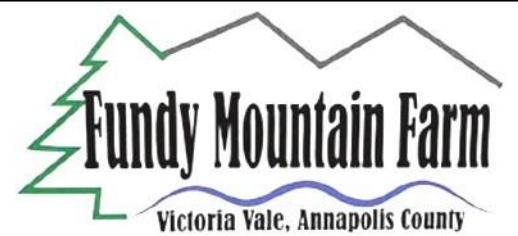
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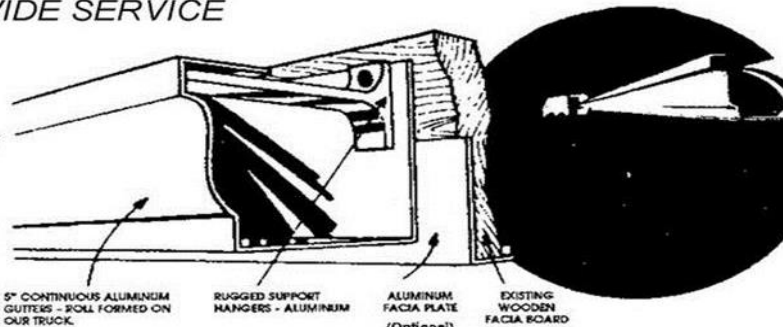
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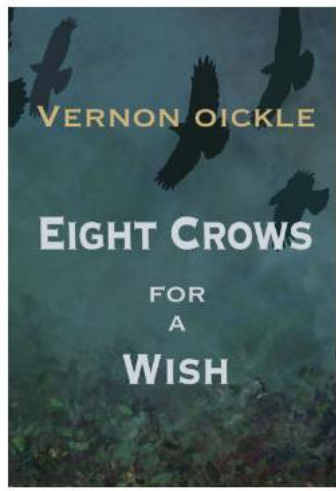
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- The Lucky WINNER of the BEAUTIFUL Moroccanoil Bag and products was Annette Edwards. Thank you to all who shop with us.
- Guess what we have in the salon? The actual Valley Waste 2025 Calendar! Drop by and get yours while they last. Anyone going to the transfer station in Lawrencetown can also pick one up as they are not mailing them out.
- You are welcome to text us on Facebook Messenger at any time, if you are looking for a quicker response you may want to consider phoning the salon instead. When we are with clients, we do not have our cell phones, and it may be the end of the day when we get to respond. With that being said , we apologize for any messages we've missed due to not putting it on UNREAD, so it stays current. We appreciate each and every customer, just because we may have missed your message it's not that we do not want to do your hair, please don't take it personally.
- The songs say it's the happiest time of the year but as hairdressers we know there are some folks suffering, struggling to get through, whether it be mentally, financially or physically. We hope you STAY STRONG and will reach out for help when needed.
- THANK YOU for staying connected with our Community Connection Section in the Reader and on our FB Page. Some find it too LONGGGG and wordy, some have said it's their go-to section. , it'd be pretty short and boring to be only hair related in about 3 sentences LOL. Helpful hint before taking money to the bank machine, run a low temp flat iron or curling iron over it to get those pesky curled up edges nice and flat so that the machine doesn't send them back out at you.
- Remember when you're out enjoying time with family & friends- please don't drink n' drive or drive High. There is always another way home. -
- Taxi Phone #'s are: A & G Taxi 902-309-1663: Annapolis/Bridgetown Taxi 902-665-0057: Marshalls Taxi 902-996-0699.....or call a friend.
- While shopping this holiday season- kindness is the best gift you can give. Think of others- it is free and easy to give.
- From the Internet: While shopping remember these: small businesses have been given limited notice of this change: be patient.* Some Small businesses are not tax experts, they are doing their very best but are often not able to answer specific questions.* Avoid arguing with shopkeepers about whether an item is tax-free or not if it's not specifically designed for a child it may not be included . Retailers make the final call.
- To Lewis, THANK YOU for all your hard work creating this magazine for all to enjoy and stay connected. If you remember, last year this time we were told The Reader would have a NEW larger version, and here we are, 1 year later, going strong. Hope you get some time with no deadlines for a couple of weeks.
- Did you know the alternate collection date for your Wednesday, New Years Day, Jan 1st pick up... is Saturday January 4th, 2025.
- Did you know- Annapolis Royal Natal Day Meeting 2025- friendly reminder that the planning of your Natal Day Weekend starts early. First meeting is scheduled for Monday evening January 13th, 2025. The timeline is 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Location will be at the Port Royal Legion on Victoria Street (down in back of the Post Office). Join us and see what it's all about. Come prepared to help out in some way or we may not be able to do Natal Days next year.
- Christmas Cards generally can be dropped into your paper recyclables, unless they have glitter or foil on them. Then they become garbage.
- Christmas Trees- need to be cut into 4-foot lengths if put by the road for regular brush collection. Saved until spring clean up or dropped off at Lawrencetown Transfer station throughout the month of January FREE of charge. Tuesday to Fridays 8 am - 4 pm.
- For those getting scratch tickets- did you know you can go to ALC.ca 2nd chance and put in the long number at the bottom,(to reveal the 4 digit hidden code keep scratching section) if the ticket is \$10 you get 10 more chances, if it cost \$20, you get 20 more chances and so on. If you win, remember where you got the tip LOL
- Recovery Support Centre is a welcoming space that provides education, recovery and harm reduction support, along with one-on-one support and group treatment for people struggling with substance use and/or gambling concerns. Call 902-825-0207
- The QE II Cancer Centre needs your help. If you quilt, knit or crochet handmade lap sized (lapghans) blankets to fit over a wheelchair. This time they are happily accepting full size blankets for their Palliative Care patients. They can be left at room 24 Main floor of the Centennial Building. (there are local connections that could probably get them delivered for you) The IWK is also looking for blankets but at this time I do not know the sizes.

Quote off internet- Not everyone is going to be holy and jolly all season. Some are grieving, financially stressed, burnt out, and doing the best they can. The holidays are a tough time for many, and you never know what someone else is going through. Be kind.

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Healing Pathways: Supporting Nova Scotia's Journey Through Grief

Grief is a deeply personal experience shaped by cultural backgrounds, personal beliefs, and individual circumstances. Across Nova Scotia, communities carry the burden of grief and loss, each feeling its impact in unique ways, highlighting the critical need for connection. The paths to healing are diverse and influenced by factors such as geography and access to resources. For rural communities, isolation often amplifies the challenges of finding emotional support and services, making the journey through grief feel even more solitary.

At the **Nova Scotia Hospice Palliative Care Association (NSHPCA)**, we believe that true healing extends beyond physical care to include the emotional aspects of the human experience. Acknowledging grief without stigma is an essential first step, and through shared compassion and community connection, the process of healing can truly begin.

Healing from grief, whether on an individual or community level, begins with one person, one community at a time. As famed grief and trauma specialist, Dr. Gabor Maté, wisely says, "Our wounds are the birthplace of our strength, and to heal we must feel." This truth reminds us that healing starts within—when we acknowledge and share our pain, we build resilience, not only within ourselves but also in those around us. By coming together in our shared vulnerabilities, we create a collective strength and the courage to heal spreads outward.

Recognizing the power of shared vulnerability in the healing journey, we understand the importance of creating spaces where individuals and communities can come together to offer compassionate support, while respecting each person's unique experience of grief. This collective strength and resilience form the foundation of the **Healing Pathways Community Funding Program**, which we were pleased to launch in June.

Supported by a two-year funding commitment from the Public Health Agency of Canada, Healing Pathways was developed by NSHPCA to meet the needs of communities most profoundly impacted by the April 2020 Mass Casualty Event. Selected by the Nova Scotia Office of Addictions and Mental to lead this initiative, NSHPCA collaborates with the provincial government, local communities, and Nova Scotia Health to advance the Nova Scotia Community Grief and Emotional Wellness Hub Model. This is achieved by funding eligible nonprofit organizations that aim to deliver grief, bereavement, and emotional wellness services tailored to the unique strengths and needs of each community.

Phase One of the Healing Pathways Community Funding Program provided essential support to organizations across Colchester, Cumberland, and East Hants counties. These funds enabled projects that not only created spaces for grieving but also educated communities on the complexities of loss and facilitated the reconnection of neighbors. Through these initiatives, we witnessed firsthand how grief, when met with compassion and adequate resources, becomes less isolating and paves the way for healing.

This January, we will launch **Phase Two** of the program. With \$500,000 in funding available, we are expanding our reach to the entire province. **Eligible nonprofit organizations across Nova Scotia are invited to apply for grants to help their communities address grief, bereavement, and emotional wellness in ways that are locally meaningful.**

By investing in community-based projects, our goal is to ensure that all Nova Scotians, regardless of where they live, have access to the care and support they need. NSHPCA envisions a province where healing is a shared responsibility, believing that when individuals thrive in nurturing environments, the entire community flourishes. To make this vision a reality, we must place our trust in one another and collaborate to create lasting, positive change.

We invite you to join us in this work when we start accepting applications for funding in January. Together, we can continue to strengthen the fabric of our communities, one step at a time. Healing is possible—and it begins with us.

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Felling	Grading
Grapple	Litter
Lumber	Nursery
Old growth	Overstorey
Sapling	Skidder
Slash	Stumpage

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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At the Fishhouses

By Elizabeth Bishop

Although it is a cold evening,
down by one of the fishhouses
an old man sits netting,
his net, in the gloaming almost invisible,
a dark purple-brown,
and his shuttle worn and polished.
The air smells so strong of codfish
it makes one's nose run and one's eyes water.
The five fishhouses have steeply peaked roofs
and narrow, cleated gangplanks slant up
to storerooms in the gables
for the wheelbarrows to be pushed up and down on.
All is silver: the heavy surface of the sea,
swelling slowly as if considering spilling over,
is opaque, but the silver of the benches,
the lobster pots, and masts, scattered
among the wild jagged rocks,
is of an apparent translucence
like the small old buildings with an emerald moss
growing on their shoreward walls.
The big fish tubs are completely lined
with layers of beautiful herring scales
and the wheelbarrows are similarly plastered
with creamy iridescent coats of mail,
with small iridescent flies crawling on them.
Up on the little slope behind the houses,
set in the sparse bright sprinkle of grass,
is an ancient wooden capstan,
cracked, with two long bleached handles
and some melancholy stains, like dried blood,
where the ironwork has rusted.
The old man accepts a Lucky Strike.
He was a friend of my grandfather.
We talk of the decline in the population
and of codfish and herring

while he waits for a herring boat to come in.
There are sequins on his vest and on his thumb.
He has scraped the scales, the principal beauty,
from unnumbered fish with that black old knife,
the blade of which is almost worn away.

Down at the water's edge, at the place
where they haul up the boats, up the long ramp
descending into the water, thin silver
tree trunks are laid horizontally
across the gray stones, down and down
at intervals of four or five feet.

Cold dark deep and absolutely clear,
element bearable to no mortal,
to fish and to seals . . . One seal particularly
I have seen here evening after evening.
He was curious about me. He was interested in music;
like me a believer in total immersion,
so I used to sing him Baptist hymns.
I also sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."
He stood up in the water and regarded me
steadily, moving his head a little.
Then he would disappear, then suddenly emerge
almost in the same spot, with a sort of shrug
as if it were against his better judgment.
Cold dark deep and absolutely clear,
the clear gray icy water . . . Back, behind us,
the dignified tall firs begin.
Bluish, associating with their shadows,
a million Christmas trees stand
waiting for Christmas. The water seems suspended
above the rounded gray and blue-gray stones.
I have seen it over and over, the same sea, the same,
slightly, indifferently swinging above the stones,
icily free above the stones,
above the stones and then the world.
If you should dip your hand in,

your wrist would ache immediately,
your bones would begin to ache and your hand would
burn
as if the water were a transmutation of fire
that feeds on stones and burns with a dark gray flame.
If you tasted it, it would first taste bitter,
then briny, then surely burn your tongue.
It is like what we imagine knowledge to be:
dark, salt, clear, moving, utterly free,
drawn from the cold hard mouth
of the world, derived from the rocky breasts
forever, flowing and drawn, and since
our knowledge is historical, flowing, and flown.

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Elizabeth Bishop was born on February 8, 1911, in Worcester, Massachusetts. When she was less than a year old, her father died, and shortly thereafter, her mother was committed to an asylum. Bishop was first sent to live with her maternal grandparents in Great Village, Nova Scotia and later lived with paternal relatives in Worcester and South Boston. Independently wealthy, she travelled extensively and had homes in Maine, Boston, Key West, Florida and Brazil but always had a close connection to Nova Scotia. One of the most esteemed poets of the 20th century, Bishop died in 1979.

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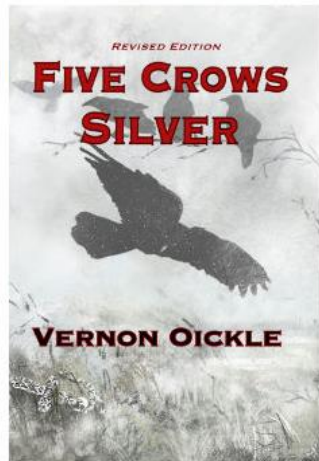


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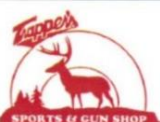
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