

OBITUARIES

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ZABELL, Katherine "Kate" Elizabeth Roach - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Katherine "Kate" Elizabeth Roach Zabell on November 3, 2024, at the age of 63 years in Truro, Nova Scotia, surrounded by her family and friends. Kate was born on June 19, 1961, in Grand Falls, NB. She attended University at Mount Allison, Sackville, NB and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro, NS where her love for Horticulture bloomed and grew. To "Celebrate Life" was Kate's highest goal. Her key values were to protect nature, cherish family and humanity, above all. One of her many mottos was, "SHINE ON, no matter what," she often shared with us the importance of that way of life. Her unwavering positive attitude will be an ongoing inspiration to us all. Kate's relationship with the Lord and her continued prayer kept her strong throughout. Kate believed in living in harmony with the land. One of her most prestigious volunteer positions was having been given the honour of being a Torch Bearer for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. She also received an award from Spirit BC 2008-2010 for being the top organizing volunteer for the Olympic Games. When Kate organized an event, her attitude was, "Go Big or Go Home." She organized quite a few events in her community of Sunshine Valley. The 2008 Homecoming and the Winterfest 2019 were both huge successes with record turn outs, all due to Kate's vision and dedication. She was also so very proud of having had the honour of running with Rick Hansen in Truro, NS in the 80's. Kate always gave 100 % of her heart for all the things she believed in and supported. Kate had many cherished friends and one of her friends, Author Barb Allyn wrote: *"You can't tame the spirit of someone who has magic in their veins."* This is how we remember Our Kate!!! Kate is survived by her parents, Philip and Barbara Roach of Grand Falls, NB; her siblings, Bev Roach and her partner, Colin; Joyce Ketch (Danny), Tom Roach (Marlene), Mike Roach and his partner, Manon as well her many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and her extended family. She will be lovingly remembered by her beloved partner, "Mr Sunshine" Bruce Young, whom she chose to spend the last season of her life with, in happiness and joy every day. She will be forever cherished by her husband of 30 years, Arne Zabell, who refers to her as, "The most amazing person he has ever met," as well as their son, AJ Zabell and Kate's daughter, Alexa Zabell and her partner, Felix. Kate and Arne were also blessed with one granddaughter, Kylee Katherine Faulkner, daughter of Alexa and Brian Faulkner, who has been the light of their life from the day she was born. Grandma will truly be missed by Kylee. A celebration of life was held on November 8, 2024 at 340 Salmon River Road, Valley, NS. There will also be a celebration of life held in Grand Falls, NB, details to follow. To honour her love of the AC gardens, we invite you to make a donation gift to the **Grounds Improvement Fund at the Faculty of Agriculture** by visiting giving.dal.ca, or by sending a cheque made out to the Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture, P.O. Box 550, Truro, NS B2N 5E3, (902)893-6022.

GAMBLE, Roger Kenneth - 59, Truro. It is with profound sadness that we announce the unexpected passing of our beloved brother, Roger Kenneth Gamble, who suddenly passed away at his home on November 2, 2024 due to natural causes. Born in Truro, Roger was the son of the late Ralph Gamble and Lila (Hendry) Gratto. Growing up in a large family, Roger shared his childhood with his siblings, Vernon Gratto (Virginia), Doug Gratto (Doreen), Ralph Gamble (Christine), Patsy Reynolds, Patricia Bennett (Michael), Judy Gamble-Pulley (Weston), Debbie Lindsay (John). He was a devoted uncle to many nieces and nephews, each holding a special place in his heart. Along with his parents, Roger was predeceased by his brother, Terry Gamble; twin brother, Ronnie Gamble; sister, Brenda Griffiths; maternal grandparents, Samuel and Margaret Hendry; nephew, Chad Gratto; paternal grandmother, Ethel Elliot "Granny" who held a very special place in his heart. Funeral service was held Sunday, November 10, 2024, in Economy United Church, 3360 Highway 2, Economy. Interment was in Economy Cemetery. In honour of Roger's deep interest in family history and his love for exploring cemeteries, donations may be made in his memory to the Economy Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

FRASER, Ellamae (Peppard) - 84, formerly of Pleasant Street, Truro, and most recently of Cedarstone Enhanced Care, Truro, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, with her devoted son, Ian by her side. Ellamae was the daughter of the late Harvey and Helen (Vance) Peppard. She was born in Lemington, Ontario and at a young age moved with her family to Amherst, where she lived throughout her growing up years. Ellamae was predeceased by her husband, Jim (2022); parents, Hugh and Helen; brother, James Harvey Peppard; parents-in-law, Dan and Lottie Fraser; sister-in-law, Emma Hollingsworth; brothers-in-law, Don Wilkinson, Cecil McNeil, Morris Stewart. Ellamae is survived by her son, Ian, Truro; brothers-in-law, Don (Carole), California; Munroe (Jane), Pictou; John (Jill), Florida; Vern (Angela), Annapolis Valley; sisters-in-law, Stella Wilkinson, Broadway; Marion McNeil, Westville; Donelda Stewart, Stellarton; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 725 Prince Street, Truro, Reverend Andrew Campbell officiated. Interment was in Folly Village Cemetery, Highway 2, Glenholme. If so desired, donations in Ellamae's memory to Colchester East Hants Health Centre Foundation are welcomed. Arrangements have been entrusted to Mattatall - Varner Funeral Home, 55 Young Street, Truro. Tributes, words of comfort and memories may be shared at: www.mattatallvarnerfh.com

Colchester's Community Development Department Report

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new pedestrian trail bridge has been awarded and work on site will start in November. The Municipality has received provincial grants totaling \$62,102 for this project.

- Staff installed new road wayfinding signs in September.
- Staff installed new doorsteps on the two vault toilet buildings in the park; these have clear space for accessibility for opening of the door.
- May through October, the park was reserved by a wide variety of groups for events including the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq Minas Basin and Salmon Celebrations, Scouts camping weekends, Winding River Elementary cross-country running race, Stewiacke day camp, birthday parties, weddings, and other family gatherings.

Five Islands Lighthouse Park

- Staff installed new road wayfinding signs in August.
- Staff are now constructing a new viewing deck with a coastal view. This will include ramps, benches and new interpretive signage.

- Staff prepared the park for the Not Since Moses event held on August 23-24. Fundy Discovery Site
- The pedestrian / AT bridge at the Fundy Discovery Site will be retendered as a design-build project in the late fall with the hope bids will be closer to the current budget of \$12 million. Federal fisheries approved the use of piers in the river which will likely attract a wider range of design options. A multi-use pathway located parallel to Tidal Bore Road connecting the Site to the Cobequid Trail is also planned for the spring of 2025. Both projects received external funding of nearly 75% of estimated costs under the Investing in Canada's Infrastructure Program.
- Construction of the viewing deck by a contractor is well underway; the railing system by Specialty Steel is also in progress. The project will benefit from a \$25,000 grant from the Province.
- The Visitor Information Centre will undergo minor renovations to improve accessibility and function. Design

work is in progress and will include significant changes to exterior access and interior space of the building.

- A contractor was hired to paint parking lines (including accessible & EV spaces) on the west side of Tidal Bore Road in the spring.
- A design for improvements to the east parking loop is underway.

Other Parks and Trails

- Staff installed new road wayfinding signs for Burnside Falls Park and Hearts Haven Memorial Park in September
- Staff installed civic number signs at park driveways and trailheads (ongoing implementation)
- New entrance signs are in progress for Five Islands Lighthouse Park, Stewiacke River Park, Nelson Memorial Park and other smaller parks.
- Staff used a local steel fabricator to design and build new accessible picnic tables to be deployed throughout our park system (ongoing)

Active Communities/Special Projects

- Fun in the Sun Day Camps are mobile physical activity day camps that travel throughout the County of Colchester in July and August. Through partnership with Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE) the Municipality of Colchester host camps for a reduced rental fee in the community's local school. This allows the Municipality the ability to provide Colchester County youth with the opportunity to enjoy a fun and active opportunity in their own community, which in many circumstances removes transportation barriers for many rural families. In 2024, 380 youth between the ages of 5 and 12 participated in the Day Camp.
- Funding was received through the Sport Nova Scotia Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) program. The project / initiative Building Community through the Sport of Cricket will provide residents with the opportunity to enjoy the game of cricket on a proper cricket pitch.
- Recreation staff are continuing to work with community volunteers and Ringette NS towards developing a sustainable ringette program in Colchester.
- Colchester Multisport is for those in Grades P, 1, 2 and 3. All sessions run twice weekly beginning in September

ber continuing through until June. The program is facilitated by recreation program coordinators and delivered by volunteer community sport organizations. Each lesson focused on skill development through physical literacy and fun, setting the groundwork for a love of sport.

- 4 on 4 Women's Hockey League and the Women Learn 2 Play Hockey programs are currently running. Learn to Play hockey program is being held in both Brookfield and Tatamagouche. In January the Municipality will offer 2 Learn to Skate sessions in Debert; one for adults and the other will be offered for families.
- Currently the Municipality worked with school and community organizations within Colchester County to provide access to recreation amenities through our Facility Access Program. This program continues to be well received by the community. Thus far in 2024/2025 a total of 98 passes (\$14,999) have been provided to schools and community organizations.
- The Department is involved with the Northern Region Collaboration. The goal of the initiative is to come together to meet the diverse and evolving needs in the communities of Cumberland, Colchester, and East Hants Counties. This proposed initiative requires a comprehensive approach to the recommendations from the Mass Casualty Commission, with community voices and a person-first approach at the forefront.

Provincial Volunteer Recognition

- On September 18th, 2024, the Province of Nova Scotia hosted the 50th Provincial Volunteer Awards at the Rath Eastlink Centre. The Municipality of Colchester was honored to be represented by Andrea MacEachern.
- Andrea has worked tirelessly to establish, organize and operate Colchester Ringette, a brand-new ringette organization in Colchester County. Working with Colchester Recreation to secure funding and support, she was able to offer a full season of weekly Ringette for a very low cost.

Paul Smith is Director of Community Development, Municipality of County of Colchester

MacLEOD, Dorothy "Jean" (MacGillivray) - Age 94, Truro, passed away peacefully on November 9, 2024, in the Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro surrounded by her family. Born in New Glasgow, she was a daughter of the late Hugh and Loretta (Hardy) MacGillivray. Jean attended school in New Glasgow and later went on to graduate as an RN from the V.G. School of Nursing in 1952. She began her work at Eastern Kings Memorial hospital in Wolfville, then moved to the Colchester Regional Hospital. She joined the VON where she served from 1964-1985 before moving to the Glenview Lodge Nursing Home, where she worked from 1986 until her retirement in 1994. Jean was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, always giving of her time to family and friends. She was especially dedicated to her involvement with the Brunswick Street United Church. She is survived by sons, Stephen (Valerie), Onslow Mountain and Donald, Greenfield; sister, Mary Lou (Barry) Mackenzie; grandsons, Jason (Katrina) and Jamie (Holly); great granddaughters, Rose and Emily Jean; several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Clayton; siblings, Doug MacGillivray, Reta Leavitt, Vera Crockett, Joyce Murray, Ann Duggan, Connie Fulton, Ruth MacDonald, Margaret Linton and Arthur MacGillivray. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Colchester East Hants Health Centre Palliative Care team and to the VON who provided such wonderful care to Mom in her final days. Donations in Jean's memory may be made to the CEHHC Palliative Care Program. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation. A graveside service was held November 16th in Heatherdale Memorial Gardens, Alma, Pictou County with Rev. John Parsons officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, NS. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.ColchesterCommunity.com



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