

OBITUARIES

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MacALONEY, Cleyle L. — 85, of Parrsboro passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at the South Cumberland Community Care Centre, Parrsboro. Born in Fraserville, he was a son of the late Charles 'Eddie' and Madeline (Crossman) MacAloney. Cleyle is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lottie (Clark) MacAloney; his children, LeMert (Tracy), Hundred Mile House, B.C.; Gloria Janzen (Ken), Kamloops, B.C.; Ellen Power, Parrsboro; Earle (Joanne), Parrsboro; Bartley (Tanya Smith), Parrsboro; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a sister, Betty; a brother, Bernell; a granddaughter, Melissa; son-in-law, Bill Power. In consideration of COVID-19 restrictions on travel and gatherings, memorial services are being postponed until a later time. Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson Society (Atlantic Canada Chapter) or to the South Cumberland Community Care Centre Foundation (Recreation Program). Arrangements entrusted to Smith's Funeral Home, Parrsboro. For online condolences at www.smithsfuneralhome.com

FIELDING-MOWATT, Susan Jacklin, — 70, Bible Hill, passed away Thursday, October 15, 2020 in Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro. Born in Truro, she was the daughter of the late Frederick and Helen (Henderson) Fielding. Susan grew up in Bible Hill and enjoyed spending time with lifelong friends on Avon Street. After graduating from Onslow High School, she attended NSIT and became a RT in Laboratory Technology. Her entire career was spent working at the Colchester Regional Hospital, where she met her Lab family and through them met the love of her life, Harry in 1990. Susan and Harry were eventually married in September 1995. She loved pets, outdoors, hunting, calligraphy and wood carving. Susan had many friends and could always make them laugh with her stories, jokes and overall sense of humour. Playing cards with Harry and their friends was something Susan genuinely enjoyed as well as spending time with her special cats, Sherman and Quigley. She was a member of Saint John's Anglican Church, Truro, where she was a part of the Chancel Guild. Susan is survived by several cousins, Harry's family; her Lab family as well as many other friends. Along with her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved husband, Harry. A special thank you to Susan's special friends who had visited during her time of illness. A private family funeral service will be held in Colchester Community Funeral Home, 512 Willow St., Truro, with the Reverend Lori Ramsey officiating. Burial will follow in Terrace Hill Cemetery, Truro. A Live Webcast was held October 21st. Donations in Susan's memory may be made to the VON or to the Colchester Branch SPCA. Online condolences/ Webcasting at: www.ColchesterCommunity.com

EMBREE, Harold Gary - It is with deep sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Harold Gary Embree, age 79, of Economy, NS, formerly of Springhill, NS. Gary passed away at home on Monday, October 19, 2020 while surrounded by his loving family. Born in Springhill, NS, he was a son of the late Buck and Hazel (Legere) Embree. At the age of 17, Gary's father and uncles passed away in "The Bump", forcing him into the role of Patriarch to his siblings and helping to shape his life moving forward. Gary faced life with vigor, taking on any job that came his way, from digging ditches, to working in the mines, to working for the Department of Highways. He loved to barter, often trading his "junk" for someone else's "junk" that he would treasure until the next trade. Gary was an avid outdoors man, hunting, fishing, and just spending time in the woods. Bass fishing at "The Cove" became his passion after moving to Economy some 20 years ago. He loved his bonfires, family gatherings, dancing, playing cards, and hanging out with his boys in the garage. A special thanks to his brother Paul who helped him put his life story to words, and have it published for his friends and family. He will be dearly missed by his wife Victoria "Vickie", Economy; children Roger (Kim), Sackville, NB, Kevin, Debert, NS, Tracey (Michael) Dartmouth, NS, Jason (Charlene), Debert, NS; 18 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren; siblings Eddie (Rose), Springhill, NS, Brenda (John) Hunter, Springhill, NS, Lois (Fred) Miller, Springhill, NS, Laurie King, Halifax, NS, Paul (Chris), Sackville, NB, and Sherry (Dan) Calder, Truro, NS; brother in law Russell (Sherry) Rector, Amherst, NS. He was predeceased by his great grandson, Zachariah Parsons, as well as siblings Reggie, Sharon Embree, Janice Casey, and Karen Purdy. Arrangements are under the care and direction of A.H. Brown Funeral Home, 5 McFarlane Street, Springhill, (902) 597 2361. Cremation has taken place. There will be no visitation or funeral at this time. Donations in memory of Gary may be made to the Colchester VON. Many thanks to doctors, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Rowe, nurse Angela McDonnell, Special Care Coordinator Cheryl Stevens, the various VON Nurses, and his angel and daughter Tracey for her special support. Sharing of memories and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting Gary's online memorial at www.brownsfuneralhome.com or through the A H Brown Funeral Home Facebook Page.

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New Leadership Team at Sexual Assault Centre

The Colchester Sexual Assault Centre (CSAC) has appointed a new Executive Director and hosted an election of members to serve on the Board of Directors at its Annual General Meeting on October 6, 2020.

Jamie Matthews joined the organization on September 16, 2020 to serve as the Executive Director. Matthews brings with him over a decade of non-profit leadership experience, with a focus in fund development as well in marketing and communications. Originally from Cape Breton, he attended Cape Breton University in the Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies program. This field of study is where he developed his passion for supporting those within the vulnerable sector. He then moved to Toronto, ON to attend Ryerson University as a graduate in their Gerontology program. While there, he worked for numerous national print and online publications, developing multimillion-dollar advertising campaigns for some of our country's most recognizable brands.

In 2009, Matthews returned home to the Maritimes and made a career shift into the non-profit sector to pursue his true passion. Having worked at the Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick, the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame and at Hospice Fred-

erickton, he has developed a proven track record in helping non-profits reach their full potential.

In addition to his fundraising and marketing experience, he has also worked with numerous Boards to create a highly engaged team of both staff and volunteers. Matthews also brings with him a great compassion for those in need of support. Whether it is those struggling with a diagnosis of dementia, motivating underprivileged children to become active in support, or with those coping with end-of-life, and now with those impacted by sexual assault - Jamie is a passionate advocate for those needing support and a voice.

"I am absolutely thrilled to serve as the Executive Director for this important organization. The dedicated and talented team of staff and volunteers provide our communities with an immeasurable level of compassion and support. In these unprecedented times, COVID-19 has certainly changed how non-profits continue their vital work but this also provides us with a new opportunity to rethink how we adapt to these changes going forward. We would encourage those impacted by sexual assault, abuse and trauma to connect with us to access our support services. Our team has continued to work throughout the pan-



Jamie Matthews,
Executive Director

demically and are here to help," says Matthews.

On October 6, 2020 the CSAC also hosted their Annual General Meeting, where an election of its members took place. The newly elected Board of Directors is comprised of community leaders who are eager to have a lasting impact in their community and to advocate for those impacted by sexual assault, abuse and trauma. The members of the Board of Directors consist of the following: Deb Pryor, Chair; Alysse Taggart, Vice-Chair; John Butts, Treasurer; Jenna MacKeil, Secretary; Lesa Douglas, Member-at-Large; Niki Henderson, Member-at-Large; Susan Henderson, Member-at-Large; Cathy Hinton, Member-at-Large and Cheryl Young, Member-at-Large.

"To serve at the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Colchester Sexual Assault Centre is a great honour. We are excited for the next phase in the organization's growth and the opportunity to continue providing our

communities with the support they need. Sadly, we are seeing an influx in the calls coming through the centre but we are confident with the skills of our team of counselors, and to now have Jamie Matthews as Executive Director providing the leadership the organization needs during these challenging times. The continued generosity we receive locally, provincially and federally is needed now more than ever to meet the ever-growing need for community-based support services," says Pryor.

Located in Truro, Nova Scotia, the Colchester Sexual Assault Centre's services are made available to, but not limited to, individuals in the Colchester, Cumberland, East Hants and Pictou counties. Since its founding in 1992, the Colchester Sexual Assault Centre (CSAC) is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to strengthening, empowering, and supporting survivors of sexualized violence (sexual assault, sexual abuse, and sexual trauma) in a gender-equitable, compassionate environment. The CSAC provides numerous programs and services, including confidential one-on-one gender-sensitive counseling, emotional support to survivors and their family and friends, group counseling, education and prevention presentations, awareness initiatives and community-based fundraising events.

Community Links Creativity Campaign

Community Links Invites Creative Submissions by or Featuring Older Adults. Older adults across Nova Scotia are being invited to share what they have been making, baking or creating since March, when COVID-19 made it necessary to stick close to home.

Community Links, a non-profit focused on aging well, has launched a campaign inviting submissions of creative works by or fea-

turing older Nova Scotians. Photos of paintings, sculptures, homemade masks or baked goods; videos of dance routines and choir songs as well as digital artwork are all welcome.

Submissions should represent the theme "Creativity and Connection during COVID-19." Community Links will share selected submissions on its online platforms. Submission requirements are broad in

order to celebrate the wide spectrum of creative talents Nova Scotians possess. The work must either be created by or feature an older Nova Scotian (age 55+) and should be submitted by November 7th, 2020.

Photo and video submissions must be of a relatively high quality, with the subject clearly visible. Cell phone cameras and webcams can be used

if they are high definition.

Community Links is a non-profit organization operating since 1992 with the goal of ensuring older adults age can well in their communities. Regional Coordinators work throughout the province to support coalitions which share their vision for age-friendly, inclusive communities.

For more information, please contact intern@nsccommunitylink.ca, or call: (902) 422-0914, toll free: 1-855-253-9355

Pre-primary Program Implementation Complete

Every four-year-old in Nova Scotia now has access to pre-primary, a free, universal early learning program. Pre-primary is available in all 253 school communities with elementary schools. Government will invest about \$51.4 million this year to deliver the program.

In addition to universal pre-primary, the province has completed its rollout of bus-

ing for eligible pre-primary children. Access to busing reduces barriers for families, especially in rural areas, to access the program.

Families who wish to register their child for pre-primary can still contact their Regional Centre for Education or the Conseil scolaire acadicien provincial.

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