

# The Shoreline Journal Tid-Bits

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## 2024 Medal of Bravery Recipients Honoured

Eight Nova Scotians, including one who lost his life in an act of heroism, were awarded the Province's highest recognition for bravery at a ceremony held on October 22, in Halifax. Premier Tim Houston awarded the Nova Scotia Medal of Bravery to: Carl Comeau, Church Point; Carl Deveau, Saulnierville; Terrence Leblanc, Saulnierville; Kevin Corkum, Middle LaHave; Conor Scott, Dartmouth; Nicholas (Nick) Holland, Ellershouse (posthumously); Bruce Lake, Hilden and Alexander (Alex) Munroe, Windsor Junction.

On August 19, 2023, off-duty Truro police officer Bruce Lake was hiking with friends in New Brunswick's Fundy National Park when they noticed a young woman in a river struggling. Mr. Lake dove into the strong current and pulled the woman safely to shore.

The medal is awarded to Nova Scotians who have risked their lives protecting the lives or property of others, beyond what is expected of them in the course of duty.

## More Funding for Food Banks

New government funding will help Nova Scotians in need put food on the table this holiday season.

The government is providing one-time funding of \$2 million to Feed Nova Scotia to ensure food banks and food support programs meet the needs of Nova Scotians across the province. This includes \$400,000 to supplement the organization's Holiday Fund in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and \$400,000 for holiday-related support outside HRM. The remaining \$1.2 million is operational funding.

## Province to Cover Full Tuition for New Accelerated Nursing Program

People in Nova Scotia who want to pursue a career as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) in continuing care can get free tuition through a new pilot program. The Province will cover the full cost of tuition and books for 30 future LPNs who agree to work in continuing care in Nova Scotia for two years after graduating. Students will be enrolled in an accelerated 18-month practical nursing program at Nova Scotia Community College's (NSCC) Ivany campus in Dartmouth.

The pilot program will use the same course curriculum used in other practical nursing programs. Classes will run from January 2025 to June 2026 in the afternoons and evenings, allowing students to complete a two-year diploma program six months faster. Students will work one to two shifts a month in continuing care while they study.

More information on the program, including eligibility and how to apply, can be found at:

<https://www.nsc.ca/programs-and-courses/programs/plandesr.aspx?prg=PNURA&pln=PRAC-NURACC>

# Supporting Healthy Food Initiatives, Food Literacy

Community organizations across the province have received support for existing food programs or new food projects through the Community Food Access and Literacy Fund.

It's important for people to have access to healthy food in their community, and the tools and skills they need to prepare nutritious meals", said Bren-

dan Maguire, Minister of Community Services, on behalf of Timothy Halman, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage.

"Government's investment in community programs will help improve food access, promote sustainable practices and provide education to empower communities."

Locally the following organizations were among

almost 30 grants awarded across the province: **Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading Association** - \$2,500 to support the CANU Grow gardening program and hands-on learning in the garden/classroom; **Maggie's Place - A Resource Centre for Families Association, Amherst** - \$2,500 to support multiple initiatives including a seed/transplant pro-

**NOVA SCOTIA** gram, kids in the kitchen program, family cooking program, and snacks and recipes for summer playgroups and **North Shore Community Connection Society**, Waugh's River, Colchester County - \$2,500 to support food production, preservation and preparation workshops.

# Celebrating 20 Years of Literacy Excellence

The Council of the Federation Literacy Award is marking 20 years of award winners in Nova Scotia. The award, presented annually in each Canadian province and territory, goes to a person who has made outstanding literacy progress and has demonstrated excellence in leadership in their community, school or workplace.

This year's Nova Scotia recipient, Mary 'Lorenda' Harper of Truro, returned to school after years of working in food services.

Despite initial fears, she enrolled in the General Educational Development (GED) program through the Colchester Adult Learning Association and passed all five GED tests in 2023.

Ms. Harper, known for her active participation at the Colchester Adult Learning Association, is described by her instructors as solutions-focused, self-motivated and excited to learn, with curiosity

and determination that create a positive energy in the classroom.

Ms. Harper has continued

her learning journey and most recently enrolled in digital literacy courses. Beyond academics, she contributes to her

community by volunteering with Girl Guides and MADD Canada.

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