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Above, John and Donna Silver’s eight-acre Prospect Bay woodland garden has been created over 35 years. Photo credit: Lois Knight. Below left, Donna Silver with rhododendron variety “Olga Mezitt.” A rhododendron fancier, Donna says her favourite is “whatever is in bloom at the moment.” Photo credit: Tara Moore.

Foggy summer leads to glorious garden and community contributions

Sharon Jessup Joyce



named for the couple’s five grandchildren, and a four-phase pond and charming vignettes around every corner.

An annual garden tour in mid-June, when the many rhododendrons are at their flowering best, is something the Silvers have offered to the community for years, first with

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Students ready to dig in to summer jobs

Dylan Smith is one of a number of students looking for summer jobs in St. Margaret’s Bay. Story, page 16. Photo credit: Dawn Smith

It all started one foggy summer, about 35 years ago, when John and Donna Silver couldn’t get out sailing much. Donna decided it was a good opportunity to work on some garden projects on the couple’s property in Prospect Bay.

With sailing off the agenda, and thinking he might as well help, John suggested he’d install the pond and connecting path

Donna wanted. What he did was “wonderful, and much more ambitious than what I would have done,” she says.

That foggy summer launched a gardening partnership that has led to an eight-acre woodland garden filled with over 400 plant species, including rhododendrons—Donna’s love—interesting and unusual trees—John’s choice—other plants, a series of paths



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ArtScape’s annual art show and sale is “Absolutely Canadian” Suzanne Day



The “Absolutely Canadian” Artscape artists with their paintbrushes up. Back row, from left: Nelson Hubley, Lesley Tulloch, Jan Shiletto, and John MacManus. Front row: Suzanne Day, Barb Scott, Beverly Hubley, and Sarah Archibald. Missing from photo is Barbara King. Photo credit: Suzanne Day

This year’s annual Artscape Show and Sale is “Absolutely Canadian.” The event is from June 27 to 29 in the lower hall

of St. Luke’s United Church in Upper Tantallon, a space our group has called home for over two decades.

Participating artists are Sarah Archibald, Suzanne Day, Beverly Hubley, Nelson Hubley, Barbara King, John MacManus, Barb Scott, Jan Shilletto, and Lesley Tulloch. We paint in a variety of styles from abstracts to Maritime landscapes in acrylic, watercolour and multimedia. Join us for the opening reception on Friday, June 27,

6-8pm. The show and sale will continue, 10am-5pm, on Saturday and Sunday. We will again be supporting the St. Margaret’s Bay Food Bank. Visitors are invited to make a donation and enter their names in

a draw for an original painting by Sarah Archibald. The “Absolutely Canadian” ArtScape artists look forward to showing you what we’ve accomplished by keeping our “paintbrushes up.”



“Well Balanced,” by Nelson Hubley, one of the nine Artscape artists participating in this year’s show and sale, June 27-29.



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The dirt on Pat Fogarty and his market garden Julianna Davies

The thick forest and rocky landscape at the edge of what is now the Kingswood subdivision in Hammonds Plains is an unlikely place for an urban garden. Pat Fogarty is quick to point out that this area is not farmland. “This is wildly unique, this place,” he says, looking around. “There is nothing like this.” Fogarty carved this farm, which supplies his Fogarty’s Market Garden, out of the forest floor, using a 21-tonne machine, dropping the grade by four feet and essentially inverting the soil. The results are impressive. Last year alone, the farm produced between 14,000 and 16,000 pounds of vegetables that Fogarty sold directly to the community. Even more impressive? Fogarty had zero farming experience before taking this on. In his past life, he was a chef, most recently for the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.



Chef-turned-farmer Pat Fogarty now pays attention to the ingredients in his soil. Photo credit: Julianna Davies

Instead of synthetic fertilizers, Fogarty uses feather meal for nitrogen, bone meal for phosphorus—also high in calcium—and composted horse manure for potassium. A key step for those elements to be released for plant use is the soil microorganisms needed to process them: according to Fogarty, it’s all about the “poops and the pees.” When he started, a lot of his land was covered in dead, grey, anaerobic soil. “The big thing that we’ve been doing here,” he says, “is creating an environment for the types of microorganisms that we want to

grow and flourish.” He steps on his broad fork to dig the metal tines 18” deep into the ground and lifts a patch of rich, dark soil that smells like humus. “When we look at soil, we’re looking at a biologically living ecosystem,” he says, pulling a clump of soil apart in his hands. Little balls of soil fall apart, worms wriggling through them. The particles of soil are rounded and crumble easily in his hand. “That’s basically the spit of microorganisms encapsulating the particles of the soil,” he adds. “Worm spit.” He grins like he’s found gold.

New location, new format, same dedication to great food at Mahone Bay’s Oh My Cod!

Sharon Jessup Joyce



When Paul and Harmony Krouse (pictured above), the owners of the popular Mahone Bay restaurant Oh My Cod!, learned their landlord had, unexpectedly, decided not to renew their lease, they were left scrambling for a new location.

The Krouses had bought the business, already an established restaurant in that rented waterfront location on Main Street, in January 2019.

“We opened on April 1, which is also our wedding anniversary, and we still don’t know who is the biggest fool,” quips Paul.

Jokes aside, there was nothing foolish in their approach. The couple, who had years of restaurant experience, were dedicated to providing guests with high-quality fish and chips and other coastal dining favourites like lobster rolls, fish tacos, and chowder. They also offered vegetarian and gluten-free options, and accommodated diners with celiac disease and food allergies. Their hand-cut fries—nominated as “Best Fries on the South Shore” in a 2022 Masthead contest—meant peeling 300 pounds of potatoes every night for the next day.

With the loss of their Main Street location, and unable to find a suitable brick-and-mortar option, they turned to another solution: a food truck.

Justin Wiens, owner of Shore Cycle and Marine, a 46-year-old business that moved to its current location on Highway 3 in Martins River (just east of Mahone Bay) in 2023, had been thinking about having a food truck on the business property. He offered Oh My Cod! a new home and the Krouses gratefully accepted, bringing two staff members from the restaurant with them.

With only one fryer and limited space, there have had to be changes to the menu.

“Because we have only one fryer, we can offer gluten-free, but we just can’t provide celiac-safe options,” says Paul.

The menu still includes lots of favourites, like fish and chips and a variety of tacos—including fish, pulled pork, and vegan Brussels sprout—as well as poutine.

“We’ve upped our burger game from one to four,” adds Paul. ‘And the lobster roll will be back for the summer.”

Picnic tables are set up near the truck and more seating and a large art installation by Tamara Whynot are being added.

The Krouses are good at adapting: they lived on a sailboat for 7 years, leaving Hamilton, Ontario in 2018 to set out on a see-where-we-end-up adventure. After sailing around Atlantic Canada, they came into Mahone Bay one day to shelter from a

storm—and they never left.

“We didn’t expect this, but we’ve had wonderful support from the community,” says Paul. “And we’re excited for the challenge.”

Oh My Cod! is open from April 1 to October 31, 11am to 7pm, Tuesday to Saturday, at 7940 Highway 3, just east of exit 10 on Highway 103, at the Shore Cycle and Marine location. Cash, e-transfer, and a variety of credit options are accepted.

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There are important things to do if you hang hummingbird feeders:

- Use homemade nectar made from four parts boiled water to one part regular white sugar. Organic, unbleached, brown, and powdered sugar—as well as honey—contain various components that are very harmful to hummingbirds.
- Homemade nectar can be stored in the refrigerator for up to a week.
- Don’t add dye to nectar or buy commercial dyed nectar or nectar concentrate. The dye is toxic for them.

- During hot summer weather, empty feeders every second day, wash with hot water and dish soap, rinse thoroughly, and refill with fresh nectar. If temperatures reach 30 degrees, change nectar daily.

More females than males?

It’s not unusual to see more females than males at hummingbird feeders, but why?

First, females feed more when they’re caring for their young. A mama who finds a well-maintained feeder will appreciate that “drive-through” convenience of your feeder when her caloric needs are up.

Second, males generally head south at the end of the summer earlier than females and juveniles. This staggered migration helps ensure better distribution of resources.

Finally, some of those females you’re seeing may be juvenile males. Young males have plumage that looks more like plumage on females until their first winter. But if you watch regular visitors to your feeder over the summer, you may start to see a hint of the red colour emerging on some males' throats before they leave for the winter.

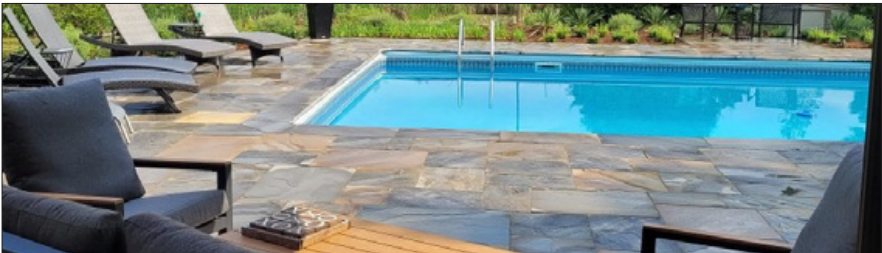
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Tom Lowe of Hammonds Plains won \$38,306 on April 30 with his registered number 37929.



Rosemary Smith (pictured with husband, Barry) of Glen Haven won \$24,657 on May 14 with her registered number 3883.

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Last month's crossword solution

June is Cataract Awareness Month

Cataracts occur when the lens of the eye becomes cloudy. Being over 60 years of age, having some medical conditions—like diabetes—and having a family history of cataracts are risk factors.

You can reduce your risk or slow develop of cataracts by not smoking and by protecting your eyes from the sun's UV rays with sunglasses and brimmed hats. Sunglasses are recommended even on cloudy days, when up to three-quarters of UV rays may still get through clouds



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First St. Margaret's Bay Pride festival a joyful celebration of visibility and allyship

Sharon Jessup Joyce



Some of the organizers of St. Margaret's Bay Pride's first festival: Dana Decent, Firth MacMillan, Piper, Ellie Emberley, April Gratto, Tania Cheng, Denyse Rodrigues, and Carleigh Mountjoy.

When Tania Cheng and her wife, Dana Decent, moved to St. Margaret's Bay from downtown Toronto, they weren't sure what to expect in terms of community diversity.

"I'm also Chinese," says Cheng, "So the question was, will I be the only one?"

Cheng had made only a couple of previous visits to the province and Decent had never visited before they moved here. Not only that, they had few family members or friends in Nova Scotia, and they arrived in November 2020, with pandemic lockdowns in place and winter

looming.

"What's been amazing is that we've stumbled on a queer community—in fact, we've found more of a community here than in Toronto," says Cheng.

"It did take time, because we were new here and it was during COVID," she adds.

It also required a little initiative. "One house we passed regularly had a pride flag outside, so one day, we stopped and knocked on their door."

Cheng acknowledges with a laugh that "not everyone would knock on a stranger's door."

The step from finding

community for themselves to the idea of broadly supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ visibility and allyship in their home community led Cheng and Decent to another idea: creating a Pride festival in St. Margaret's Bay.

"There's Halifax Pride and Lunenburg Pride, so why not have St. Margaret's Bay Pride?" Cheng asks, noting that there was a gap in Pride activities because St. Margaret's Bay is located at the boundaries of those two municipalities.

With professional backgrounds in the nonprofit world, Cheng and Decent got things rolling in

January, creating St. Margaret's Bay Pride. The organizing group, which now numbers over 15, started approaching local businesses and organizations in March to host and support Pride events.

"We've been grateful that, overwhelmingly, they have said yes," says Cheng.

In its first festival, there are over a dozen events from May to July for St. Margaret's Bay Pride. The events offer something for everyone, including yoga on the beach, a family skate, arts activities, BBQs, a prayer

service, and much more. All are welcome.

Cheng says that "the rising hate" in the United States and elsewhere against members of the queer community is a disturbing trend. St. Margaret's Bay Pride is one local way, she says, "to take action that is joyful and about love."

For more information on events, visit Instagram: @stmargaretsbaypride. St. Margaret's Bay Pride is also distributing "You are Welcome" stickers that local businesses and public locations can display.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Grossly neglected” horses should be retired from museum farm



If you haven’t listened to the CBC Mainstreet interview with Susan Fraser, a veterinarian and equine specialist here in Nova Scotia, regarding the deplorable and shocking condition of the Ross Farm Museum horses, you should. She said the degree of health and safety issues was the worst she had seen. Other specialists were

Kate, a pure black Canadian Horse, photographed in her stall at Ross Farm Museum, coated with urine and feces. She has a broken foot, severe ulcers, and is diabetic. She was fed dairy rations, toxic for horses. Ross Farm Museum bred Kate in June of last year in this condition. Information provided by Wendy Crocker. Photo credit: Rikki Jagger

there and confirmed her assessment. It is thanks to some of the new board members and staff that the wellness check was done.

This is a stain on Nova Scotia. There are fewer than 2,000 Canadian Horses left in the world, and the five at this publicly owned museum were all so sick and injured they had to be removed from the farm for rehabilitation. Some will not recover.

There is no reason the public can’t enjoy the farm museum without watching horses toil and work “just like the old days,” only to be grossly neglected at the end of the day.

I read the Ross Farm post on social media about “infrastructure improvements/ staff training to ensure top quality care for

the beloved horses.” That was PR/crisis management spin that didn’t happen until after the CBC interview in May. Were they really committed to ethical equine care it would have been happening already.

I urge Nova Scotians to write to their MLA and to Dave Ritcey, the Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage (email MIN_CCTH@novascotia.ca) and to Greg Morrow, the Minister of Agriculture (email MIN_DAG@novascotia.ca), and advocate for the end of having horses at that facility.

I applaud Susan Fraser for her advocacy.

Wendy Crocker
Halifax

“Whiskey Before Breakfast” anyone?

If coffee before supper, while playing old-time tunes, is more your style, then come join us. We want to start an old-time slow session next fall. It will be located between Halifax and Lunenburg, maybe in The Yellow Church (St. James Anglican) in Boutlier's Point. We will probably meet monthly.

This proposed old-time session is separate from The Yellow Church’s golden

oldies and folk music coffee house, but there may be some musical overlap.

Players of folk and certain orchestral instruments, singers, dancers and listeners are all welcome. We will:

- Make room for music stands.
- Announce song titles and keys.
- Include a wealth of our musical heritage roots, not just Celtic.
- Make allowances for mistakes.

The group will function as an old-time slow session, where we take turns leading old-time and Celtic tunes, with backup from the group.

But first, we need players.

A small stipend may be available for a semi-professional fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, or keyboard player to lead the fast, foot-tapping tunes, like the Canadian Métis reel, "Whiskey Before Breakfast." I

can lead, on my concertina, the slow tunes like the Swedish, "Josephine's Waltz."

Please reach out to players who live in—or are willing to drive to—the St. Margaret’s Bay area. Interested community members can email me at tam.hill2014@gmail.com.

Join us to make new friends while playing old music!

Tam Hill
Lewis Lake

Kitten season: Not as adorable as it sounds Jennifer LeBlanc

Most of us wait eagerly all year for summertime. But for people who work in cat rescue, the summer comes with a big downside: it’s kitten season, which means lots more kittens to try to find homes for.

More kittens are born from May to September than during the rest of the year. The reason is that female cats are more likely to come into heat between February and June. If mating occurs, there will be

kittens two months later, as the typical length of a domestic cat’s pregnancy is 63-65 days.

How can we help reduce the number of kittens?

Keep an unspayed female in heat indoors – though she will do everything she can to get outside – and get her spayed as soon as possible. Neuter male cats, too.

Some people think letting a female cat

have at least one litter will help to calm her down. Not true. Most cats become calmer when they leave their zany kitten days



behind, whether or not they’ve had kittens of their own. There is no benefit to letting your cat breed.

It’s true that kittens are often adopted quickly. But when there are lots of kittens, adolescent and adult cats waiting for a home usually end up waiting even longer.

Jennifer LeBlanc volunteers in cat rescue and shares her home with two rescue cats, Pickles and Geronimo. This story first ran in The Masthead News in June 2024.

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Public moorings help community access Mahone Islands

Krista Longard



A view of Big Cove on Masons Island in Mahone Bay. Photo credit: Krista Longard

Since 2003, the Mahone Islands Conservation Association (MICA) has privately raised over \$1.7 million to care for the 27 islands, island properties, and shoreline properties its volunteers steward in Mahone Bay.

Access and use of these islands is a gift to current and future generations. All users are asked to follow the MICA Island use guidelines and “leave only your footprints.”

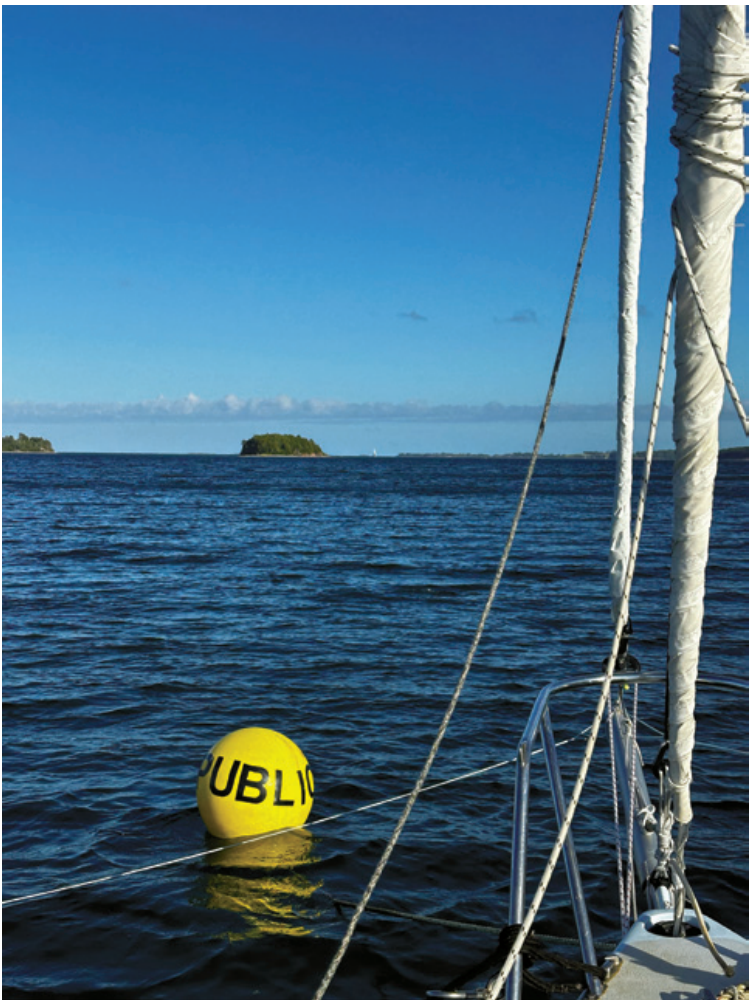
There are 26 registered public moorings installed around the MICA islands of the District of Lunenburg. Plans are underway to increase the number of public moorings over the next few years though a similar partnership with the Municipality of Chester.

These highly visible moorings are bright yellow, with the word PUBLIC written on the buoys. Each has been tagged with usage rules and mooring specifics. The moorings are to be shared, with overnight use limited to one night and leaving in the morning.

Although these moorings are for use at your own risk, each has been professionally installed and is inspected every year. The base of each mooring is a 2000-lb concrete block with a looped line to secure to your boat.

The funding for this public mooring has been a shared cost program with MICA and the districts of Lunenburg and now Chester, with registration by the province. The moorings are owned by the respective districts.

In recent years, MICA has been requesting that owners of private moorings remove those, so they won’t interfere with public



With Goat Island in the background, moored off Andrew’s Island at sunset, using a MICA public mooring. Photo credit: Krista Longard

access to the islands, which are for shared public use. Currently, many private moorings block access to the islands for some boats and are located in prime locations where MICA would like to place public moorings or create open access to island shorelines. In addition, abandoned moorings are hazards.

Some owners of private moorings have graciously

removed their moorings or turned them over to MICA for public moorings. The MICA community is very grateful for such consideration. If you have a private mooring near a MICA island, please contact us to discuss its removal or conversion to a registered public mooring as soon as possible.

If you are a user of the MICA public moorings, please

consider making a donation. MICA fundraises 50 percent of the capital cost of the public moorings, and community support is greatly appreciated. We also encourage community members to become MICA members.

To learn which of the islands have public moorings or to reach us for donations or membership, please visit mahoneislands.ns.ca. Krista Longard is a member of the Mahone Islands Conservation Association (MICA) board of directors.

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day takes place on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For generations, many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities have celebrated their cultures, languages, and traditions at this time of year. The summer solstice holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for many Indigenous Peoples, marking a time of renewal, connection, and celebration.

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Feeding the masses: How church volunteers have always helped sustain Nova Scotia

John Stone

Perhaps the longest history of volunteerism in the St. Margaret's Bay area belongs to members of church congregations. From the oldest church in the area, William Black Memorial United Church, founded in Glen Margaret

in 1821, to the youngest, St. Marguerite de Bourgeoys Church, founded in Upper Tantallon in 2016, volunteer work has always helped to sustain the churches and serve the wider community. Such volunteerism is reflected

in a story from *The Halifax Times*, August 4, 1846, which described the building of "The Yellow Church," St. James Anglican in Boutilier's Point:

"By the zeal and activity of the people, aided by many friends from the other side of the Bay... the whole frame was put up before sunset; and the next day it was boarded in, also by the voluntary labour of the people..."

The Times also reported that "a large tent had been erected near the place ... under which dinner was provided by several friends of the Church, for those who were engaged in the work."

That 1846 tent dinner is a reminder that church dinners are legendary in Nova Scotia, and a tradition that has continued up to and including the present day. Many community members watch eagerly for those dinners to be announced.

For example, on May 3 this year, the Anglican Parish of French Village held a take-out lobster (and ham) event at the St. Margaret's Bay Legion #116 in Seabright: over 400 dinners were sold, and more than two dozen people came to prepare food, set up an assembly line to package the food, and deliver the dinners to drive-in customers. Add to that number the bakers of over 40 carrot cakes.

There are ongoing programs, too: Two Cove Café at St. Luke's Anglican in Hubbards, James' Games & Café at The Yellow Church, hosting Marguerite Centre women at St. Luke's United in Upper Tantallon, the Book Worm Haven book room at

St. Peter's Anglican in Hackett's Cove, and the Monday drop-in at William Black Memorial. Behind each of these community offerings—and many others like them—is a group of committed, dedicated volunteers. Hats off to one and all.



From left, Louise Christie, Sheila Nifort, and Sarah Tingley, frosting carrot cakes for the May 3 lobster and ham dinner put on by the Anglican Parish of French Village. Photo credit: John Stone

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The United Church of Canada marks its centenary

On June 10, 1925, the United Church of Canada was inaugurated in Toronto, born of a practical need to coordinate ministry to Canada's vast spaces, especially in the northwest, and to serve overseas missions. The Methodist Church, Canada, the Congregational Union of Canada, the General Council of Union Churches, and 70% of the Presbyterian Church in Canada came together to form the first union of churches in the world to cross denominational lines.

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Taking action in wildfire season *Donna Scotten*



Andrew Worster, feeding the wood chipper during the Masons Point community clean-up day. Photo credit: Jim Neale

It’s wildfire season in Nova Scotia, and the wildfires of 2023 have made many residents more aware of the importance of mitigating wildfire risk.

With a community of about 160 properties and only one road serving as entrance and exit on Masons Point, our community needs to be aware of the risks of wildfire and do our part to reduce those risks.

Toward that goal, the Fire Safe Society of Masons Point (FSSMP) held its community clean-up day on May 24. Forester Matt Willett

visited homes and community spaces with a wood chipper, with community members working together to clear, chip, and spread wood chips. Kara McCurdy, HRM’s wildfire mitigation program manager, demonstrated a home assessment, providing strategies to help make a property safer.

“FireSmart Canada says wildfire mitigation begins at home. How you prepare your footprint will save your home in a wildfire,” says McCurdy.

HRM has trained 40 assessors to conduct free advanced home assessments, which are available to all property owners in HRM. Visit Halifax.ca/form/hrfe-firesmart or call 311 to request your own assessment.

Over the next 6 months, FSSMP is continuing to work with the HRM Emergency Management Office to create an evacuation plan.

Tips for reducing your property’s vulnerability to wildfire:

- Prune trees, both evergreens and hardwoods, 2m from the ground up and within 30m of your home.
- Create a 1.5m non-combustible zone around your home.
- Keep property clear of combustible materials (including bark mulch) unless you use fire-resistant plants with a high

- water content.
- Mow your grass—yes, even in May.
- Review attachments to your house, such as decks, fences, and sheds.
- Create a fire-resistant barrier between a deck and your house. If composite or fire-resistant materials are beyond your budget, install 1.5m of metal or composite where your deck attaches to the house.

- Embers and sparks can collect under decks and sheds, so enclose bases in a fire-resistant material like 3mm mesh, or fully enclose the underside of the deck or shed.
- Clean your dryer vents and ensure you have 3mm mesh behind them.

Donna Scotten is a resident of Masons Point and a member of the Fire Safe Society of Masons Point.

Pets for adoption: Lily and Blissy

Lily, 5, and Blissy, 3, are a healthy mother and daughter whose owner recently passed away. These girls can stay together in one home, or they can be adopted separately. Both cats are very affectionate, though Lily (top in photo) is a little shyer than her daughter. Bonus: they both actually love belly rubs.

If you’re interested in meeting these charmers, they are being fostered at Otis & Clementine’s Books & Coffee, 5209 St. Margaret’s Bay Road (in the Redmond’s plaza), Upper Tantallon. Lily and Blissy are available for adoption through Spay Day Nova Scotia. For more information: spaydaynovascotia@gmail.com.



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Saturdays, starting June 7

St. Peter's Church Book Worm Haven, St. Peter's Anglican Church, 10030 Peggy's Cove Road, Hackett's Cove, 9am-noon. Over 5,000 books and puzzles for all ages. Prices are \$2 and \$3, no admission cost. Not open if wedding or funeral that Saturday morning.

Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8

Mahone Bay Home and Garden Tour, Mahone Bay, 10am-5pm. Get inspired by the creativity and beauty of historic architecture and landscaping in Mahone Bay. Tickets are \$30, available at mahonebaymuseum.com/hgtour or at Kinburn Pharmasave (522 Main Street). Included with your tour ticket: various workshops and a visit with knowledgeable gardeners at work. Pick up your tour guide maps/tickets starting at noon on Friday, June 6 at the Mahone Bay Visitors Information Centre (165 Edgewater Street) or Mahone Bay Museum (578 Main Street). See mahonebaymuseum.com/hgtour for more information.

Saturday, June 7

Plant Sale, St. Peter's Anglican Church, 10030 Peggy's Cove Road, Hackett's Cove, 9am-noon. Plant sale held rain or shine. Free coffee or tea available. Book Worm Haven will be open. No admission cost.

Plant Sale, St. Luke's United Church, 5374 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Upper Tantallon, 9-11am. Lots of plants to choose from. Ends at 11am or when sold out. Free admission.

Zoé Vallé Memorial Library Re-opening Ceremony, Zoé Vallé Memorial Library, 63 Regent Street, Chester, 10am. See what's here and new at this historic property.

Bedford-Hammonds Plains Craft and Vendor "Spring into Summer" Market, St. John's Anglican Church, 2187 Larry Uteck Boulevard, 10am-2pm. Annual Spring Market. Over 45 local vendors offering crafts, handmade goods, art, and unique gifts. Church kitchen offering eat-in or take-out lunch. \$2 admission.

Barbecue, Plant Sale, and "Wheel of Dirt," East River Union Hall, 7216 Highway 329, East River, 9am-noon. Barbecue fundraiser, plant sale, and prize wheel from Handy Hands 4-H Club. Rain or shine. No-till gardening talk with Elizabeth Pierce at 10:30am. No admission cost.

Tuesdays, starting June 10

Tantallon Village Farmers Market, 16 Sonny's Road, Upper Tantallon, 2-6am. Great selection of vendors and live music, all Canadian. Questions? See www.tvfm.ca or find us on Facebook.

Tuesday, June 10

Vermicomposting – Making Gardener's Gold, Tantallon Public Library Community Room, 3646 Hammonds Plains Road, Upper Tantallon, 6:30-8pm. Learn from waste resource education officer Cyndi Fraser how to setup, maintain, and harvest vermicompost. 3 vermicomposters available for attendees. No cost.

Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14

Trinity United Church Annual Flea Market, Trinity United Church, 67 Trinity Way, Timberlea, 2-6pm (Friday), 8:30am-noon (Saturday). Clothing, glassware, puzzles, toys, books, and all the usual kinds of items. Barbecue each day. No admission cost. Questions? Call Ellen, 902-499-6362

Saturday, June 14

Father's Day Pulled Pork Sandwich Lunch, St. Luke's Anglican Parish Hall, 10 Shore Club Road, Hubbards, 11:30am-1pm. Pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, choice of pie slice. Tea and coffee. Wheelchair accessible. Not limited to fathers; all welcome. Admission by donation to The Helm.

Live Music Concert: Full Circle, St. James' Church (The Yellow Church), 6991 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Boutillier's Point, 2-4pm. Laid-back acoustic songs plus the best from the 60s and 70s. Admission: free-will local charity offering. Parking limited, carpooling encouraged.

William Black Memorial United Church Annual Yard Sale, William Black Memorial United Church Community Hall, 10515 Peggy's Cove Road, Glen Margaret, 9am-noon. Giant yard sale, indoors and out, rain or shine. Free admission.

Prospect Area Garden Club Plant Sale, Prospect Road Elementary School, 2199 Prospect Road, Hatchet Lake, 9-11:30am. Different plants at various prices. Rain date June 15. Funds raised support the club. Updates, The Prospect Area Garden Club on Facebook.

Sunday, June 15

Annual Silver Garden Tour, 283 Brennans Road, Prospect Bay, 10am-4pm. 8 acres, over 400 plant species, paths, ponds, and bridges, artisan show and sale. Admission: non-perishable food or monetary donation to Feed Nova Scotia.

Friday, June 20

Friends of Nature Conservation Society Public Meeting, St Stephen's Church Hall, 60 Regent Street, Chester, 5pm. Friends of Nature Conservation Society annual general meeting. Guest speaker Elizabeth May, Green Party of Canada leader. Live entertainment and light refreshments. No cost.

Saturday, June 21

Car Show and Shine, St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 2553 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Timberlea, 10am-2pm. Annual Car Show and Shine. Registration to show your vehicle is free. Cash barbecue and basket raffle. All welcome. Admission by donation.

Summer Fayre, St. James' Church (The Yellow Church), 6991 St. Margaret's Bay Road, Boutillier's Point, noon-3pm. Annual 'Ye Olde' Summer Fayre. Fun and games, barbecue, strawberry (shortcake) teas, pantry table, live music with local artists. Rain or shine. All welcome. No cost.

Saturday, June 28

St. Luke's Huge Indoor Yard, Bake, and Plant Sale, St. Luke's Anglican Parish Hall, 10 Shore Club Road, Hubbards, 9am-1pm. Yard, bake, and plant sale. Cash only. Bring your own shopping bags. No admission cost but donations welcome, no early birds please. Proceeds to St. Luke's ACW.

Fire Station Open House, Seabright Fire Station 55, 11229 Peggy's Cove Road, Seabright, 10am-2pm. Toy drive and barbecue. Monetary donations also accepted. All donations go to Tantallon's new daycare By the Sea Early Learning. No admission cost.

Faerie Trails Official Opening, Aquatic Garden, Mahone Bay. Walking trail with faerie houses. 2pm, ribbon-cutting at trail entrance. 3pm, faerie tea party at Eli + Trix. Faerie attire encouraged but not

required.

Tuesday, July 1

Canada Day Celebrations, New Ross Royal Canadian Legion #79, 64 Forties Road, New Ross, 4-10:15pm. Opening ceremony 4pm, followed by live music, face painting, children's activities, Canada Day cake. Food and refreshments for purchase. All welcome. Fireworks 10:15pm, fireworks rain date July 2 10:15pm.

Sunday, July 6

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Practice, St. Margarets Bay Shambhala Centre, 13495 Peggy's Cove Road, Upper Tantallon, 9:30am-noon. Deep relaxation, breath work, sitting meditation, walking meditation, mindful Yoga, Qi Gong, group discussion, and more, with Timothy Walker.

ST. MARGARET'S BAY PRIDE EVENTS – JUNE 2025

Black Harbour Distillers Drag Night, Black Harbour Distillers, 419 Highway 329, Hubbards, Saturday June 14, 8pm.

Meet the Youth Project (Bracelet Making), Tantallon Public Library, 3646 Hammonds Plains Road, Upper Tantallon, Wednesday June 25, 3-5pm.

Drag Queen Storytime, Otis & Clementine's Books & Coffee, 5209 St Margaret's Bay Road, Upper Tantallon, Saturday June 28, 10-11am.

Rainbow Rec Day (Hockey, Skate, & Basketball), St. Margaret's Centre, 12 Westwood Boulevard, Upper Tantallon, Saturday June 29, noon-2pm.

Yoga Fundraiser for Bay Pride, Micou's Island, Monday June 30, 8-9am.

Pride Writing Workshop with the Youth Project, Tantallon Public Library, 3646 Hammonds Plains Road, Upper Tantallon, Saturday July 5, 2-4pm.

More details on Instagram @stmargaretsbaypride.

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Government programs that may support your heat pump purchase

Tam Hill

As a homeowner with a broken heat pump, I recently researched options for repair or replacement. As a fan of green energy, I would like to share what I learned.

Heat pumps are a type of "greenish" energy that provide both central heating and air conditioning. The electricity that runs them burns minimal fossil fuels, so minimal greenhouse gases are emitted. Heat pumps are also "greenish" because they do not directly cause air pollution.

In Nova Scotia's winters, ducted heat pumps need to be backed up by an attached electric furnace. Electric power for the furnace is partly generated by hydroelectric dams on lakes in our area.

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Grant applications are no longer being accepted for heat pumps to replace fossil fuel systems. However, the programs listed below are still available.

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Canada Greener Homes Oil to Heat Pump Affordability program: Up to \$15,000 is available to homeowners who meet modest-income eligibility requirements, and are currently heating with oil, to switch to a heat pump. More information: natural-resources.canada.ca/node/24775

Nova Scotia Home Efficiency Rebate program: This provincial program gives homeowners financial incentives to improve their home's energy efficiency. Homes must be at least six months old and be a primary residence. There is a Home Warming program for low-income homeowners, and a Moderate Income Rebate for moderate-income families, offered through Efficiency Nova Scotia. More information: <https://www.energycyns.ca/home>, or call 1-877-999-6035.

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But are you still using that subscription?

Bob Joyce

Subscription services are everywhere, from streaming platforms and cloud storage to fitness memberships, online news outlets, and pet toys. While they offer convenience, they can also drain your finances if left unchecked. A recent survey by C&R Research showed that, on average, people underestimated their spending on subscriptions by more than 70 percent.

But there are ways to reduce subscription costs to reclaim control of your budget.

Start by listing all your active subscriptions. Then check your bank and credit card statements for recurring charges, as many services may renew automatically without notice. If you're not accessing that service regularly, you may not even remember you're paying for it.

Then, identify which subscriptions you often use and want to keep.

It's not uncommon to sign up for services that seem useful at the time that you may end up not using. If you have a gym membership you rarely use or multiple streaming services with overlapping content, consider downgrading to a more affordable plan—or cancel altogether.

Many services offer free or reduced-cost trials with automatic transition into paid or more expensive plans. To prevent that, set calendar reminders to cancel before the trial period ends. If you do miss that date and don't want the service, call or email to see if you can get the charge reversed: some companies provide a window to cancel a subscription for a full refund.

Maybe you want to keep a service, but wish it was less costly. Every time I've called to cancel an existing service, I've been offered a better rate. If you're a long-time subscriber, consider reaching out to customer service to see if they can lower cost.

If you use a service regularly, switching to an annual plan can save money, since yearly plans often come with discounted rates compared to monthly payments.

Not sure whether to cancel? Consider cancelling for the next few months—summer is a great time for that. You may find that you really don't miss that service by the time fall rolls around.

Bob Joyce, CPA, CA, CFP, owns Fair Winds Financial Coach, an independent, local financial coaching service. He has over 40 years' experience in accounting, tax, investments, and financial coaching.



Make A Difference in Your Community!

Seeking Public Members for a New COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)

Halifax Organics Management Facility

AIM HCR began operation of the Halifax Organics Management Facility effective September 13, 2024 under contract to the Municipality. AIM HCR is currently seeking applications for up to four volunteer Public Members for the Community Liaison Committee for this facility. These Members must be residents of HRM.

This committee will provide a forum for mutual distribution, consultation, review and exchange of information regarding the operation of the Halifax Organics Management Facility, including processing of materials, environmental monitoring, maintenance, and complaint resolutions. Committee Meetings will be held at the facility or virtually.

If you are interested in volunteering for the CLC, additional information can be obtained by contacting AIM HCR by email at: **RaggedLakeCLC@aimgroup.ca** or by phone to **902-876-5185**.

Painters—and other artists—get ready for annual summer art festival

Sharon Jessup Joyce

When we hear the word “artist” we often picture someone standing, paintbrush in hand, before an easel and canvas. And while many artists are indeed painters, Shannon Gough, who became board chair for the Peggy’s Cove Area Art Society (PCAAS) this year, wants to remind us that

there are lots of artists who create in a wide variety of art forms. Artists and artisans work with wood, fibres, leather, stone, glass, metal, and many other materials. Gough herself is a good example of that. With a background in lampworking—a glass art form she has taught—fused glass and quilting, she says her current preferred

art form is leatherwork. “I recycle leather to create purses, wallets, and other usable art,” she says. “And I have a great stash of quilting fabric, which I can use for linings and in other ways.” Usable art pieces—individually designed items that have utility, like a purse, a bed quilt, glassware or pottery—may not always be recognized as art, even by their makers, says Gough. And she thinks that needs to change.

“There can be so much creativity in the design process,” she notes. “When I’m designing a purse, I’ll often move pieces of leather around, bring in different pieces, use coloured thread—and that level of planning and testing is characteristic of other art forms.”

Gough sometimes hears about people working in those other art forms who think they aren’t eligible to join PCAAS.

“We want them to know they are very welcome,” she says. “We’re an inclusive group and we want to support people creating in various media at all levels to share their work with the community.”

With the annual Peggy’s Cove Festival of the Arts just around the corner, Gough says PCAAS artists are looking forward to welcoming art appreciators to the festival’s events.

“It’s such a celebration of art and community,” she says. “We work all year getting ready for this festival and there’s such an exciting variety of art we’ll be sharing—we can’t wait to see everyone.”



Shannon Gough, new board chair of Peggy’s Cove Area Art Society. Below, some of Gough’s usable art in leather and her Singer cylinder arm industrial sewing machine. Photo credits: Shannon Gough

The Peggy’s Cove Area Festival of the Arts runs from July 9 to 20, and includes an Opening Night on July 9, Paint Peggy’s Cove from July 11 to 13, the Studio Tour from July 18 to 20, and a members’ show at the St. Margaret’s Bay Community Enterprise Centre throughout the month of July. For more information on the festival, visit peggyscovefestivalofthearts.com.



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Art by Teresa Bergen, from the Carnival of Colours event poster. Photo credit: Emily Pentley-Jones

Carnival a feast for the senses in support of Chester Art Centre

The Chester Art Centre will be transformed into a carnival on Saturday, July 5. The Charm Diamond Centres' Carnival of Colours is a fundraiser in support of the Chester Art Centre.

The event, from 7pm to 11pm, will feature dancing to the Rec Room Jams, playing hits from the 1980s to today, and carnival foods, including lobster rolls, french fries, and cannoli.

Art will be featured in a variety of ways, including an opportunity to participate in collaborative art activities, pose for a caricature, and more.

Proceeds from the event will support the Chester Art Centre's workshops, exhibits, and other programs.

For more information, visit chesterartcentre.ca or call 902-275-5789.

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The Silvers' Garden started, says Donna Silver, "because I wanted to plant rhododendrons." Photo credit: Lois Knight

the Prospect Bay Gardening Club and, for the past decade or more, in support of Feed Nova Scotia. To add more special elements to the tour, Donna recruited local artists and musicians two years ago. This year's tour, on June 15, will include eight artists—painters, a photographer, a woodworker, a quiltmaker, and a jewellery maker—who will be selling their work. The artists, part of an informal group called

the Coastal Makers, have also put together a door-prize basket of items they have created and donated. Deb Anderson, a quilter and member of the group, says, "Donna gets the credit for reaching out to us and bringing us all together. She felt that art would be a perfect complement to the garden, and it is." Three-person music group Beyond Harmony will again be part of this year's event, with vocals, violin, guitar, bass, and percussion. The Silvers' grandkids will be selling lemonade and other refreshments. Janice MacLean, who has gone on the tour a couple of times, says, "Even if there are a lot of people when you go, there are so many moments of tranquillity because of the garden design—it

feels very peaceful and private." Admission to the tour is by nonperishable food items or monetary donation to Feed Nova Scotia. Donna says last year's tour brought around 300 visitors who contributed over a thousand pounds of food and around \$2,000 in monetary donations. She hopes this year's event will bring in even more. "There is such a need, not only in Nova Scotia, but throughout the world," she says. "Supporting Feed Nova Scotia is about food security, but also about helping people with other things, like diapers, shampoo, cleaning products and so many basic necessities." Deb Anderson agrees. "We can't forget the probability of even more difficult times ahead. But what we can do is help now and into the future."

Silver Garden Tour

Sunday, June 15, 10am-4pm
283 Brennans, Road Prospect Bay
Garden, art, music, refreshments
Admission by donation to Feed Nova Scotia



The pond was installed over four phases and is fed by a natural water source on the property. Photo credit: Lois Knight.



The Coastal Makers, which includes eight local artists, will be selling their work at this year's Silver Garden Tour on June 15. Shown here, a quilt by Deb Anderson, one of the artists. Photo credit: Deb Anderson

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Merchant Marines and then served with The London Fire Brigade fighting fires in bomb damaged London. Gordon with a much relieved wife and children then emigrated to Canada to serve with The Royal Canadian Air Force as a firefighter. Following that Gordon became Deputy Fire Marshal for Nova Scotia where he worked diligently to ensure public safety. Upon retiring he volunteered in various organizations including The Sea Cadets, and visiting Veterans. He travelled much with his Ushi in a camper van and also on his own to various locations throughout the Americas and the world. His love of life in all its forms and need to protect all was integral to his well being. He was a treasured man and will remain so in memories for all that knew him.

Dauphinee

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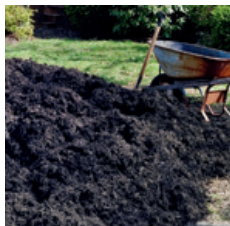
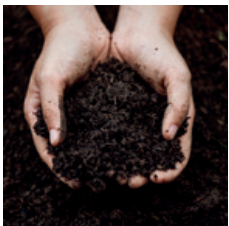
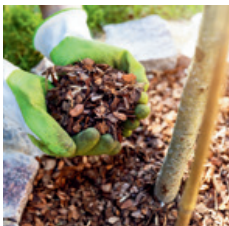




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Annual General Meeting NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the Hubbards Community Waterfront Association will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday June 25, 2025

Time: Registration Opens at 6:30 pm Meeting to start at 7:00 pm

Venue: Black Pt. & Area Community Centre

Address: 8579 St. Margaret's Bay Rd., Black Pt., NS

The HCWA Board looks forward to seeing the Members!

The General Public is welcome to attend, however, only paid Members of the HCWA are permitted to vote on any issues arising at the AGM.

Please visit our website at www.hubbardscove.ca for further updates or contact hubbardscove@gmail.com for further information.

Students working to find ways to work in tough job market

The Masthead News Staff

Need some help getting the lawn mowed and the garden weeded this summer? Or perhaps you're looking for someone to walk your dog?

A long-running partnership between Bay View High School in Upper Tantallon and the Seniors Association of St. Margaret's Bay (Bay Seniors)

has some suggestions for you—in fact, over a dozen suggestions. That's the number of names on a casual help list of students interested in doing yard work, dog-walking, and other tasks for St. Margaret's Bay residents this summer. The list is available to everyone, not just seniors.

The school recruits, interviews, and recommends the students,

and Bay Seniors helps connect community members looking for help to students who are available in that neighbourhood. Payment is arranged between the student and the service recipient.

With the current economic uncertainty, job forecasters and job-search services across the country are predicting a tough summer for student employment, coming on the heels of two years of decreasing opportunities. Bay View High and Bay Seniors are eager to facilitate some win-win outcomes for area residents who need help and students who need work.

To connect with a student interested in active outdoor work, call Bay Seniors at 902-820-3334 or email centre@bayseniors.ca.

Sophie Conrad, shown here with (from left) Cosmo, Rosie, and Honey, is one of the students in St. Margaret's Bay offering services like yardwork, dog walking, spring clean-up, organizing, and tech training. Photo credit: Keira Mercer



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Young entrepreneurs to showcase their work

Chantal Pelham-Edwards

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Participating in the fair will give entrepreneurial kids a chance to showcase their work and offer it for sale to the community. Like a craft fair, each young entrepreneur will have a table, and community members will be encouraged to

purchase the kids' items or services.

The fair will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 3:30-6:00pm, on the lawn and deck of the CEC at 5229 St. Margaret's Bay Road in Upper Tantallon. The event will be inside if it rains that day.

An introductory workshop will be hosted earlier in the month by Blue Water CBDC to help participants fine-tune their business idea.

There is no cost to enter the fair, but space is limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please contact reception@smbcec.org for more information and to register. Permission of a parent or guardian is required for participation.

The CEC hopes this first event will lead to future events in the fall.

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Annual auction supports playground, extracurriculars at Shatford School

Sarah Hare

Over 200 people came out to the Shore Club in Hubbards to have fun and support the Shatford Memorial Elementary School's annual auction on May 9.

The event raised more than \$25,000 to help support the school's extracurricular activities and playground equipment. The portion of the auction income earmarked for the playground is part of a five-year plan.

Auction items were donated by

area businesses, artists, and other community members.

The school's principal, Sarah Wile, says the extracurricular activities are important "for the education and wellbeing of our students...and to enrich students' learning."

Peggy's Cove Area Festival of the Arts

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Michael Uhlarik, school parent and volunteer auctioneer and Katie Burke, school parent in a "Vanna White role," are shown presenting items during the auction. Photo credit: Ashley Blenkhorn