



# IN THE NEWS

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LEFT: Hansi works on lavender as Karen is stripping the tiny leaves from the savory.  
RIGHT: Ronnie is carefully slicing the hot peppers and removing their seeds.

## Greenhouse - Change of Season

While the garden is still producing fresh tomatoes, zucchini, herbs and more (which will go to market in Chester each Friday for the remainder of the season), the smells of lavender and savory fill the air of the Greenhouse workshop.

Some of the crew are busy stripping the tiny leaves off of herb cuttings to prepare them for the oils, vinegars, and dried herb products that they will begin making later in the fall and through the winter.

Other work crew members are busy cutting and seeding the hot peppers that are used in our popular jars of jelly. The work requires their attention to ensure that the stems and seeds do not end up in the finished products.

There are smiles on their faces, pleased with the progress they've made today.

## Bonny Lea Farm Benefit Golf Tournament

A quiet foggy morning greeted event organizers and golfers on the morning of September 11, but spirits were high for the Bonny Lea Farm Benefit Golf Tournament.

Team Dexter took home the trophy with the Lowest Gross Score, while the Lowest Net Score card belonged to Team MagicLamp.

*"Such a fun time."* Matthew Burke, Team MagicLamp

Organized by Life Member Jack Flemming and his daughter and Board Member Colleen Fitzgerald, the event brought together 144 golfers and raised nearly \$30,000 for the programs and services offered by Bonny Lea Farm.

*"It's a good cause and a special place."* Jack Flemming

As Managing Director David Outhouse told golfers, it is through donations such as this that we are able to offer our comprehensive day program and to assist participants with some of the extra experiences that are fulfilling, promoting a better quality of life.

The Special Olympic Golfer putting challenge was a popular spot on the course and raised \$1000 for Special O golf and curling programs.



LEFT: Three generations of goodness. Jack, Colleen and Katie.

BOTTOM LEFT: Jack with cousin Liz Flemming

BOTTOM RIGHT: Floyd measures David's closest to the bottle putt at 22" beating the challenge winner's 27" putt.



## Part of the Community

On any given day our vehicles are on the road taking participants to work and volunteer placements or on outings to community events and other activities. During one recent week, in addition to their regularly scheduled work and volunteer activities, participants also went to Rainbow Beach to soak up the last rays of summer and the following day many went biking in the Valley. This past week some went horse back riding and others bowling. This is not the exception. It is the norm. Whenever possible, we facilitate the involvement of participants within the community.

Recently we weren't able to get out for Coffee & Conversation with the St. Martin's Anglican parish because our parabus was being used for a different activity. When Eva Barkhouse and Penny Pratt found out, they brought Coffee & Conversation to us!

We are grateful for the many community groups and individuals who welcome and engage participants in these meaningful ways.

While she didn't go in the water, Lynn said, "It was good to see the water and hear the waves."

"I liked the bike ride. The breeze. The sounds. I saw an airplane flying in the sky."  
- Blair

"They are always so happy to come to Coffee & Conversation. We were glad to bring it to them." - Penny Pratt

### TOP TO BOTTOM:

Douglas enjoyed the beach with vocational instructor Evelyn.

Bike ride fun in the Valley.

Coffee & Conversation with Eva Barkhouse and Penny Pratt from St. Martin's Anglican Parish.



"It will be nice to not have to take the big bus when it is just me going somewhere."

- Joanne

## Zone 9 Lions Choose to Support Joanne's Wish

For year's Joanne Boswell has been advocating for adding a wheelchair accessible van to our fleet of vehicles.

There are five wheelchair users who live or work at Bonny Lea Farm. Currently, the parabus is the only transportation we have available to take Joanne and other wheelchair users to work and volunteer placements, appointments, errands and events.

Joanne feels that a wheelchair accessible van would offer a more personal and cost efficient option to the parabus when a smaller number of people are on the go or when the parabus is in use, such as when she goes to work at the Kiwi Café each Thursday.

Peter Wagner, chair of the Zone 9 Lions invited us to present Joanne's Project for consideration as the Zone Project for Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne counties. We are thrilled that they have decided to support Joanne and other adults with disabilities to have greater access to the community by fundraising for this project. The overall fundraising goal is \$45,000-50,000.

We have already received more than \$16,000 towards this project with donations from the Masons of Lunenburg-Queens counties, which were matched by the Masonic Foundation of Nova Scotia, an Anonymous donation and a contribution by the Mahone Bay Area Lions.

Achieving Joanne's goal will help ensure that all participants have the opportunity to go when and where they need to go without feeling they are inconveniencing others.

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