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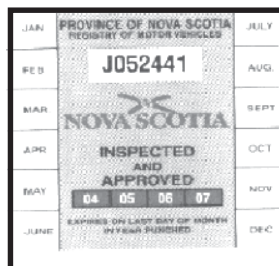
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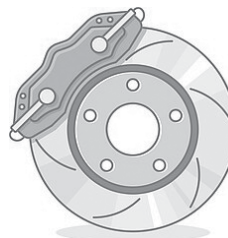
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Jack began his career August
19th and hasn't looked back
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Jacks, Olivia Newton John,
John Travolta, Tommy James;
Tommy Chong, Joan Van Ark
from Knots Landing, Charlie
Daniels, John Densmore drummer
of the Doors, Sam Moon,
Ron Dante from the Archies
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Jack spends time researching
his interview subjects and
asks pertinent and thought
provoking questions.

When he finishes his inter-
views, he posts them on his
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hear.

The talented Beaver Cove
resident also hosts his own
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You'll also see his written
descriptions in past issues of
the Northside weekly publication
THIS WEEK.

We look forward to Jack's next
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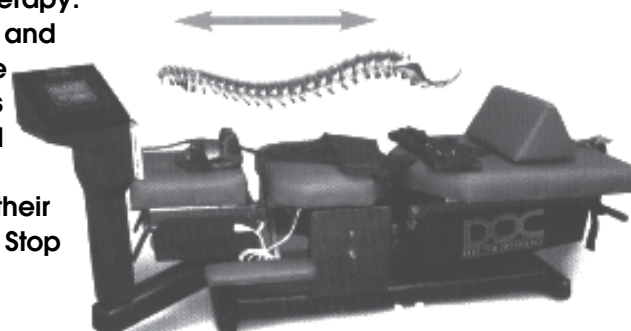
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HIGHLAND GAMES - August
19 - Pitt Street Track - Sydney
Mines

"SHOTS FIRED" - Branch 83,
Legion, Florence - August 25

MOBILITY CUP - North
Sydney - Aug. 27 - Aug. 30

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PAUL POWER

I've always had the impression that in movies Nicholas Cage plays a character that is a certain percentage of who he really is (sometimes a bit more and sometimes a bit less) but still Nicholas Kim Coppola (real name). However, Cage did say in the past that most of his on-screen personas bear little resemblance to his real self. Because of that I'll bet that in real life he's a super chill and easy going dude-saving his anger and angst for the big screen, like therapy by celluloid. This week this space is all about his latest movie release. The storyline of "Sympathy For The Devil" is that after being car-jacked by an over-the-top mysterious stranger (Cage) who's brandishing a gun the "driver" (played by Joel Kinnaman) is in a high stakes game where what seems to be is not actually what is. Complicating matters is that the driver had just entered a hospital parking lot where his wife is in labour, and he was already running against the



clock. What ensues is a tension filled hour and a half as Cage 'out-Cage's' himself against the driver, cops, restaurant patrons and ultimately himself. There is a major surprise towards the end of the movie, but a saavy viewer would pick up on that subtle clue earlier (yes I did pick up on it-not to brag). Also, if I didn't point out the fact that the majority of this movie is locked between 2 people you probably wouldn't even realize, as the tension and action covers that up so well. There's also a lot of twisted humour dispensed by Cage's character making him seem even more evil. We all know that Nicholas Cage can play crazy to a level not matched by anyone else, and this role may very well be his craziest so far.

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NORTH SYDNEY'S COMMUNITY BUILDING HUB OF ACTIVITY

The North Sydney Cultural And Heritage Center is a bustling hub of activity. The building which is home to the North Sydney Historical Museum, the Wilfred Oram Centennial Library, the North Sydney Seniors and Pensioners club and Lyndon Johnson's Accounting office. "Our building is always busy with activities" says Building Manager Robert Hillman. The museum has a steady stream of tourists throughout the summer season and the Visitors Information Center located in the museum helps numerous folks a day navigate their travels.



The Library is the busiest spot in town and hosts many programs throughout the year. Lyndon Johnson's Accounting office is located on the lower level along with the ever growing busy North Sydney Seniors and Pensioners Club. "The Seniors Club is always busy hosting teas, dances, darts banquets etc. We are very lucky to have this great group of folks sharing the building with us" Hillman says. "As the saying goes it takes a village" applies to us too" says Joe Meaney, Historical Society Chairman. "We have many folks helping us keep the Cultural and Heritage Center the beautiful building that it is."

"We are the focal point of downtown we are proud to be running such an im-you drive by you will notice a beautiful Wagonmaster Art of Boularderie Island. Cultural Centre and that is the very unique of North River - it's fittingly called Cod culture has been graciously gifted to the cenciation better known as the BIDA."

"The sculpture has been placed in a Monuments of North Sydney. We are also Finney who overseen the mural and sculpture completion. Paul is always there if we projects to help and beautify the property" Meaney says. "Our property and grounds are meticulously kept by our good friend Earl MacPherson and his staff at Earls Greenhouse. From the beautiful flowers and baskets to our manicured lawn, it's all due to the



North Sydney and portant facility. As mural with artwork by Wayne Leal of And out front is a brand new addition to the and stunning sculpture by Gordon Kennedy and Kelp. This beautiful mural and sculptrre from the downtown development asso-

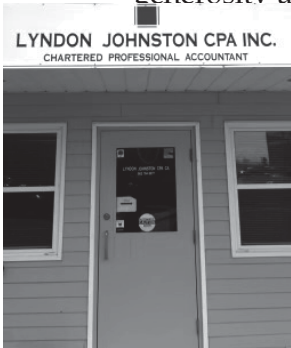


generosivty and kindness of Earl. It would be very costly for us to have the property look half as good if it wasn't for Earl and Anne and their staff," says Hillman.

"Also thanks to the Northside Garden Club for their time and generosity to our grounds. We are also very fortunate to have three capable students working in the museum this year Ian MacNeil, Brooke Barry And Isabella MacDonald, two who are funded through the Federal government and the other from the Provincial. The students are a great asset and we are lucky to be able to hire staff on a yearly basis" Meaney says.

The Cultural Centre was the dream of former chairman the late Jim Walsh who originally wanted a new museum building. When funding was applied for it was realized that a stand alone museum wouldn't work and a more sustainable vision was developed. That's why the library and seniors club were approached to join as integral parts of the building. We've had the seniors and library since the beginning Hillman says along with being home to three former MLA's and now Lyndon Johnson's accounting office.

"We are fortunate to always be at full capacity and we rely on our rental income to sustain our building. Some folks still think we are government funded but we are not. The building is owned by the North Sydney Historical Society and is run by our Manager under the direction of the Society," Meaney said. "We have a full board of directors and a membership. We will resume meetings in September and meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 2 pm. New members are always welcome. The Society itself was started in 1980 by former Chairman and historian Gordon Sampson with a few community members. Since then we've had Chairman's Jim Walsh, Ron MacDonald and current Chairman, former North Sydney Police Chief Joe Meaney. Our board consists of Joe Meaney Chairman, Marilyn Ritza Vice Chairman, Treasurer Harry Taylor, secretary Alaine Taylor and directors Ron MacDonald , Wes Stewart, Bill Weatherbee and Andie Currie.



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It's fishing season again - here's the weekly Tide Chart. 2 High Tides each day

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 16

9:11 am - 9:58 pm

THURSDAY - AUGUST 17

9:47 am - 10:28 pm

FRIDAY - AUGUST 18

10:22 am - 10:57 pm

SATURDAY - AUGUST 19

10:56 am - 11:25 pm

SUNDAY - AUGUST 20

11:30 am - 11:54 pm

MONDAY - AUGUST 21

12:06 pm - 0:24 pm

TUESDAY - AUGUST 15

0:24 am - 12:44 pm



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE

Well the congregation of St. Andrew's maybe a little later this year with their Annual yard Sale but none the less they are putting in a lot of time and work into getting their Annual yard sale ready for the Labour Day Weekend.

Usually the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Annual Yard Sale is the first week of July each year, but this year it was decided to hold it on the long weekend at the beginning of September. Also, like last year, the committee decided to hold it inside the church hall because in past years some days were a might chilly and manpower is getting less and less as our congregation ages.

Last year's Yard Sale was a big success and there was a huge amount of things donated from the congregation. Not only does the congregation donate items but friends and family members of the congregation as well, which is fantastic. This year we have surpassed last year's amount said Rita Johnston, one of the yard sale organizers. People have been so generous in giving us things that are practically new. There are a lot of nice items and we have marked them low because we want them "To Go". At the end of last year's sale whatever was left over was donated to Community Cares and St. Vincent DePaul for their sales. It's not only about raising money to help our church, it's about helping others in our community in any way we can. So if we didn't sell it then someone else could possibly benefit from the items.

This is one Annual event you won't want to miss and we will even have some BBQ hotdogs grilling on the old barbeque just for you, if you get hungry while picking your way through the tables. So save this date on your calendars.

Here are the details:

Who: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Sydney Mines

What: Our Annual Yard Sale

When: Saturday, September 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: 643 Main Street, Sydney Mines (in the church hall)

Why: Money raised goes in support of our beautiful church to keep it open in our community.

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Sydney Mines Native To Perform At Inaugural Games

BY COREY LEBLANC

Although she has played the bagpipes for almost half a century, Denise MacDonald is – once again – preparing for a first-time musical experience later this month.

In her hometown, she will be one of the performers for the opening ceremonies of the inaugural Sydney Mines Highland Games, which are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Pitt Street Walking Track on the former Princess Colliery property.



"No, I never thought it would happen in my lifetime," MacDonald said of having the opportunity to play her beloved instrument at a Games in her backyard.

She added, "It is really exciting – I am looking forward to it." MacDonald has played for more than 45 years.

"It's been a long time," she said, adding with a laugh, "That's something considering I am only 29."

The 'Mac' in her name aside, one might ask how a youngster from Fraser Avenue ended up playing the beloved

Scottish instrument.

When MacDonald was five years old, her now 94-year-old father – Cecil – took his children to The Gaelic College in St. Ann's for a concert headlined by the legendary John Allan Cameron.

"I fell in love with them," she remembered of seeing and hearing] the bagpipes on that unforgettable day.

Before long, MacDonald was taking lessons; not surprising, considering Cecil and his wife, Selina, had a home filled with music. If any of their seven children wanted to play an instrument, one was provided, along with any required lessons.

"They loved it," she said of parents' pride in their children's passion for music.

Over the years, MacDonald not only had stints with high-end bands – such as the Halifax Police Pipe Band and Gaelic College Pipe Band – in competition and for other performances, but also playing solo for a variety of events.

Although she lessened her band time over the years, once she started her family, she never stopped playing.

"They are such a unique instrument," MacDonald said of the bagpipes.

She added, "When played alone, they are very haunting." Celebrating Scottish culture and tradition is a family tradition for the MacDonald clan. Along with Denise, her sister, Bonnie Jean a member of the Cape Breton University band, plays the pipes. Maria Elena, another sister, was once a drummer with the Gaelic College Pipe Band, while sister – Suzanne – was a long-time Highland dancer.

"We had those connections all of our lives," she noted. Along with MacDonald, the line-up for the Sydney Mines Highland Games' opening ceremony, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. (on Aug 19), includes members of the Kelly MacArthur's Highland Dancers, who will perform favorites such as the Highland fling and the sword dance. The Clan Thompson Pipe Band – which is based in Antigonish – will also provide their talents to the

festivities. They will also take center stage during the closing ceremonies at 6 p.m.

"I am really looking forward to it," MacDonald said. She added, "I hope it is the start of something that will take place for years to come. It is going to be great for the community."



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