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### SENIORS BINGO

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**WHEN: SUNDAY - 2:00 pm**

**COST:** - \$2.00 entry card DAUBERS ONLY - MONEY GAMES Come out and spend a wonderful Saturday afternoon and maybe win some prizes. Hope to see you all there - Jackpot \$1,125 on 54 #s Loonie Jackpot - \$162+

**COMMUNITY SENIORS DAY** - Every Thursday at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines. All seniors in the area are welcome, no charge for the programs.

**10 AM** - Coffee Break, tea, coffee and light refreshments, play games of your choice.

**1:00 PM** - CRAFTS, instructor will be available for you.

**7:00 PM** - Fun Darts - all welcome. For more information phone (902) 736-3100.

Some News Items courtesy of **Swing Over The Mountain Newsletter** - Login - <http://sotmnews.weebly.com>

For the latest and most comprehensive list of local events, logon to - [www.musiccapebreton.com](http://www.musiccapebreton.com) Mike Little updates his listings each week.



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<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>75</b>	

### North Sydney Fire Hall THURSDAY NIGHT -

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**NEW YEARS EVE** tickets on sale \$15 advance \$20 at the door. Light lunch, party favors, fireworks - music provided by Firehounds DJ.

**DEC. 23** - Topsy Eve - music 6 - 10 - Lynda Maxwell.

**DEC. 24** - Ernie Wells 2 - 4 pm.  
**DEC. 26** - MLA Eddie Orrell - free Turkey Supper 12 - 2 pm, all are welcome.

**CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY**

**CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY**

### BRAS d'OR SENIORS WEEKLY 45s GAME

The Bras d'Or Seniors Club are hosting weekly 45's game on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes are awarded. Also a chance to win the main Jackpot, mini Jackpot, and Loonie Jackpot and 50/50 draw.

### NEW YEAR'S DANCE - Dec.



31 - Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club - 9:00 - 1:00 - light lunch, novelties, prizes, full bar. Music by Kimmy & Pam \$10.00 each. Tickets - 736-9740, 795-8850, or the Club 736-3100.

### Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club

**SUNDAY NIGHTS** at 7:30 we have tarabish, everyone is welcome. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Prizes are awarded.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON** - at 1:00 - Exercise Classes, everyone is welcome.

**MONDAY NIGHT** - at 7:30 - FUN NIGHT - we invite members from other Seniors Clubs - Bingo 7:30 dabbers only - Loonie Draw Enjoy a game of SCAT - \$1.00, light refreshment, see you there.

**WEDNESDAY** - 7:30 45s Card Game 1st, 2nd, 3rd

### OUR NEXT EDITION WILL BE IN JANUARY 2019 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

**FERAL & ABANDONED CATS CHASE THE ACE** - Robert Poirier, Sydney Mines, won last night's split of \$13,560.00. This leaves 7 cards with a projected prize of \$200,000.00 for Dec. 19!

**BINGO** - Every Sunday Night at the Millville Community Centre beginning at 7:00 pm. Cash Prizes Only.



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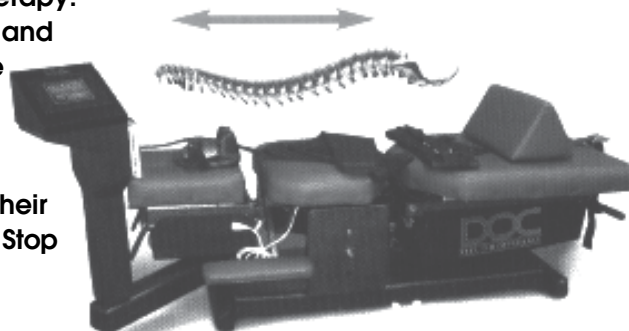
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## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS



### BRANCH 008 LEGION NEWS

**CHASE THE ACE** - is back, kitchen is open and music with Bob MacDonald and Friends every Friday upstairs. Tickets 3 for \$5.00, 12 for \$20.00. It is sponsored by both branches Branch 008 and Branch 19. We need your help in getting the Jackpot \$7,247.

**KARAOKE** is downstairs every Friday from 10 - 2 with Pepper & Pearl.

**NEXT BRANCH MEETING** - is December 20 and we will be voting on electing 3 more members to the Vice President and Executive.

**NEW YEARS TICKETS** are available with Roast Beef Supper \$20.00 each - music by T. Capstick.

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** - January 5th - Doors close at 7 pm, re-open at 9 pm - music by Ernie Wells - Call ahead to book your meal.

**JANUARY 6TH** - New Year's Levee, starts at 2 o'clock - music from 4 to 10 pm - all welcome.

**CHRISTMAS BASKET** - Value \$400 - Drawing December 18th - Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

**BENEFIT DANCE** - in aid of Brian Bobbitt - January 26th.

Silent Auction 8:00 - 10:00, Dance 9:00 - 2:00.

Door Prizes - Music by Bob MacDonald and Crew - Tickets \$5.00 or donation at the door.



### SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

All Library Programs are ending December 13th for the Holidays.

They will resume January 14th. For any information, you can phone us at 902-736-3219.

Happy Holidays to all our Patrons.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

DECEMBER 24 - CLOSED

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DEC. 27 - DEC. 29 - OPEN

DECEMBER 31 - CLOSED

JANUARY 1st - CLOSED

JANUARY 2 - OPEN



### BIRTHDAY WISHES

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Jean Whyte, December 18th from your sister and all your family and friends.

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## UP ON THE ROOFTOP

There's an old Burl Ives Christmas song that tells of reindeer up on the rooftop with Santa bringing joy and presents to all the children of the world. We would sing it each year as a run up to Christmas Eve and the big day.

Christmas is also the time when fathers make fools of themselves. It's not always evident at the start, but before the tale is ended, it seems to deviate from the main story. Take, for example, this tale from my early childhood of living through a traumatic Christmas event originally planned as an unforgettable Christmas story that would stagger your imagination.

The story begins, as many of the great Christmas adventures do, with two dads sipping beer in the basement and wondering what to do to amuse the children this year at Christmas. They thought some more, drank a beer, thought some more, drank another beer .... well you get the idea.

Finally, in an alcoholic haze, the idea unfolds as in a dream. One dad would dress up as Santa Claus and go up on the roof while the other held him steady with a rope. Santa would also have some bells with him to make the kids think that Rudolph was there as well. They planned this in advance and the idea was to have all the neighbourhood children gather around the Christmas tree in our house and have Burl Ives sing Up On the Rooftop. Suddenly, like a scene out of Charles Dickens, Santa and Rudolph would appear on the roof and amid bells ringing and Santa Ho Ho Ho.. ing to wish every boy and girl a Merry Christmas.

To paraphrase Robert Burns, "sometimes plans often go astray." The idea seemed sound when planted firmly on the ground but when you have a 250 pound man climbing a snow covered pitched roof wearing Steel Plant boots, you just know something is going to go wrong.

Bimbo Lusk wrapped a rope around Santa as a safety precaution and anchored it around his waist. He played out the rope as Santa climbed the roof. Just like clockwork, as Burl Ives finished his song, bells rang out from up on the roof. Santa was here! All the kids listened as they heard Rudolph's bells ringing. Santa, to make sure the kids heard Rudolph, started pawing the roof. That was the first mistake. The kids heard Santa bellow, "Ho, Ho ... holy shit" as he began his death spiral down the slippery roof.

Bimbo felt the rope tighten and tried to lasso the fence post. He finally got the rope tied off just as Santa was about halfway to the ground, directly in front of the picture window. The kids all ran to the window in wonderment waving to Santa. However, he was oblivious and yelling, "Get me the hell down from here!" Mothers scrambled to herd the kids away from the window, fathers rushed outside to help Bimbo untie the rope and lower Santa gently to the ground.

Santa now found himself the centre of attention surrounded by innocent faces. He rallied however, and pretended that Rudolph was playing a joke on him and everything would be okay and the kids should get home to bed.

Santa walked away gingerly as the rope had found its way to Santa's nether regions and it was difficult to stand. On the record player came the strains of Burl Ives singing, "Up On The rooftop reindeer paws ....."

**Reprinted From - "Cape Breton Christmas Memories"**



## The Miners' First Noel IV Christmas Concert St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Well things are really shaping up for the concert of the season at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The congregation has the Sanctuary all prepared for the Christmas season and for their Miners' First Noel Concert on December 28th at 7 p.m.

Rita Johnston the spokesman for the Stewardship Committee says that tickets are going really well, she is even getting calls from out west where families are coming home for Christmas and would like to see the show. She went on to say that the reason for tickets moving so early is a number of reasons, mainly the talent of all the performers that are in this year's show. We have thirteen performers this year and it's the biggest one since we started The Miners First Noel four years ago. Plus people tend to wait until the last second before buying their tickets and by that time we are already sold out, so this year they are buying them early. Also, with people coming home for the holidays they tend to purchase tickets early because if they waited until they arrive home then tickets are all gone. Our Christmas show is always a sell out because all the excitement of preparing for Christmas day is over and everyone is finally getting to relax and now can have an evening out and enjoy a show themselves.

This concert is a great fundraiser for the church that is over 100 years old, but it's so much more than that Johnston explained. She said that it's the tradition of wonderful performers coming together in this beautiful venue to give the community top notch entertainment. Bob Quinn is the organizer behind these fine performers and said that when the call went out to see if they would be interested in performing, there was no hesitation from any of the performers. Everyone that he contacted and asked to be in this year's show were delighted to come together to support the church and the lovely community of Sydney Mines. Tony Quinn was a resident of North Sydney for many years and now is thrilled to be playing in Sydney Mines with his daughter Shannon. Stewart and his sister Lucy MacNeil are always excited to play at St. Andrew's whether it's with their family the Barra's or simply on their own with Bob Quinn. They too have a special attachment for this lovely old building and the community in which they grew up in. Last year Lucy was proud to present the talent of her two beautiful daughters Amelia and Kenna and they are returning with her again this year. Stewart MacNeil is a great asset to the show with not only his voice but his talent to play so many instruments.

It was three years ago when we heard the beautiful voice of Kate Quinn, Bob's daughter when she performed first at St. Andrew's. Kate will be accompanied once again by her husband Matt MacIsaac who is a Master Piper. Also, this year you will be introduced to Grant Eisan who is Bob's nephew and has a fantastic voice as well. Then there is the angelic voice of Jennifer (Whalen) Quinn who is the hometown girl of Sydney Mines. Jennifer was well known in Sydney Mines years ago when she used to perform for weddings and other socials. Her musical history is a long one and now since moving back home a number of years ago, she has begun to sing once again. Then we have Cameron and MacKenzie Clarke who are two young ladies that will entertain you with a story or two about the Good Old Town of Sydney Mines. So by looking at this lineup you can see the reason why tickets are selling so well. With a show like this, you know it's going to be the ultimate concert of the season, one that will leave your heart full of song and joy.

Tickets are \$28 each and are NOW AVAILABLE at Shoppers Drug Mart at the Post Office Counter in North Sydney and Sexton's Pharmasave at the Pharmacy counter in Sydney Mines or reserve yours by calling 902-736-2508. That's the Miners' First Noel IV Concert at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Get your tickets early before they are all gone.

## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

### WEBSITE FREEBIES

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Oldies DJ Jack Cool is on Christmas Holidays and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - join him again in 2019.

**NORTH SYDNEY  
LIBRARY NEWS**

All Programs will be ended until the new year.

We would like to wish all our patrons a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

DECEMBER 24 - CLOSED  
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DECEMBER 26 - CLOSED  
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## COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

**NORTH SYDNEY LEVEE** - December 39 - Br. 19 Legion - North Sydney - Combined New Year's Levee, with N. S. Fire Dept. - Meet & Greet from 1:00 2:00 - Receiving Line - Entertainment until 4 PM.



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**A Christmas Story** - Season's Greetings, and welcome to my final column for 2018. Last week I wrote about the movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas", and why it's now part of the 'must watch' collection of holiday viewing. This week it's all about another such movie that celebrated a major milestone this year; 35 years ago we first heard that now infamous line "you'll shoot your eye out!" (which he almost did) as the movie's main



character Ralphie Parker saw his dreams of getting a Red Rider BB gun almost crushed. Ah yes, who could ever forget that sexy leg lamp-or Ralphie's pink bunny suit, or the father's non-swearing swearing and his battles with the furnace, a tongue stuck to a frozen flagpole or the ginger bully Scut Farkas. The movie was based on the novel "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash" by Jean Shepherd-and the main irony of "A Christmas Story" was that the movie was somewhat overlooked by a lot of critics

(what do they know-right?) although Roger Ebert said the movie had the best 'visit to Santa' scene he's ever watched. Time changes all, and due to the increased popularity of the film in 1997 Turner Network Television (TNT) began a 24-hour marathon called "24 Hours of A Christmas Story," with the film being shown 12

consecutive times beginning at 7p.m. On Christmas Eve, and ending on Christmas Day. The film was released on November 18, 1983 and earned two Canadian Genie Awards in 1984 (parts of the movie were filmed in Canada) and in 2012 it was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry by the U.S. Library of Congress for being "historically, culturally or aesthetically significant". The film was also voted the number one Christmas movie of all time in 2007 by AOL. How's that for a legacy. It's living proof why this movie is 'must watch' viewing over the holiday season. Merry Christmas-Happy New Year, and be careful; "don't shoot your eye out!"

## THURSDAY NIGHT PUB NIGHT



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