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DAVIS DAY CELEBRATED

Davis Day, June 11th, originated in memory of William Davis, a coal miner who was killed during a mining strike near the town of New Waterford.

The protest was in response to a decision by the mining company British Empire Steel and Coal Company (BESCO), to shut down the drinking water supply and electricity to the town as a result of previous escalating strikes.

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PRE CANADA DAY BASH - with Signal Hill - \$20 - 9:00 - 1



BENEFIT DANCE - Saturday, June 10th - \$10.00 at the door, 10:00 - 2:00.

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SATURDAY DANCE

The Sydney Mines & Pensioners Club will host a **SATURDAY DANCE** at 8:00 pm in their Clubrooms 6 Fraser Ave., Sydney Mines. The cost of the Dance is just \$3.00.

Music will be provided by R & B Country (Ray Petrie & Bud Harold), the same band that played this Summer at Indian Beach to rave results.

Come out to our Club, 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines and have a great night every Saturday. Canteen Service is available.



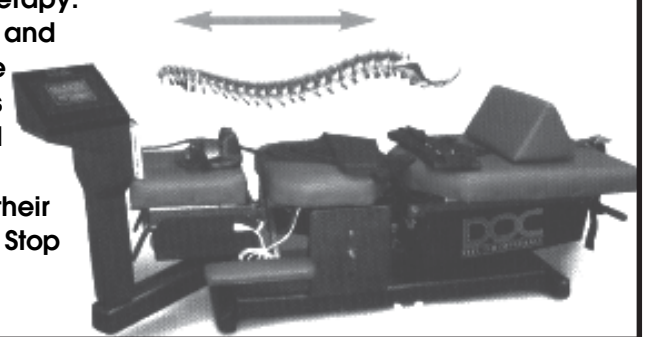
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UPCOMING SENIORS EVENTS

Listed below are some of the upcoming events scheduled for the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, Sydney Mines

TURKEY BURGER SALE

\$8.00 PER TICKET - 

JUNE 30TH, 2017- FISHCAKES AND BEANS -

11:00 - 2:00

\$10.00 PER TICKET - EAT IN OR TAKE OUT OR DELIVERY

If you need anymore information on these events please call the Hall at 902-736-3100.

BREAKFAST BRUNCH

Last Sunday of every month

Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall - June 25th

9:00 am - 12 noon - Sponsored By

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1390 Old Route #5 - Big Bras d'Or

Adults \$8.00 - Children \$4.00

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

TIRES FOR SALE

I have a set of 4 tires on rims that came off a Dodge Caravan. The size is 205 /R14/70.

The tires are ready to mount and the price is \$100.00 for all. Phone 578-7181.

Boularderie Lakeview Choir SPRING CONCERT

Will be held at St. James Church, Big Bras d'Or on Thursday, June 15 at 7:00 pm. Admission is a donation to Boularderie Food Bank. 

Chase The Ace has returned to the Florence Legion - Sunday afternoon at 12 noon - Tickets sold all week long, get yours early!! - This week's Jackpot is \$3,900.

DAVIS DAY JUNE 11th

Remembering Our Miners 

Traditional Music Night - every Thursday at the Blue Mist Beverage Room in Bras d'Or - The very best of Cape Breton fiddling. Stop by for great Cape Breton fiddling 

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NORTHSIDE & AREA COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

SENIORS BINGO

The Regular SUNDAY afternoon Bingo resumes. There will be an Afternoon BINGO Game at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines.

WHEN: SUNDAY AFTERNOON

TIME: 2:00 pm

COST: - \$2.00 entry card DAUBERS ONLY - MONEY GAMES Come out and spend a wonderful Sunday afternoon and maybe win some prizes. Hope to see you all there.

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LISTEN TO YOUR FAVORITE OLDIES

MONDAY - FRIDAY - 7 pm
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St. Matthew Wesley Anniversary

St. Matthew Wesley will be celebrating their 116th Anniversary on June 11th with a Service of Worship on Sunday morning at 10:30a.m. with Guest Speaker Rev. Stephen Mills.

There will also be a Musical Evening at 7 p.m. with Special Guests, The Inspirational Singers, Westmount United Church Choir, Soloist Anna Marie Macnevin and St. Matthew Wesley Sr. Choir under the direction of Keith Burton.

A free will offering will be accepted and a time of fellowship will follow the concert. All are welcome to attend.



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EXERCISE PROGRAM AT SENIORS CLUB

The popular Monday Exercise Program is back at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club beginning at 1:00 pm.

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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

MUNRO PARK PROJECT OPENS SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

Kraft Heinz Project Play and TSN will be hosting a Celebration for the completion of Munro Park on Saturday, June 10th from 1 - 4 p.m. There will be a free BBQ, entertainment, fun activities for the kids as well as an inaugural game on the field at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to celebrate!

After many truckloads of gravel, sods and top soil, the upgrades to the Munro Park Soccer Field are complete! The field has been raised, a piped drainage bed installed throughout, with new players benches, bleachers and a monument dedicated to the people of North Sydney from Kraft Heinz Project Play. After many truckloads of gravel, sods and top soil, the upgrades to the Munro Park Soccer Field are complete! The field has been raised, a piped drainage bed installed throughout, with new players benches, bleachers and a monument dedicated to the people of North Sydney from Kraft Heinz Project Play.



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SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

LEGO registration, every 2nd Tuesday, is ongoing and the times is 3:30 - 4:30 pm. We have openings for interested participants, please check at the desk for details.

Looking for Pre School participants - every 2nd Wednesday for early Registration - October start.

REGISTRATION for Thursday After School Crafts for October is now taking place, reserve your spot.

Summer Reading Program starts June 17th, Pre School and up.

READING TOGETHER CLUB registration for September for grades 2 -3 and 4 - 6 for both Sydney Mines and North Sydney Mines Libraries.

DAVIS DAY - June 12th - we will be closed Monday as this day is a holiday for mining towns

BREAKFAST PLANNED Knox Church Hall in Ross Ferry on June 24th - 8 - 11 am - \$8.00 under 12 - \$4.00 - Also on July 15th and August 26th.

GIGANTIC FLEA MARKET

Gigantic Yard Sale at the Ross Ferry Marine Park on July 1st, starts at noon. Table rentals \$5.00 - Call 902-371-2612. A chance to share what you no longer need or use.



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NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

SATURDAY - Storytime at 2:30 pm - all children welcome.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - Kickoff June 17th for Pre School age and up.

World Wide Knit in Public Day is June 10th.

FIBRE LUNCH June 15th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

JUNE 14th - Writers Group meets, everyone is welcome to attend.

See the story on page 8 regarding the Library 150 Books of Influence Project featuring the best in Nova Scotia writers and stories.

DAVIS DAY - June 12th - the North Sydney Library will be open on that day.

SONG WRITERS CIRCLE BRUCE GUTHRO



A Songwriters Circle hosted by Bruce Guthro will be held at at the Emera Centre in North Sydney on July 7th.

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FLEA MARKET/BAKE SALE & HOT DOG BBQ

Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines - RAIN OR SHINE.



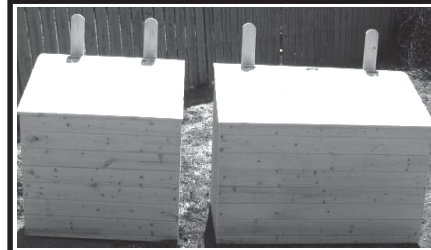
Tables \$5.00 or 2 for \$8.00.
June 17th 10:00 - 2:00 pm - Come out and have

a Hot Dog or two and maybe find something unique to buy. For Tables - Phone: 902-736-3002 or 902-736-0551.

VISA CARD WINNER

The winner of the \$300 dollar Visa Card was Carl Gardner, well done.

On behalf of the Travel Club we would like to take this time and thank all of the wonderful supporters who bought our tickets and to all of the members of the Travel Club who sold them, I would like to single out one individual who never ceases to amaze me on how many tickets he sells for our club, so a big thank you goes out to Mr, John Mackinnon. Thank you Florence Power, Colleen MacIntyre.



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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

Novice / Beginner Line Dancing Classes starting again!! No Partner Needed!! Fee: \$5.00 Thursdays 7 PM(sharp) - 8 PM at Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall (1390 Old Rte 5 - at Black Rock Rd). Never line danced before or need a refresher? This is the



class for you. Start with us NOW, have some FUN and get DANCING!! Classes will run right through until October - so we'll have enough time to help it stick!!

If you have any questions, call Nancy at 902-674-2500

Ross Ferry Canada 150 Celebration Party July 1st

In honor of Canada's 150th birthday, Ross Ferry is holding a bigger and better Canada Day celebration. We want you to join us for the party.

The day begins with a flag relay that extends the full length of Kempt Head Road from Exit 13 to Kempt Head with the flags meeting at the beautiful Ross Ferry Marine

Park. The hours will be extended to 5 pm with more activities for the families and kids, more live music, more food and treats and even an historic re-enactment of the arrival of early settlers to Ross Ferry. A Celebration to remember!!

UPCOMING PLANT SHOW

The North Sydney Garden Club will hold a Plant Sale on Thursday, June 8 at the CB Exhibition, 6:30 pm. Lots of perennials at low prices.



ROSS FERRY NEWS

Mike MacNeil is now the chief fry cook for Stewardship - Fries & Sausages served on Sundays from 1:30-5:30 starting July 1st.

Graca Hollett is the new Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

July 1st extra special celebration 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

July 9th - Ross Ferry Farmers Market begins.

Volunteers needed for Canada Day festivities.

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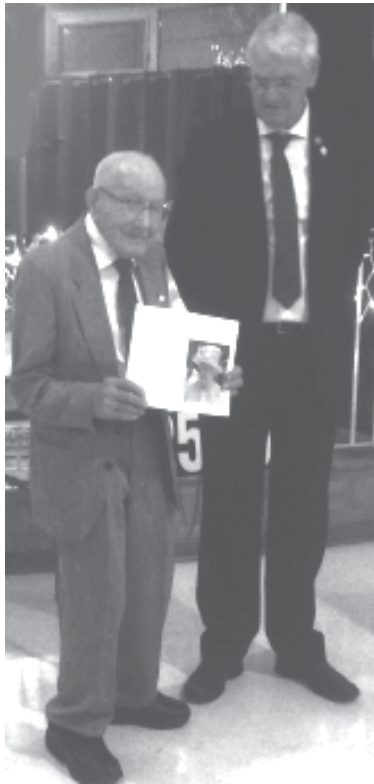
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Tommy Rice Celebrates 100th Birthday Recently

Shown in the picture is Tommy Rice with President Martin Pickup, Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, with a Congratulations Certificate from her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on his 100th Birthday.

We would like to thank everyone who attended Tom Rice's 100th Birthday on May 26th at the Pensioners Hall in Sydney Mines. Your gifts and kind words were greatly appreciated.

Special thank you to all the members and volunteers of the Pensioners Club who took time out of their day to make this a memorable event.

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Armstrong Memorial Branch #19



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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

Kitchen Fest Is Back

Popular island-wide traditional music festival KitchenFest! / Féis a' Chidsin! is back for its fourth year to kick off ceilidh season. Running July 1-7, the annual celebration of Cape Breton-based Gaelic music presented by Colaisde na Gàidhlig | the Gaelic College, gives locals and visitors an up close and personal insight into this distinct and vibrant living culture while bringing the kitchen-ceilidh feel to the forefront. Showcasing music, food, stories, and warm hospitality, the week-long event includes more than 100 events at 30 venues. Each live performances feature a Gaelic-speaking host or hostess.



For the latest and most comprehensive list of local events, logon to - www.musiccapebreton.com

Mike Little updates his listings each week.



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AMP SOCIETY FUND RAISING EVENT

A Variety Concert and Dance will be held on Friday, June 16, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at Br. 083

Florence Royal Canadian Legion, in support of the Atlantic Memorial Park project at the entrance to Sydney Harbour.

This event is co-sponsored by Br. 083 Florence Royal Canadian Legion and the Board of Directors for the Atlantic Memorial Park.



There will be lots of great local entertainment, including "The Circle" from Br. 083, Florence Royal Canadian Legion, and "The Crew" from Br. 008 Sydney Mines Royal Canadian Legion.

Also included will be a merchandise auction, a 50 - 50 draw, a toonie - toss, and a loonie raffle.

It promises to be lots of fun for everyone age 19 and over.

Tickets are only \$5 and are available in Sydney Mines at the Legion (downstairs), and at Sextons Pharmasave; also at the Florence Legion (downstairs); and at Shoppers Drug Mart, North Sydney.

The Public is encouraged to come out and enjoy a great time while helping to support the development of the Atlantic Memorial Park project at this historic location.

For information and inquiries contact Cyril Aker 902-577-7577, Brian Ferguson 902-322-8509, or Bob Blinkhorn 905-544-0008.

Library Celebrates Canada's 150th With 150 Books Of Influence

The Nova Scotia Library Association presents Libraries 150 celebrating Nova Scotia's writers and citizens.

The cornerstone of the project is to compile a list of 150 books that have influenced or defined them as a people.

Canada's 150th anniversary is a perfect opportunity to examine and consider those books which reflect our current state as a people and province

as well as books that mark our progress over the decades since Confederation.

Nominations will be compiled and reviewed and the 150 books selected by a committee from across the Province.

We invite you to visit 150booksns.ca and nominate a Nova Scotia book.

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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

MAMMOWARRIORS SPRING LUNCHEON - JUNE 11TH

The MammoWarriors will hold their Spring Luncheon on June 11th - noon - 2:00 pm at the Boularderie School.

New delicious menu! Your choice of Ham Salad or Lentil Salad plate, rolls, dessert and tea/coffee - \$9.00 at the door.

All proceeds to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund.

Sunday Morning Gospel Radio Show Airls 9 am

For those of you who like to start Sunday morning off with some inspirational music, we have just the thing for you.

Tune in on Sunday mornings at 9 am when host Pierre Chiasson presents a one hour show of the best in traditional and contemporary Gospel songs to listen to as you have your Sunday Brunch - Logon.

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BY PAUL POWER

WILLIE NELSON - "God's Problem Child" - has to be super-impressed by the fact that this is studio album number 61 (not to forget dozens of greatest hits packages, duets and collaborations) for Willie Nelson, and that he just turned 84-and is still at the top of his musical game. As a matter of fact this new album can stand up against anything Willie previously did-it's that darn good.

The album starts off with the light-hearted and up-tempo song "Little House On The Hill", featuring backing vocals by Allison Krauss-who also appears on the romantic and deeply touching track "True Love". It's been written that a lot of this album is Willie's way of looking at his own mortality with honesty, and to that end the song "Old Timer" is rich with wisdom and reflection, as he looks at the old-timer in the mirror, and "Your Memory Has A Mind Of Its Own" marks the passing of time for the intellect-but not of the spirit, heart and soul. The comedic folkside to all of that is the honky-tonk driven "Still Not Dead" as Willie jokes about the numerous, and obviously inaccurate reports of his passing over the last few years.

Throughout this album, from song to song, we hear that

signature sound the "red headed stranger" brought to the world way back in 1962, and even more so with his "Red Headed Stranger" album in 1975-which featured the hit "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain". However, Willie does get very topical and contemporary on the song "Delete And Fast Forward", with it's take on the American election-and the end result.

For the purists, "I Made A Mistake" is a 100% pure old-style Country and Western ballad and "God's Problem Child" is a track heavily influenced by the smoky blues-and includes one of the last recordings Leon Russell did before he passed away 6 months ago. It's a fantastic blues number with great blues guitar work on it.

I can imagine B.B. King singing this one way up in the great beyond.

In mentioning lost musical legends, the album closes off with a touching tribute to Willie's late friend Merle Haggard; "He Won't Ever Be Gone" sounds like it was recorded in the 1970's and shines a loving light on all that Merle brought to country music, to friends and especially to Willie himself.

Willie Nelson has been releasing albums on a regular basis for decades now-and when they're this good let's all hope there's more to come. If you like your Country and Western music the way it's supposed to sound-you will love this album.

