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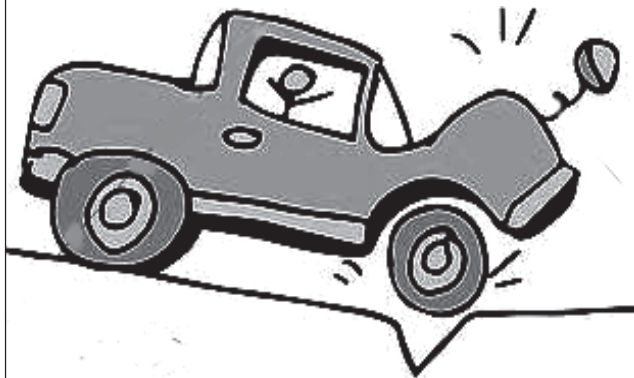


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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

AROUND THE TOWN - If you are looking for some great entertainment, then get your tickets for the Irish **Spring Concert** to be held this Saturday at St. Andrew's Church in Sydney Mines. Bob Quinn and Kevin Evans are spearheading the Sydney Mines music scene and the first one was a huge hit, get your tickets early ... **Gordon McVicar** is now working with The Chronicle Herald who are planning a broadsheet paper to be distributed free after the demise of the **Maritime Merchant**.... Plans are underway now for the **125th Anniversary** of the town of Sydney Mines, looks like a winner to me.... Cape Breton singer/songwriter **Cyrl MacPhee** is celebrating a birthday this Saturday.... **The LIK A TREAT** in Bras d'Or, is scheduled to open on Saturday and this is one sure sign is Spring despite the snow we are still experiencing....Don't forget the **free tax preparation** for Seniors April 17th - 9:00-12:00 at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club on Fraser Avenue**Adopt-A-Book** is now on at all Cape Breton libraries and it's designed to get new books for readers. It's a great way to remember somebody or a wonderful, lasting gift.... It's nice to hear that the **oldest hockey stick** in Canada will stay in Canada. It also has history from the Northside. Read the story on **page 4** of this edition....With the **fishing season** (hopefully) opening April 1st, check out the Fly Tying classes being held in Sydney

Mines, see **page 3** for more details.... Tax returns are getting closer to the April 30th deadline, see tax tips on **page 7** and save money....Coming in April, new programs will be broadcast on **K-LEE RADIO** and remote shows will be broadcast from several **Northside** locations. Stay tuned for further details in upcoming editions....If you are looking for some good, local music, be sure to see **Bruce Guthro's Songwriter's Circle** with Special Guests. Thursday, April 10th 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm at the **Emera Center** in North Sydney.... Facebook has been buzzing all this week with the rumour that **COSTCO** is planning to open here in Cape Breton. Sydney is listed on their website as one of the potential places for new centres but nothing definite has been announced so far.

North Sydney Firefighters Club News Items

FRIDAY TALENT NIGHT - 8:00-12:00, Kitchen Open at 7:30 \$2.00 Admission. Prizes from 1st Place \$100 - 2nd Place \$50 - 3rd Place \$25. Music by Wade, Todd & Ernie.

REMINDER - The Club will be open for Good Friday this year, April 18th. Talent Show 8:00-12:00 pm - Kitchen Open from noon to 10 pm - 2 piece Fish & Chips \$10.00 each. In town delivery available 794-8119.

See Sydney Mines 125th Anniversary Events Pg. 8

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Free Seniors Tax Prep

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NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

Pre School Story Time beginning April 1st, register now, there is a limited number of spaces so book early. For children ages 3 - 5 phone 794-3272 to register.

Thursday, March 20 - 6:00-9:00 pm, the Chronic Pain Management Group meets, all are welcome to attend.

Saturday Storytime continues every Saturday at 2:30, no registration necessary for this program.

Learn to Speak Spanish with classes every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 and this program is FREE.

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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

Merchandise Bingo

The Annual Merchandise Bingo will be held at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club at 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines on Sunday, April 6th.

It will start at 2:00 pm and it is dabbers only. Canteen service is available.

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10	27	39	59	75

FLY TYING CLASSES - Fly

Tying classes are beginning on Monday evenings at 7:00 P.M. at the Minor base ball building Pitt St., Sydney Mines.

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SENIORS TARABISH

Come out and enjoy an evening of Tarabish at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club at 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines every Sunday beginning 7:30. Lots of good company and exciting games. All are welcome, so come out and have an enjoyable evening.

Irish Spring Concert At St. Andrew's Church

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines will be having an "Irish Spring Concert" on Saturday, March 29th at 7 p.m. Performers will be Evans and Doherty, Stuart MacNeil, Lucy MacNeil, Boyd MacNeil, Jean MacNeil, Bob Quinn, Jennifer (Whalen) Quinn and Kimberly Fraser.

Our last concert in December, The Miners First Noel sold out rather quickly and we actually had to turn people away. So if you are thinking of taking in this concert, get your tickets early.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney, Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or The Cape Breton Curiosity Shop in Sydney. Come to the Concert and enjoy our Salute to The Irish with lots of great music!!



Bartown Festival Wants Your Ideas

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Bartown Society and they want new ideas to help them celebrate this milestone occasion.

Please send your ideas for this year's festival to - bartownfestival@hotmail.com

MILLVILLE NEWS



EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT - 7:00 pm - at the Millville Community Center. Great Prizes.

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SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

The Babies and Books Program for infants to 8 months will be starting at the Library the second week of June. Pre-registration is required.

Pre-School Program for ages 2 1/2 to 5 years will take place the 2nd week in October but pre-registration is taking place now, register early to get a spot.

Saturdays is Creative Writing on March 29th from 2:00 - 3:00. No pre-registration is required for this program. Stop in at the Library for more information.

North Sydney Pensioners Club Community Events

April 11th they are sponsoring a Soup - Sandwich - Sweets event and it's just \$8.00 for a delicious lunch. The Clubrooms are located below the Library in North Sydney. **FREE INCOME TAX PREP** - The next sessions are slated for April 3 from 9:00 - 12:00 and April 24 from 9:00-12:00



Cape Breton Richmond Federation Of Agriculture News

With this late snow storm, it may seem that planting is a long way off but soon it will warm up and Spring will come out in full force.

There is an abundant supply of good manure to help with planting your garden and flowers so stop by when the weather improves and get yours.

There will be a Strawberry Virus Meeting at 11 am at the Exhibition Auditorium on April 2nd. You might want to attend this session to get the latest updates.

The St. John Ambulance will present an Ambulance Training Seminar from 8:00-4:00 on

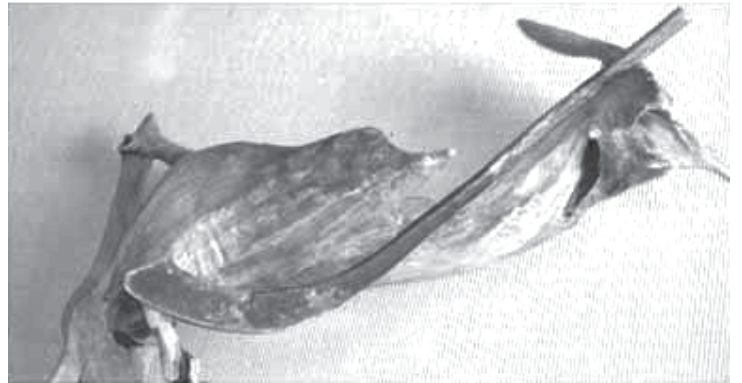
April 27th and you can phone St. John Ambulance at 564-8124 for more information.

Qualifying for Northside Downs starts April 19th and racing will begin shortly thereafter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EMERA CENTER - Bruce Guthro and Friends Songwriters Circle on April 10 from 8:00-10:00. The Songwriters Circle is always a popular event and tickets sell out fast.

If you wish to send Birthday Wishes, just email us at - thisweek@kleeradio.com



A carved piece of sugar maple that's been dated to 1830, believed to be the oldest hockey stick still in existence, has topped \$50,000 in an EBay auction.

The so-called "Moffatt stick" was put up for auction by current owner Mark Presley, of Berwick, N.S.

Presley has spent the past six years studying the history of the stick, which he bought for \$10,000 in 2008 from a local barber shop that displayed it for nearly 30 years.

Using tree ring aging to determine its age, Mt. Allison University provided Presley with scientific evidence that the stick was crafted between 1835-1838. Other evidence traces it back to owners near Pottle Lake and North Sydney, Cape Breton, N.S.

According to documents posted to a website dedicated to the stick — themoffattstick.com — it was made for William "Dilly" Moffatt by his father so he could play hockey on the lake near their North Sydney home. Charlie Moffatt, Dilly's Great-nephew, told Presley during a 2008 visit that both his "father and grandfather had used the stick to play on Pottle's Lake."

The so-called "Moffatt Stick" had notched a top bid of just less than \$100,000.

Owner Mark Presley of Berwick, N.S., said he has agreed to negotiate the artifact's sale to a major museum to ensure its permanent public display for all Canadians.

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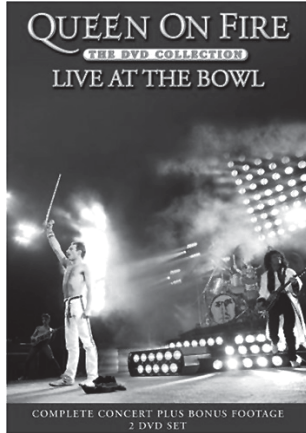
BY PAUL POWER

QUEEN - "Queen On Fire" EagleVision - In 1982 the band Queen were at an interesting point in their career; after spending the 1970's recognized as one of rock and roll's most influential and revered bands they had taken a bit of a sonic detour and released "The Game" album in 1980-which embraced a funkier sound, and the band scored their biggest hit with "Another One Bites The Dust", followed up by the rockabilly influenced "Crazy Little Thing Called Love". 1982 also saw the release of another game-changing album for Queen; "Hot Space" contained the hits "Under Pressure" and "Body Language"; both songs cut a brave new musical path for Freddie and the boys.

This concert DVD was recorded at the Milton Keynes Bowl, in England, and shows us a band on fire; Freddie Mercury's voice sounds amazing throughout the concert and he shows us why he was one of the best frontmen and showmen in rock and roll. The concert opens, oddly enough

though with the songs "Flash" and "The Hero", both are from the "Flash Gordon" soundtrack, but the set is quickly followed up with "We Will Rock You", which to me is Queen's anthem.

The performances of the smoking-hot "Get Down Make Love",



"Fat Bottomed Girls" (which hadn't been performed live much in the past), "Tie Your Mother Down", "Another One Bites The Dust" and "We are The Champions" captured a band at its absolute musical peak, and Freddie shows no limits to his energy and stagemanship as he belts through

all of the above, as well as "Somebody To Love", "Shear Heart Attack", "Now I'm Here" and many more.

The concert also featured a number of songs from the (then) newly-released "Hot Space" album; even though these songs may not have been overly familiar to the masses at the time, they sound great here and actually added some freshness to the concert set list. Of course, "Bohemian Rhapsody" is performed with all its pomp and circumstance, as is "God Save The Queen". As far as the band goes, Brian May's guitar playing here is legendary (as always), and we sometimes forget just how unique Roger Taylor is on the sticks and skins, so this concert reminds us of just that; of course John Deacon is as solid as a rock on bass guitar, the quiet master of the musical bottom end.

The second DVD in this set includes interviews with bandmembers, behind-the-scenes tour highlights and some rare and previously unreleased photos in a gallery, all of which are a treat for fans. To sum it all up, the name of this DVD says it all-Queen was indeed "on-fire".

NORTHSIDE NEWS



NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

Adopt-A-Book Program is now on. You can sponsor a book and the Library has a list of potential books to choose from or you can go to the website to see the list.

Storytime is on Saturdays at 2:30 pm and there is no registration required.

The Pre-School Program is on Tuesdays at 10 am and you need to register for this program. Call 794-3772 for more information.



Branch 008 Legion, Tuesdays, 8:00 PM.

Branch 83 Florence Legion, Thursdays - 8:00 PM.

45s CARD GAME

There will be a 45s Card Game every Monday Night from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at the Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Old School House Rug Hookers are looking for old pictures of the Big Bras d'Or area from years ago.

Needed are photos of the old school, store, ferry, churches and other photos depicting the history of the community.

The pictures would be photocopied and returned. The intent is to use the images for a rug hooking project.

Photos can be given to any members of the group or you can call Marilyn 674-2119 or Diane 674-2172.

Thursday Night Dances Will Continue - NS Firefighters Club

The popular Thursday Night Dances will continue at the North Sydney Firemens Club as in the past.

There will be NO Open Mike but the dancing will continue. Time is 5:00 - 9:00 and the Kitchen will be open 4 - 10 pm.

Southside Boularderie Fire Department Club Night

Come join us every Friday and Saturday night from 7.30 to Midnight at the Southside Boularderie Fire Hall.

There is no charge, come out and enjoy, play some cards or shoot some darts.

Refreshments will be available at the bar. For people to come out and enjoy a quiet relaxing evening at the Fire Hall.. Every Friday and Saturday Night.

Stop by for a visit and enjoy the fun and friendship.

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The Boularderie Blazers Indoor walking Program is FREE and it is on Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:45-7:15 pm at the gym Boularderie School.

Participants must bring indoor footwear and it's open for community use.

For further information please contact Vince at 295-3661, 295-0387.

A 45's Card Game will be held every Thursday - 8:00 pm at the Southside Boularderie Fire Hall.

SUPPORT ADOPT-A-BOOK

REMINDER TO PARENTS - The kitchen at the North Sydney Firefighters Club on Pierce Street in North Sydney is now open for kids lunches Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 11:00 - 2:00.

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SATURDAY: OPEN MIKE

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LIK-A-TREAT RE-OPENS - I know many of you will have trouble believing that Spring is here with the recent weather we are experiencing, but one sure sign of Spring and warmer

weather is the re-opening of LIK A TREAT is Bras D'or. Let's hope we can all soon sit outside with an ice cream cone without a snowsuit!!

2014 TAX TIPS FROM H & R BLOCK

If you are an employed tradesperson, you may be able to deduct up to \$500 of the cost of eligible tools you bought in 2013. You may also be able to get a rebate of the Goods and Services Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) you paid. For more information, see Employee GST/HST rebate.

Important facts

An **eligible tool** is a tool (including associated equipment such as a toolbox) that:

- * you bought to use in your job as a tradesperson and was not used for any purpose before you bought it;
- * your employer certified it as being necessary for you to provide as a condition of, and for use in, your job as a tradesperson; and
- * is not an electronic communication device (like a cell phone) or electronic data processing equipment (unless the device or equipment can be used for the purpose of measuring, locating, or calculating).


For more details on how to calculate the deduction for tools, go to www.cra.gc.ca/trades.

If you are an eligible apprentice mechanic, you may be able to deduct a part of the cost of eligible tools you bought in 2013 to earn employment income as an eligible mechanic on top of any amounts already claimed under the tradesperson's deduction for tools. To be eligible, you must be registered in a program established under the laws of Canada or of a province or territory that leads to a designation under those laws as a mechanic licensed to repair self-propelled motorized vehicles and you have to be employed as an apprentice mechanic. To see if you qualify, go to the Employed apprentice mechanics webpage.

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BRANCH 008 - SYDNEY MINES LEGION NEWS

Well Cyril, your story is quite well written. What a great idea for a Monument to Canada's war Dead and what a great place for it to be!.

A good attraction for Sydney Mines, a great pleasure for our veterans who also served and protected that area in World War 2.

It will also take in memorial for our miners who died at that mine site. Keep working this and give us some history on behalf of all war heroes who travel our waterways before our time.

Hats off to you, let's get out and support this monument in our hometown - **WENDY FRASER.**

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGON BR. 008 COMING EVENTS - Good Friday, April 18th from 3:00-7:00 pm, Walk In, Eat In or Take Out - \$10.00 each, dessert \$2.50 extra.

EASTER SUPPER DANCE - Firts Choice entertaining - 9:00-1:00 - Meal 7:00-8:00 - Chicken Breast - \$12.00 each

APRIL 19th - Mother's Day Basket - Tickets available at the Branch or any Ladies Auxiliary member.

MOTHER'S DAY SUPPER DANCE - May 10th - First Choice is the entertainment from 9:00-1:00. Supperis from 7:30-8:30 - \$12.00, dessert included.

JULY 1st - PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Free Donation to Adopt - A - Family.

JULY 31st - JOHNNY MILES Branch 008 sponsor Kids Dance 7:00-9:00. vCelebrate 125 years of Sydney Mines - Dress up in days gone by.

OCTOBER 4 - Western Night - Sponsored by Johnny Miles and Branch 008 - \$5.00 - Gone Country - wear your hats and boots 9:00-1:00.

OCTOBER 31st - Masquerade Costume Dance.

CHASE THE ACE - Please come out and Support Branch 008, Sydney Mines Chase The Ace. March 20th Jackpot \$262 00 with 40 cwd.

RULES - Winning Ticket will win 20% of the total gross sales for that evening and have the opportunity to increase the winnings to 50% of the overall sales if they draw the Ace of Spades.

If the Ace of Spades is not drawn, the amount of 30% of gross sales carries forward to the next draw.

Draw every Saturday and card is taken out of the deck. 6:30-8:45 - Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Proceeds go to help our Branch.

Chase The Ace started in the community of Hants in Nova Scotia. The jackpot was \$160,000. The town never saw so many people come out to play! It first started in Inuvik, NWT.

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NORTHSIDE SHORTS

125th Anniversary of Town Of Sydney Mines Events

The Celebration in April has a number of events and this is just the beginning!!!!

There will be a poster contest for the Elementary Schools and an Essay Contest for the Junior High!! We are sure there will be some wonderful work by the students!!

Good Friday Supper - Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 008, Sydney Mines from 3-7 pm. \$10.00 per person (dessert extra) Eat in or take out with walk in service.

Saturday, April 19th - Easter Dinner and Dance - Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 008, Sydney Mines. Supper 7:30 - 8:30 pm with a dance to follow from 9 pm - 1am. Music by First Choice. Tickets \$12.00 each. Please call 736-3206 for tickets.

Saturday, April 26th - The Official Anniversary Celebration - Hold Family Hall, Main Street, Sydney Mines. This event will take place from 2-4 pm to celebrate the Incorporation of Sydney Mines which took place on April 24th, 1889. There will be historical displays, a cake cutting and more. Hope you are able to join us!!!

Do not forget there will be events each month until December so stay tuned as we are in for an amazing year!!!!

50/50 WINNER - North Sydney & District Minor Hockey was Paul & Red Tremblett and the amount was \$7,042. This week is the last draw for the season so get your tickets before they're all gone!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Birthday Wishes are extended to Brian Brown on April 1st who will be celebrating his 60th birthday. Best Wishes for a wonderful day from all your friends at the North Sydney Library.

NOTICE - Branch 19 Legion Monthly Meeting has been re-scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 pm at the Branch on Archilbald Avenue due to weather on Wednesday.

March Birthdays for Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club - Roddie MacKinnon, Archie MacKinnon, Paul Garnier, Hiltz MacInnis, Janet MacRae, Sheila Luker, Emily Fitzgerald, John Riley, Molly Jullian



World Fiddle Day is the one day in the year when all those who play the fiddle / violin family of instruments can celebrate their wondrous beauty.

It is celebrated on the Saturday closest to May 19th. It always falls on a Saturday so the maximum number of people have the time to enjoy the day and its activities.

The significance of the 19th is that it commemorates the passing of Antonio Stradavari.

Here in Cape Breton, K-LEE RADIO will be offering a full day of fiddle music to help celebrate World Fiddle Day. Be sure to tune in to hear all the great Cape Breton Fiddle music. Join us at www.kleeradio.com.

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

CWL Roast Beef Dinner

St. Joseph CWL, Little Bras d'Or, are holding a Roast Beef Supper at the Bras d'Or Hall from 3:00-5:00 pm on March 30. This is Eat In or Take out and the price is \$12.00.

You can get tickets from any member of the CWL or at the Parish Office.

Phone Cecilia 736-8605,

Jane 736-3802 or the Parish Office 736-9633.

Yoga classes will be held on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:00 pm at the former St. Stephens Church in Florence.

No registration is required and for further information you can contact Patsy at 674-2374.

SUPPORT ADOPT-A-BOOK

NORTHSIDE DOWNS SIMULCAST SCHEDULE



THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 pm Northfield
7:30 Rideau

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

8:05 pm Western fair
8:25 pm Woodbine h

Qualifying Races start at Nortsie Downs on April 19th
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