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VOLUME 5 - #6 - Good Til Feb. 19 - Florence - Bras d'Or - Pt. Aconi - Sydney Mines - North Sydney



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CANADA FLAG - The Canadian flag, was officially flown for the first time over Parliament Hill 50 years ago on Feb. 15, 1967.

The flag was brought in under Lester B. Pearson's Liberals who succeeded in pushing through the flag against passionate opposition from Diefenbaker's Conservatives.

Of course, the maple leaf's history as a Canadian emblem starts long before the sixties. Rich Archbold's book A Flag for Canada traces, with engrossing illustrations, how the leaf, especially emblazoned on military and athletic uniforms, had taken hold by early in the last century. Happy Birthday to Canada's flag that has become known around the world as a symbol of Peace.

A&K Lick A Chick Open

The A&K Lick A Chick in Bras d'Or is now open again for another season of serving great chicken meals.

They have three Super Specials and you can check their ad on page 2 for all the details.

It's good to have Angie and all the staff back again!!

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AROUND THE TOWN



I have to **tip my hat** to the people who keep our roads cleared of ice and snow each Winter. I drive over every day from Sydney and the roads have been in **exceptional condition** and clear. This takes time and effort and thank you for making it safe to drive.... **Happy Valentines Day** to all our readers, I hope your day is filled with **Love and Fun** - there are lots of suppers and dances you can take advantage of, **check inside** for details and entertainment..... We like to say a special **Welcome** to Victoria The Lakes **MP, Pamela Eyking** who has joined us this week with advertising and supporting your club and organization to get **free publicity** in our paper - we look forward to working with her in future projects.... The third Monday in February has been deemed a Canadian **statutory holiday** and Nova Scotia has deemed it **Viola Desmond Day** - I applaud that move, however, I'd like to question why **Remembrance Day** has not been singled out for statutory status for our **Veterans?**..... I received an email this week from one of our dedicated readers who passed along

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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

North Sydney Fire Hall

Talent Night continues on Thursday with Ernie, Todd and Wade, Wing Night - kitchen is open 4:00-10:00.

CHASE THE ACE is now at \$8,200 - Thursdays.

There will be an Indoor Yard Sale at the Hall beginning Sat., Feb. 21st 8 - 10 for sellers to set up and 10:00 - 2 :00 for Buyers.

A Valentine Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 14 - Hot Roast Beef & Dessert - dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm, Dancing from 9:00-1:00. Music will be provided by Firehounds DJ Service, \$10 per person, members and Guests.

Benefit Dance Feb. 21 for Dwayne Mills from 9:00-1:00 pm. Music by Firehounds DJ, \$10.00 per person.

St. Paddys Day Dance - March 13th from 10:00-2:00 with Finney Town playing the music. Tickets just \$5.00.

Snowmobile Racing

Snowmobile Racing will be held at Middle River, across from Midway Motors, Saturday, Feb. 21. - registration will be from 8:00- 10:30 am and racing will start at 12 noon.

There will be Door prizes, a 50/50 Draw and Canteen Services. For more information phone 902-295-1849.



SUNDAY BINGO

There will be a Sunday Afternoon BINGO at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines.

WHEN: Every Sunday

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.

Cribbage continues at the North Sydney Legion, Branch 19, Archibald Avenue in North Sydney - on Thursday night at 7:30 pm. Stop by for some lively games.



50/50 WEEKLY DRAW WINNER - The winner in last week's North Sydney & District Hockey 50/50 Draw was Darlene Stewart - amount was \$7,842

NORTHSIDE SHORTS

Traditional Irish Supper

A Traditional Irish Supper will be held on March 17th at the Northside Community Guest Home, 11 Queen Street in North Sydney.

It will begin at 6:30 pm and the cost is just \$15. There will be live local Irish music to accompany your meal.

The Supper will be held in the Main Dining Room. For tickets please phone 902-794-4733.

Free Encyclopedia Giveaway

Set of World Book Encyclopedia in mint condition available free of charge. Phone 794-1886.



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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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

Southside Boularderie

45S CARD GAME every Thursday evening at the Soutside Boularderie Fire Hall - 7:30 pm.

CAP SOCIETY Open Daily from 8 am - 10 pm

COMPUTER HELP - If you need assistance with computer taks phone Katrina 736-6742 for free computer training and services.



**CANADAFLAGIS
50 YEARS OLD
THIS MONTH**

VALENTINES DANCE

A Valentines Day Dance will be held at the Florence Fire Hall on February 14th.

Music will be provided by Big Mikes DJ with dancing from 9:00 - 1:00. Admission is only \$5.00 per person.

Come out and enjoy Valentines Day with dancing.

Send Your Birthday Wishes To Us At
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NORTHSIDE SHORTS

SENIORS TARABISH

Come out and enjoy an evening of Tarabish at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines, every Sunday beginning at 7:30 pm, lots of good company and exciting games.

All are welcome so come out and have an enjoyable evening.

Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club News

WEDNESDAY: 45 Card Game & Jackpot, Loonie, Mini Pot, and Even Split. - TIME: 7:30

SATURDAY: OPEN MIKE

TIME: 8:00-12:00 pm

Music by Ray Petrie & Bud Harrold - R & B Country

COST: \$2.00 - Members and Guests are Welcome to come out and have a wonderful Evening. Canteen Available.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 83 - Florence POOL TOURNAMENT



Every Wednesday Night **BINGO** EVERY THURSDAY 8:00 pm - CASH PRIZES **SATURDAY NIGHT**

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NORTHSIDE SHORTS

Pancake Breakfast

There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Boularderie School on March 7th from 9 am till noon.

The cost is Adults \$7.00 and Children \$4.00. It is an Eat-In Breakfast and a fundraiser for the Boularderie School Grades 5 and 6 end of the year festivities. Please support this worthy cause.

VALENTINE GALA

The Northside Hospital Foundation will sponsor a Valentine Gala at the Sydney Mines Fire Hall on February 14th.

For tickets and additional information, please contact 794-5402.

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**BINGO - TUESDAY - 8 PM - MOVED BACK TO OUR
NEWLY RENOVATED LEGION HALL**

Hall Rental Available - 736-3206 Try Our New Pool Table



**KIDS DANCES
February 20
7:00 PM**

**BINGO Tues.
8 PM
Bigger Games & Prizes**

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

GARDEN CLUB SEEKS HELP

The Garden Club is looking for small jars or vases to use for flowers for Palliative Care patients at the Northside General. Baby food jars are perfect, as well as small juice bottles and jam jars, or any other small containers. Anyone wishing to donate these can call any member of the Garden Club or 794-3197.

Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall

Tuesdays - 3:15 pm Kids Yoga (up to 10 years). For more information - 902-674-2374.

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm "Belly Fit" program and beginners Yoga at 7:30 pm. For more info phone 902-674-2374.

Thursdays at 10:30 am - Step Aerobics. For additional information phone 902-674-2374.

MILLVILLE NEWS ITEMS

The Regular Millville Community Centre Meeting will take place at the Centre on February 16th at 7:00 pm.

BINGO - Every Sunday Night at the Millville Community Centre starting at 7:00 pm. Great Prizes.

CAPE BRETON FREE SKATE

WHERE: CENTER 200 - The Emera Centre and BAYPLEX

WHEN: Monday, Feb. 16TH, FEBRUARY FREE SKATE for Nova Scotia Heritage Day.

EMERA CENTER - North Sydney 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
CENTER 200 - SYDNEY 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

BAYPLEX - GLACE BAY 1 PM - 2 PM.

This Free Skating Party is sponsored by K-94 Radio and Canadian Tire. Since this will be a holiday, take the whole family for a Free Skate!!



ROSS FERRY NEWS

KNITTING PROJECT - Knox AMS invites you to help us with our Knitting Project. Every year we send Pneumonia Prevention Sweaters and caps to Malawi hospitals.

They are given to premature babies. We have fewer knitters now and if you are interested, please phone Thelma at 902-674-2510 or Katherine at 902-674-2362.

SENIORS DINNER - A Seniors Dinner will be held at the Ross Ferry Fire Hall on February 14th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

All seniors 65 and over are welcome to attend.

PUB NIGHT - The Ross ferry Stewardship Society presents a Pub Night - Feb. 21st from 9 pm - 1 am.

The Finney Boys will be the musical entertainment, come dance the night away only \$5.00 cover charge.

PARK MEETING - Save this date - March 21st - 10 am - 4:00 pm. This will be our 11th season, so let's get together and talk about the Park.

The meeting will be facilitated by John Hugh Edwards and lunch will be provided. Please Contact Terri Shobrook (Chair) at 902-674-0148.



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Bottle Top Recycling Storage Idea



A good friend of mine sent along this very practical storage idea and I have tried it and it really works. Insert the plastic bag through the neck and screw the top - to seal.

The bottle is made to be air-tight, so that water will not leak, the secret lies with the top and screw!

This is a great idea to share. Good for us and the environment too to help us get rid of those pesky plastic bottles.

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS



BIRTHDAY WISHES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES are being extended to Shirley Robinson on the occasion of her 75th birthday on February 17th. Lots of Love and Good Wishes for you on your very special day from Jennifer, Dean and Grant.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS are also going out to a very special person, Lily, on her 5th birthday on February 17th. Happy Birthday and Lots of Love from Nanna and Papa.



NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

If you've always wanted to speak another language, this is your chance. Free Spanish Classes are being held at the Library every Thursday, at 7:30 pm.

Storytime is held on Saturdays at 2:30 and you do not have to pre-register for this program.

The Chronic Pain Management Group meets at the Library on Feb. 19th from 6:00-9:00 pm

Don't forget you can donate supplies and knitted goods to the Knit-A-Thon at the Library. We also have wool if you wish to knit something for this very worthy community project.

The Library is closed Feb. 16th for Family Day Holiday.

Happy Valentines Day to all our wonderful readers.



CANADA FLAG IS 50
 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH

Northside Community Pool

Bronze Courses will begin on February 15th at the Pool.

March Break Camp will be held from March 16 - 20th.

You can phone 902-736-1211 for further details, times and information.

Send Your Birthday Wishes To Us At
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NORTHSIDE SHORTS

Upcoming Programs At N. S. Heritage Museum

Upcoming program events to be held at the Museum headquarters on Commercial Street in North Sydney this month.

On February 14th, there will be three separate events happening.

Valentines For Vets where local children will exchange homemade valentines with Veterans.

Canada's flag will be 50 years old this month and to help celebrate there will be cake and refreshments.

To help celebrate Heritage day, Viola Desmond's sister Wanda Robison will speak at the Museum.

Events begin at 1:00 pm, come and help celebrate.

Fly Tying Classes

Fly Tying for new and experienced tiers, join us for this rewarding and enjoyable hobby -there are no fees and we meet weekly @7 P.M.at the Minor Baseball Bldg, Pitt St , Sydney Mines, starting January 5th. Hope to see you there.

For more information, call Earl (902) 544-1073 or Cell Phone Number (902) 595-4449.

Anniversary Open House

An open house will be held on Sat., Feb. 21, from 2-4 pm at the Armstrong Memorial Legion, Branch 19, Archibald Ave., North Sydney on the occasion of the 74th Wedding Anniversary of Irma and Bill McKeigan, North Sydney. Best Wishes only.

Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club Hot Roast Beef Supper - February 14

If you are looking for a great way to celebrate Valentines Day, then look no further than the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club on 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines.

They are holding a Hot Roast Beef Supper at 5:00 pm at their Clubrooms on February 14th and the price is only \$7.00. You can have mashed potatoes or fries and vegetables.

A dance will be held later in the evening at 9:00 pm and the cost is only \$2.00.

Come on out and celebrate with us!

Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club 50/50

The Winner for January of the 50/50 tickets for \$500 dollars was John Hawkins.



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS KEN LAVIGNE

Ken Lavigne, along with Philip Grant and Paul Ouellette, were the original members of the Canadian Tenors who started the group in 2003 as a Three Tenors-style trio. Mr. Lavigne is a highly acclaimed tenor who, for the last nine years, has performed on many world stages, including New York's Carnegie Hall. He has worked with producer David Foster, performed for His Royal Highness Prince Charles, and has released his sixth solo CD, entitled Comfort & Joy.



Recently, he returned from an extensive spring tour that had him performing in San Francisco and Seoul, South Korea. Mr. Lavigne continues to tour extensively across Canada as a soloist with symphonies and small ensembles showcasing his touring show entitled The Road to Carnegie Hall. Later in 2015, Mr. Lavigne will also be performing at the world famous Sydney Opera House in Sydney, Australia.

We are very pleased to announce that on Thursday April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Ken will be performing here at St. Andrew's in Sydney Mines. Tickets are \$25, please contact Charles Holmes at 902-736-6537 to get your's today!

Big Brothers/Big Sisters have announced dates for their annual fund raising dates events for Bowl For Kids and Billiards For Kids in Cape Breton.



BOWL FOR KIDS

March 2, 2015
Town Centre, Glace Bay



BILLIARDS FOR KIDS

March 6, 2015
Sydney-Doolys



March 5, 2015
Strand, Sydney Mines

March 12, 2015
Port Hawkesbury-Doolys

March 6, 2015 - After Party at the Steel City Sports Bar
All invited Fun and Games

**LUCK OF THE IRISH - BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CAPE BRETON BOWL/BILLIARDS FOR KIDS SAKE
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This year's theme is " Luck of the Irish , so.....
Wear green clothes and bring your shamrocks for luck! - collect lots of pledges and win more prizes
A TEAM OF FOUR WHO RAISES \$500.00 OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A \$100.00 GIFT CARD FOR BOSTON PIZZA!!!!

There will be various draws and "spot prizes" during the day - The first 3 levels of prizes are cumulative, those are yours to keep. Each money level after \$125.00 will determine your next prize.

- Raise \$75.00 individually and be entered into another 25 draws for prizes.
- Raise \$100.00 individually and pop a green balloon for a chance to win a prize.
- Raise \$100.00 individually to be in the draw for RETURN TRIP for two to Montreal (Truro to Montreal). Every additional \$50.00 gives you an extra ticket for the draw

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some great **Freebie** web sites that offer lots of bargains and coupons - see our story on **page 6** for further details on these sites... I just wanted to send my grandson, **Connor MacLeod**, a **Happy Birthday** greeting, Connor delivers the paper each week all around North Sydney.... The **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church** is sponsoring Canadian tenor **Ken Lavigne** here in April 9th, see **page 5** for information and tickets..... **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** are planning their annual fund raising **Bowl For Kids** and **Billiards for Kids** events, this is a worthy organization and your donations will help fund programs all year long, see **page 5** for details on how you can **donate** and help.... According to U.S. statistics, **fewer automobiles** are on the road during any **Friday 13th**, however, more accidents occur on that day even though there is less traffic - I wonder **is there anything** to the Friday 13th myth?..... I would like to send out **Valentines Greetings** to all our readers and listeners in **K-LEE RADIO** - I hope your day has all the **Love and Happiness** you can stand.....If you like the outdoors and want to try something different, head out to Middle River for **Snowmobile Racing** on Saturday, Feb. 21, see **page 2** for details..... and coming up soon, March 17th, there will be a **Traditional Irish Supper** at Northside Community Guest Home, 11 Queen Street in the Main Dining Room, it will be with live Irish music, see page 2 for ticket info....**The Northside Community Pool** is sponsoring Bronze Course and March Break programs, call them for more information **902-736-1211**.... I stopped into the **A&K Lick A Chick** for lunch on Wednesday, it's so nice to have all the "Crew" back again for another season..... the **CBRM Recreation Dept.** is sponsoring a **Family Skate** in celebration of Heritage Day on Monday, Feb. 16 - 10 - 11:30 at **Sydney Mines Community Centre** and 1:20-2:20 at the **Emera Centre** in North Sydney - take the family out to enjoy a free day of skating or a **Free Swim** at the YMCA in Sydney 1:00-3:00 pm. Email me if you want to see your notice here - glengray@kleeradio.com

TIMELY MONEY SAVING TIPS

I want to thank one of our dedicated readers who sent along this timely tip to help us all save money. It is a list of several Canadian websites that offer savings on name brand products and services.

From Big name companies like Costco, Walmart, Amazon Canada, Canadian Tire and Shoppers Drug Mart as well as McDonald's, Swiss Chalet, Boston Pizza and Harveys.

Listed below are the website addresses and a little bit about what they have to offer. Check them out and start saving today!!

SMARTCANUCKS.CA - It has a list of coupons and offers from Shoppers Drug Mart, Walmart, Air Canada and some lesser known companies.

BARGAINMOOSE.CA - There's a free recipe book you can download and offers from Lego, Beauty Products, Amazon Canada, Printable Valentines and several other brand coupon offers.

REDFLAGDEALS.COM - Another Canadian freebie website with offers from Costco, Walmart, Target, The Bay, Harveys, McDonalds, Staples, Atlantic Superstore and Boston Pizza.

MRSJANUARY.COM - This website was started by extreme couponer Cassie Howard and has a "whole slew" of coupon offers for products and services, do it yourself tips, free samples, deals and freebie offers. It's worth checking out.



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**TAX
TIPS****Caring For Your Aging Parents?**

Whether you are caring for your aging parents or just assisting them with their taxes, here are some tips to keep in mind:

- **File a tax return:** Even if they did not earn an income, they could be entitled to other credits, deductions and benefits that are triggered once you file a tax return. For example, they need to file a tax return to receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). And filing late could interrupt the GIS benefit.

- **Split pension income and save:** Seniors are allowed to split up to half of their eligible pension income with a spouse or common-law partner. Income splitting can mean a significant tax reduction and when the lower-income spouse has very little income, the tax savings can be substantial.

- **Transfer amounts:** If one parent is unable to completely offset his or her age amount, pension income and disability amount against tax payable, you can transfer their unused portion to the other parent's return.

- **Medical expenses:** It is usually advantageous for medical expenses to be claimed by the lower income spouse, assuming they have tax payable against which to offset them. If your parents travelled to another country and purchased medical insurance for the trip, it is considered a medical expense. If they traveled to obtain medical treatment that was not available where they live, they may be able to claim the cost of transportation, meals and accommodation depending on how far they needed to travel.

- **Benefits for caregivers:** If your parent or parents are 65 or over, have less than \$20,002 in income and are living with you, you should be able to claim the caregiver amount. The key is that they must live with you. Sending money from afar to support them does not qualify. You can also claim parents of any age if they are dependent on you due to an infirmity. In this case the income threshold will be \$22,060. The caregiver amount is increased by the \$2,058 family caregiver amount when the dependant is infirm.

- **Disability Tax Credit:** If your parent qualifies for the Disability Tax Credit but does not have sufficient taxable income to take advantage of it, they may be able to transfer the unused amount to you.

They must depend on you for all or some of the basic necessities of life for the transfer to be allowed.

- **Attendant care paid to a retirement home:** A senior who is eligible for the Disability Tax Credit can claim this amount as a medical expense. If they do not qualify for the disability amount, a medical practitioner must certify in writing that the person needs a full-time attendant due to mental or physical infirmity and will likely continue to be dependent on others for the long term. The retirement home would need to provide an invoice detailing the amount paid for attendant care. Services that can be included as a medical expense are housekeeping, laundry, transportation and meal preparation. Rent and food expenses are not covered.

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**SYDNEY MINES LEGION
BRANCH 008 NEWS**

Kids Dances will return on February 20th starting at 7:00 pm.

The Branch will sponsor a Valentines Day Supper and Dance. The meal will be Hot Turkey and will be served from 7:30 - 8:30 and the dance will follow.

Music will be provided by Michael Lloyd and the admission is \$12.00, dancing from 9:00 1:00.

Chase The Ace Jackpot stands at \$1,256. Tickets will be sold at the bar all week - 3 for \$5.00. The Jackpot will start at \$1,000. 50% of the sales go to Branch programs, 20% goes to the winner and 30% goes to the Jackpot.

Your ticket must be in the Hall at the time of the Draw. Tickets sold on Saturday from 6:30-8:00 pm.

ICE JAM begins February 22nd at the Legion Hall, lots of great Bands and music.

Fish Supers will start again beginning on Feb.27th and the fish will be haddock, deep fried or pan fried. Dessert will be extra, served from 4:00-6:00 and only \$10.00

**C. B. Richmond Federation
Of Agriculture News Items**

A Pesticides Workshop will be held at the Cape Breton Richmond Federation gymnasium on February 23rd.

The Workshop will run from 10 am - 2:00 pm and will focus on understanding the risks pesticide use generate.

For further information and registration, contact Maureen Murphy at 902-794-7633



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes are extended to Ashley Pearcey celebrating on Valentines Day - Happy Birthday and Happy Valentines Day from Tricia and the Girls.



**SYDNEY MINES
LIBRARY NEWS**

Every 2nd Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 is the Lego Builders Club for ages 5 - 10.

Thursday Craft Day for ages 6 - 12 will be held every Thursday from 3:30-4:30, phone 902-736-3219 to register.

If you have any supplies or knitted goods you like to donate to the Knit-A-Thon, please drop them at any Library office

The Library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 for the Nova Scotia new holiday this year celebrating Viola Desmond.

Happy Valentines Day to all our patrons and children from the Sydney Mines Library staff.

Branch 19 Easter Draw

Branch 19 Legion, Archibald Avenue, North Sydney is selling tickets on an Easter Basket.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. The draw date is March 28, 2015.

FLEA MARKET

A Flea Market sponsored by Holy Family Parish (St. Pius X) will be held on February 28 from 10:00 - 1:00 pm.

For tables and information, please phone 902-736-3601 or 902-736-8333

Variety Concert

A Variery Concert will be held at St. Stephen's Community Hall, 34 Pitt Street in Florence, on March 15th.

The MC for this Concert will be Hugh MacDonald. It will be held from 1:30 - 4:00 pm and the admission is only \$5.00.

A Light Lunch and snack will be provided, local talent will perform at this Concert

For Northside News logon to www.sotmnews.weebly.com and check out their monthly newsletter.

FREE SODUKO WEEKLY PUZZLE

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BINGO - MILLVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE Bingo will resume January 11th, 7:00 pm. Great Prizes

WINNER OF NORTH SYDNEY 50/50 DRAW this week is Darlene Stewart and the amount was \$7,842.

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BY PAUL POWER

COLIN JAMES – "Hearts on Fire" (Universal) - Colin James is recognized as one of Canada's preeminent blues/rock artists (if not the best) and he has successfully crossed over into the mainstream a number of times, scoring a number of hits and even released four swing albums as "Colin James and the Little Big Band"-all the while keeping his roots firmly planted in the blues. And how's this for a great start; early on in his musical career Colin James and his band The Voodoo Men went on tour with the legendary Stevie Ray Vaughan. It's rumoured that Stevie Ray suggested Colin drop his last name (Munn) and just go with his first and middle names because Munn sounded like 'mud' over the P.A. system.

This is Colin's 16th studio album and the first single released was "Just a little Love", it's an uptempo, driving number that reminds me of The Traveling Wilburys-actually the song "Honey Bee" also has hints of that Wilbury twist to it. Albeit, this album is a bit of a departure, compared to Colin's other recent releases. Gone are the big band brass instruments-in favour of

guitars, Hammond organ, shakers and brushes and strong, strong vocals.

Listening to some of the other songs, the title track "Hearts on Fire" has a steamy, dream-like feel to it, think of Chris Isaak's music and you'll be close to that feeling. "Dreams Come and Go" sounds like a number Bruce Cockburn could



COLIN JAMES

HEARTS ON FIRE

easily slip into covering and "How Does it Feel" has a Dire Straits-like guitar sound, and may very well be the best song on the album for highlighting Colin's vocal skills. It is a great song.

On "You Were Never Mine" Colin sounds a bit like Bruno Mars-it's a song steeped in 'old school' blues and soul, and Colin's vocals shine on this heavy-hearted ballad. The biggest surprise here was when I heard the song "Stay"-it was a big hit for Rihanna in 2013 and Colin's take on it is impeccable, he manages to make the song his own, and that's not an easy feat given who he's following.

"I Wanna Sing" is a great way to close off a great album-this is as boogie-woogie as boogie-woogie gets. I either have or have heard all of the albums Colin James ever released, and this one is definitely 'top shelf' material. Enjoy!

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