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Time to lace up those running shoes

37th Annual Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend, June 16 & 17

New Glasgow Welcome Participants

As you run across the George Street Bridge, over-top of the Historic East River and turn down Provost Street, You can hear the crowd cheering as you take your last strides to the finish line. Runners of all ages from regions of Atlantic Canada and beyond will come together to take part in the 37th Annual Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend, June 16th & 17th, 2012. "Total registration is up 20% from last year and the 5km almost at capacity. This year's events will be bigger than ever," says Race Director Terry Curley. "With one of the most cost com-

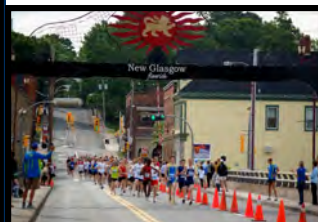
critical to the Johnny Miles Running Event philosophy. It's not about raising funds. It's about healthy lifestyle," he adds. "Part of the JMM mantra is to provide opportunities for youth to become physically active. It's changing a mindset and the JMM is a great way for family and friends to get fit together," says Kim Dickson, Director of Marketing and Communications. "The impact on the local economy and tourism industry is tremendous. Local hotels, restaurants, coffee shops and sports stores see a boost in sales during this weekend. We also see families coming back to enjoy other great assets the town of New Glasgow has to offer." Saturday's events are as follows: Carbo loading meal, Opening Ceremonies and Awards, JMM Expo, Johnny Walk and Kids Fun Run. Race kit pick up continues Sunday morning beginning at 6:30am

followed by a Continental Breakfast to energize participants before the race starts. On the start line first is the 5km and the 5km



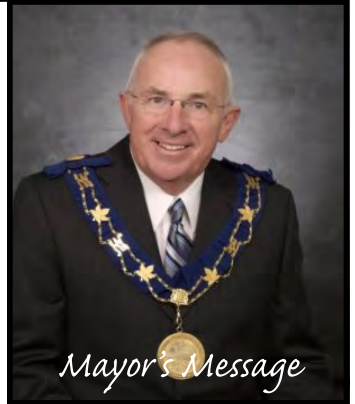
Two friends enjoy racing to the finish line at the 2011 JMM.

Student Challenge, followed by 10km, Half Marathon and Full Marathon. Following the races runners will enjoy a post race meal and the awards ceremony to finish off the weekend. This year's race kit includes dry fit hat and shirt, newly designed medal, re-usable sling bag and chip timing. For more information visit www.johnnymiles.ca



Runners cross iconic George St. Bridge during their race at last years event.

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Mayor's Message

Dear Visitors and Residents:

Summer is fast approaching and with it comes a wide array of what we fondly refer to as our signature hometown events. This weekend our festival season is in full motion with the Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend, one of the highest calibre running events in Atlantic Canada. Approximately 2000 participants will gather for this event and our Downtown core will become a jam packed starting gate and glorious finish line.

Last weekend we saw the Grand Opening of the New Glasgow Farmers Market, which has grown into a must do Saturday morning outing for many, where you can not only support local farmers, entrepreneurs, artisans and artists but also enjoy camaraderie and friendship with our families and neighbours. It is definitely a top rated item on the "must do" list for visitors to the area. The New Glasgow Farmers Market is brimming over with delicious selections and amazing talent.

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New Glasgow launches 2012 summer programs

The Town of New Glasgow's Department of Community Economic Development is pleased to present the 2012 Recreation Summer Program.



Madison Demont, Sarah Higdon, Jack Higdon and Jake Demont are all geared up for this year's summer programming.

The program includes an impressive variety of active lifestyle options that are sure to engage and appeal to individuals of all ages, interest and skills. Every household in New Glasgow has received the publication explaining the variety of programs and activities offered for children, youth, adults and seniors. A second Registration for the summer programs will take place on June 18th, 5:00-8:00pm at Glasgow Square.

The focus of this year's Recreation summer program is "Active for Life", a recreation model and philosophy that centers on opportunity, participation, inclusiveness and accessibility, allowing everyone from preschoolers to seniors the chance to get fit and have fun.

This year's programs feature opportunities for many age groups, diverse interests; with programs presented throughout the entire summer. Some are designed for those who are looking for an "Active



Ian & Megan MacDonald are excited for the upcoming events and programs offered in New Glasgow this summer.

Start"- a gateway into physical activity. Others are geared toward the individual looking to further develop their training regimen. The majority of programs however cater to those who strive to be "Active for Life". The Active For life philosophy targets community members of all ages and challenges them to remain active throughout their lifetimes. These programs will function on a one time, short term and ongoing basis over the course of the summer.

Is your preschooler or kindergartener always on the go? If the answer is yes then we have the programs for you! Movers and Shakers, Little Athletes and The Teddy Bear Picnic are all great places for your child to stay active and have fun this summer. Sports, dance, games, crafts, stories and lunchtime activities are sure to entertain the younger members of your family! This year there is a fascinating array



of programming opportunities for school aged children. For the scientist in your family we are offering St.FX Crazy Chemworks. For the Artist we are pleased to present Art Smarts. For the blossoming gardener there is "kindergardener".

Your star athlete will be sure to enjoy "just a week of sports" and Just for the Girls is perfect for your resident girly girl. There really is something for everyone!

For older children there are programming opportunities for a wide range of interests. There are Theatre and Art Workshops as well as a St. John Ambulance Babysitting Course. These programs are sure to

allow your child to explore their creative potential and further their summer learning.

Calling all Young Adults or high school students: Are you looking for a fun summer sport? Try Ultimate Frisbee! Register either with a team or as an individual. A great way to stay active and have fun this summer. No experience or equipment necessary.



There are several wonderful recreation and programming choices for adults this summer. There will be a Coffee House, Songwriters Circle, Karaoke Night and Adult Dance. All are welcome to attend and share in the music, dancing and good times! This summer there is also a fantastic variety of senior's activities. Featured activities include flower workshops, three classic movie nights as well as a bus trip to the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

There will also be a great assortment of family friendly activities. Be sure to check out the Annual Pre-Canada Day celebrations, Family Movie Nights and Music by the River. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this local and live entertainment!

We are also pleased to offer a selection of themed summer camps for kids aged 5-12 years. These camps will be held weekly from Monday to Friday - July 2nd- August 24th. Themes range from "Olympic Week" to "Water Week" and everything in between!

Be sure to stay tuned for more information on upcoming events and programs including the Ball Hockey League, New Tennis Courts/ Program and the new Dirt Bike skills Park.

Fleur Mainville & Sprag Session Headlining Pre-Canada Day Celebrations

Children's activities, Flag raising, Mayor's ice cream social, Entertainment & fireworks.

On Saturday, June 30 2012, the Town of New Glasgow will hold its annual Pre-Canada Day events at Glasgow Square. There will be a wide variety of celebrations commemorating



Local Favorite Fleur Mainville will be one of the entertainers for the Pre-Canada Day Celebrations.

Canada's birthday that are sure to showcase our Canadian pride and provide a fun filled day for the entire family. "We are delighted to celebrate Canada's birthday and our national pride with the citizens of New Glasgow," says New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan. "This is an opportunity to come together as neighbors and

friends and to demonstrate our community pride as well as our good fortune to live in the best country in the world. I am personally looking forward to seeing many residents and to kick off the summer season with the people of New Glasgow."

All events are free of admission. The day is made possible by the Town of New Glasgow and through the generous support of local sponsors: Tim Horton's, Empire Theatres, Funtopia, and Scotsburn.

Summer Assistant Events Coordinator Michelle MacLean says, "The whole town is excited for this event; it is a great way to start off our summer events and also to celebrate the great community and country we live in. We're hoping everyone will be able to make it out to enjoy the day with family, friends and some great entertainment."

New Glasgow chooses to hold its Canada Day events on June 30 instead of the official day on July 1 to enable residents and visitors alike the opportunity to attend activities in New Glasgow as well as in the neighbouring Town of Westville,

where there is a week-long birthday party culminating with events ranging from a parade to a fair to a fireworks display on July 1.

"New Glasgow's Pre-Canada Day celebrations are a mainstay of the local Canada Day weekend in Pictou County. Being able to

present the fireworks along the New Glasgow Riverfront provides a unique and beautiful setting that makes our fireworks memorable," says New Glasgow's Director of Marketing and Communications Kim Dickson.

For more information on Pre-Canada Day 2011 in New Glasgow, please contact the Glasgow Square Box Office at (902) 752-4800 or visit www.newglasgow.ca



New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan serves ice cream at last years 2011 social as Daisy the Cow looks on.

NEW GLASGOW PRE-CANADA DAY Program of Events

- 3:00-7:00pm Children's Programming and Activities
- 6:30-7:00pm Official Flag Raising Ceremony
- 7:00pm Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social with Mayor Barrie MacMillan And Town Council
- 7:05-7:35pm Evening Entertainment begins with Running with Lions
- 7:45-8:15pm Rabbit Town Blues Band
- 8:25- 9:05pm Fleur Mainville
- 9:15-10:15pm Sprag Session
- 10:10pm Fireworks Display- this concludes The Pre-Canada Day events



Up and coming band, Sprag Session will be headlining the festivities during Pre-Canada day.



Summer Curtain Call at Glasgow Square

Glasgow Square Theatre is pleased to present two live theatre productions. *Two Hours in a Madhouse: An Evening with the Notorious Nellie Bly* and *The Belle of Amherst: A Play based on the Life of Emily Dickinson* both starring Amanda Jefferson-Gillis and directed by Gary Blackwood that will run for eight productions in July and August.

“Glasgow Square Theatre is excited to present live theatre once again on the Square stage. We believe this will be a great attraction to local live theatre buffs as well as for tourists looking for some quality entertainment to enjoy on a week-day evening.” says Carlton Munroe, Program & Events Manager for the Town of New Glasgow. *Two Hours in a Madhouse: An Evening with the Notorious Nellie Bly* tells the story of pioneering feminist and reporter Nellie Bly. Nellie was a courageous and daring woman who continually challenged traditional feminine roles. Nellie lived a fascinating



Amanda Jefferson-Gillis plays character “Nellie” in *Two Hours in a Mad House*.

life filled with undercover work, bold exposes and a voyage around the world. Her story was brought to life by director Gary Blackwood originally from Pennsylvania who recently decided to adapt Nellie’s tales for

the stage. Amanda Jefferson-Gillis, who was raised in River John and now lives in Stellarton is the actress who has taken on the role of “Nellie”. The production is a charming blend of drama and humor, which the talented actress and writer are thrilled to present. *The Belle of Amherst* is a two-act drama written by Broadway playwright, William Luce, which has been brought to the stage in Amanda Jefferson-Gillis’s independent production. The story centers on the solitary life of 19th century American poet Emily Dickinson. In her one woman show Amanda captures the essence of

the introverted and quaint poet Emily Dickinson. Amanda notes that a one woman show is “Quite the challenge!” but that she has gained the energy and confidence to share with audiences Nellie’s incredible story.



Jefferson-Gillis portrays Emily in *The Belle of Amherst*.

“Amanda Jefferson-Gillis is an exceptional local talent of the calibre one might expect to find in large urban centres and on professional stages,” says Carlton Munroe, Program & Events Manager for the Town of New

Glasgow. “This part of the province is a gem for theatre experiences and we are proud to add these quality productions to the impressive theatre repertoire that the Northumberland Shore has to offer the province,” says New Glasgow’s Director of Marketing & Communications Kim Dickson. “We are confident that residents and visitors alike will be drawn to these two plays and that this has the potential to become an annual tradition. Both performances have strong, entertaining story lines as well as charm, lyrical language, and humor. You will feel that you truly have spent the evening with Nellie and Emily.”



Performances of *Two Hours in a Madhouse: An Evening with the Notorious Nellie Bly*

will take place on the 4th and 5th as well as the 18th and 19th of July 2012 at Glasgow Square. *The Belle of Amherst* will be playing on the 8th and 9th as well as the 15th and 16th of August 2012. For tickets visit: www.ticketpro.ca and for more information visit www.glasgowsquare.com or call 902-752-4800.

Signature Hometown Events- June & July

Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend — June 16th-17th

Relay for Life — June 22nd-23rd

New Glasgow Pre Canada Day Party— June 30th

Live Theatre — July 4th, 5th 18th & 19th

Festival of Tartans — July 19th-22nd

Race on the River Pictou County Dragon Boat Festival — July 27th-28th



Crabbie J's Marina & Fresh Fish Market Is Blossoming

New franchise opens on New Glasgow Riverfront

"Make yours or someone else's day a little sweeter" is the tag line Crabbie J's employee Brenda MacDonald likes to use to describe the latest addition at the Marina. The first franchise of its kind in Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough counties, Blossoms is located in Crabbie J's Marina and Fresh Fish Market on the East River in Downtown New Glasgow. Blossoms creates uniquely designed arrangements vary in size and are customizable to your occasion. They offer an array of creatively designed

fruits to brighten your table and tempt your taste buds. "With hospitals and most work places having a scent free policy it limits what can be brought in. The arrangements are a good way to say get well soon or congratulations, while enjoying a healthy snack" added Brenda. With accessibility in mind there are even gluten free chocolate options. Brenda is both eager and passionate about working at the marina. In every fruit bouquet that is ordered she places a single chocolate flower among the fruit and her creative mind is flowing with ideas on how to greet customers who plan to visit this summer. She is constantly working to create new and intriguing treats. Along with the addition of Blossoms, Crabbie J's offers Fresh and Frozen fish as well as homemade fish cakes. If you are thinking about trying something different : squid, snails or even fresh tuna, Jamie and his staff will do their best to fill your special request within a day.



A sample of the arrangements Blossoms has to offer.

For more information visit: www.crabbyj's.ca
Like us on Facebook or call (902)755-3018

Mayor's Message

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The Town of New Glasgow also officially opened an exciting new recreation facility, a Dirt Bike Skills Park, and our new state of the art tennis courts are very close to completion.

Canada Day is soon upon us and here in New Glasgow we celebrate a day early in order to enable our citizens to enjoy, not only our activities but those also of our sister community Westville, who puts on an outstanding Canada Day festival. This year we will have a great program with something for all ages, including our Ice Cream Social, children's games, some great entertainment, all locally grown, and then conclude with a spectacular fireworks display over the East River.

New this year is also live theatre at Glasgow Square, which features two one woman plays featuring the stories of pioneering journalist Nellie Bly and poet Emily Dickinson that are sure to delight. Other signature events include the annual Festival of the Tartans, Race on the River Dragon Boat Festival, the New Glasgow Music Jubilee, Downtown New Glasgow Harvest Time and many more entertaining events. We are also proud to offer a full and diverse summer program for children, youth, adults and seniors. Later in June, New Glasgow will welcome His Honour, Lieutenant of the Province of Nova Scotia Brigadier General JJ Grant, CMM, OMS, CD (Ret'd) for the official opening of the sun room at the Carmichael Stewart House Museum.

In closing, graduation is just around the corner and I want to personally congratulate the Class of 2012 at North Nova Education Centre as well as graduates from Northumberland Regional High School and Pictou Academy. We send you every good wish for a bright and promising future and want you to have fun and stay safe.

Barrie E. MacMillan
Mayor
Town of New Glasgow

Movie Nights

Friday Night Family Movies @ the Library presents "Back to the Future"

When: Friday June 15 - 6:30

Where: Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

Friday Night Family Movies @ the Library presents "Up"

When: Friday July 6 - 6:30 - 8:30pm

Where: Pictou Antigonish Regional Library

Movie Showing of "We Bought a Zoo"

When: Friday July 13th- 6:00- 10:00pm

Where: Glasgow Square Theatre

Contact: For more information, please contact New Glasgow Recreation at (755-4398).

Seniors Movie Night presents "Gone with the Wind"

When: Monday July 16th- 6:00- 10:00pm

Where: Glasgow Square Theatre

Contact: For more information, please contact New Glasgow Recreation at (755-4398).

Overcoming adversity one mile at a time

Megan McMullin's Story

For Megan McMullin the Johnny Miles Running Event Weekend is a chance to prove to herself that all of the effort over the past two years has really been worth it. "Everyone has the ability to reach their goal. You just have to push all the scary stuff aside, let people help you and work hard." Replies Megan when asked what piece of advice she would give another in a similar position.

Two years ago in January, Megan was in a car accident that left her with multiple broken bones including pelvis in three places and both hips, a lacerated spleen and liver and punctured lung. She spent three days in the Intensive Care Unit in Halifax before her surgery. At that time she was unaware of the severity of her injuries. Megan tells the story that she even said that she was sure she would run the 5km that coming June. However, when race day came Megan had just started to learn how to walk again, so she set her sights on the 2011 race. With approximately three



Megan McMullin's dream to cross the finish line at the 37th Annual Johnny Mile Event Weekend will come true this Sunday. She will be among the 2,000+ participants taking part in the events. However, her story is a little different.

months left of physiotherapy it was understandable that she was still unable to take part in the event. At this point Megan had reached another important milestone of being able to walk around the block with the assistance of her cane and the help of her mother. "I look back now and think about how that used to take me 45 minutes to complete," says McMullin with a smile. Now with this year's JMM 5k finish line in sight, she's confident that she will be able to complete the race in less than 40 minutes.

Megan credits a lot of her positive attitude to her family and friends.

She recalls seeing other patients in rehab who didn't receive letters, cards and visitors like she had. At some point in the recovery process something in her brain shifted and she suddenly had a new outlook on life. She now runs three times a week and does circuit training at the gym. After the completion of the Johnny Miles Running Event she hopes to complete a 10km race this coming fall. Until then Megan's cheering section will be proudly awaiting her remarkable finish on Sunday's race.

Dirt Bike Skills Park Grand Opening

The new state of the art dirt bike park opened June 9, 2012. Located at the Scott Weeks Complex in Parkdale, the track was constructed by Shoreline Dirtworks of Halifax with help from Scott Weeks Construction for land preparations. "One of the key strategies and focus areas identified by our town council has been to create an environment that nurtures and supports healthy lifestyle options, it's a sport that's growing in popularity and a park such as ours provides an opportunity for bikers to polish their skills in a safe environment while getting great exercise and improved fitness" said New Glasgow Mayor Barrie MacMillan. This



sport is also often a starting point and offers first steps in skills required for BMX racing, which is now an Olympic sport. Who knows where the next champion may emerge from? It could be here in our own region! added MacMillan.



Mayor of New Glasgow, Barrie MacMillan, D.J. Campbell, CEO/Vice President of Scott Weeks Construction and Norma MacLeod, Manager of Recreation with New Glasgow.

Nothing “Beets” the New Glasgow Farmers Market

Locally grown produce, fresh beef and fish, baked goods, local art, flowers, crafted furniture and much more

The New Glasgow Farmers Market is excited to announce its return to the New Glasgow Riverfront location. The Farmers Market provides an opportunity for community members and visitors to



West River Greenhouses displays a fine selection of plants at the New Glasgow Farmers Market Opening weekend.

purchase locally grown produce, fresh beef and fish, baked goods, local art work, plants, flowers, breakfast burritos, crafted wood furniture, locally made honey and jams, natural soaps, locally made cheese, photography, handmade scarves, and much more. People from across the region welcomed the chance to buy local goods

during the beautiful opening weekend and spirits were high as the community celebrated the return of a favourite Saturday morning gathering spot. Vendors reported brisk traffic and steady sales throughout the first morning of the season. “We expect to be busy due to the level of interest and enthusiasm expressed by the public during the opening weekend”, says Natalie Gordon, Manager of the New Glasgow Farmers Market. The Market has been very well received in the past and it continues to pride itself on taking community input and turning it into reality. Natalie adds that “The primary aim of the market is getting high quality locally grown food back into the hands of the local community.” She also urges people to remember that “The New Glasgow Farmers Market is accessible to everyone!”

“The New Glasgow Farmers Market is a wonderful regional asset but also is a great draw for tourists,” says New Glasgow’s Director of Marketing & Communications Kim Dickson. “Visitors are very interested in speaking directly with local producers, artists and artisans and learning directly from them

about Nova Scotia locally grown and made products. They are drawn to an authentic experience that enables them to meet Nova Scotians and also learn firsthand about the talent and flavours that abound in our province. These opportunities are what shapes a memora-



Freisen Farms at the NGFM displays a variety of produce during the grand opening.

ble vacation experience that sets Nova Scotia apart from other destinations. We are proud to have this attraction in our region for both our residents and tourists.”

New Glasgow Communities in Bloom Accepting Registrations

According to the CIB official website, Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the promotion and value of green spaces in urban settings.

The program is largely a friendly competition which allows communities to make noticeable strides in the following eight key criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, Turf & Groundcovers, Floral Displays and Involvement. Communities are evaluated by trained professionals based on the accomplishments of the entire community. The eight key criteria serve as the basis for evaluation, and the feedback is used as a stepping stone for ongoing improvement.

The benefits of the Communities in Bloom program are easily seen and measured. Strengthened community pride, increased economic development and tourism, reduction in vandalism and decreased crime rates are all tangible payoffs for participation in the program. Potential benefits include increased financial and business opportunities for the entire community.

The Town of New Glasgow has been participating in the Communities in Bloom program since 2003 and has won both provincial and national awards. In order to

achieve its current five bloom rating the town has made significant contributions in the areas of: environmental stewardship, tidiness, revitalization of the riverfront, community involvement and public space making strategies. The overall success of the program can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of volunteers, local businesses, municipal staff and the community as a whole. To register for this year’s program please contact: Communities in Bloom Summer Assistant, Elizabeth MacIsaac 755-7788 Visit: www.communitiesinbloom.ca for more information



Watching students grow one plant at a time

Young minds flourish while planting new garden

With the help of Communities in Bloom committee member Margie Beck, school staff and several other volunteers The North Nova Education Centre special education class has set forth in planting a garden. On June 13 the sun was shining and students were hard at work carefully tending to the small plot of land just outside of their classroom. Each student was given the opportunity to select their favorite flower and plant it in the garden; this of course meant that the area quickly became full of color and life. Evan Sharpe a grade eleven student at the school shared with us that he had chosen an “ageratum” a small purple flower that was unlike any of the others. Evan is all smiles as he says that “It has been a lot of fun getting out of the classroom and planting with his

friends.” The excitement of the students was obvious as they went about their various tasks, most notably as they worked together to beautify the space. Wendy Doiron who teaches special needs students at North Nova Education Centre adds that “The garden is a great thing to have so close to the classroom; it’s something fun and different for the students.” The project was introduced by former HCRS under 19 program developer Margie Beck. When asked why she volunteers her time for this particular cause she replies “I enjoy working with the kids and watching them grow.” For anyone watching it is indeed evident that Margie loves working with the students and that she truly cares about the success of the project. The Garden is a product of

cooperation and care, one that would not be possible without the generosity and talents of everyone involved.



Bob Curley, HCRS Board of Directors; Wendy Doiron, Teacher at NNEC; Evan Sharpe, Grade 11 Student at NNEC; Margie Beck, Circle of friends and Hilary Amit, Executive Director HCRS are pictured working on the beautification project.

Community Supports Go Clean Get Green

Go Clean Get Green Pictou County once again challenged our communities to join them for a community wide cleanup day! The environmental project has become a wonderful way to become actively involved in promoting increased sustainability within our communities. On Friday, June 8th the Corporate Challenge and Student Participation Day took place, followed by a General Community Litter Pick up Day taking place on Saturday, June 9th. Both cleanup events were designed to aid in the removal of litter from residential, corporate and community spaces. Traditionally the Go Clean Get Green Community Litter Pick-up was held in April to coincide with Earth day but the local project joined forces with Clean Across Nova Scotia at the request of the provincial project. The community clean-up campaign has also historically been lead by a group of dedicated volunteers chaired by Jim Shaw, franchise owner of Tim Hortons in Pictou County. In 2012, Pictou County Solid Waste, a division of the Pictou County Shared Services



A participant in 2012 Go Clean, Get Green enjoys a at the BBQ in Carmichael Park.

Authority, took on a leadership role with Carol MacKenzie chairing the event. A dedicated group of committee volunteers from across the County have helped Pictou County Solid

Waste Management with the organization of the event. All municipalities of Pictou County support the event while Sobseys, Tim Hortons and Advocate Printing & Publishing Ltd have been long standing corporate participants.



For the Corporate Challenge and Student Participation Day, participants are were asked to clean up their property and any adjacent property within a 100 ft. radius. For the General Community Cleanup Day friends, families, service clubs and community groups were asked to take part in a total community cleanup. Participants selected an area designated for cleanup, or registered and designated an area of their choice. We would like to thank the more than 2000 plus volunteers across Pictou County who took part in the Go Clean Get Green- Clean Across Nova Scotia project.



Progress Club members volunteer to help at GCGG BBQ for community partici-

Nova Scotia College of Art & Design's Community Studio

Meet our three artists in residence

Tucked behind the New Glasgow Public Library sits the NSCAD-New Glasgow Community Studio; a recent addition to the Downtown Area. Its purpose is to provide recent graduates of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) with the unique opportunity to live in a small town setting while pursuing their artwork. The residency provides both the time and space necessary to transition from full time student to working professional. Similar programs, such as the Lunenburg Community Residency Program have been hugely successful in helping young artists in furthering their studio practice.

Another aim of the residency program is to provide the local community with a diverse series of workshops and lectures as well as working with elementary and secondary students to foster their artistic interests. This year the studio is home to three young artists: Annalise Prodor, Krissi MacKenzie and Katie Roux. The trio are graduates of NSCAD where they recently obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts. The young artists are openly enthusiastic about the work they are creating at the studio, as well as the opportunity to access equipment that allows them to work in several different mediums.

The generous workspace is unmistakably in use, with artwork and its various utensils covering most surfaces. Each artist seems to have an individual work area filled with their creations. A corner dedicated to ceramics houses a kiln and Krissi's numerous

clay designs. Krissi is originally from Braeshore, Pictou County and says "The studio provided me with the opportunity to return home after completing my studies." She also mentioned that "It's a great program to have in place so that young artists can continue to work and grow in the Pictou County area." Her ceramic work focuses on beauty and function, consisting mainly of tableware ceramic design.

Hailing from Edmonton, Annalise's work is entirely different from the work of her counterpart. Her creations are based in mixed media which ranges from large scale paintings to various types of repeated imagery. Annalise has been particularly impressed by the support of the New Glasgow Public Library noting that "There are some big opportunities here for such a small residency".

Boston native Katie, who is equally as excited about the prospect of gaining valuable work experience says, "The program is a good stepping stone". She also notes that "Everyone involved in the initiative is been very approachable which has been instrumental in making things happen within the community". Katie's work is primarily watercolor adaptations of collaged images on large scale canvases.

All of the artists agree that it's the freedom of the studio that allows

them to work and learn despite of their demanding schedules. The young women say they are also delighted at the chance to showcase their work in a public venue at the end of the summer.



Top to bottom; Krissi MacKenzie shows a few pieces of her ceramics. Annalise Prodor stands beside a work of art she created. Katie Roux stands next to one of her paintings.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Events

Let's PAWS!

When: Saturday, June 16

Time: 10:30am

Family Summer Story times

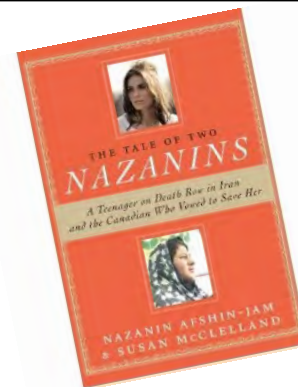
When: Wednesday July 4 & 11

Time: 10:15am-11:00am

"The Tale of Two Nazanins", with author Nazanin Afshin-Jam

When: Thursday July 12

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm



New Glasgow Important Service Centre To Aging Population

As the baby boomers and previous generations continue to mature, the number of senior citizens in New Glasgow as well as throughout Pictou County is on the rise. The first wave of the baby boomers turned 65 in 2011 and this coincided just in time with the distribution of the 2011 Census Canada forms that were filled out in May of



that year. The median age, is defined as the point where exactly one half of the population is older than this age and one half is younger. New Glasgow's median age is 46.1 while in Pictou it is 47.1 and in the three sub-divisions of the Municipality of the County of Pic-

ton, the median age ranged from 47.3 to 49.2. In the towns of Trenton, Westville and Stellarton the median ages were 42.9, 40.9 and 42.6 while in Antigonish it was 43.7 and in Truro 45.6. The median age for all of Nova Scotia is 43.7 while the national median age is 39.9 and the provincial median age is 43.1. Despite the growing number of seniors, Canada remains one of the youngest countries in the industrialized world. An aging population does however represent some challenges, especially compounded with the factor that Canadians are having less children than previous generations. Those in the "working age" population in New Glasgow, people ages 15-64 years, represent 64% of the town's citizens. In 2006 this percentage was 65.2.

The total number of private dwellings in New Glasgow sits at 4,548 and there are 820 more females than males. Statistics Canada has reported that senior citizens now represent 21.1 percent of New Glasgow's population. With a national average of 14.8 percent and a provincial average of 16.6 percent, New Glasgow's aging population is not

far behind other areas of the province with similar demographics. New Glasgow is an important service centre for seniors as well as for families and individuals across northeastern Nova Scotia and beyond. Senior citizens are often drawn to the amenities that a larger town and commercial service centre such as New Glasgow has to offer. Easy access to health care facilities, shopping centers and other necessary services make the area an attractive place to remain in or relocate. Another reason for the high ratio of seniors may be that those who live here are remaining physically active and therefore enjoying higher quality of life. This health conscious attitude among seniors could very well be the key to longevity as well as the explanation for the higher number of senior citizens in the area. Stats released earlier this year from Census Canada reveal that from 2006-2011 the population of New Glasgow has seen a 1.1% increase with the current population at 9,562 and this was New Glasgow's second consecutive population increase.

D.A.R.E Flag Raising

"D.A.R.E To Resist Drugs & Violence"

The Town of New Glasgow and New Glasgow Police Service gathered to mark the importance of D.A.R.E Day in the community by raising the organization's flag. This integral program sponsored locally by Tim Hortons and Wendy's in New Glasgow and Trenton provides education on drug abuse to students entering at the upper elementary and Junior High levels. The program delivers information on alcohol and drug abuse, bullying and crime. It also gives today's youth positive role models and gives police the opportunity to work with the community on preventative measures.



Left to Right- Jill Doucette, Graduate of the D.A.R.E Program; Kathryn Humphreys, Teacher at Temperance Street School; Chief Delaney Chisholm, New Glasgow Police Service; New Glasgow Mayor, Barrie MacMillan; Ken Francis, Chignecto-Central Regional School Board; Deputy Chief Eric MacNeil, NGPS and Cst. Ken Macdonald, Community Policing Officer, NGPS.

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