

The Flyer

February 2025 Edition

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NEW ROSS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

4691 Highway 12, PO Box 106, New Ross
(902) 689-2414

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Family & After School Program Co-ordinator:

Janice Cornelius, nrfrjanice@gmail.com



ON SITE BLOOD COLLECTION every second THURSDAY.

You must **call Colleen Hull at 902-624-0406 to book your appointment!**

BLOOD COLLECTION FEE \$15 For in Centre Collection.

Upcoming Dates: February 13th & 27th March 13th & 27th April 10th & 24th

These dates are subject to change pending weather conditions or lack of appointments.

If you have an appointment and the clinic is cancelled, you will be notified by Colleen and it will be posted on the Resource Centre Facebook page.

New Ross Family Resource Centre Programming

for Everyone...

Community Cupboard

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Take what you need or leave what you can. We aim to have the Community Cupboard stocked regularly with a variety of food and hygiene items.

for Parents & Families..

Play Group

Mondays 10:00-11:30 am

This program is for families with children aged from birth to 5 years. It features free play, art activities, story time, music, and a healthy snack, along with a chance for adults to connect. (*Please note Playgroup is cancelled if school is cancelled)

Contact for more info : nrfrcjanice@gmail.com

At Home Learning Kits

These kits offer engaging, educational activities for children ages 1 to 5, promoting family bonding and interactive learning. Prepared monthly, they provide fresh content and new adventures for families.

For more info or to register, please contact nrfrcjanice@gmail.com

After School Program

The After School Program runs Monday-Friday 2:30 - 6:00.

For more info or to register, please contact nrfrcjanice@gmail.com

Winter Boots

Winter is here! If you or your child(ren) are in need of winter boots, please contact us at 902-689-2414 or email nrfrcjanice@gmail.com

offered at our centre...

1st New Ross Sparks Unit

Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm

Do you have a girl aged 5-6? Sparks is a group where she can make friends, build confidence, and learn valuable life skills. Meetings every Tuesday will include singing, games, crafts, and more, all while being part of a global community!

More info and registration is available on their Facebook Page!



Back by popular demand!

HOT MEAL PROGRAM

The New Ross Family Resource Centre with their team of volunteers are providing ready to heat meals for families with children 18 years and younger from our community. Starting on Wednesday February 5.

For 7 weeks with no meal on March 12 (March Break)

Families will be able to pick up their meals between 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the **New location** New Ross Fair Grounds Dining Hall, 5032 Hwy 12, New Ross. If you need a later pick up time, please let us know when you register.

To register: contact Janice @ nrfrcjanice@gmail.com, our Facebook page, or by calling 9026892414.

We will need your name, number of adults and children and a contact number.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP)

Soon it will be that time of the year - Income Tax Prep! Mona Thomarat has been approved again for this year by CRA to prepare free tax returns in our community at the New Ross Family Resource Centre. Mona will be receiving the software in mid-February from CRA, so shortly after that she will start setting up appointments /preparing returns.

The CVITP is a free tax service for completing basic tax returns for individuals with modest incomes.

- \$35,000 for individuals
- \$45,000 for couples

(If your income is slightly over these amounts, chat with Mona to see if she can proceed.)

The CVITP does NOT cover preparing tax returns that have rental income or business tax situations.

Last year Mona completed 29 tax returns, of which CRA sent grant money to the Resource Centre. Win win for the community!

So that Mona can plan how many tax clinics / appointments she will need to set up, please give her a call @ 902-221-4477. If you receive her voice mail, please just leave your name and phone number and she will call you back to chat.

Scotiabank Pensioner Volunteer Program

We are pleased to advise that Scotiabank has sent \$1,000.00 to the New Ross Family Resource Centre. These funds represent Mona Thomarat's volunteer time last year at the Resource Centre. Mona was a 40 year Scotiabanker, so kuddos to Scotiabank for this program.

In Memory



~ A tribute to my Dad ~

On Christmas Eve, at 3:33 p.m., my Dad drew his last breath and left this world. He was 81 years old. My Mum and I were there holding his hand and he slipped away peacefully and without pain. If he had to die, I couldn't ask for a better experience for him.

At his request there will be no funeral.

Despite a remarkable comeback from pneumonia, he caught Covid, just days before he was to be discharged for home. As a result of the Covid infection, he developed a number of blood clots in his legs and lungs, and after a few days he suffered a mild but significant cardiac event, and then his kidneys shut down. Ironically, his breathing wasn't the thing that caused his body to fail.

He was still bright and alert until the last two days, when he drifted in and out of sleep.

My Dad was a wonderful father; a kind, brilliant man who was also my mentor and my friend. He was a huge ally and advocate for his only grandchild, Vi, and loved sharing time with them during visits, and exchanging regular texts from afar.

He and Mum were married for 56 wonderful years, and together for 58. They suited each other so well, and loved spending their spare time together. They spent many hours landscaping their property and decorating their home exactly as they wanted, with a style to rival anything you'd find in Architectural Digest.

Dad worked many years in the provincial government, retiring as a Deputy Minister in 1995. He went on to work a few retirement (I called them "hobby") jobs at several different municipal organizations and governments, where he used his exceptional skills at organizing and putting things back on track.

He loved reading, architecture and all sorts of motorized machines, including airplanes. He loved and cherished my Mum very much. He delighted in spending time with his nieces and nephews, who gave both him and my mum a lot of joy before I was born.

He enjoyed listening to music, and was always playing something enjoyable on long car drives. A fond memory is of going to concerts with him and mum when I was a child; artists like Willie Nelson and John Denver. He loved Neil Young the most and was listening to him just before he passed. He loved when Nathan played for him, including his own private concert while in the ICU. He was proud to have such a fine musician as his son-in-law.

He loved animals too, especially horses and dogs (and with my persuasion, also cats, lizards, turtles and fish.) The sole exception was for any animal that dug up the yard (foxes), stole the grapes off of our grapevines/tore up the garbage (raccoons) or made a noisy mess (Canada Geese).

He would never harm any of them, but he certainly enjoyed chasing the geese off of the property by using a ride on lawnmower.

He was always my biggest supporter, whether it was studying art, or studying aviation. I couldn't have asked for anyone more proud.

It seems unreal that he is gone. He will be missed so incredibly much.

Thank you everyone, for your love and support the last few months. It has made this entire ordeal easier. Please don't let him be forgotten.

Darrell Douglas Hiltz

November 22nd, 1943- December 24th, 2024

I love you Dad.

Love always, Jan

Community News



Bids invited for the Cleaning of the New Ross Fire Hall

The New Ross Fire commission is now requesting bids to be submitted on a **two year contract** for the cleaning of the local Fire Hall. A

mandatory viewing of the site will be held Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., where in all interested parties will have the opportunity to meet with the Fire Chief, who will provide a tour of the facility and outline the cleaning duties involved , after which bids are to be submitted **no later than February 17, 2025**, via email to Cameron Broome (cmrnbrm@gmail.com) or via mail to the Commissioners for Fire Protection for the New Ross District, Po Box 150, New Ross NS B0J2M0. For any Further information please contact Chief Lyle Russell at 902-689-2778 or Cameron Broome at 902-689-2489.

Forties Community Centre

~ Where Old Friends Meet! ~



1787 Forties Road

Phone: 902-689-2000 Centre

Or 902-689-2612

Or 902-689-2147

Email: fortiescc@gmail.com

Rental Info & Bookings:

Ervin Broome 902-689-2782

Crib Tournament Sunday February 2nd 2025

Doors open 12 noon Registration starts 12:30, Play starts 1pm
\$ 20.00 / team, For more information call 689-2147

Canteen, wheelchair accessible (ground level)

Tournaments are the 1st Sunday of each month

Games afternoon with Lunch

Tuesdays in February

Join us for an afternoon of games, a 50:50 draw and a delicious lunch.

Lunch is at noon and games to follow. Cost is \$3

Will be cancelled for bad weather.



Legion Events

Guests must be signed in by a Member. Under aged guests must be accompanied by a guardian. Membership is easy and inexpensive. Come take a look! Open Monday, Thursday & Friday at 4pm



JAN 31: DJ DONNY

FEB 7: NO LIVE MUSIC

FEB 14: CROSSOVER BAND

FEB 21: "JIMMY BUFFET NIGHT" WITH STEVE COCHRANE, AARON WARREN & SCOTT REDDEN

FEB 28: THE UPBEATS

The winner of the free membership for 2026 that was drawn at the New Year's Levee is Margeson Reeves. Winner of the basket donated by Gina's Hair Salon also drawn at the Levee is Anna Skerry. Congratulations.

Coffee Social: Every Monday 9-11AM Join us for coffee, tea, baked goods and good conversation. Everyone Welcome to attend. Free will offering.

Valentine's Day Supper Eat in or Take Out: FRIDAY Feb. 14, 2025, TAKE OUT 4:30-5:00 pm EAT IN 5:00-6:00 Cost \$17.00 adult \$10.00 child (5-12)
Supper Includes Homemade Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Roll and a Brownie for dessert.
Call Donna 902-790-2304 before Feb. 11 to preorder.

8TH ANNUAL JIMMY BUFFETT NIGHT WITH STEVE COCHRANE, AARON WARREN & SCOTT REDDEN! February 21, 2025 8:30-11:30 Melt the winter away with tropical drinks and Caribbean music. Surfs up so wear your coolest summer wear to the hottest place in town! Come see New Ross's only Tikki Bar!! Everyone Welcome. \$5.00 member \$7.00 non-member.

New Ross Legion Renaissance Sports Day: Feb 22, 2025. Registration will be at 9:30 with games commencing at 10:00. Games will end at 4:00. Pool, Darts, Shuffleboard and Crokinole. 2 Person Team \$5.00 per person. To register call Legion 902-689-2650. Bar and Canteen will be available. Open to everyone to play.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



The Ross Farm Museum has several workshops scheduled for February. Some workshops are returning, and others are new, including a Ram Head Poker workshop and a Bear Oil workshop.

Ram-Head Porker workshop: In this one-on-one workshop, participants will create a ram-headed fire poker while learning essential techniques and skills in traditional blacksmithing. Join us for an unforgettable few hours of creativity and craftsmanship, and take home a unique piece of functional art that showcases your hard work and dedication.

Belt Workshop: Unleash your creativity at our belt-making workshop! In this session, you will learn to transform raw materials into a personalized accessory. Step into the world of leather crafting and leave with something uniquely yours. All tools and supplies will be provided.

Spoon-Making Workshop: Delve into the age-old craft of woodworking and learn how to transform a simple piece of wood into a beautifully carved spoon. This workshop is suitable for all skill levels, whether you're a beginner or have some experience. Tools and supplies will be provided.

Bear Oil Workshop: Led by the knowledgeable Maggie Oickle from Maggie's Way, this event promises to educate and inspire attendees on the effective rendering of bear oil. The workshop will cover its traditional uses in cooking as well as modern applications in skin care, celebrating the versatility of bear oil while honouring its cultural significance.

Hide Tanning Workshop: Join us for an engaging and hands-on workshop on the Basics of Hide Tanning at Ross Farm Museum. This workshop, hosted by Maggie Oickle from Maggie's Way, will guide you through the essential steps of hide tanning. You will learn about the necessary tools and equipment, and receive a comprehensive walkthrough of the process, including fleshing, dehairing, various tanning methods, stretching, and smoking a hide. Discover the importance of each step, gain valuable tips and tricks, and have all your questions answered.

To register for any of our workshops, please visit The Pedlar's shop website ([Workshops/Events – The Pedlar's Shop](#)) or The Pedlar's shop in person.

NEW ROSS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
31ST CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CELEBRATION



As we close out 2024 and begin another new year, we hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and an enjoyable holiday season.

This year, our brochure featured the celebration of 100 Years of the Christmas Tree Industry in New Ross. And the Festival itself was blessed with visions of a white Christmas on Saturday and again on Sunday. Everyone who attended and volunteered, enjoyed their weekend. This year's addition of the Kilted Chef (compliments of Nova Scotia Loyal) handing out Yule Tide Turkey soup, with stuffing as dumplings, topped with cranberry chutney, was one stop not to be missed. We also benefitted this year with a paid Facebook ad for our festival, compliments of Tourism Nova Scotia!

While it was a nippy evening on Friday, a good-sized crowd assembled to see Santa, and listen to our local talented musicians, Jasmine Broome and Jessica Russell. And I heard Neil Meister was thrilled to have flipped the switch to light up one of the largest trees we've had! Even a bit of snow on Saturday, and a bit more on Sunday, didn't dampen the Christmas spirit here in New Ross as all the venues were abuzz as families took part in the festivities. Even a power interruption couldn't take out our Christmas spirit

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the organizers and volunteers who contributed to the success of our beloved festival. It is through your commitment and efforts that we were able to deliver the best Festival experience for our visitors. The many visitors who come to New Ross for this wonderful event, appreciate your efforts!

Here are some interesting Festival stats:

- People at the Tree Lighting – 200+
- Suppers served at the Legion – 62
- Breakfasts served at the Fire Department – 315
- Turkey Dinners served at the Forties Community Centre – 1100, 780 of these happened on Saturday! It was a big day!

- Visitors at the Festival Craft Fair – over 850
- Food donations – over 350 lbs of food and \$400 was raised by the Food Bank drive
- Visitors at the Family Resource Centre – 97
- Attendees at the festival Christmas concert – 60
- Attendees at the NEW event - Celebration on the Hill – close to 75
- Visitors to Ross Farm – 1000 attendees despite the weather and a brief power interruption.
- Craft Fair at the Legion – 23 vendors
- Saturday night Hal Bruce dance – 80 folks had a fantastic time
- Festival Concert at Christ Church – approximately 40
- Christmas tree decorating competition – 6 trees with the Charing Cross Garden Club receiving the lions share of the over 500 votes.

Number of carollers throughout the community – too many to count

Percentage of people enjoying themselves – 100%

Trees, Trees, Trees – the tree farms/u-picks were extremely busy on this festival weekend, making everyone’s holiday tree dreams come true!

FESTIVAL RAFFLE - This year we raffled off a stunning piece of artwork, painted by Sylvia Dodge, and raised over \$900. Congratulations to the winner of the painting, Anne from Halifax.

Thank you to the countless volunteers who donated many hours of their time, making this a most wonderful Festival.

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 Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Wreaths:

Neil & Marie Meister
 Evergreen Wreaths
 J&M Reeves Christmas Greens
 Merlin & Sarah Gates
 Darrell Baker
 Debbie & Mary Reeves (2)
 Sanders Tree Farm Supplies
 Faye Hughes & Owen Lenihan
 Staff of New Ross Post Office
 Colton & Alyssa Reeves

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 Phil Edwards & Pattie McNeil
 Scotian Ironworks
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 79
 Brenda & Vernon Keddy
 Mike & Melony Melanson
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 Margeson & Joanne Reeves

Wreaths were decorated by Margeson and Joanne and hung by Colton and Joanne Reeves

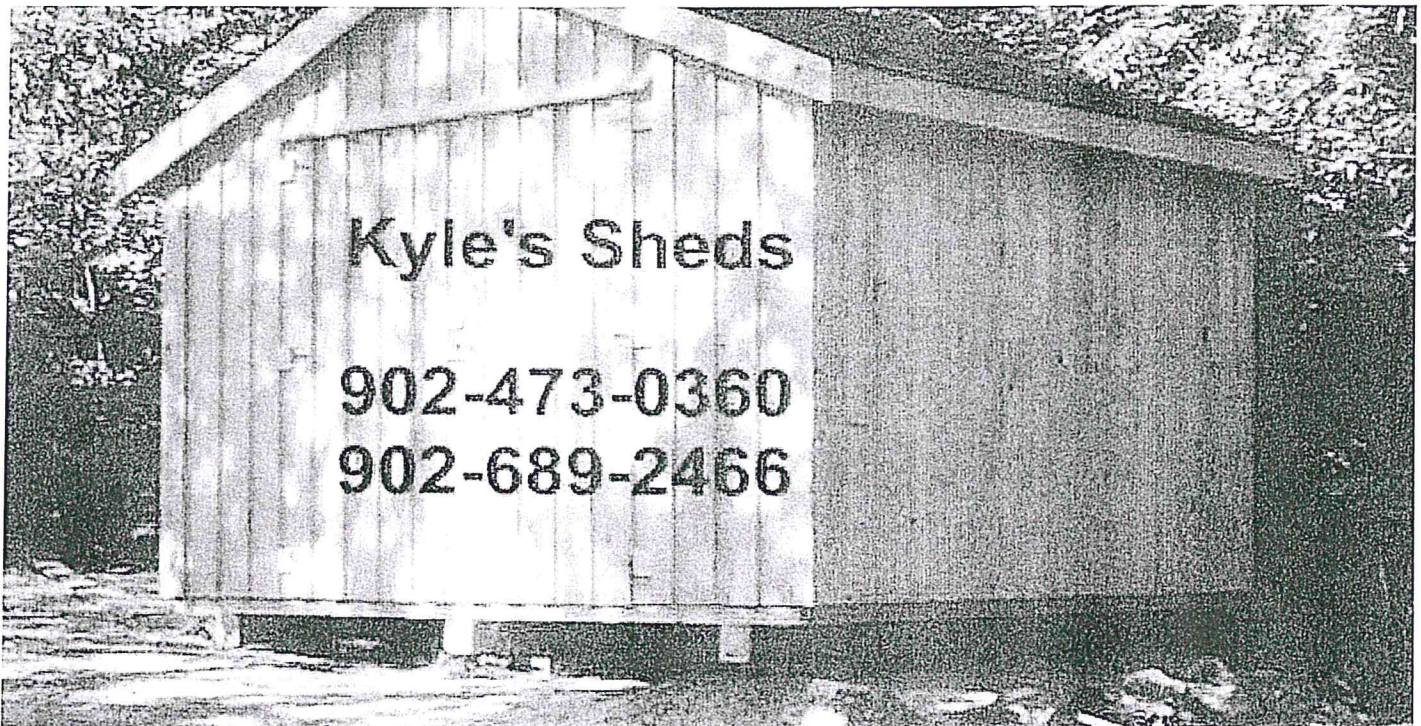
Festival tree donated by Neil Meister
Placed by Margeson and Colton with the help of Troy McDow (Out on a Limb Tree Removal), Crew and equipment.

Happy New Year, everyone!
From your Christmas Festival Committee 2023

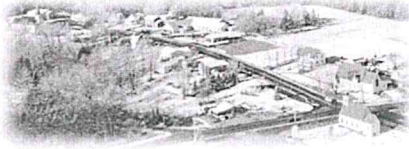
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NEW TO NEW ROSS?

If you are new to the area, we'd love to know. The New Ross Regional Development Society has welcome bags that contain information and some other goodies, so you can get to know your community. Please email newrossregdevsociety@gmail.com with your name and civic address and someone will pop by to deliver a welcome bag. In the meantime check us out at NewRoss.ca, and on Facebook at New Ross Regional Development Society.



TOURISM NEW ROSS



UPDATE

A group of local businesses and volunteer organizations, meet monthly to discuss all things New Ross. This month we chatted about the success of the New Ross Christmas Festival and plans for next year's festival, along with a review of some of the upcoming activities over the next couple of months.

Here are some of the things going on in our community that you might be interested in hearing about.

- Development of a tourism map for the area, to be circulated at local businesses.
- **Saturday, February 8th, 3-5 pm**, the **Nova Scotia Lobster Crawl** comes inland to Forest Heights Community School, for an event called **From the Sea**, a design challenge created in partnership with **Foraged Florals and Tourism Chester**. It is to encourage creation of designs made from items found on the beaches. You can enter on the chester.ca website and make plans to see the entries.
- **The New Ross Fair Grounds** are busy booking out to groups and events again this summer, which promises to be very active.
- **Ross Farm** is increasing the number and variety of workshops being offered during this off season, and to great response. Keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to learn about spoon making, barrel making and more.
- Plans are in the works for a **Winter Frolic at the Fair Grounds for February 15th**. Watch Facebook for the details.

This is not intended to be a complete list of events, please follow the Facebook pages of local businesses and organizations for events in our area, or check the event calendar on Newross.ca

If you are a tourism related business, or local organization with an interest in developing tourism in our area, and you'd like to join us, please email Judy at newrossregdevsociety@gmail.com. We'd love to welcome you.

Update from Tina Connors Councillor – New Ross (District 6)



A quick reminder that the Municipal Tax Exemption deadline is March 31. Contact me with any questions.

Comfort Centres: During times of emergency situations, such as severe winter storms, high intensity rain fall, or extended power outages, Comfort Centres have been established throughout the province by communities for communities. These Centres are intended to be a location where community members can gather, be warm and safe, be a place of information, have a hot drink and maybe even something to eat! In New Ross the Comfort Centre is the *fire hall*. Thank you New Ross Volunteer Fire Department.

Strategic Planning: Working together, Council and staff have approved five priority areas - Good Governance & Corporate Excellence; Strategic Growth & Development; Strong Communities; Sustainable Infrastructure; Active Healthy Living - as part of our Strategic Plan 2025-2028. The Strategic Plan forms the basis for the work plans of all municipal departments: action items; projected timelines; and resource allocation. Planning sessions continue, with additional fine-tuning ahead, including an *Implementation Plan* to achieve identified goals and outcomes.

Recent Discussions at Council Table:

- > 2025 Nova Scotia 55+ Games - September 21 to 25 / novascotia55plusgames.com - will be held in Lunenburg and Queens counties, with 22 events scheduled, taking place at 24 venues throughout the region, with projected economic impact of \$550,000;
- > Church Memorial Park - recent presentation, re: New Recreation Facility Initiative, including proposed Planning and Execution Team (with Council representation), plus Capital Campaign/ Fundraising Team;
- > *NEW* Sidewalk - stretch of road from fire hall to fairgrounds; design work nearing completion and under review by regulatory agencies, pre-budget approval for upcoming fiscal year. (FYI: sidewalk Hwy 12/Forties Rd intersection to the fire hall still in the plans, with possible construction [of both sections] to now take place consecutively.)

Volunteer Award Program: Plans are in the works for National Volunteer Week 2025, and volunteer nominations are open! Nomination categories include: Individual; Youth; and Family, and nominees must be residents of the Municipality. Contact the Municipal Recreation Office – recreation@chester.ca / 902-275-3490 - with any questions, including nomination guidelines & form. Deadline is March 7.

2024-2025 Committees: Annual Council appointments, for me, include: Building Code & Unsightly Premises; Community Use of Schools Committee: Aspotogan Community Elementary School and Forest Heights Community School; Lunenburg County Seniors' Safety Advisory Partnership; RCMP Advisory; South Shore Regional Library Board; and Sherbrooke Lake Park Advisory Committee.

Winter = skating, right? Sure hope so... the **New Ross Rink** is open for business, and all we ask is for Mother Nature's cooperation! A BIG shout-out to all involved, and fingers crossed for *more* cold temps!

See you soon,

Tina C.

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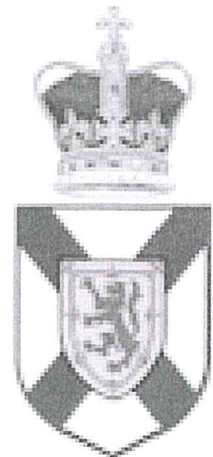
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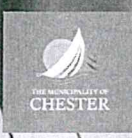


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To register, call Carol Millett.

902-209-3638

Register by February 14.

By Donation.

