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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Cape Breton District
 Veterans Hospital Comfort Fund
 will hold an Election Of Officers
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It will be head at 2:00 pm,
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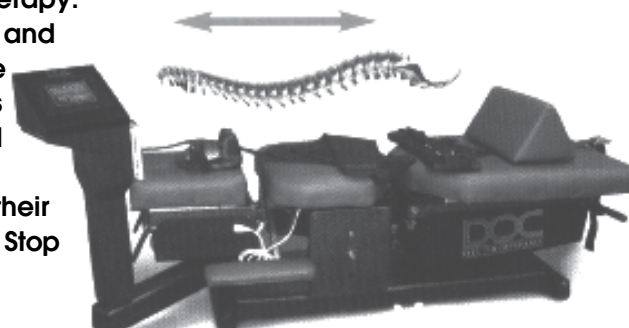
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North Sydney Minor Baseball Registration



Registration for the upcoming Minor Baseball Season will be held at the North Sydney Fire Hall, Pierce Street in North Sydney beginning Saturday, April 3rd. See below for times.

Saturday, April 3rd 10 am - 2 pm

Saturday, April 10th 10 am - 2 pm

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AROUND THE TOWN

Easter is coming and I can't wait to rip into one of those chocolate bunnies - it brings back some really good memories of Easter over the years.... Make sure you take the **Easter Trivia Quiz** on page 5 of this edition and see how much you really know about Easter..... Branch 008 Legion is sponsoring a **Good Friday Supper** - The meal will include deep fried haddock, tartar sauce, cole slaw, Fries and Dessert - see page 2 for further details - you won't have to cook or clean up any dishes..... My newest book "**Oh, Me Shattered Nerves**" is ready for sale this week - it's only \$4.95 and it contains 42 short stories all themed around various sayings and phrases my parents and neighbours used while I was growing up - pick up your copy today.... The Cape Breton District Veterans Hospital Comfort will be holding an **Election Of Officers** at the Branch 19 Legion in North Sydney on **April 7th** at 2:00 pm - casual dress, masks required and social distancing will be in effect, please attend this important meeting.... the North Sydney Minor Hockey Association wishes to pass along their thanks for **your continued support** of their weekly 50/50 Draw - your support helped fund the hockey group for the season..... **Registration** for the upcoming Little League Baseball season will be held on three upcoming Saturdays from 10 am - 2:00 pm beginning April 3, 10 and 17th - make sure you register in order to have your child registered to play this season..... take advantage of the free Seniors Tax Help available at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club - see the story opposite this column for details and times..... there is an uplifting poem by **Sharon M. Quinn** on Page 5 of this edition called **A Brighter Tomorrow**, take a look... check out the **TAX TIPS** column on page 8 to make sure you take advantage of every tax deduction and **maximize** your refund.... Each Easter my grandkids want me to run their favorite Easter Bunny cartoon and so I've included it in this edition... **Happy Easter** Brielle, Julian and Shay..... **FREE PUBLICITY** - If your community group or organization is planning a local event and you want some free publicity, simply email us your information and we will make sure it gets included on our weekly paper - it's **FREE**, just email us with your event information at thisweek@kleeradio.com

FAVORITE EASTER BUNNY CARTOON

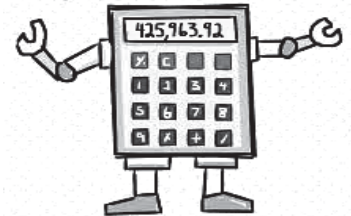
Each year my grandkids always ask me if I'm going to run this cartoon for Easter. It is their favorite one and I think it's cute as well, so here is our Easter smile for you.



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TAXES



Free Income Tax Help For Seniors

Volunteers will be at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Faser Avenue, Sydney Mines, on the following dates to help you complete your Income Tax return.

APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

The times for all these dates are from 10 am - noon and from 1:00 - 3:00 pm each date.

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A Brighter Tomorrow

A brighter tomorrow is on the way
though today seems very dark.
One day we'll awaken with promise and hope
we'll hear the song of the lark.
We'll step outside in the sunshine
our friends we'll meet in the park.
We'll chuckle and chat and hug at will
and forget that our world was dark.
We will smile with unmasked faces
and walk with a certain pride.
We'll gather for concerts and sporting events
rejoice with the beautiful bride.
We won't be afraid of our neighbor
Our world will return to normal
our freedoms we'll own at will.
We've been through a long hard season
this virus we all have bourn.
And many loved ones have lost their lives
and for them we sadly mourn.
A brighter tomorrow is on the way
though today life seems so dark.
One day we'll awaken with promise and hope
recalling the song of the lark.

- Sharon M. O'Quinn

Annual Easter Trivia Quiz

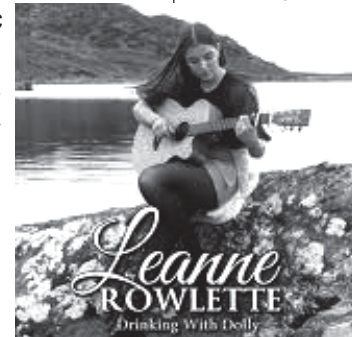
- 1 - How many chocolate bunnies are produced each year?
(A) 45 million (B) 90 million (C) 100 million
- 2 - The world's largest chocolate Easter egg weighed???
(A) 15,873 lbs. (B) 10,293 lbs. (C) 8,047 lbs
- 3 - What baked good is a Good Friday tradition?
(A) Apple Pie (B) Hot Cross Buns (C) pudding
- 4 - How many jelly beans are consumed each Easter?
(A) 10 million (B) 12 million (C) 16 million
- 5 - In what country did the Easter bunny originate?
(A) France (B) Germany (C) Netherlands
- 6 - What year were Cadbury Creme Eggs introduced?
(A) 1963 (B) 1969 (C) 1972
- 7 - Most people bite off what part of a chocolate bunny first?
(A) Feet (B) Butt (C) Ears
- 8 - What flower is considered an Easter symbol?
(A) Lily (B) Rose (C) Carnation
- 9 - What is the most popular Easter candy for kids?
(A) Jelly Beans (B) Chocolate bunnies (C) Peeps
- 10 - What animal brings children the eggs in Germany?
(A) Fox (B) Lamb (C) bear

ANSWERS - 1 B, 2 A, 3 B, 4 C, 5 B, 6 A, 7 C, 8 A, 9 C, 10 A



JACK COOL
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DJ NEWS

I had a great pleasure last week of interviewing singer from Ireland Leanne Rowlette. She has a new single out called Drinking with Dolly, a song about singer Dolly Parton which is available now on all music platforms. How she became a singer her father videotaped her on the tractor when she was 11 and he also posted it on



Facebook where she got a lot of great and positive reviews from that the song she was singing was Go Lassie Go. Rowlette was saying when things start to open up she plans on making another album. Special thanks to Steve Bloor for arranging this interview and also a special thanks to singer/songwriter Kenny Walsh, host of Phantom Country. Sunday's 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Nova Scotia Canada on Cape Breton's Internet radio station K - LEE Radio Kenny Walsh recom-

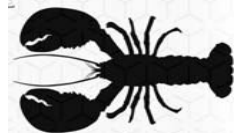
mending these great singers managers to have me as an Internet radio host and interviewer to interview these great people.

I also like to thank Kenny for doing a little bit of decoration I like the call on my interview with Leanne to make it look great very cool and professional as well thanks so much Kenny I really appreciate it and thank you to Steve. I also

very much and really appreciated Have a happy and blessed Easter everyone.

God bless, all the best, Jack - if you would like to

copy of the interview please email me djjack@gmail.com



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We are accepting donations of knitting yard and crocheting yarn.

We have some free masks still available.

March 24 - Family Fun Zoom Storytime - see website.

March 31 - Healthier Home Webinar - Common Hobbies.

April 14 - Healthier Home Webinar - Cleaning and household Chemicals.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Please send out Special Birthday Wishes to Rowland Ingraham who will be celebrating his 32nd birthday on March 30th - With Love and Kisses, Anna, Marlene and Rollie Jr.

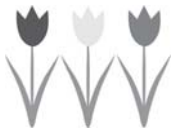
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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!



Warming Centers

A reminder that Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall, Ross Ferry Fire Hall and the Southside

Boularderie Fire Hall have all been designated as community warming centres in the event of a prolonged power outage.

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A Cape Breton Easter - 1957

Easter has always been celebrated by Cape Breton families just as much as Christmas. I have fond memories of Easter with my brother and sister and I remember especially 1957 as it remains vivid in my memory.

My grandmother was Acadian, born in Cheticamp, and she was living with us at this time. She was a great baker and we always were treated to various pastries, cookies, pies, muffins and a lot of other delicacies that I can't pronounce the French names.

Like Easter's Past, the whole house took on a smell of a small bakery or restaurant as many baked goods were coming out of the oven almost continuously.

The turkey was also cooked on that Saturday before Easter Sunday and the combined smells of the baking and the turkey cooking were almost too delicious to resist.

My mother and grandmother knew this and made us a little plate of goodies so that we would not start picking at the main desserts.

We were allowed to decorate the hot cross buns and I can still recall the taste and the smell of them coming out of the oven and being frosted by myself, my brother and my sister.

We also had two dogs that lived with us in the house and my mother and my grandmother would holler at them constantly to make sure they didn't stray to the baked goods.

In our neighbourhood, the moms and grandmas would all bake extra desserts and then trade each other so that we could have a variety of treats but it would also cut down on the baking.

We would trade for fresh pies, squares, tea biscuits and so forth. It was like a mini bakery every Christmas and Easter.

Things were going great and all the baking was done and the dishes all cleaned and packed away. We settled down to watch the Hockey game on Saturday night and then we hurried off to bed so that we could not be seen by The Easter Bunny.

I remember waking up early Sunday morning to shouting and hollering and the dogs yelping. When my brother and I got to the kitchen, there was my grandmother waving the big wooden spoon like a Smaurai warrior chasing the dogs and yelling in frenzied French at the dogs.

I didn't know what had happened but I sensed it was no good and I went to open the door for the dogs to escape. However, before they could make it outdoors, they dribbled on the floor, one from the front end and the other from the back end.

When things settled down we discovered that the two dogs ate most of the Easter eggs that the Easter Bunny had left and sampled many of the baked goods and a turkey leg.

Thankfully the Chocolate Bunnies were saved as they were on a high shelf in the living room. When the neighbours heard what had happened, they all sent over Easter eggs for us and cookies, muffins and some pie for the Easter meal.

The two dogs never returned that day and only when I woke up in the morning did I find them in the porch. I don't think the dogs understood French but whenever they came within 10 feet of my grandmother she would let go with a slew of French and they would slink away. They never did eat any other things that I could remember.

I really miss those "good ole days" and I wish there were more of them. Happy Easter.



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Other titles from this author include - Da Mudder Tung, Anudder Mudder, Tall Tales & Udder Lies, The Cape Breton Joke Book, Cape Breton Christmas Memories, The Trivia Game Book and Cape Breton Recipe Book



These songs were made for hearing, and that's just what they'll do, one of these days these songs are gonna be heard again by you. That's right, you guessed it-Nancy Sinatra. This release, "**Nancy Sinatra-Start Walkin' 1965-1976**" is a collection of 23 songs that, for the most part cover her career chronologically. Interestingly enough, Nancy Sandra Sinatra actually started out as a squeaky-clean bubble gum pop singer, with minor releases from 1961 to 1965 when "These Boots" gave the general public a Nancy with a more bad girl image. That famous last name did indeed open doors, but in many ways it was a mixed blessing; with Nancy on Frank's label, covering his songs, and even acting in movies from his production company. As for these songs, there's hints of a 'substance-based' escape on the familiar uptempo ditty "Sugar Town" and Nancy's smokey and intimate cover of Cher's "Bang Bang" actually starts this album off. The 'Swingin' 60's' rears its paisley print-wearing self on "So Long Babe" and "Summer Wine" is an amazing number. The 1967 melancholy "Friday's Child" really highlights Nancy's bluesy vocals, and her cover of Dolly Parton's heartfelt song "Down From Dover" is so powerful that Nancy actually cries at the end



of the song. As for some of the other numbers, "Arkansas Coal (Suite)" and "Some Velvet Morning" have more of the vocals done by Lee Hazelwood, and it's an odd combo to hear him and Nancy together. That oddball quirkiness follows through on the songs "Sand" and "Lightning Girl". All of which come across as songs written by someone that was high as a kite. Of course the most familiar song here is the 1965 smash hit "These Boots Are Made For Walkin'", which was written and produced by Lee Hazelwood, the man who coached Nancy to sell her sexuality more, and an image change from brunette to hot blonde, with the infamous go-go boots and mini skirts in tow. Unfortunately the collection ends with Sinatra's last single released; "Indian Summer"; it again features Lee Hazelwood doing a somewhat sleazy spoken word tome as Nancy whispers her vocals. It was again the last release for Nancy, who retired in 1976 to raise her daughters. This collection is a pretty good way to remember Nancy's musical past-quirkiness and all.

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GRASS FIRE SAFETY

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- * Do not throw cigarette or cigar butts on the ground or out of a vehicle. Dispose of them properly and make sure they are completely extinguished.

- * Keep a 30 foot "safety zone" surrounding your home. This area should be clear of brush, with grass cut short. Store firewood and other combustible materials at least 30 feet away from any buildings. For homes that sit on a steep slope, the safety zone should be increased accordingly.

- * Keep your yard healthy, cut and watered - it is a natural firebreak.

- * Clean up dead leaves and twigs from yard, roof and gutters. Cut tree limbs within 15 feet of the ground and remove dead branches that extend over the roof.

- * Do not park cars, trucks or recreational vehicles on dry grass or shrubs. Exhaust systems on vehicles can reach temperatures of more than 500° C. It only takes about 200° C to start a grass fire in the Summer.

- * Use an approved spark arrester on all internal combustion engine power equipment. This special muffler helps ensure that sparks generated by off road vehicles, chainsaws and other equipment don't start grass fires.

- * Parents should emphasize to their children the dangers of playing with fire. Children who have no idea how quickly flames can grow and spread, start many grass fires.

- * Homeowners who barbecue should maintain a 10 foot area free of brush and shrubbery around grills and propane tanks. Never leave a grill unattended.

- * Keep a shovel, buckets of water, fire extinguisher or garden hose on hand any time while burning outside.

- * If conducting a controlled burn, have a water hose close by and inform your local fire department before burning.

From your Public Fire Educator Ed Fudge any questions or information contact me at 902 371-4044

TAX TIPS COLUMN

NEW TAX DEDUCTIONS 2020

TAX INTEREST RELIEF - The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) and Revenu Québec won't charge interest on the taxes you owe from your 2020 return until April 30, 2022.

You're eligible for this interest relief if your taxable income is less than \$75,000 and you received any of the following emergency benefits in 2020:

- Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
- Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB)
- Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)
- Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)
- Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)
- Employment Insurance (EI) benefits
- Incentive Program to Retain Essential Workers (IPREW)
- Similar provincial emergency benefits

You'll still need to file your return by April 30, 2021 to avoid late filing penalties.

TAX-FREE COVID-19 RELIEF MEASURES - Some of the federal emergency benefits for individuals and families were tax-free. You won't be taxed on the following amounts:

- An extra Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment
- An extra payment because of a disability
- An extra payment of the GST/HST credit
- An extra payment of the Old Age Security (OAS) pension

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CERB provided temporary income support to employed and self-employed Canadians who lost their income due to COVID-19. This includes employed, self-employed, wage earners, and contract workers. CERB provided a payment of \$2,000 per month for 7 months.

HOW WILL IT AFFECT MY TAXES?

You'll need to pay tax on your CERB payments when you file your return. This benefit will be included in your income for 2020, so it might make your total income higher than last year. This means you could find yourself in a different tax bracket and you could have to pay more tax this year than you did last year.

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