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**NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS**

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SUNDAY - 12 - 11

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**NOTE - The Regular Thursday Nite Entertainment with Ernie, Todd & Wayne has been cancelled due to COVID for the next 3 weeks we'll re-assess again on May 13th**

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**COVID**

**WED. - TUES.**

**WED. - THURS.**

**12:00 - 10:00 pm**

**Fri. & Sat.**

**12:00 - 12:00**

**736-6313**

## Chilli & Cornbread Takeout

The Southside Boularderie Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Chilli & Cornbread Takeout at the Fire Hall, Sunday, May 30th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Take Out only - \$10.00

We follow all Nova Scotia Health Protocols.

For tickets contact any firefighter or call Jimmie at 902-736-6731 or Mike at 902 578-4794

## Ross Ferry Marine Park

We will be hiring two Summer students this year - Park Attendant and Marketing Assistant. You must be available for work on Saturday and Sunday.

Drivers licence and reliable vehicle would be assets.

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FRY COOK - for job description and additional information, please contact email below [terri@seasidehighspeed.com](mailto:terri@seasidehighspeed.com)



**BIRTHDAY  
WISHES**

I'd like to send a Happy Birthday Wish to my niece, Ariel Shepperd, celebrating her 9th birthday on May 14th - Happy Birthday Kiddo from your favorite Uncle Bud.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50th Wedding Anniversary Wishes are going out to Ethel and Bert Huntington who will be celebrating their 50 years of marriage on May 15th.

Because of COVID there will be no celebration on that date but when the halls open again, we'll hold a celebration and will let you know via this paper and by phone when the celebration will take place.



Although you can't go out to local talent as the halls are closed.

**K-LEE RADIO** has made available several Music Podcasts on their website - Old Time Radio Shows, Pig & Whistle, Oldies, Country and Sing Along Shows - they're all free and ready for you to download at - [www.kleerradio.com](http://www.kleerradio.com)



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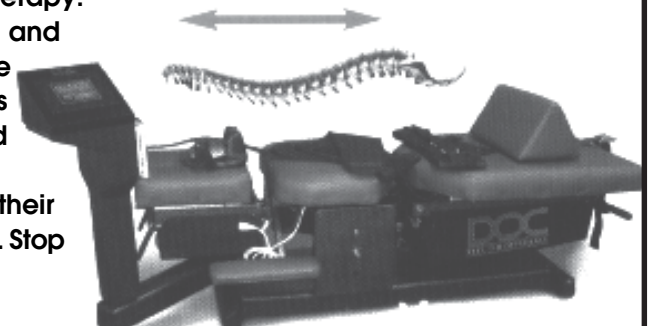
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## NEW DECOMPRESSION TABLE RELIEVES PAIN

Darren Strong from Strong Chiropractic, announces a new, sophisticated computerized decompression table that allows the spine to be gently stretched and relaxed for spinal decompression therapy.

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## Sunday Afternoon Bingo Game

2:00 PM - Sydney Seniors & Recreation Club  
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## K-LEE RADIO WEEKLY TRIVIA

- 1 - Joe Yule became famous as who?  
 (A) Bob Hope (B) George Burns (C) Mickey Rooney
- 2 - What is a spermologer itersted in?  
 (A) Trivia (B) Cave Exploration (C) archaeology
- 3 - "Pine Eyes" is the literal translation of what character?  
 (A) Thumbelina (B) Pinocchio (C) Howdy Doody
- 4 - Ananas is the French word for what?  
 (A) Lemons (B) Apples (C) Pineapples
- 5 - Who failed Music Class in high school?  
 (A) Paul McCartney (B) Roy Olrbison (C) Elvis Presley

ANSWERS - 1C, 2A, 3B 4C, 5C

Questions from Trivia Game Book available online

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**COVID**





## AROUND THE TOWN

The first full week of the **lockdown** is over and the number of COVID cases has been increasing steadily. I feel that the end to the lockdown is far from **being over** as we inch nearer to Summer. This is going to have a significant impact on our tourist industry..... **PROVINCE ANNOUNCES NEW RESTRICTIONS** - The province is extending school closures, tightening border restrictions, changing isolation requirements for rotational workers, and putting limits on shoppers. Starting Saturday at 8 a.m., retail stores can only sell **essential products** in-person. Each household must designate one shopper - Essential product categories are: food, pharmaceutical products, medicine and medical devices, personal hygiene products, cleaning products, baby and child products, gas stations and garages, computer and cellphone service and repair, electronic and office supplies, hardware supplies and workplace safety supplies, automobile purchases (by appointment only), laundromats - Residents are also required to remain in their own communities except for essential travel such as for work, shopping and medical appointments including testing and vaccination appointments. Community is mainly defined as one's municipality. Public and private schools will remain closed and at-home learning will continue until at least the end of May. New border measures will take effect at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 10, and will be in place until at least the end of the month... The Southside Boularderie Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a **Chilli & Cornbread Takeout** at the Fire Hall, Sunday, May 30th from 2:00 - 5:00 pm - Take Out only - \$10.00..... We will be hiring **two Summer students** this year - Park Attendent and Marketing Assistant. Must be available for work on Saturday and Sunday, Drivers licence and reliable vehicle would be assets - [terri@seasidehighspeed.com](mailto:terri@seasidehighspeed.com) - **FREE PUBLICITY** - If your group or organization is planning an upcoming community event and want some free publicity, simply email us with your information and we'll publish it free of charge - just send us your information at this email address - [thisweek@kleeradio.com](mailto:thisweek@kleeradio.com)

## National Nurses Week Celebrated

Nova Scotians are grateful for all our health care workers. They've gone above and beyond this past year.

Nursing is always challenging and stressful work and even more so during this pandemic.

Thank you to all nurses for their continued courage and commitment to taking good care of our loved ones.

Nova Scotia Nurses: Exceptional people. Essential care.

National Nursing Week is May 10 to 16, 2021. The celebrations take place during the same week as Florence Nightingale's birthday, on May 12, each year.

Thank You to all the front line nurses who care for us all year long.



# TAX PROFESSIONALS

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**See TAX TIPS On Page 8 Of This Edition**

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There will be a Jackpot, a Regular pot and a Loss pot. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes. There will also be two Even Split draws.

All COVID restrictions will be in effect.

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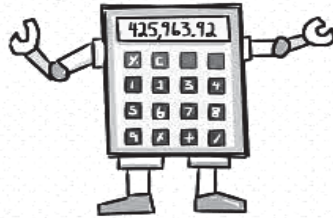
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# TAXES



## Free Income Tax Help For Seniors

Volunteers will be at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 1000 Avenue, Sydney, on the following dates to help you with 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.

Walk In service only - Masks are mandatory and COVID restrictions will be in effect.

**SYDNEY MINES &  
DISTRICT  
LITTLE LEAGUE 50/  
50 DRAW** - Last



week's winner was Mark Lyle and the amount - \$12,752. Thank you for your continued support.

# The Ghostly Piper

There's a popular Cape Breton song performed by Charlie MacKinnon called "The Ghost of Bras d'Or" and it tells the story of a piper who was killed in the war and returned home each night to pipe the sun down.

It reminds me of a story my father used to tell around the campfire at Gillis Lake about a Cape Breton piper who went into battle during World War 2 and carried his bagpipes with him into battle.

His nickname was Piper McCallum and many times as the battle raged he would be heard piping away on a nearby hilltop. He stood tall and in the open as he marched along playing the Scottish airs and jaunty tunes rallying his fellow soldiers.

He also played "Amazing Grace" and "Flowers Of The Forest" over the graves of his fallen comrades. He was at a battle in France in 1947 when he was wounded in the arm by a sniper.

He was mustered out and placed on a troop ship heading back to Canada. He said a tearful farewell to his comrades and that was the last they heard of them until the chaplain informed his fellow soldiers that Piper had been torpedoed and killed as the ship made its way across the North Atlantic.

This news brought tears and sorrow to the platoon and they told stories of Piper's generous nature and his unfailing good humour.

About a month after his death, fierce fighting broke out and many casualties had left the troops downhearted and morale was rapidly going downhill.

Just as their Captain outlined the next push to take a hill, they all plainly heard a bagpipe in the distance playing the same Scottish tunes as Piper had done so many times.

At first it unnerved them but soon they came to realize that it was the Ghost of Piper McCallum coming to rally them in their time of need.

Over the next two years until the Armistice was signed, they were numerous mentions of a ghostly piper playing the Celtic tunes for the troops. Nobody ever saw him but they most certainly heard him.

Celtic history tells us about the fierce loyalty a soldier has to his clan and this story reinforces that loyalty.

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## NORTHSIDE NEWS



### NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK SALE** - Now ongoing - get your Winter Reading books now at \$1.00.

**FIBRE LUNCH** will resume again on Thursdays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

We have some free masks still available. Craft Bags to take home are still available.

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Outside Pickup available and drop off in Book Bin at the Library

**April 28** - Healthier Home Webinar - Renovations and DIY Projects.



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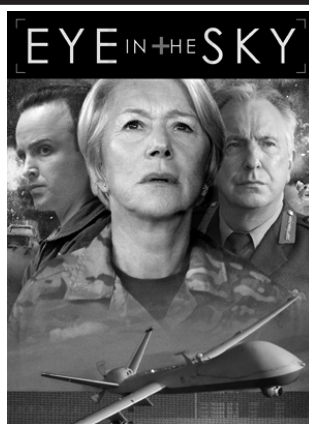
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### ?? TRIVIA ??

If you like Trivia, download the Trivia Podcast from our website - it has 20 General knowledge questions, a Cape Breton question and a music question - Use the PODCAST LINK - [www.kleeradio.com](http://www.kleeradio.com)



Unfortunately like most people I have been spending more time watching the idiot box lately, so finding a movie that's worth watching is a treat; "**Eye in the Sky**" first grabbed my attention because of the actors-the main roles are played by Aaron Paul ("Breaking Bad"), Dame Helen Mirren, and the late Alan Rickman (with this being his last live action role-he did 2 animated movies after this) before his passing. To say that the movie is like an intense game of chess is an understatement. Without giving too much away I can tell you this; events conspire so that an opportunity arises for Colonel Katherine Powell (Helen Mirren) to order the capture of a British-born terrorist, but when something major happens that "capture" plan becomes a "kill" plan. Enter Lt. General Frank Benson (Alan Rickman), the military man who deals with high-ranking politicians and lawyers across the globe so that he can sign off on the kill plan, once things escalate. As I said, the movie plays out like an intense chess match as time ticks away-and the possibly to do the drone hit ticks away as well-with the piloting of the drone carried out by Aaron Paul and another pilot. Even though they will launch the deadly attack if



ordered, they are thousands of miles away from the target, working out of a small bunker with an interior that looks like an over-the-top video gamers paradise, but they can watch close-up live coverage of the event, see the people's faces-and the destruction they may have to rain down upon those people. The movie basically boils down to this ethical dilemma; can you justify taking the life of one innocent child to save the lives of more than 80 innocent individuals? Also, when you are so far removed from the kill-zone do you feel any moral consequences of your actions? Alan Rickman's character has the best line in the movie when he says to a spineless politician who just insulted him; "never tell a soldier that he does not know the cost of war". However, this is not a war movie-it's a thriller dipped in politics, morality, nail-biting intensity and a lesson in action vs. consequence. This is a great movie.



## SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

April-June is Adopt A Book Campaign - help us raise funds for our operating budget.

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## Ross Ferry Farm Gate Market 2021

Last year at this time, the planning committee for the Ross Ferry Farmers' Market was brainstorming to figure out if we could hold a market at all. COVID restrictions prevented an indoor market.

We decided on a very different model....one that was COVID friendly, both safe and fun. The vendors set up at their driveways and the customers drove around the island. It was a huge success. Customers loved the adventure and really enjoyed the experience.

We called it the Ross Ferry Farm Gate Market. Our situation has not really changed in 2021 and so we've decided to operate the market the same as last year. One big benefit of this model is that space is unlimited.

That means we can bring on new vendors for this season. We are interested in welcoming vegetable growers, bakers, honey, maple syrup or egg producers. In general we would love to have more food vendors.

If you are interested, please contact market coordinator Joella Foulds at 902-674-2578. If you don't live along the road, we may be able to find a spot for you.

Check out the website at this address - <http://rossferrymarinepark.weebly.com/farmers-market.html> The Farm Gate Market will begin on July 4th and take place every Sunday afternoon from noon to 3 pm, all around the Kempt Head Road, through to the end of September.

Respectively submitted by Joella Foulds

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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**



## JACK COOL K-LEE RADIO DJ NEWS

I had the pleasure last week of doing a zoom interview with Kristina Haddad.

She is a writer, performer and acting coach voiceover person.

She also does the voice of Pamela Voorhees



in the upcoming fan film Jason Rising.

To find out more please listen to my Zoom interview to get a copy please email me [djjack@gmail.com](mailto:djjack@gmail.com)

I had the pleasure last week of doing an interview a zoom interview with actress

Lisa Sorenson who is cast as Serena Patrick



and Evelyn Gail who is cast as Lydia. They are both cast in the upcoming fan film Jason Rising, coming this year 2021. if you would like to hear the zoom interview email me [djjack@gmail.com](mailto:djjack@gmail.com)



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to send out a Special Birthday Wish to our daughter-in-law, Tanya Campbell who will be celebrating her birthday May 12th. Enjoy your special day and save me a piece of the cake. With Love from Paul, Brielle, Julian, Shay, Glen and Joan - Happy Birthday

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# TAX TIPS COLUMN

## ARE YOU SELF EMPLOYED?

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone, including self-employed individuals. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) understands you may have faced many challenges this past year, and we're focused on supporting you this tax season. To get ready for a tax filing season like no other, we've put together helpful tips and information for self-employed individuals.

Sign up for direct deposit and file online to reduce impacts and delays

Due to COVID-19, it may take the CRA 10 to 12 weeks to process paper returns. For this reason, the CRA encourages you to sign up for direct deposit and to file your income tax and benefit return online to get any refund for which you may be eligible faster and avoid delays.

Using the CRA's digital services is the fastest and easiest way to view and manage your tax and benefit information. The CRA also encourages you to sign up for My Account and My Business Account ahead of time, and gather all your information for filing your return. The CRA's Get Ready page has information on online filing, deadlines, and other helpful links.

The impact of COVID-19 benefits on your return - If you received the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), Canada Emergency Student Benefit (CESB), Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB), Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB), or Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) payments, these are considered taxable income, and you will have to enter the total of the amounts you received on your return. You will receive a T4A (for benefits issued by the CRA) and/or a T4E (for benefits issued by Service Canada) tax slip in the mail with the information you need for your return. You can view tax slips online as of February 8, 2021 in My Account. Residents of Quebec will receive both a T4A and RL-1 slip.

These benefit payments are not considered self-employment income. In addition, you may owe tax when filing your return. This will depend on your personal circumstances, and the type of COVID-19 benefits you received:

If you received the CERB or CESB, no tax was withheld when payments were issued, and you may owe tax when filing your 2020 tax return.

If you received the CRB, CRSB, or CRCB, 10% tax was withheld at source. However, this may not be all the tax you need to pay. When you complete your personal income tax return, you may need to pay more (or less), depending on how much income you earned in 2020.

Also, you may have received federal, provincial, or territorial government program assistance such as the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), the Temporary 10% wage subsidy or the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS). You are responsible for reporting the amount of assistance received through these programs when you file your income tax return.

Government assistance income is taxable and will either be included in business income or, if you elect, will reduce your business expenses. You may also have received a government loan. The loan itself is not taxable, however, any part of the loan that is forgivable is taxable in the year in which the loan is received.

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