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SENIORS BINGO

The Regular BINGO SUNDAY after- 7 25 44 57 62 noon Bingo resumes. There will 2 28 37 55 68 be an Afternoon 10 27 39 59 75

BINGO Game at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines.

WHEN: SUNDAY - 2:00 pm

COST: - \$2.00 entry card DAUBERS ONLY - MONEY GAMES Come out and spend a wonderful Saturday afternoon and maybe win some prizes. Hope to see you all there - Jackpot \$1,550 on 54 #s or less - Loonie Jackpot \$132.00 +.

COMMUNITY SENIORS DAY -

Every Thursday at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club. Fraser Avenue. Svdnev Mines. All seniors in the area are welcome, no charge for the programs.

10 AM - Coffee Break, tea, coffee and light refreshments, play games of your choice.

1:00 PM - CRAFTS, instructor will be available for you.

7:00 PM - Fun Darts - all welcome. For more information phone (902) 736-3100.

Some News Items courtesy Swing Over The Mountain Newlsletter -Login http:// sotmnews.weeblv.com

For the latest and most comprehensive list of local events, logon to www.musiccapebreton.com

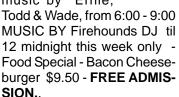
Mike Little updates his listings each week.

FREE PUBLICITY - If your group or organization is sponsoring a community event and you'd like some free publicity, email us with your information and we'll publish it free - email us thisweek@kleeradio.com

North Sydney Fire Hall

THURSDAY NIGHT -

After Work Party Kitchen open from 5:00 - 9:00 pm, music by Ernie,



GOOD FRIDAY - 2 pc Fish & Chips - \$11.00 - Take Out Only, Free Delivery - must have ticket.

SPRING FLING DANCE - April 27th - \$2.00 - music by Firehounds DJ.

APRIL 20 - FLEA MARKET from 10:00 - 2:00 pm.

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BRAS d'OR SENIORS WEEKLY 45s GAME

The Bras d'Or Seniors Club are hosting weekly 45's game on Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

1st, 2nd and 3rd cash prizes are awarded. Also a chance to win the main Jackpot, mini Jackpot, and Loonie Jackpot and 50/50 draw.

UPCOMING SENIORS EVENTS

The Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club has a host of great programs coming up.

APIL 29 - Merchandise Bingo starts at 7:30 pm.

MAY 31 - Monte Carlo Night - at 7:00 pm.

JUNE - Lobster Draw. stav tuned for details.

FLORENCE LEGION - BINGO every Thursday, doors open 5:00 PM, cards on sale 6:00 PM; bingo starts at 7:00 PM Cash prizes.



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COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

Fourth Annual Great Cape Breton Clean Up

Join the Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM) on May 04, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00 pm for the Fourth Annual Great Cape Breton Clean Up.

This litter clean-up will take place in all communities across the CBRM.

We're encouraging companies, organizations, families, and all community members to come out and take part in keeping the CBRM clean. We'd like to see as many people get involved in a BIG way, while challenging others to do the same.

Local CBRM Volunteer Fire Departments will be fully equipped with supplies and fun – call upon your friends, family and co-workers on May 4, and head to your closest Fire Department!

HOW IT WORKS - Click below to register online. You can register as an individual or as a team. Fill in your information and select your local Fire Department or hall.

On May 04, show up at 9 am, grab a pair of gloves, some bags and then we're off to clean up the community!

Find out more information and register online at - www.cbrm.ns.ca/cleanup

Men Of The Deeps Concert

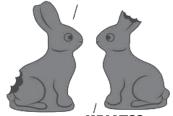
The Men Of The Deeps in support of the Memorial High School Festival Band Trip, will be in concert Sunday, April 28 - \$7.00 pm.

It will take place at Holy Family Church Hall, Main Street, Sydney Mines.

The Memorial High School Concert Band will also perform.

Tickets can be attained from any band member, Buffetts Office Supplies, North Sydney or Cape Breton Curiosity Shop in Sydney.

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Well my poor old Montreal Canadiens have been eliminated from the Stanley Cup Playoffs and I'm in mourning - maybe next year??? ... Lots of events coming up at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club - APIL 29 - Merchandise Bingo starts at 7:30 pm. - MAY 31 - Monte Carlo Night - at 7:00 pm.- JUNE -Lobster Draw, stay tuned for details - stop by the Club on 6 Fraser Avenue (across from Robins Donuts) and see what other activities the have planned.... St. Andrew's Church has a Children's Concert featuring the Watoto Children's Choir on May 2 and you can read all about this eciting group in a story on page 4 of this edition... The Florence Legion have a Flea Market sheduled for April 27th - see story on page 4 for details on how to book a table... Northside poet Ron Gillis has another poem for us regarding his childhod memories and it appears on page 4.... and don't forget the Lick-A-Treat is now open in Bras d'Or for another year of great ice cream treats..... CBRM Solid Waste Department's municipal wide Residential Heavy Garbage Collection is MONDAY, April 29, 2019. Residents living at properties eligible for curbside collection must have their large, heavy or bulky household items placed at the curb no later than 6 am on Monday, April 29 - For more information, residents are encouraged to contact the Waste Management Hotline at (902) 567-1337 or visit the section on Heavy Garbage Collection, this is a great sevice for Spring Cleanup, please do your part....REMINDER - Baseball Registration for Tee Ball, Rookie League, Moquito, Pee Wee All Star, Bantam House League will contine at the North Sydney Fire Hall, April 20th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. - se page 5 for details...FREE PUBLICITY - If your club or group is holding a community event and you want some FREE PUBLICITY, simply email us with your information and we'll publish it free of charge in our paper and also broadcast it on our internet radio station - email us your event information to thisweek@kleeradio.com

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EASTER BAKE SALE

An Easter Bake Sale with Flowers will be held on Saturday, April 20th - 10 am - 1 pm at Fitzgerald's Restaurant.

Baking will be by the MammoWarriors. All proceeds will be donated to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund.

Be sure to stay for breakfast - Enjoy a Mimosa along with Chef Roddie's Eggs Benedict Special or your favorite menu item.

Are You a Breast Cancer Survivor?

The Cape Breastoners Dragon Boat Team offers fresh air, fitness and fun paddling on the beautiful Mira River!

If you are a breast cancer survivor interested in getting fit, having fun and making friends, look us up on Facebook or send us an email for more information: please contact - prescapebreastoners@outlook.com

All equipment is provided! No experience necessary!

NIGHT OUT OF THE NUNNERY

This event will take place at the Emera Centre, North Sydney on May 4th.

It is a fun filled night, tickets are \$40 and will be availabe at the Easter Bake Sale.

Contact Grace Hollett at hollettgraca@gmail.com

Grand In The Hand Ticket Winner

Winner of the "Grand in the Hand "ticket, sponsored by The Bras d'Or Seniors & Pensioners Club is Brenda MacPhee. Ticket drawn by Jackie Dawe.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

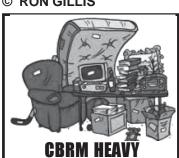
In old North Sydney Town, in old North Sydney town. Home of my childhood, was old North Sydney Town.

As I think back now to many years ago, with my Dad and my Poppy to the fishing ground we'd go, in their yellow dory sheltered from the breeze, keeping time with the engine,

a childhood memory.

Now those days are over, with a message on the key, there'll be no more fishing in North Sydney by the sea, no more yellow dory, no more hand line, no more childhood memories victim of the time no more childhood memories victim of the time.

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around the their stories of Jesus and done in their On Thursday, St. Andrew's Church, at 643 Sydney Mines, Children's Choir East Africa will concert "We concert will be-



world and tell about the love what he has lives.

May 2nd at Presbyterian Main Street in the Watoto from Uganda, present their Will Go". The gin at 6:00

p.m. and will last approximately 1½ hours in length. This lively and upbeat concert will have your heart bursting with joy when you see these young sweet faces singing and dancing. This concert is for the whole family, young and old alike and everyone in between.

Admission is FREE but there will be a Freewill Offering received in support of Watoto's mission for children with AIDS/HIV. So be sure to see this concert. That's Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines.



Florence Legion - April 27th 10 - 12 - Canteen Service Tables: 8 ft \$6.00 - 6ft \$4.00

TO BOOK A TABLE - 902-736-9740



EXERCISE CLASS

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CHRONIC PAIN GROUP meets April 18 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, new members are welcome to attend.

WRITERS GROUP - meets April 24th - 7 - 9 pm.

COMPUTER HELP - Saturday, computer, tablet, phone - frre - 1 on 1 traning - call for appointment.

CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY - Happy Easter to all our library patrons, enjoy your Holiday.

COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

North Sydney Minor Baseball Registration For 2019 Season

Baseball Registration for Tee Ball, Rookie League, Moquito, Pee Wee All Star, Bantam House League will contine at the North Sydney Fire Hall, April 20th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Plesae bring your Nova Scotia Health Card with you at this Registration.

North Sydney Minor Baseball will register all children who do not have an organized league in their communities, Coxheath to Boularderie and surrounding area.

The League provides uniforms, caps, and all baseball equipment with the exception of gloves, footwear and safety cups which are mandatory for all players. A League "Code Of Conduct" must be signed by all coaches and players in Mosquito and Pee Wee Division.

For further information call Gordie MacDonald 794-3889 or Joe Skinner 794-7073.

Hopeful Hearts Nar Anon Family Group Meetings

Hopeful Hearts Nar Anon Family Group is for friends and family of those with substance abuse disorders.

If you're affected by someone else's addiction, they offer hope. Regular Meetings are Wednesdays 8:00 - 9:00 pm at 26 Haley St, North Sydney. Call 902-322-5588 for info.

- **UPCOMING DATES** - April 17, 2019 8:00 pm April 24, 2019 8:00 pm

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Boisdale Fire Hall is having a pancake breakfast with Highland Gold Maple Syrup which is made in



which is made in the Hills of Boisdale.

It will be held on Sunday, May 5/19. Time 9:00 - 12:00.

Also includes sausages, homemade beans, biscuits, toast, juice, tea and coffee.

Adults \$10.00. Children \$5.00

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Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club

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MONDAY AFTERNOON - at 1:00 - Exercise Classes, everyone is welcome.

MONDAY NIGHT - at 7:30 -FUN NIGHT - we invite members from other Seniors Clubs -Bingo 7:30 dabbers only -Loonie Draw Enjoy a game of SCAT - \$1.00, light refreshment, see you there.

WEDNESDAY - 7:30 45s Card Game 1st, 2nd, 3rd

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRING CRAFT - BAKE AND GIFT SALE

Featuring knitting, sewing, home baking, floral arrangements, woodworking, Jewellery and much more.

It will be held at the Millville Community Centre - 270 Millville Highway on Saturday, April 13th from 10:00 - 2:00 pm.

Admission \$1.00 and children under 12 are Free.

THE MEN OF THE DEEPS in support of the Memorial High School Festival Band Trip, will be in concert Sunday, April 28 - \$7.00 pm.

SATURDAY DANCE

The Sydney Mines & Pensioners Club will host a SATURDAY **DANCE** from 8:00 - 12:00 pm in their Clubrooms 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines. The cost of the Dance is just \$3.00 and it is open to the public.

There will be a variety of music available. Come out to our Club, 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines and have a great night every Saturday. Canteen Service and Bar Service is available.

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NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS



BRANCH 008 LEGION NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY - April 19th - Pan fried/Deep Fried, Mashed or fries, dessert, tea, coffee \$15.00 each - Eat In or Take Out from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

MOTHER'S DAY SUPPER DANCE - May 11th - \$15.00 each - Roast Beef Supper 7:00-8:00, Dancing 8:00 - 12:00 - Dave MacNeil.

CHASE THE ACE - (\$13,571) - every Friday - music with Bob MacDonald & Friends plus canteen services.

BINGO - every Tuesday 7:30 - Jackpot \$2,525 plus Toonie Game.

BRANCH 008 LEGION MEET-INGS are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm

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night - NO SUPPER ON GOOD FRIDAY - is served from 6 - 7 pm - Coffee & Tea included. Entertainment - Chris Campbell. Ceilidh starts at 7 pm - until 10 pm (free!) - Adult \$15 (\$13 + tax) - Senior/Child \$10 (\$8.70 + tax). Coffee & Tea included.

JACKPOT KARAOKE - Every Friday Night 9:00 pm - Midnight - DJ from 12 - 1 am - Current Jackpot is \$77.00 - Draw at Midnight

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From April 11 to 13, April 15 to 18 and April 20 - 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. -

The pictures are taken by a professional photographer - Spurrell Photographic .

FARMERS MARKET

Time: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Cape Breton Farmers' Market every SATURDAY 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. - 340 Keltic Drive in Sydney River.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM

No appointments, first come, first served. In case of cancellation due to bad weather or power outages, please follow schedule.

NORTH SYDNEY SENIORS
CLUB - Commercial Street

APRIL 17 - 9:00 - 11:00

SYDNEY MINES SENIORS
CLUB - 6 Fraser Avenue

APRIL 10 - 9:00 - 11:00

APRIL 24 - 9:00 - 11:00





SYDNEY MINES **LIBRARY NEWS**

2019 PROGRAMS

LAST PRE-SCHOOL - Thursdays - 10:30 am, 2 - 3 year olds.

TEEN BOOK CLUB - Tuesday. April 16 - 3:30 pm.

AFTERNOON CRAFTS - 6 - 10 year olds - Thursdays 3:00 -4:00 pm.

LEGOS - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month.

SENIORS BOOK CLUB - 1st Tuesday of the month

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BY PAUL **POWER**

Jonathan Coulton - "Some Guys" - This album came to my attention out of the blue-and it what a pleasant surprise it turned out to be. It's hard to summarize an artist's bio when it's detailed-let's just say that even at an early age American Jonathan Coulton captivated by music; over the years he did the conventional artist thing, but that grind got to

him and he moved into building databases. In his spare time he continued to write songs, ones that were mostly tech based subject matter wise-and was asked to 🖁 perform at a tech

conference. The rest is history. Coulton found a way to go directly to his fans with his music (from his website-to quote) "he even adopted the Creative Commons: shared art, uploaded online, liberated from traditional copyright. When Coulton walked out into the cold Maine sunshine, remembers, it was like my head was on fire. I was like, holy shit, something is happening!" Suddenly, anyone could publish music. Between HTML, MP3s, and Paypal, you could build your own label. Podcasts were radio shows. The internet had just begun to blink fully awake, but already it was a tangle of creativity, turning strangers into a community." So, over a dozen

albums later we have this-"Some Guys" (yes, a play on the Rolling Stones "Some Girls" album title). I love the music of the 1970's and what really caught my attention (and my ears) with this album was how amazing Jonathan's cover versions of classic 70's songs are; the album starts off with the America song "Sister Golden Hair" and it is the best take I've ever heard-next to the original. If that perfection wasn't enough, Coulter's cover of "Wildfire" (by Michael Martin Murphy) is

> absolutely stunning-this is a 'must-hear' song. In the 1970's the hit maker Gilbert O'Sullivan had quirky touches in a lot of his songs. They were uptempo numbers melodywise, but carried

a deeper sadness that belied the melody. Jonathan's version of "Alone Again (Naturally)" here is perfect. To continue, Bread's "Make It With You", the Bee Gees "How Deep Is Your Love" and "If You Could Read My Mind" by Gordon Lightfoot all get the royal treatment in this collection. Fittingly, the album finishes off with an amazing version of Dan Fogelberg's hit song "Same Old Lang Syne"; it's a song of remembrance, things held, things lost-and how you can never go back to the old days. The 14 songs in this collection are pure diamondsall placed in a golden setting.

Check it out at https:// www.jonathancoulton.com.



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Parents, rejoice! The new 2018 federal budget amended the Employment Insurance (EI) parental sharing benefit, allowing parents to take up to five additional weeks of time off, starting in March 2019 after the birth or adoption of a child (a whole three months earlier than before). So, you can continue watching your toddler watch The Wiggles on repeat.

Here are a few things you'll want to take note of about the new benefit when it comes to qualifications:

- Parents with children born or placed for adoption on or after March 17, 2019 will be eligible.
- Parents including same-sex and adoptive parents are eligible for this credit only if both new parents share the time at home with the new baby an effort to encourage families to share the responsibility of raising children, which is helping boost gender equality in the workplace.
- Parents selecting the standard duration of parental leave could receive up to 40 weeks of parental benefits (an increase from the current 35 weeks).

Parents selecting the extended duration of parental benefits could receive up to 69 weeks of parental benefits (an increase from the current 61 weeks). As well, the Working While on Claim rules now apply to sickness and maternity benefits. Grab your calculator, because this one requires some math to understand. While on maternity leave, some women choose to return to work early, before their EI benefits end. This is allowed and doable, but requires an adjustment in how much they receive in their benefits. A claimant receives 55% of their weekly salary as their EI benefit. When they return to work early, they must subtract 50 cents of each dollar they earn, and this amount will be subtracted from their overall EI benefit.of purchase was previously 50%) — meaning the amount that can be claimed has tripled. Yes, this one totally deserves a fist-pump.



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