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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 on 54 #s or less \$2,175 - Loonie

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

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Mike Little updates his listings each week.

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THURSDAY NIGHT - After -Work Party Kitchen open from 4:00 8:30 pm, music by Ernie, Todd & Wade, from 6:00 - 9:00 Food Special - Bacon Cheeseburger \$10.00 -FREE ADMISSION. Pizza

ELECTION DAY - the hall will function as a Polling Station on Monday, October 21.

Special Kitchen will be open.

OCT. 25 - Free Meal from 6:00-8:00 sponsored by 7th Day Adventist Church.

OCT. 26 - Adult Halloween Dance, 9:00-1:00 1st Prize \$1,000, 2ND \$500, 3RD \$250. Music by Firehounds DJ.

OCT. 27 - Kids Halloween Dance from 2:00-4:00 -Prizes will be awarded.

Cape Breton Humour Books now on sale on the Northside at Buffett'sOffice Supplies located Commercial Street, North Sydney.

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The Sydney Mines Minor Hockey 50/ 50 Last Draw was won bγ Justin Forrest and the amount was \$12,240. Thank you for your support.

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Hopeful Hearts Nar Anon Family Group UPCOMING DATES

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October 16, 2019 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

October 23, 2019 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

October 30, 2019 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

November 6, 2019 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Meetings are Wednesdays 8-9 pm at 26 Haley St, North Sydney - **902-322-5588**

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NORTH SYDNEY SENIORS CLUB NEWS

OCTOBER 25 - Halloween dance, Dressup is optional, Prizes for Best Costumes... music by Theresa Rideout **OCTOBER 26 - BINGO 7:00**

The Club Meets the first Friday of the month. New members welcome.

The Club is located under the North Sydney Library, Commercial Street.



K-LEE RADIO is celebrating its 11th year in Commuiry Radio Broadcasting playing the Nest In Cape Breton Music.

Come out and enjoy an evening of dancing and fun with music on Saturday, at 8 pm at the Seniors and Pensioners' Club, Fraser Ave, Sydney Mines! Admission is \$5.00 and everyone welcome.

Sydney Mines Seniors& Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines -

Last Friday of the month 45s Card Game starting at 7:30

MACS (Monday Afternoon Crafters) - 1:00 - 3:00 at the Ross Ferry Fire Hall. Everyone welcome (crafting optional).

Last week's ad had the incorrect dates for the Craft Show - the dates below are the correct ones - We apologize for the error

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My patience is rewarded as the sun fills the sky.

Turrs, terns, and cormorants come in on the fly,

followed by soaring eagle, a mallard or two.

and a species on the horizon, unknown as it comes in view.

I reach for birding manual, skip through its page,

see it is not listed, I must find another way.

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LOCAL GROUP SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Board Members needed. The Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians, Cape Breton Affiliate is looking for community members to serve as members of its Board of Directors.

Help us continue to provide strong leadership to provide services to meet the needs of our community. If interested, please call 902-564-0003.

BOULARDERIE RUG HOOKING GROUP CLASSES

The group began classes on Monday, September 16th at the Boularderie School - 2:00 pm.

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FIBRE LUNCH - every Thursday from 1:00 - 3:00.

STORYTIME returns on Saturdays - 2:30 pm.

Registration now underway for Fall Programs - Babies & Books, Toddler Time and Pre-School are all registering, see the Desk or phone (902) 794-

WRITERS GROUP meets on October 9th from 7:00 -9:00, all welcome to attend.

Starting this Friday and going forward, the Library will close at 6:00 pm on FRIDAYS please note the time change.

FARMERS MARKET

Cape Breton Farmers' Market every SATURDAY 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. - 15 Falmouth Street in Sydney. Our new hours are Saturdays 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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 weekly paper - just email us with your event information to us at www.kleeradio.com

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Cabot Trail Food Truck Rally

If you are planning a trip around the Cabot Trail soon, you are in for a treat - literally!

The inagural Cabot Trail Food Truck Rally is scheduled for October 26-27 and it will feature a variety of food trucks stationed at about 30 minutes around the Trail.

The weekend will also feature an opening concert Friday evening at 7:00 pm at the Periwinkle Cafe in Ingonish and a Closing Party at 2 pm Sunday at Big Spruce Brewing Nyanza.

A complete list of food trucks and vendors is available at www.cabottrailfood truck rally.com



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday Wishes are extended to Joan Gray celebrating her birthday - this wish comes from her "Twisted Sisters" Bernadette, Carmel, Betty Ann, her daughter Tanya, all the grandchildren and her many friends and family members.

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Some News Items courtesy Swing Over Mountain Newlsletter -Login to read it at - http:// sotmnews.weebly.com

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BRANCH 008 **LEGION NEWS**

BINGO - every Tuesday 7:30 -Jackpot now \$550 plus Toonie Game \$1.162.

JACKPOT KARAOKE - Every Friday Night 9:00 pm - Midnight - DJ from 12 - 1 am - Draw at Midnight - Jackpot.

BR. 008 & Br. 19 Chase The Ace starting October 18th plus Kitchen Special each week. Music with Bob MacDonald -Jackpot \$5,000 - 52 cards.

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting -October 20th - 8:00 pm.

Check out our new website at

http://branchrcl008.ca

Baddeck Farmers Market

Baddeck Farmers' Market Victoria Highland Civic Center Baddeck - will be held on Wednesday, October 9th from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club

SUNDAY NIGHTS at 7:30 we have tarabish, everyone is welcome. 1st. 2nd and 3rd place Prizes are awarded.

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

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Presently we are registering for Chess for those
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those who want to
know how to play
Seniors Book Club - is now
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accommodate another
group

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LEGOS - every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 beginning October 8.

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AFTERNOON TEA for Teens - 3:30 Registering Now.

PRE-SCHOOL is held on Thursdays at 10:30

BABIES & BOOKS is held on Wednesdays at 10:30.

Sydney Mines Library Knitting Group registering now - they meet every third Tuesday at 3:30

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Take 2

If your eyes were on this space last week you'll remember that I wrote about the latest album from Liam Gallagher-and in those words I mentioned his brother Noel (the founder of the band Oasis). So Noel and his second band have a new EP out, and I thought it would

be appropriate to write about it. "This Is The Place" by Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds is, as I mentioned, an EP so you get a total of 5 songs (3 new ones-2

remixes) and compared to brother Liam's latest work, Noel took a completely different musical path-and it's a bit of a shock. If you were expecting more Oasis-like tunes, or even Brit rock in general, move along. What Noel has done here is offer up a complete EP of Trip Hop, Ala the Low Fidelity All-Stars, or Alabama 3. If that, or them is foreign to you think of the theme song to The Sopranos: that's Trip Hopand Alabama 3. I read an interview with Noel recently in Q Magazine, and he did say that every album he

released so far outside of Oasis was greeted with fan reactions of "what the F?" but this is the direction he wanted to go in; spacedout, trippy beat heavy songs (dare I use the "D" word-Dance) that are far removed from his stadium rock anthem past. He also said that as he experiments with, and listens to, a diverse range of music it inspires him to blaze new sonic pathways-

> hopefully the listener will follow him, if not he doesn't give a toss. The best track here is definitely "A Dream Is All I Need To Get By",

which weaves a trance-like walkway through an almost melancholy world-which is belied only by the uptempo groove and spacey vocals. The other songs are all a new flavour from the guy created the penultimate British rock band (often compared to the Beatles) that defined Britpop long before Britpop became too much "pop" and not enough "Brit". So how does this latest venture from Noel rack up, you might ask. It's good-but it's not for me. I'll stick with Liam.



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Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire

When you think Christmas, many images flood into your senses. The turkey cooking, chocolates, fruit cake, carols playing and people shopping. These are the time honored yuletide traditions that many Cape Bretoners remember. I recall one year when we decided to add a new tradition to Christmas.

One of the favorite things our family loved to do at our summer bungalow was to

have a bonfire. No matter how tired we were or what the weather was, we always sat quietly around the fire roasting hot dogs and burning marshmallows. Of course ghost stories and tall tales were also a part of that tradition as well. Dad thought to add some chestnuts to roast on the fire just like in the song.

My father, using the logic that all fathers tend to adopt, decided that for this Christmas, we would have a bonfire in our backyard on Christmas Eve. That sounded wonderful and we looked forward to it. My father got an old washer tub and set it up in the backyard. He had all the wood cut and dried and my mother was making hot chocolate.

We gathered around the fire in great anticipation. My mother had started passing out the hot chocolate and Christmas music was playing in the background. My father, who worked at the Blast Furnace at Sydney Steel, was having difficulty getting the fire started. The wood had been inside and dry but the wind was blowing and it put out the newspaper and small kindling he had put in the wash tub.

Now comes the most interesting part. Remember what I said about fathers using logic. Well, since the fire was going well, dad theorized that if he put "a little starter fluid" on the wood it would blaze up and a glowing fire would be the result. That's where the logic ended. Dad started to pour a little fluid and the flames blazed up for a minute and then died down again. Dad was not known for his patience so he decided, using that fuzzy logic, to add a lot of fluid.

He had the can in his hand and bent over the wash tub when a gust of wind fanned the flames and they hit his hand. He dropped the can of naptha gas into the tub. He didn't mean to do that but it was too late now. Just like the Blast Furnace, the entire backyard lit up and was bathed in firelight. Moms screamed, my father cursed, the kids squealed and the can of gas blew up on top of Corky MacCarron's garage.

Fire engines showed up and it was very dramatic. The firefighters were scolding my father about fire safety. My father was muttering under his breath and my mother took all the kids in the house and we roasted marshmallows over a candle. It didn't have the impact of the three alarm fire we had in the backyard.

Every once in awhile we would suggest to my father that we roast chestnuts and he would give us a look that would send us packing. But I never forgot that long ago evening when we gathered to roast chestnuts on an open fire.

(the above story is one of 28 from the "Cape Breton Christmas Memories" book - on sale now - just in time for Christmas)



the concert and they were amazed at the talent and the warmth of Cape Bretoners - congratulations to the Celtic Colours Festival organizers who hav e consistently provided world class entertainment each year - and speaking of recognition of Cape Breton, Condé Nast Traveler magazine announced the results of its annual Readers' Choice Awards with Cape Breton Island recognized as the #1 Island in the Americas.... that's quite an honour as the magazine has a 600,000 subsrciption base and they voted us #1.... Thanksgiving usually is the signal that we should start our Christmas shopping and if you look at the opposite column, you will see a story from the "Cape Breton Christmas Memories" book and it's just in time for Christmas - and at just \$4.95, it makes the perfect stocking stuffer.... THE NORTH SYDNEY SENIORS CLUB has a few events coming up - OCTO-BER 25 - Halloween Dance, Dressup is optional, Prizes for Best Costumes., music by Theresa Rideout - OCTOBER 26 - BINGO 7:00 pm, visit the Club below the North Sydney Library, Commercial Street.... CORRECTION - In our ad for the Cape Breton Homecrafters Craft Show, we put in last year's dates and they were incorrect - see their ad on page 3 with the correct dates... a Flea Market will be held at the Florence Legion on November 2nd. tables 8 ft \$6.00 - 6 ft \$4.00 - to book your table, please call 902-736-9740 - Canteen Service is available - Admission is just \$1.00..... the Munro Crafters Guild Annual Sale takes place at the Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall, take Exit 14, 15 or 16 to Big Bras d'Or - Saturday, Nov. 2 - 10 - 5 pm and Sunday, Nov. 3 11 - 4 pm..... Northside poet Ron Gillis has another entry for us on page 5 - Ron is a frequent contributor to our paper and has composed several songs recorded by local artists... The Society of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians, Cape Breton Affiliate is looking for community members to serve as members of its Board of Directors - see page 5 for contact information... the local Legions will soon be canvassing the area for their annual Poppy Campaigns and we urge everyone to purchase and wear a poppy to commemorate the sacrifce of our Veterans... don't forget to fill out a ballot for the Free Laptop Draw just in time for Christmas - see page 4 and 5 for sponsors... FREE PUBLICITY - If your club or group is looking for free publicity for an upcoming Community Event, email us with your information and we'll include it in this paper as well as on our radio station - thisweek@kleeradio.com

