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North Sydney Seniors & Pensioners Host Open House at New Quarters

If you're on the Northside this Friday, stop by The North Sydney Seniors and Pensioners Club and the North Sydney Cultural and Heritage Centre as they host an open house to mark the official opening of the club's new quarters, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The seniors club are an active community organization hosting many events throughout the year and also contribute to the running of the building.

The new building also houses the North Sydney Library, The Northside Historical Society, the Business Improvement Development Association and M.L.A. Eddie Orrell's constituency office.

The open house will feature

a number of guest speakers and a light lunch will be served.

The building is owned and operated by the North Sydney Historical Society.

Sydney Mines Youth To Learn About Democracy

Constable Paul Ratchford will be taking a number of young people between the ages of 8-13 to the Former Council Chambers at the Sydney Mines Customer Service Centre on Friday, September 23rd at 3:30 PM to learn about Democracy 250 and how our municipal government works.

Councillor Clarence Prince will also be there to explain this to them and answer any questions.

Ray Tattrie Celebrates 85 Years Young

Best Wishes for a Happy 85th Birthday to Ray Tattrie from your friends at the North Sydney Firemens Hall, Pierce Street, North Sydney.

Happy
Birthday
Wishes



To Jimmy MacNeil
on your birthday
September 30
Best Wishes from
Paul and the staff
at the
Blue Mist Lounge

An Innovative Lunch Program Is Launched At NS Firemen's Club

The noon hour Lunch Program is back at the North Sydney Firemens Hall on Pierce Street in North Sydney on Fridays.

According to a spokesman the average number of participants for the weekly program is 25-30 diners. The program is open to the public from 11:45 - 12:45.

The main hall and bar is closed off to the dining area for the duration of the meal time.

This program is all volunteer and it is most welcomed by students.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Well, the warm weather didn't last long, but I certainly appreciated it while it lasted. I was at the **Annual Muriel and "Curly" Gray Horseshoe Tournament** at Gillis Lake on the weekend and I made connections with my own extended family and friends I haven't seen since last tournament. The tournament was held in honor of my mother and father, Muriel Gray and Earl "Curly"

Gray who loved playing horse-shoes. The winners and pictures are on page 12. See you all next year!! ... I got the last trout fishing trip on the lake in over the weekend and it was a great catch and release afternoon of fly fishing.... While speaking with **Michelle** at the **Bartown** office on Friday she told me that the excitement of the Soldiers of Valour is picking up and selections of enactors will commence soon as they have to be ready for the October 22nd re-enactment ... It's nice to see that the **Northside Civic Centre** is hosting hockey so that local fans can get to see the young players in action ... Mark this one on your calendars - Sept. 25 at the North Sydney Firemens Hall - the **31st Annual Terry Fox Ceilidh** with a terrific lineup of local talent ... If you like walking then this is for you. **Hike the Coxheath Colours and Ceilidh** on Saturday, October 15th from 1 to 4 pm. The trail is located on the Coxheath Road at the Blacketts Lake Turnoff. **Hanna Stockley and Kolten Mac-Donnell** will provide the enter-

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Northside Shorts

DOG GONE BIRTHDAY - I'd like to extend a very Happy Birthday to one of our advertisers - Corey Lynn at Doggie Do's on Commercial St., North Sydney - Many happy returns.

SUNDAY OPENING - The Sydney Mines Legion will be open this Sunday **ONLY** from 1:00-5:00 pm.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES - are extended to Len & Margie MacIntyre from your friends at the Sydney Mines Legion, Branch 008.

WEBSITE UPDATE - K-LEE RADIO has updated their website and offer free music and ghost stories to download www.kleeradio.com

Harness Racing Continues At Northside Downs



Harness Racing continues this Saturday at the Northside Downs with the 2 year old Fillies Stake Race. This should be a good field of horses for this event.

There will be Win, Place, Show, Quinella and Triactor wagering. Bring the whole family, refreshments are available and you'll have a great time.

AROUND THE TOWN

tainment ... If you are stopping by **Strong's Chiropractic**, don't forget to say hello to their newest employee **Julia MacIntosh**.... Remember, this coming Friday is the first official day of **Autumn**, although some will dispute that and say it came in the middle of July ... If you're stopping by the **North Sydney Library**, remember to say Happy Birthday to **Dona Benac**. Also, we would like to say a Belated Birthday Wishes to **Anita Marks**. Best Wishes come from her friends and the staff of **Don Ray** in Sydney Mines ... **31ST. TERRY FOX RUN IN NORTH SYDNEY** - **Place: Northern Yacht Club** - REGISTER - 9:00 A.M. & RUN STARTS 9:30 A.M. from Yacht Club to the end of Commercial Street. & return - 5KM - Repeat for 10 km.

TERRY FOX CONCERT/CEILIDH - **PLACE:** North Sydney Firemen's Club **TIME:** 2:00 p.m. - General Adm: \$10.00 payable at door - **T-SHIRTS:** Childs, Sm. Med. Lge,XL, XXL. available. For info phone Kay 794-3772



Historical Re-Enactment The Bartown Community Society

and the **Soldiers of Valour Commemorative Committee**

will be hosting an historical re-enactment to honour the Cape Breton Highlanders and the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on Saturday October 22, 2011 at 2:30 pm

The play will be taking place at Memorial High School in Sydney Mines in the Lecture Theater

Tickets will be **\$10.00 per person** and **\$5.00 for seniors**

For more information, contact the Bartown Community Society 794-8589



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Bartown Society Honors Two Regiments

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The naming of these ships is the inspiration behind "Onward to Valour", a theatrical production, presented by the Bartown Community Society and the Soldiers of Valour Committee. Written by Ken Chisholm and directed by Jonathan Collins, "Onward to Valour" tells the story of Cape Breton Highlander and Royal Newfoundland Regiment soldiers, both

past and present, and some of the experiences these men and women have lived through.

The Bartown Community Society is looking for any military uniforms or memorabilia that could be donated on loan to be used as props for the play. Please join us for this memorable event on Saturday, October 22 at 2:30 PM in the Lecture Theatre at Memorial High School, Sydney Mines.

Tickets for "Onward to Valour" are \$10 general admission and \$5 seniors, available at the Bartown Community Society office, Buffett's Office Supplies, and Brewers Convenience. For more information please contact the office at 794-8589. We hope to see you there!

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FRIDAY

Jerry Holland Jr. Celtic Colours story this week.

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Sydney Mines Legion - Fish Suppers 4 - 6 pm. Happy Hour 6:30-9:00 and Karaoke from 8:00 - 2:00 am

North Sydney Legion - Happy Hour 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Blue Mist Lounge - Bras D'Or - Friday is Steak Special Day

SATURDAY

Blue Mist Lounge - Music with from 5:00 - 8:00 with Cory & Andrew, 10:00 - 2:00 am dance to TEMPTED

Mike's Place - Dance to live music -

SUNDAY

Breakfast 11 - 1:00 at the Waterside Restaurant, Archibald's Wharf

MONDAY

North Sydney Legion - BINGO in the upstairs hall starting at 8 PM, good prizes - 7:30 - 11:30

TUESDAY - **Sydney Mines Legion** - BINGO - starting at 8 PM with lots of games and good prizes.

WEDNESDAY - **Blue Mist Lounge** - This is Wing Night, stop by for some delicious hot wings.

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CEILIDH/CONCERT - 31st Anniversary Terry Fox
 Sunday, Sept. 25th - 2:00 P.M. general Admission - \$10.00 - North Sydney Firemen's Club, Pierce Street.

North Sydney will hold the 31st. Anniv. Of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope on **SUNDAY, SEPT. 25TH**. **Registration for the** 5km and 10 km. Run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25th at 9:00 a.m. from the Northern Yacht Club, and the Run starts at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to take part by walking, biking, or running to support Terry's single mission: To fund innovative Cancer Research. Avid runners are especially encouraged to attend. T-SHIRTS will be sold and can be obtained by phoning 794-3772.

Fruit and refreshments will be provided. The pledge sheets are placed in the Royal Bank, Scotiabank, Credit Union in North Sydney and Brewer's Store.

In the afternoon of Sept. 25th at 2:00 p.m. the 7th annual Terry Fox Concert/Ceilidh will be held at the North Sydney Fire Hall on Pierce St. Adm. is \$10.00 Payable at the door. Committee Chair, Kay Batherson and Fred Lavery have planned a star lineup of talent. including musicians, singers, dancers and fiddlers as in past years.

For information phone Kay at 794-3772

HOUSE BAND: Fred Lavery, Al Bennett, Aaron Lewis, Dave McKeough

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 JENNIFER ROLAND – fiddle and Dancers
 BUDDY MACDONALD – vocals, guitar
 EARL & CLAUDIA WARHUS – Fiddle, keyboard
 ANDREW DOYLE – vocals, guitar
 EMMA SIMPSON – Speech on Cancer research
 ALAN GALE – vocals, guitar

 • **SQUARE AND SCOTTISH CEILIDH DANCE** - Date: 23rd September, Time: 8:00pm – 11:00 pm Place: Masonic Hall in Queen Street, Baddeck Entry Fee: Under 12's free, all others \$8.00 - Refreshments available



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 6 - Simple Pleasures - David Myles
 7 - Summertime - Elijah
 8 - Come As You Are - Madison Violet</p> | <p>9 - Anchor Tattoo - SoHo Ghetto
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You can also check out the free Soduko puzzle and the daily Crossword Puzzle which is also updated daily.

When you are on the site, check out the download page which has stories, poetry and ghost stories for you to download absolutely free.

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Our "Sam" Off To Compete In Abilympics In Seoul, Korea

Each week as we gather our stories and go to the printers to have them published, Samantha MacKenzie, "Sam" is there to help us get the weekly editions out on time.



Samantha is one of eight people representing Team Canada in the International

Abilympics - a worldwide competition held every four years that showcases the vocational skills of people with disabilities. The eighth edition of the International Abilympics, will take place in Seoul, South Korea Sep. 25-30. Samantha won a spot on the national team after she won the gold medal at the 2011 Nova Scotia Skills Competition in digital poster design in April.

Samantha suffers from agoraphobia, an anxiety disorder that made her afraid of being outside. For two years she never left the house "I had missed two years of high school because of my disability but I had decided I would go back no matter how hard it would be and once I graduated I didn't want to stop there so I headed off to college. Although it's never been easy for me I didn't want to give up."

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FAMILY FAIR - Northside Family Fair, September 30 to October 2nd at the **Northside Civic Centre**, 175 King Street, North Sydney. Friday 4:00 - 9:00 PM, Saturday 10 am - 8 PM and Sunday 12 to 5:00 PM. Phone 794-8781 for more information

FALL FAIR - St. Pius X Fall fair will take place Sunday, October 2nd from 1:00-3:00 pm and Merchandise Bingo following at 8:00 PM in the parish hall on Main Street, Sydney Mines.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS - It's only the Fall just starting but I received the first notice of a Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 19th in Sydney Mines. We'll have more information coming up in future editions, just wanted you to know that Christmas is on its way.



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- 4 cups flour 1 tsp almond flavoring

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Shortbread: roll out and cut with cookie cutter. Ice if desired

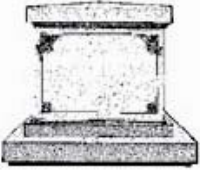
Cherry Balls: Flatten a tsp of dough in the palm of your hand. Wrap dough around a cherry. I put a little icing sugar rosette and leaves on these.

Crescents: Roll a tbs of dough to which you have added chopped nuts into a 2 inch roll—turn ends to form a crescent. Roll in icing sugar.

Pork Pie Shells: Place a piece of dough into tart pans. Using your fingers shape dough to cover tart pans. When baked, fill with cooked dates. Dot with icing flavoring with maple flavoring and a piece of walnut.

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- 2 - What is a female turkey called?
(A) Chick (B) Hen (C) Cuckoo
- 3 - How many feathers does a male turkey have?
- 4 - What percentage of Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving?
(A) 50% (B) 67% (C) 90%
- 5 - Which state produces the most turkeys?
(A) Minnesota (B) Ohio (C) Arkansas

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Canada's Celtic ambassadors, the Barra MacNeils continue to perform to sold out audiences throughout Canada, the United States, the Caribbean and the United Kingdom. From headlining major festivals, concerts, special guest appearances (Rita MacNeils CTV Christmas Special, performing with The Chieftains) television specials, film and television placement (Men with Brooms Soundtrack; Racket In The Attic) and their annual Christmas tour, they have set the course with a solid foundation for success. The Barra MacNeils one-hour Christmas Television Special (2000) continues to be broadcast on Country Music Television (CMT) and on the Public Broadcasting Services (PBS) network in the United States. December 2007 saw the broadcast of a new Christmas Special which will no doubt become part of the holiday season for years to come.

The Barra MacNeils will have busy week during Celtic Colours, recording and getting ready to perform with a long list of very special guests in the Festival's closing concert.

Check out the Celtic Colours website to see whats available for tickets!

Email me for any music related events: jerryhollandjr@live.ca

Some Strange Facts

Joseph Niepce developed the world's first photographic image in 1827.

Thomas Edison and W K L Dickson introduced the film camera in 1894. But the first projection of an image on a screen was made by a German priest.

In 1646, Athanasius Kircher used a candle or oil lamp to project hand-painted images onto a white screen.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Storytelling has always been a part of the Cape Breton heritage and culture from our celtic forefathers to Acadiens, Miq Maq, Spanish and European settlers.

As a former member of the Nova Scotia Writers Federation, I was exposed to some very innovative means of helping writers and storytellers to put down in print their stories so that others may share them.

This little competition is for fun and some recognition of your writing skills and storytelling abilities. The prizes are small but that's not the purpose of this exercise. I would like to have amateur writers try this exercise in writing and imagination.

1st Prize is \$15.00, 2nd Prize is \$10.00 and 3rd Place is \$5.00. The stories **MUST** be emailed to contest@kleeradio.com with your name so we can identify you.

The stories should be around 500 words or less. Below is the background paragraph to get you started. Your story will be judged on **imagination, innovation and creativity.**

"I suppose you could say that Charlie was unique. I have never seen another like him anywhere in Cape Breton. But most people only saw the surface of Charlie and, like an iceberg that is 90% under water, Charlie seemed to have hidden talents."

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The Storytellers

THE BIG MUDHOLE

Traveling by car today is very easy with proper roads, GPS navigation and "super highways" which make it easy to travel and make good time. But in Cape Breton, during the 50s and 60s, many of the picturesque villages and towns still had dirt roads as the main thoroughfare.

One such road was the stretch in Margaree that you needed to get by known locally as "The Big Mudhole." Many politicians who campaigned over the years had the Big Mudhole as one of their priorities in their campaign literature. Highway officials were called in and made an assessment of the road and said there did not appear to be any springs or underlining causes of the muddy conditions.

The Mudhole always attracted a crowd of locals who set up shop to sell pop, candy and French fries to people on either side of the hole who were backed up in traffic. On either end of the hole were two teams of huge Morgan horses owned by Malcolm McMullin. They were called in to tow helpless vehicles that got bogged down in the mud.



I remember that the Mudhole was always active no matter what the weather had been. This was where we took out our lunch on our annual trip to Cheticamp. We kids would find a seat and watch as some adventurous motorists would try to "gun it" to get through the Mudhole but many did not make it past halfway before becoming hopelessly bogged. The tow charge was \$2.50 per tow.

This went on for years until Malcolm decided to retire and move to Boston with his sister and family. Just as mysteriously, the Big Mudhole dried up. The local politicians took credit for the apparent miracle. Locals didn't care too much as long as they could get by the hole without getting bogged.

It was not until about ten years later when one of Malcolm's cousins was visiting from Boston that the truth came out. The cousin said Malcolm used to tell stories of the Big Mudhole each year at Christmas. He told how he would divert a part of the stream that bordered his farm and funnel it underground to the Mudhole making it virtually impassible. He made his money from pulling the cars out along with a small snack concession his wife ran.

Nobody ever suspected Malcolm but it did explain why the road officials could never find any source when they did their inspections. I guess the term "canny Scot" could be truthfully bestowed on Malcolm. He was an entrepreneur well ahead of his time.

YOUR WEEKLY SMILE

The internet is a fascinating place to pick up odd information. Take this story about the early life of Christ and the apostles. Before they went into fishing full time the apostles set up a little delicatessen specializing in selling local cheeses.

They showed some skill in choosing a name. They called it "Cheeses of Nazareth."

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Matt Andersen - A Cape Breton Treasure

One of the nice things about working in the media is getting to meet new and interesting people and musicians.

I met with Matt Andersen on two occasions and attended a few more of his concerts. If you have not yet gone to a Matt Andersen concert, do yourself a favor and take in his next one.

Matt is a big man but he can play his guitar and get more out of that flat top than I've ever seen in any musician.

He plays the Blues like he invented them personally. I don't know how he doesn't snap his neck when he gets so into the music and his head and his mane shakes like a lion's mane would.

He's made great inroads in the past 2 years on the contemporary music scene and he was the first Canadian to ever win the International Blues Challenge in Memphis and you know they love the Blues there.

Matt was born in New Brunswick but has been living in Cape Breton for the past two years or so and we've officially adopted him as one of our musical treasures.

He has recently released a new CD "Coal Mining Blues" and it showcases Matt's versatility and competency in both singing and guitar playing.

"Make You Stay" is a country bluesey type of song, and "Baby I'll Be There" touches on soul and "Coal Mining Blues" reflects his living in Cape Breton and the influences we have had on his music.

Go onto "YouTube" and type in Matt's name. You'll get a lot of variety and one song I really like is his version of "Wagon

Wheel" which my wife and I love equally. Matt responded recently in an interview

It seems every tour finds you playing in bigger venues. Has that been a bit overwhelming?

"No, not really. I've been getting to do a lot of stuff that I've dreamed of doing, like a national tour and recording with Colin at Levon's studio. I've always

just taken things as they come."

I grew up in a small town and both of my folks are self-employed. But the song "Coal Mining Blues" came out of living in Cape Breton for the past year-and-a-half, even though most of the guys who worked in the mines here have had to take on different roles in the community. That hardworking East coast vibe is just something that was bred into me.

I urge you again to check out this young man and his music. He has a true passion for his songs and it comes through in his live performances.



Ross Ferry 1948



Long before the Seal Island Bridge was built to take us to Kelly's Mountain, there was the Ross Ferry.

As depicted in the picture, the ferry wasn't too big and you had to wait a long time if there was a lineup and there usually was.

I remember quite vividly when my father used to go fishing in the Baddeck area, the stop at Ross Ferry was an adventure for us young kids. We could get out and run around while waiting for the Ferry.

There was a canteen and my brother and I usually shared a box of french fries and I can still remember tasting them was a real treat for us.

Third Annual Writers Festival In North River

The third annual Cabot Trail Writers Festival will be held in North River, Sept. 30-Oct. 2 and will feature appearances by guest authors — Atlantic Book Award winner Shauntay Grant, 2010 Scotiabank Giller Prize winner Johanna Skibsrud, and 2010 Giller and The Frank O'Connor International Short Story award nominee Alexander MacLeod.

The festival gets underway Friday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. with an opening night gala at the Gaelic College's MacKenzie Hall. Spoken word performer Shauntay Grant will interpret five of local artist Gordon Kennedy's large-scale pieces.

Eric Favaro will host the evening, which will feature Grant's premiere performance of her new works, in the presence of the sculptures that inspired them.

For more information, go to www.cabottrailwritersfestival.com.

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Annual Horseshoe Winners

Pictured below are the winners in the 4th Annual Muriel & Curly Gray Horseshoe Tournament held over the weekend at Gillis Lake.

The 18 player field was narrowed down in playoffs and included almost all Gray clan members. Patriarch Dave Gray and his granddaughter Kelsey

were the champions and in the Runner Up category, Zeke Gray and Doreen Slade took second place.

Jillian Gray was voted the most improved horseshoe player, this being her first tournament. Kelsey Gray also took home the "Most Ringers" trophy with a total of 19.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPS - Pictured above are Dave Gray and Kelsey Gray champions in the 4th Annual Muriel & Curly Gray Horseshoe Tournament. Kelsey also won the Most Ringers title.



2nd PLACE WINNERS - Pictured above are Zeke Gray and Doreen Slade 2nd Place Winners in the 4th Annual Muriel & Curly Gray Horseshoe Tournament.



MOST IMPROVED - Pictured on the left is Jillian Gray who captured the title of Most Improved Horseshoe Player in the 4th Annual Muriel & Curly Gray Tournament. Jillian is the granddaughter of Muriel & Curly Gray. The field included 18 entrants in the round robin tournament held at the Gillis Lake Pits this past weekend.

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY PROFILE

By Kim Rideout

Football Alive and Well On the Northside

As part of the non-profit organization Cape Breton Minor Football Association football is alive and well on the Northside. Each Tuesday and Thursday you will find many young people on the field at Dr. T.L. Sullivan Junior High in Florence taking part in practice for this great sport. They are then off to play each weekend and put the knowledge they have learned to work.

The Northside Area of the Association plays host to both Mites (7 -8 year olds) and Atoms (9 – 10 year olds) where they are taught the concepts of the game and most importantly the importance of teamwork. Players have the opportunity to learn various positions on the team and enjoy themselves while participating in a great physical activity.

It has only been two years since the Mites and Atoms have taken to the field on the Northside and already the number of young people registered has doubled. This in itself shows the number of children that are interested in the sport and only speaks to further growth in the future.

As with any non-profit organization it takes volunteers to ensure that it is able to continue. The dedication of the coaches for these two teams is to be commended. They are interested in the sport and sharing their knowledge and love of the game with the young people. To the coaches, Matt Dodington, Adam Smith and Sean Tobin we say a special thank you for all of your hard work!

The Northside area also feeds into the Pee Wee and Bantam Divisions which are made up of members from all over the municipality. These teams play their home games at the field in Membertou as well but at this level also have the opportunity to gain the experience of traveling to play away games.

Each year the Association holds an auction which is their main fundraiser and as with many organizations count on the support of the communities they serve to assist them with being able to raise the funds required.

I am able to speak first hand with regard to the wonderful experience that this association provides as I watch the excitement of my son when he is on the field. Young people gain confidence in themselves and enjoy the spirit of being a member of a team. It is also important to note that this association is all about the young people having fun and learning.

If you have a child that is interested in participating in the Mites or Atom Division there is still time. For further information please contact Matt Dodington at 544-0909.

Thank you to the Cape Breton Minor Football Association for all of your hard work!!