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BRANCH 008 LEGION NEWS SCHEDULE

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 Friday & Saturday Open til 10 pm

For the Best In Classic Country Music, join Kenny Walsh every Sunday Night at 6:00 pm for Phantom Country - Logon to www.kleeradio.com

The North Sydney Minor Hockey 50/50 Draw - will hold the last draw on March 28. In addition to the regular Even Split, there will be one draw for \$1,000, one draw for \$500 and five draws for \$100.

Thank you for your continued support.

Late Nite Oldies with Jack Cool Fridays 11 pm

Branch 008 Legion Fish Supper



Branch 008 Legion, Main Street, Sydney Mines, will be sponsoring a Fish Supper on Good Friday, April 2nd.

The meal will include deep fried haddock, tartar sauce, cole slaw, Fries and Dessert.

The cost of the Supper is \$15.00 per person and the time is from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

The Supper will be a Take Out Only with delivery in the Sydney Mines area only is available.

Please wear a mask when you are picking up your meal



BIRTHDAY WISHES

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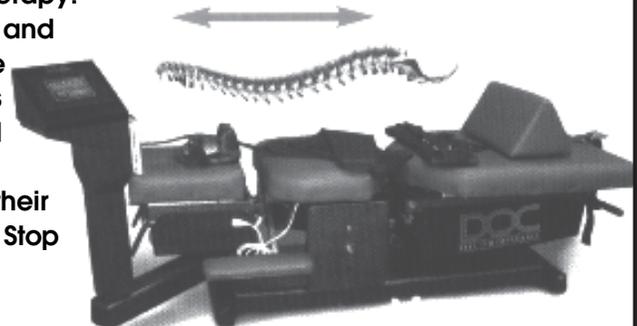
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Sunday Afternoon Bingo Game

2:00 PM - Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club - 2 Fraser Ave., Sydney Mines

JACKPOT - \$750.00 on 49 numbers or less
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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

Saturday, April 17th 10 am - 2 pm

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AROUND THE TOWN



Spring has finally come with a final Winter snow storm dumping a foot of snow on us and then on Monday and Tuesday it's plus ten degrees but at least we're on the way officially to warmer weather, it looks like things are starting to open up regarding COVID with the Atlantic bubble scheduled to open April 19th - this is great news for **local tourists operators**... and speaking of things opening up, I want to say a Special Thank you to the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners who hosted me and my co-host Robert O'Hearn on **St. Patrick's Day** for a 2 hour show - thank you for your hospitality, it was a great afternoon - if you want a copy of the show, logon to our website and download the show from the **DOWNLOADS PAGE** and on Saturday, March 27th, the Sydney Mines Seniors will host **Kim Jackson and Friends** from 3:00 - 6:00, come on in, no charge for an afternoon of music..... the **Florence Legion** is looking for a full time janitor, see their ad on **page 2** for contact details.... Branch 008 Legion, Main Street, Sydney Mines, will be sponsoring a **Fish Supper** on Good Friday, April 2nd - see the details on page 2 of this edition..... we have a story from "**Tall Tales & Udder Lies**" that is just in time for the snow fall we just had, it's actually a true story and it is quite amusing..... it's **TAX TIME** and you can check out this week's **TAX TIPS** on **page 8** to maximize your deductions and there is also some **free help** for seniors at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, see the story opposite this column for the **dates and times** of the free tax sessions..... I am in the process of writing a new **Cape Breton humour book** and you can see a sample of one of the stoires on page 6 of this edition - it's a look back at the time I was growing up in Sydney and my mother's various phrases, one of which was "**Oh, Me Shattered Nerves!**" which is the title of the book - I'll have it finished and ready to print in another month or so - watch for it.... **Paul Power** has another installment of his **Take 2** column and this week it features Alice Cooper and a new album just released... and with **March Break** just finishing, we have several short stories from teachers that you might find amusing... Til next week.... - **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 community event information at - thisweek@kleeradio.com

KIM JACKSON & FRIENDS March 27th



The Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club will sponsor Kim Jackson and Friends at their Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, on Saturday, March 27th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

Everybody is welcome.

The Bar will be open and there will be canteen services. There is no admission fee for this event.

COVID restrictions will apply so please wear a mask when entering.



The St. Patrick's Day show at Sydney Mines Seniors Club is available to download on our website - www.kleeradio.com



TAXES

Free Income Tax Help For Seniors

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

MARCH 11, 18 and 25th

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.

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New Cape Breton Book In Production

A new addition to the Cape Breton humour Books is now in pre-production and it's called, "Oh, Me Shattered Nerves" and the author is Glen Gray.

"The book is a reflection of my times growing up in the Ashby section of Sydney and features phrases my mother often used and her favorite one is the title of the book."

Below is a short sample of one of those stories.

My Father's Treasured Hockey Stick

The phrase that fits this story the best is "Your father's going to have a conniption fit". I didn't exactly know what a conniption fit was back then, but I knew it was not a good thing.

I was about 9 years old and a hockey fanatic like many of the young boys were back then. My favorite team back then, as now, was the Montreal Canadiens. I often dreamed that I was Rocket Richard and we played road hockey on Davenport Road from dawn til dusk most days.

On this particular day, I was running down the road and I slipped and snapped my hockey stick in two. There wasn't much I could do with it so I went home upset that my game was done.

As I was having a light lunch, my eyes went to the fireplace and there, above the mantle, was my father's prized hockey stick. He took the train to Toronto and went to see his beloved Leafs team and was able to watch a practice where he got many of the Leaf players at that time to autograph the stick.

My father worked at the Steel Plant and wouldn't be home for another hour or so and I figured I could run right back to the game and get in another 45 minutes or so and nobody would be the wiser.

So I got a chair and took down the prized stick and headed back to the street to rejoin my team. On the first rush up the road I took a pass and when I went to shoot the ball, the stick snapped in two.

For a minute I just stood there and watched my life pass before my eyes. I grabbed the two pieces of the hockey stick and ran back home. I opened up the kitchen cupboard where we kept the Elmer's glue and proceeded to glue the stick back together.

I was so engrossed in my gluing that I didn't hear my mother come into the living room. "Oh, me shattered nerves! Your father is going to have a conniption fit!"

I carefully glued the stick back together and climbed back onto the chair and put it back in its usual place. For the next several months I prayed fervently that my father would not take the stick down to show to any visitors.

After a time I forgot about it but three years later, one of our relatives from Hamilton came to visit and, of course, my father wanted to show him the treasured hockey stick.

As soon as he flexed the stick, it snapped in two. I felt time stop and my uncle said to my father, "It must have dried out from the heat of the fireplace."

My father agreed with him and glued the stick for the second time. Sometimes things just work out if you wait long enough.



Phantom Country with host Kenny Walsh - Sunday 6:00 pm. - K-LEE RADIO

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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 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to my granddaughter, Brielle Campbell, who will turn 13 on March 20. All the best to a wonderful young lady from Poppy and Nanny Gray.

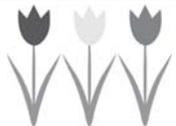
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Warming Centers

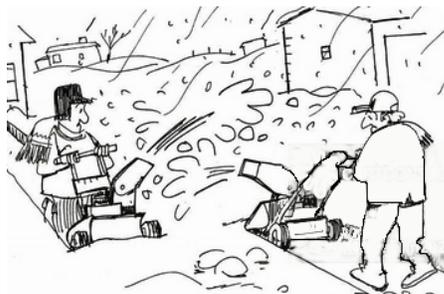
A reminder that Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall, Ross Ferry Fire Hall and the Southside Boularderie Fire Hall have all been designated as community warming centres in the event of a prolonged power outage.

Visit these centres to stay warm in an emergency

The Cabot Street Snow War

We have all learned of the great battles in history, The 100 Years War, World War 1, World War 2, The Korean Conflict and Viet Nam but I'm sure there's one you may not have heard about. I call it the great Cabot Street Snow War. If you've ever live in Cape Breton for a Winter, you will appreciate that snow shoveling is a thing that must be endured. As kids we didn't mind too much when it snowed because we got the day off school and we earned extra Christmas money by shoveling driveways.

Technology caught up with Turk Donovan and Johnny The Lip. These two "old codgers" could have been the inspiration for the movie "Grumpy Old Men." They were constantly bickering over minor things like leaves that fell from the trees or dandelions or grass clippings that blew in the next yard. Most neighbours would ignore such trivial matters but not the old codgers. They would holler out to one another and posture up and down and throw the leaves



back and watched the antics.

One Christmas, Turk got a snow blower and went outside and plowed the driveway. Of course he aimed the discharge onto Johnny The Lip's side of the driveway and piled up the snow. Johnny flew out and in no uncertain terms advised Turk where he could put the snow. He then went out to Canadian Tire and bought his own snow blower.

It was quite a spectacle to watch two grown men plowing the snow onto each other's driveways for hours. No sooner would one finish then the other would fire up the snow blower and plow it all back into the other's driveway. Like all great conflicts, third party intervention is needed. The United Nations helped settle some of the big wars. The wives of Turk and Johnny The Lip got together and sold the two snow blowers. They used the money to pay kids to shovel the driveway and at last peace was restored.....kind of.

Now, as the kids are out shoveling the driveway, you can hear Turk and Johnny telling the kids to throw the snow in the other's driveway. It was sometimes better than some of the sitcoms on TV and I miss all the fun now that "the boys" are over 80 and have lost a lot of steam.

(reprinted from "Tales Tales & Udder Lies available at Buffetts Office Supplies, Commercial Street, North Sydney)



SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

For March Break we have Board Games, Free Coloring Pages, Find The Differences, Science Kits for kids to take home. We also have Snack Bags to go as well.

March Activity Activities Bingo - Complete the activity lists by March 31st and you will be entered into a draw for a bag of fun stuff.

March 24 - Family Fun Zoom Storytime - see website.

March 31 - Healthier Home Webinar - Common Hobbies.

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We try to give extra this month. -

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Amusing March Break Stories

I teach third grade. About a month ago we had a sick student who was out for a couple of weeks. I told my class that I would get some things for him, we would make some get well cards and send it all to the boy. I got some things from Wal-Mart and left them in my truck. I asked three of my boys to go to my truck (parked right outside our door) and get the items from the backseat. I gave one of the boys a list- model airplane, poster to color, crossword puzzle etc... When they came back into the room he was holding several sacks. I could see that one of the small sacks held a box of tampons. (I forgot they were back there.) My teaching partner was in my room and before I could do anything the boy took them out of the sack, held them up over his head and yells, "I guess this is the crossword puzzle." My co-teacher and I were both so red and trying not to laugh.

During the Christmas/holiday classroom party, a boy comes up to me with a gift bag (obviously re-used) and says: "Here teacher...my mom got this present and she didn't want it and she called everyone in our family and they didn't want it either so she said to just bring it to school and give it to you!" I love how they tell the truth! If their parents only knew how much they really tell us.

Earlier this year I was approached by one of my kindergarteners in tears. I asked her what was wrong. "____ just called me a baby!" I called the other little girl over and said, "Did you just call ____ a baby?" "No, no, no!" shouted the little girl. "I said 'Hey baby!' You know like the mom said to the dad when she calls him and wants him to come over for the night."

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When Alice Cooper releases a new album I always feel compelled to write about it; my very first published column was back in 2003 for Halifax's "Souchcheck" magazine, and it was for an Alice Cooper album-plus I saw him perform live way back in the day in Sydney-and followed his career for longer than I care to mention. This is solo album 21 for Alice and sees the return of the surviving original line-up, and guitar wizard Joe Bonamassa in tow, as well as Grand Funk's Mark Farner and Wayne Kramer of MC5. That alone tells you that this is gonna be a kick-ass album that starts with Alice's nod to Detroit radio on the Velvet Underground's "Rock 'n' Roll", and here Alice veers more towards Mitch Ryder's cover of the song; that sets the pace for a full album that pays homage to Detroit's glory days of rock and roll. The days of The Stooges and MC5 get nods on the track "Go Man Go", and that garage/punk rock theme carries through on the songs "Social Debris", "Hail Mary" and the tongue-in-cheek "Independence Dave". Alice also covers the MC5 song "Sister Ann" here-and it's a killer track. Ever the showman, it's easy to imagine Alice tap-dancing across a stage singing the poppy "Our Love Will Change The World", followed by the funky soul ditty "\$1000



High Heel Shoes" and the blues stomp of the made for a strip joint song "Drunk And In Love". A lot of 'pop stars' like Taylor S. could take a cue from the advice in the Ramones-like "Shut Up And Rock"; stop tweeting/texting/TikTok-ing about every stupid little thing in their lives. Also, even the most die-hard Doors fan could be fooled by Alice's vocals on the trippy "Wonderful World", and his band trades vocal shots on the downright Stooges/Pistols inspired punk rock song "I Hate You". This number must have taken a time machine from 1977 to here. A lot of what makes this album so good is the return of Bob Ezrin-the man who produced over 14 of Alice Cooper's best and most memorable albums. Alice Cooper faced a life and death decision in the 1980's: to overcome his disease of alcoholism and its destructive path he realized that Alice Cooper had to be just his stage persona-and off stage a sober Vincent Furnier would be the cure. Thank God he made the right decision.

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NORTH SYDNEY FIRE & RESCUE HEATING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

There is something about the Winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

Be warm and safe this Winter!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly.

HEATING EQUIPMENT SMARTS

Install wood burning stoves following the manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation.

All fuel burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

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

FACT - Half the home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, February



TAX TIPS COLUMN

ELIGIBLE TUITION FEES

Generally, a course taken in 2020 at an educational institution in Canada will qualify for a tuition tax credit if it was either:

taken at a post-secondary educational institution

for individuals 16 years of age or older at the end of the year who are developing or improving skills in an occupation and the educational institution has been certified by the Minister of Employment and Social Development Canada.

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the individual is 16 years of age or older before the end of the year, the individual is enrolled in the educational institution to obtain skills for, or improve their skills in, an occupation

If an individual is a qualifying student who receives a scholarship for an occupational skills course, the individual may be eligible to claim a scholarship exemption.

The official tax receipt or form you received from your educational institution will indicate the amount of eligible tuition fees that you paid for that calendar year. To qualify, the fees you paid to attend each educational institution must be more than \$100. For example, if you attended two educational institutions in the year, the amount on each of your tax certificates must be more than \$100.

Report the total eligible tuition fees paid to Canadian educational institutions on line 2 and eligible tuition fees paid to foreign educational institutions on line 7 of Schedule 11.

Eligible tuition fees include the following amounts:

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