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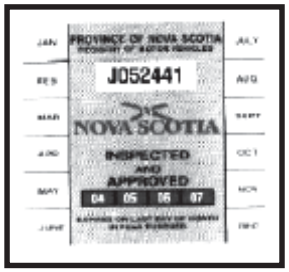

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BRANCH 19 LEGION UPCOMING EVENTS

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KARAOKE IS BACK on SUNDAYS. Karaoke will start at 6 PM and go till 10 PM, No cover charge. Come in, sing a song or just enjoy the music.

Jiggin the Jack is back, jackpot for Saturday, May 17th is estimated to be $785.00. 24 cards left.

Next Executive Meeting May May 26th @ 7:00 PM **Next General Meeting,** May 27th @ 7 PM. Hope to see a lot of members attend and give us your feedback on any thoughts you may have regarding moving forward.

END OF MONTH Thursday night dance is May 28th, 2026, 8 -12 hosted by Party Pulse, no cover charge.

Friday Night Mixed Dart league 7 PM every week .

Hope to see everyone back as well as some new members it really is a fun night. If you are looking for something to do on a Friday evening and do not want to join a league, come play as a spare.

Legion Branch19 Hall is available to rent for all occasions, come check it out if you are looking for a great spot to host an event.

EVERY FRIDAY, Happy Hour prices from 3 p.m. Till 8:00 PM.

We have 2 Pool tables that are open to public daily, with the exception of Tuesday evening (Members only).

Big screen TV, come in and watch some sporting events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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FISHING, HUNTING & OUTDOOR SHOW, Saturday, June 6th & Sunday June 7th, Sydney Mines Community Centre

BIG POND CONCERT - July 19 - Fiddlers - Cape Breton Fiddlers Association, Brenda Stubbert, Howie MacDonald, Andrea Beaton, Donna Marie DeWolfe

FLEA MARKET

MAY 30th 10 - 1:00

The Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 008 Legion, Sydney Mines will sponsor a Flea Market at the Legion on Main Street, Sydney Mines.

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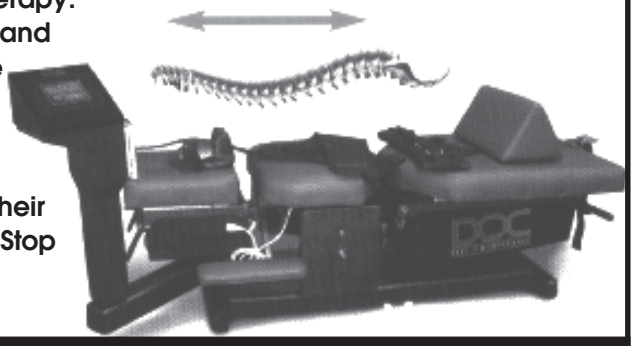

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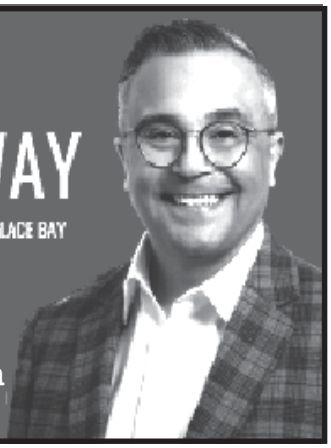

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Take 2

PAUL POWER

For anyone out there who's taken potshots at Ringo Starr over the years I have a piece of advice for you; smarten up and lighten up. There are only 2 Beatles left for God's sake, and for all intents and purposes Ringo Starr is the most well-adjusted, likeable and well grounded one of the two. Ringo will be turning 85 this year and he's still performing and this is his solo album number 22. Even when he was with the Beatles Ringo showed an affinity for Country music with the song 'Act Naturally' in 1965, and Ringo keeps that love affair alive with this album, **'Long Long Road'.** There are 10 songs here and Ringo worked with producer/guitarist/singer/writer T Bone Burnett who brought his flair for Roots Rock and Roll, Americana and Country to the mix giving the listener a nice musical journey to enjoy. Ringo also has help here from St. Vincent, Billy Strings, Sheryl Crow, Colin Linden and others. 'It's Been Too Long' was the first single released and it's a rootsy country-

rock song; the second single was 'Choose Love' that is an actual reworking of the 2005 song Ringo recorded for the album of the same name. As for some of the other tracks, 'Returing Without Tears' has wonderful background vocals by Bluegrass artist Molly Tuttle, 'Long Long Road' is a bittersweet ode to how time changes everything (featuring Sheryl Crow on backing vocals) and 'I Don't See Me In Your Eyes Anymore' has a doo-wop meets honkeytonk vibe that's really nice. Admittedly, this album is probably not going to blow up the charts or win over too many new people but it's a nice, evenly paced album that is enjoyable and still fresh. Plus, let's admit it-Ringo Starr is Rock and Roll Royalty with capital R's so let the music flow, and we'll enjoy it!

UPCOMING EVENTS - SEE PAGE 6

BINGO!

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WEEKLY SMILE

Dad's can often get in trouble even when they try to do good deeds, like this story. My father puchased a new weed wacker and, like any new toy, he was anxious to try it out.

He trimmed all the grass around the basement and decided to trim the neighbours as well. He was working away and pressed the button to increase the length of the cutting twine.

Unfortunately he gave it too much and beheaded a whole row of freshly planted tulips. The retired schoolteacher came out and was upset.

Dad had to go to the florists and buy $40.00 worth of new tulips and plant them again. That ended his "do good" crusade and the weed wacker stayed on our property only.

Trivia

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THE SPECIAL BIRTHDAY CAKE

My mother was a very good cook and baker. She worked at the IGA bakery for a number of years and she also made cakes for families and friends as a little side business.

She had many molds and could make up almost any type of cake you wanted. She got an order from her next door neighbour who wanted her to make a chocolate cake for her bachelor uncle. She wanted to have this inscription, "I hope you have the wind to blow out these candles you old fart." She assured my mother that her uncle would really enjoy the cake and the message.

My mother had orders for 6 cakes that day and I was helping her deliver them around the neighbourhood. We finally got back just in time for the uncle's birthday and cake.

When they opened the box it said, "Happy Birthday To a Special Person."

My mother's face went white as she realized that she had mixed up cakes and somebody else got the "old fart" cake. My mother started to phone around her customers hoping to catch the mistake before the cake was presented. When she got to the third person, it was too late. The cake was intended for her father-in-law and she said he laughed for 5 minutes when he read the inscription.

My mother apologized profusely but the woman said not to worry because her father-in-law really enjoyed the cake.

North Sydney Church Having a Rocking Good Time

On a Friday night, May 8th St. John the Baptist Anglican Church congregation had a free will offering fund raiser with the local band Chalk Dust to replace the railing leading nto the church. During the winter someone accidently hit the outside railing and bent it beyond repair. Like all churches in the area where attendance is low and expenses are high, fundraisers help with the ongoing maintenance cost.

The event started at 6:30 p.m. with Chalk Dust kicking it off with some familiar country tunes. Roy Dawson the vocalist really got the crowd going. After each song he would ask "'who was the artist who sang that song"? The audience jumped right in and played right along.

It was a bit of a competition to see who could come up with the right answer…..Music Trivia. Then before the break Jimmie Campbell dressed up as Archie Alex from Mabou and made an appearance. He was dressed in a flannel plaid shirt and a ball cap turned sideways, topped off with a pair of coveralls. Archie Alex entertained the crowd for about 15 minutes and there was not one person there who wasn't laughing their head off at the stories he told.

Some had tears running down their cheeks because they were laughing so hard. Then lunch was served while the band took a break and reset for the next half of the show. There were sandwiches, homemade sweets, tea and coffee during the break. On this particular evening the band was missing a member, their pianist and vocalist Jennifer MacDonald was unable to join them but Ian MacDonald, Roy Dawson and Jimmie Campbell gave a great performance none the less.

After the break the band got down to business once again and started with some old time Rock and Roll tunes and this had people up dancing and singing right along with the band. It was close to 9 p.m. when the evening wound down with a familiar gospel tune with everyone singing right along.

After it ended people hung around talking to the band and expressing how wonderful the night was and they hoped that they would come back again. It was a great time had by all who attended and no doubt the band Chalk Dust will be back to do another fundraiser in the future. If you missed this one, you may want to catch the next one somewhere in the area where Chalk Dust maybe playing.

2026 Cruise Schedule

May 12 ..... Zuiderdam
May 20 .....Zuiderdam
May 25.....Volendam
May 26 ..... Zuiderdam
June 3 ..... Zuiderdam
June 6 ..... Zuiderdam

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UPCOMING EVENTS

a list of Community events that are happening in your community

MAY 15 - OPEN DANCE - Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club - 8 - 12:00.

MAY 23 - Spring Gala, 3 course Dinner, Bras d'Or Seniors Club.

MAY 30 - The Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 008 Legion, Sydney Mines will sponsor a Flea Market at the Legion on Main Street, Sydney Mines - 10 - 1:00

MAY 31 - MS Walk 2026 on Sunday, May30 at Emera Centre North Sydney, registration starts 1:00 pm.

JUNE 6 - FLEA MARKET SYDNEY MINES SENIORS & PENSIONERS CLUB, Faser Ave., Sydney Mines 10 - 12:30

JUN6 & JUNE 7 - Fishing, Hunting & Outdoor Show, June 6th & 7 at the Sydney Mones Community Centre.

JUNE 26 - JULY 4 - Kitchen Fest - check the schedule - www.kitchenfest.ca

EVERY SUNDAY - 6:00 pm, Phantom Country with host Kenny Walsh airs on K-LEE RADIO.

EVERY FRIDAY - 8:30 pm - Late Nite Oldies with Jack Cool airs on K-LEE RADIO.

BINGO - Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, Sunday at 2:00 pm.

BINGO - Branch 008 Legion. Sydney Mines, Tuesdays at 7:30.

BINGO - Every Wednesday, North Sydney Seniors Club - 7:00 pm.

EVERY SATURDAY - At the Florence Legion - "THE CIRCLE" entertains, $2.00 cover.

- TAX TIPS 2026 -

Small businesses and self-employed

Business income includes money you earn from a: profession, trade, manufacture or undertaking of any kind, an adventure or concern in the nature of trade, or any other activity you carry on for profit and there is evidence to support that intention.

For example, income from a service business is business income. Business income does not include employment income, such as wages or salaries received from an employer.

NOTE - You must include all your income when you calculate it for tax purposes. If you fail to report all your income, you may have to pay a penalty of 10% of the amount you failed to report after your first omission. For more information, go to Business income tax reporting.

Self-Employed Individuals - Deadline for Filing Income Tax and Benefit Returns - June 15, 2025-

However, if you or your spouse or common-law partner carried on business in 2024 relating primarily to a tax shelter investment, the filing deadline is April 30, 2025

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CLOSED May 18 - Victoria Day

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OPEN DANCE

SYDNEY MINES SENIORS & PENSIONERS CLUB

Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines

May 15th - 8:00 - 12:00

to celebrate the ending of the Dart League

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NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY

FIBRE LUNCH - Thursdays 1:00 pm .

SUPER SATURDAY Storytime, 1:30 - 3:30, no registration.

TUESDAYS - LEGOS - 3:30, school age.

WEDNESDAYS 10-11 AM Adult Crafts. Registration Required. Call 902-794-3272.

MAY 13 & 27 - Writers Group meets 6:00 pm.

JUNE 2 - CBRM Talk - Applying for Municipality grants.

JUNE 12 - Naturalist Society Meeting 6:00 pm.

JUNE 14th - Wildfire Preparation presentation 6:00 pm.

JUNE 23 - Heather Feather Childrens Entertainer of The Year at 2:30 - sponsored by Eyking Family Foundation.

LEFT HANDED COMPLIMENT

The MacKinnon's from Neil's Harbour celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with dancing and a party afterwards. As the last guests left, the couple sat on the porch reminiscing about the past 30 years.

Suddenly Lauchie's wife turns to him and says, "Tell me Lauchie, if I passed away would you re-marry?"

"Oh …. I suppose so" he replied.

"And would you give your new wife my jewellery" she asked again.

"Yes, I guess so" Lauchie said.

"Well, what about my fur coat?"

"I guess, it would be no use to me" was Lauchie's reply.

"What about my golf clubs?" the wife repeated.

"No, I wouldn't give her your golf clubs dear."

"Well if you gave her my fur coat and jewellery, why not give her my golf clubs?"

And Lauchie, still feeling the results of the night's wine casually replies, "Because she shoots left handed."

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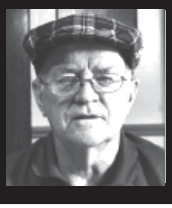

Spring is in full bloom now and community events are opening up like flowers. It looks like a good Summer coming so far.... **COMMUNITY EVENTS** - Kitchen Fest sent in their extensive list of community concerts and you should take a look at their website to select what events you will be attending this year from June 26 - July 4th - this would be a great opportunity to see many of the picturesque communities around Cape Breton - **www.kitchenfest.ca**.... if you are an Outdoor or ports enthusiast don't miss this one - **FISHING, HUNTING & OUTDOOR SHOW**, Saturday, June 6th & Sunday June 7th, Sydney Mines Community Centre..... The Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 008 Legion, Sydney Mines will sponsor a **Flea Market** at the Legion on Main Street, Sydney Mines on May 30th ..... **BIG POND CONCERT** - July 19 - some of the fiddlers lined up for this event so far - Cape Breton Fiddlers Association, Brenda Stubbert, Howie MacDonald, Andrea Beaton, Donna Marie DeWolfe.... **FLEA MARKET** Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines - June 6 from 10:00 - 12:30.... **Spring Gala** - 3 Course Authentic Italian Dinner & Entertainment, Saturday, May 23rd at the Bras d'Or Seniors Club..... Brogans Fisheries in North Sydney are now selling **lobsters,** a great gift for Father's Day **(hint, hint)**..... for Beatle fans, **Paul Power** has a review of a **Ringo Starr** album in his column on page 4..... just in time for Summer music enjoyment - see page 5 for a list of the **Oldies Podcast** you can download fom our website - **www.kleeradio.com,** click on the "PODCAST" link ..... also on page 5 we have a couple of humourous stories for you taken from "**Oh, Me Shattered Nerves"** book..... **TAX TIPS** on page 6 this week features Self Employed and Small Business tips..... Also on page 6 are **Upcoming Events** to help plan your entertainment schedule..... a reminder that the **Sydney Mines Heritage Festival** is on this year, July 24, 25 and 26th.... **NOTICE** - to all Church groups, Legions, Seniors Clubs, Fire Halls and Community associations - if you want free publicity for your upcoming event, in printed edition and digital edition - simply email us at **thisweek@kleeradio.com**

Cape Breton Chorale Choir Welcomed by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, May 3rd, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church hosted the Cape Breton Chorale Choir for the second time. People came from all around the area came to hear this amazing choir perform a number of beautiful pieces which included some familiar Canadian folk songs, some classical pieces and much more.

This beautiful choir was formed in 1973 and have shared the stage with Celine Dion, Rita MacNeil and have even performed for Queen Elizabeth II.

This 50 plus choir of men and women have played an important role in the cultural life of Cape Breton performing at many venues large and small across this beautiful island of Cape Breton, which we call home.

Actually I have heard a few people comment and say that the Cape Breton Chorale is the best kept secret in Cape Breton. The reason is because people either have not heard of them and those who have heard of the choir, never seen a performance.

This choir is under the direction of Emma Francis who is also the choir director at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Not only is she a wonderful choir director, she has an amazing voice which the congregation loves to hear each Sunday as she sings along with their own choir. Emma's mom Paula Jane Francis is the pianist with the Chorale and did a marvelous job.

Another addition to this wonderful group of singers is Stewart MacNeil of the Barra MacNeil's who has been with the Chorale for approximately a year now and is enjoying singing with them. Stewart had the audience captivated when he did a solo piece by Buddywasisname and The Other Fellers entitled "Sarah" and did it to perfection.

This particular afternoon, there were approximately 175 people in attendance and as they exited the church you could easily tell how much they enjoyed The Cape Breton Chorale immensely.

This is the second concert by the Cape Breton Chorale that St. Andrew's Church has hosted and I'm sure there will be more in the future. So if you have always wondered about the Cape Breton Chorale and never saw a performance, then you are missing out on some great music by a very talented group of men and women.

We have a lot of talent here in Cape Breton so we have to promote it, support it and spread the word so other will enjoy it as much as we do. So the next time you see a poster or hear an ad on the radio that The Cape Breton Chorale is performing near you, I suggest you get your tickets and take it in, I can assure you, that you won't be disappointed.

Queen Victoria And Victoria Day Trivia Questions

As you celebrate this holiday weekend, see how many of the questions you can get right

1 - Victoria Day is a holiday in Canada but is it also a holiday in England? Yes No
2 - What is the holiday called in Quebec?
3 - What was Victoria's nickname when she was little?
4 - Was Queen Victoria born in England? Yes No
5 - What medical condition did she suffer from?
6 - Who did she marry in 1840?
7 - What year did she start her reign?
8 - How old was she when she first took the throne?
9 - How tall was she?
10 - How many assassination attempts did she avoid?
11 - Why was she always pictured in black? -
12 - How many children did she have?
13 - What wedding tradition did she start?
14 - Victoria BC is named after her - what other Canadian city?
15 - How long did she reign?
16 - What was Queen Victoria's first name?
17 - Where was she born?
18 - How many languages was she fluent in?
19 - In 1840 she gifted the White House -still used today - What is it?
20 - She has denied ever using this famous phrase.

ANSWERS - 1 No, 2 Patriots Day, 3 Drina, 4 Yes, 5 hemophilia, 6 Prince Albert, 7 1837, 8 Eighteen, 9 Five feet, 10 Six, 11 State of mourning when her husband died, 12 Nine, 13 wearing a white dress, 14 Regina, 15 Sixty three years, 16 Beatrix, 17 Kensington Palace , now home to William & Kate, 18 Five, 19 Oak desk, 20 "We are not amused"

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