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# NORTHSIDE THIS WEEK

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## Turn Clocks Forward



The time has finally arrived when we turn our clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time.

The clocks will go forward at 2 am on March 8th.

It is also a good time to check on your smoke detector batteries and replace them.

I guess this is one sure sign that Spring is coming.

For Northside News logon to [www.sotmnews.weebly.com](http://www.sotmnews.weebly.com) and check out their monthly newsletter.

**MARCH BREAK 16-20** is coming fast. If your organization has an event planned for this date, let us know and we'll let the rest of the Northside know - [thisweek@kleeradio.com](mailto:thisweek@kleeradio.com)

Watch for St. Paddy's Day Events and Parties coming up.



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## AROUND THE TOWN



I just got the **notice** in my email to turn the **clocks forward** this coming weekend and I, for one, can't wait to get an extra hour of daylight - it's also suggested that you check your **smoke detectors** and make sure the batteries are still working - we sometimes forget to do this once we mount the detectors.... and March 20 will be the **first day of Spring** and shortly after that, the annual **fishing season** will open April 1st, can't wait to get back on the water and torment those trout!!....If you want to experience a **new way** to exercise and stay in shape for Summer, drop into the Bras d'Or Hall, 24 Villa Drive in Bras d'Or on March 11 for an **OPEN HOUSE** and March 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm for a **Beginners Class** in Tai Chi, all are welcome and it's a good opportunity to see what Tai Chi is all about....I was talking with **Darrel Tobin** this week and we reminisced about a Canadiens-Toronto game that we watched at his house a few years back - the Canadiens won it with a **shutout** just like last week, good talking with you Darrel - **Go Habs Go!**.....If you're visiting the North Sydney Fire Hall this week be sure to say **Happy 40th birthday** to President **Nelson Scott** who is taking it on the chin for reaching this milestone birthday, soon you'll be collecting Canada Pension Nelson - ha ha .....and speaking of the North Sydney Fire Hall, their **Chase The Ace Jackpot** this coming Thursday is **\$11,000**, get there early on Thursday night and get your chance to win this wonderful Jackpot... If you like **Turkey Burgers** (like I do), then mark this date on your calendar - **March 25th** - that's when **Trinity Church** will sponsor their sale - see **page 4** for more information....This week is Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week and Maureen Murphy from Cape Breton Richmond Federation of Agriculture will be attending a seminar designed to teach the public about the benefits of agriculture, see page 5 for details... Also a note came across my desk about an initiative called

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**NORTH SYDNEY & SYDNEY MINES**

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## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

### North Sydney Fire Hall

Talent Night continues on Thursday with Ernie, Todd and Wade, Wing Night - kitchen is open 4:00-10:00.

CHASE THE ACE is now at 11,000 - Thursdays.

There will be an Indoor Yard Sale at the Hall beginning Sat., March 28th - 8 - 10 for sellers to set up and 10:00 - 2 :00 for Buyers. Call 794-7072 for more information.

St. Paddys Day Dance - March 13th from 10:00-2:00 with Finney Town playing the music. Tickets just \$5.00.

Happy Birth to Nelson scott, see the notice opposite this column.

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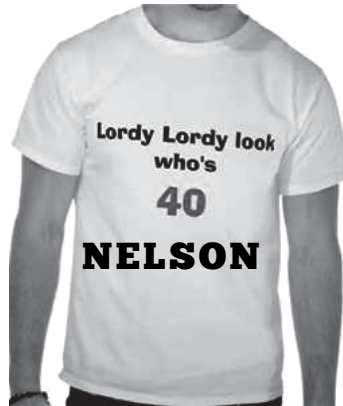
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Sunday, March 1st  
8:00 pm at Holy Family Parish (formerly St. Pius X) Hall



### Northside Community Pool

March Break Camp, March 16-20, Register now by phoning 902-736-1211



Lordy, Lordy, our President is 40! Happy Birthday to Nelson Scott from Tammy, Tyler, Bheanna, Christopher and all your fellow firefighters.

### Silent Auction & Dance

Benefit Dance & Silent Auction will be held at the Millville Community Center for Donna Reynders on March 28th.

The Silent Auction will run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. and the Dance will run from 9:00-1:00. The cost is \$10 per person for the Dance.

## NORTHSIDE SHORTS

### Traditional Irish Supper

A Traditional Irish Supper will be held on March 17th at the Northside Community Guest Home, 11 Queen Street in North Sydney.

It will begin at 6:30 pm and the cost is just \$15. There will be live local Irish music to accompany your meal.

The Supper will be held in the Main Dining Room. For tickets please phone 902-794-4733.

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For the latest and most comprehensive list of local events, logon to - [www.musiccapebreton.com](http://www.musiccapebreton.com)

Mike Little updates his listings each week.



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## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS

### Pancake Breakfast

There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Boularderie School on March 7th from 9 am till noon.

The cost is Adults \$7.00 and Children \$4.00. It is an Eat-In Breakfast and a fundraiser for the Boularderie School Grades 5 and 6 end of the year festivities. Please support this worthy cause.

**FREE PUBLICITY** for your event, fund raiser etc. [thisweek@kleeradio.com](mailto:thisweek@kleeradio.com)

### Oil Painting Classes Held

**OIL PAINTING CLASSES** - will be held at the Bras d'Or Hall in Little Bras d'Or.

Openings are now available for Mondays & Tuesdays from 9 am - 12 noon.

For more information, call Muriel 902-794-2790.

St. Patty's Day Bash at the Georges River Fire Hall Saturday March 14th from 9 pm - 1 am featuring Thunder & Lightning DJ services (Jeff Howly) \$5.00 at the door!

## NORTHSIDE SHORTS

### SENIORS TARABISH

Come out and enjoy an evening of Tarabish at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue in Sydney Mines, every Sunday beginning at 7:30 pm, lots of good company and exciting games.

All are welcome so come out and have an enjoyable evening.

### Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club News

**WEDNESDAY:** 45 Card Game & Jackpot, Loonie, Mini Pot, and Even Split. - TIME: 7:30

**SATURDAY:** OPEN MIKE

TIME: 8:00-12:00 pm

Music by Ray Petrie & Bud Harrold - R & B Country

**COST:** \$2.00 - Members and Guests are Welcome to come out and have a wonderful Evening. Canteen Available.

### Royal Canadian Legion Branch 83 - Florence POOL TOURNAMENT



Every Wednesday Night **BINGO** EVERY THURSDAY 8:00 pm - CASH PRIZES **SATURDAY NIGHT KITCHEN**

**PARTY** with Greg, Raymond & Friends - 6:00 - 9:00

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## NORTHSIDE SHORTS

### Square Dance Lessons

Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall will host these Square Dance lessons with instructor Hilary Romard. Grab a friend and come out and enjoy two hours of fun, laughter and great exercise.

Hilary teaches a wide variety of sets from all around the Island. Time: Sundays from 2:00-4:00 pm - The cost is only \$5.00.

For more information call Voni at 902-544-0289 or Dolores at 902-736-8924.

### BENEFIT DANCE HELD



A Benefit Dance will be held at the Florence Fire Hall March 7th from 9:00-2:00 in aid of Leeland MacKinnon to help defray costs to IWK - Music by Big Mike's DJ Service.

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**BINGO - TUESDAY - 8 PM - MOVED BACK TO OUR NEWLY RENOVATED LEGION HALL**

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## NORTHSIDE NEWS

### Boularderie Blazers Walking

The Boulardeie Blazers Walking program will be held at the Boularderie School Gymnasium for ages 16 and up.

Free indoor walking 5:45-7:15 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Participants must bring indoor footwear.

Open to community use for physical activity and social.

### Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall News

Belly Fit program is held at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays. Beginner Yoga is held at 7:30 pm, for more information phone 902-674-2374.

Step Aerobics are held on Thursdays at 10:30 am, call for more info - 902-674-2374.

Tuesdays at 3:15 pm Kids Yoga (up to 10 years), call for more information.

For Fire Hall bookings please call Darlene at 902-304-8530.

**TURKEY BURGERS** - Trinity Church, side entrance, Oxford Ave. Sydney Mines; Date: Wednesday; March 25th, 2015, eat in or take out: time 10:30---1:00: and the Cost is only \$8.00.

**BINGO** - Every Sunday Night at the Millville Community Centre beginning at 7:00 pm. Great Prizes!

### St. Paddy's Day Party At Sydney Mines Hall

If you like to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, then you should be at the John J. Nugent Fire Hall in Sydney Mines on March 14th for a St. Paddy's Day Party.

Music will be by KINTYRE LITE - Mark MacIntyre, Jason Kempt and fiddler Jennifer Roland.



The party will run from 9:00-1:00 and the admission is \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple.

Don't miss this one!!

## Branch 83 Florence Legion Comfort Fund Donation



Shown above are Legion members accepting a donation from Branch 83 Florence Legion in the amount of \$400.00 to Cape Breton Comfort Fund. From left to right - Cecil Snow, Poppy Chairman - centre Neil MacKinnon, President Comfort Fund - Right Tom Vickers, President Branch 83 Florence Legion.

## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day In Cape Breton

Many Cape Breton families have Irish roots and St. Patrick's Day holds a special place in their celebrations.

This story is about one Cape Breton pub that the local police had been watching because they suspected that after the pub closed officially, there was still a party going on to celebrate the patron saint's birthday on March 17th.

On this particular St. Patrick's day about 1 o'clock in the morning, the undercover police saw the back door of the pub open and a lone man looked both ways and then made a quick dash to his car across the

street. The police gave immediate chase and finally pulled over the driver after a 5 mile chase.



They immediately gave the driver several sobriety and breathalyzer tests and he passed every one of them.

The puzzled police officers finally asked him, "If you weren't drinking, they why in the name of God did you take off in your car?"

"Well, it's like this officers, tonight I was the designated decoy!"

And that's how you celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Cape Breton.

## NORTHSIDE NEWS

### BRANCH 008 NEWS

Our Fish Supper will be held March 27, fresh haddock, only \$10.00 - dessert extra.

We will also have a Fish Supper on April 3, Good Friday, pan fried haddock, \$10.00 per person.

Chase The Ace Jackpot is now at \$1,534, get there early to get your ticket.

Kids - Are you looking for something to do on Fridays? Well, Branch 008 has a dance every month from 7:00-9:00 from ages 5 to 12. The admission is only \$3.00 and music is by Jason's DJ.

We have great volunteers to look after you. We do not allow hats or hoodies just to give our Veterans respect as you are in their building.

We have Canteen Services for you and we can ensure your parents that our staff will take care of their child as long as they respect our service to them.

Most of the time we try to have 2 dances a month and the dates may vary as we host other functions.

Come out and enjoy yourself. Give Mom some piece of mind for two hours while we look after you. Dances coming up March 6th and 13th and April 10th and 17th. We'll see you there.



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## Elevate Business Day

On March 10, 2015 the Cape Breton Partnership is hosting an event called Elevate Business Day. The purpose of the day is to invite businesses in Cape Breton to come together to learn about: Export Opportunities, Trends in our economy, Cape Breton's labour profile, and to celebrate success. Following a lunch with the export, agriculture and digital awards presentation, there will be sector specific meetings and break out groups with short presentations being offered.

Members of the Prosperity Framework's Agriculture sector team and those interested in agriculture are invited to join us for an informative day of Elevating Business. We understand that it may not be feasible for everyone to join us for the entire day; there will be no charge for those interested in attending the afternoon agriculture meeting beginning at 1:30p.m.. The full agenda is listed below for your reference.

If you decide you would like to attend the afternoon meeting only, please RSVP to me directly at this email : [meggan@prosperityframework.com](mailto:meggan@prosperityframework.com) or by phoning (902)562-0122.

## Branch 19 Easter Draw

Branch 19 Legion, Archibald Avenue, North Sydney is selling tickets on an Easter Basket.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 3 for \$2.00. The draw date is March 28, 2015.

## Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week - Mar. 1-7

Canadian Agriculture Literacy Week is a classroom program that encourages children to learn about and celebrate agriculture in various ways, including reading books about farming, watching videos, meeting with farmers and other agricultural representatives and participating in a hands-on agriculture activity. **VOLUNTEERS** - Come be an Agriculture Ambassador in the classroom.

## Upcoming Free Well Women's Workshops

The Northside Harbourview Hospital Foundation is holding free Well Women's Workshops on Wednesday, March 11 at 6 PM. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Elwood MacMullin and the topic is Breast Health. The Workshop will take place at the Memorial High School Lecture Theatre.

The Wednesday, April 8 Workshop will feature Ann Marion Willis, BScHNU, Pdt, Professional Dietitian. It will also be held in the Memorial High School Lecture Theatre beginning at 6 PM.

Cape Breton Regional Library will be on hand with a selection of books.

Hosted by North Sydney & Sydney River Shoppers Drug Mart.

For more information phone 902-794-5402.

# NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS



**BINGO** every Sunday evening at the Millville Community Center at 7:00 PM - Great Prizes!!

## Fly Tying Classes

Fly Tying for new and experienced tiers, join us for this rewarding and enjoyable hobby -there are no fees and we meet weekly @7 P.M.at the Minor Baseball Bldg, Pitt St , Sydney Mines, starting January 5th. Hope to see you there.

For more information, call Earl (902) 544-1073 or Cell Phone Number (902) 595-4449.

## Georges River Flea Markets

Flea Market at Georges River Firehall Saturday **March 7th** from 10 am-2 pm - \$2 admission (Lots of great vendors and canteen available)

Flea Market at Georges River Firehall Saturday, **April 11th** from 10 am-2 pm - \$2 admission (Lots of great vendors and canteen available)

**C. B. EXHIBITION** is seeking entries for Rug Hooking, Crocheting, Knitting and Quilting to enter into the 2015 Exhibition. Contact the Exhibition Office at 794-7633 for additional information and entry forms.

## REGULAR MVCC MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Millville Community Centre will take place on March 23rd at 7:00 pm.



## SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

Lego Builders Club meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 for ages 7 - 12, pre-register.

Stop in over the March Break, we have games and puzzles and lots of great books you can enjoy.

Pre School Reading Program every 2nd Wednesday 10:30-11:00, ages 2 1/2 to 4 years, pre-registration required.

Registration for October 2015 now underway, secure your spot as pre-registration is required.

Ready To Read Books pre-selected for your reading pleasure both adult and children.



## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthday Wishes are extended to - Riley Lush, Jillian Roper LeMoine, Robert Pettipas, Tom Murphy, Dave Parsons and Katie Parsons all celebrating birthdays in March. With Love & Best Wishes from all your families.

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"Elevate Business Day" and you can read the details regarding this program on page 5..... and here's another fine program by the Northside Harbourview Hospital Foundation who are holding Well Women's Workshops for area residents and you can check out the speakers and topics along with contact information in their story on page 5 of this edition.....A good old fashioned **Corned Beef & Cabbage** dinner will be held on March 17th at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, **get yours early** as this traditional **St. Paddy's Day treat** sells out fast, see details on page 7.....If you can Knit, Crochet, Rug Hook or Quilt, then you should consider entering this year's **Cape Breton Exhibition**, you could win a prize. See the contact information on page 5 ..... Congratulations go out the **Florence Legion** who donated \$400 to the **Cape Breton Comfort Fund** which goes to offset costs for **Veterans** who are hospitalized, see the picture on page 4, well done!! .....An important **Benefit Dance** is being held March 7th at the Florence Fire Hall for **Leeland MacKinnon** to help with costs to the IWK - we all know how difficult it is for parents and this fund raising dance will go a long way to help them, **please donate**, even if you cannot attend the dance, you can make a contribution, see page 3 for times and cost. **NORTHSIDE THIS WEEK** makes this column available to all community groups to help publicize your events email us at - [thisweek@kleeradio.com](mailto:thisweek@kleeradio.com)

**NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS****Bake Sale & Flowers**

A Bake Sale with Flowers will be sponsored by the Boularderie MammoWarriors and they invite you to their Easter Bake Sale, Saturday, April 4th starting at 9:00 am.

The Sale will be held at Fitzgerald's Restaurant, Boularderie East.

All proceeds to the Cape Breton Cancer Patient Care Fund. Delicious home baking and beautiful Spring flowers.

Omelette & Mimosa Breakfast by Fitzgerald's.

**ROSS FERRY - PARK MEETING** - Save this date - March 21st - 10 am - 4:00 pm. This will be our 11th season, so let's get together and talk about the Park.

The meeting will be facilitated by John Hugh Edwards and lunch will be provided. Please Contact Terri Shobbrook (Chair) at 902-674-0148.

**45S CARD GAME** every Thursday evening at the Soutside Boularderie Fire Hall - 7:30 pm.

**SUNDAY BINGO**

There will be a Sunday Afternoon BINGO at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines.

**WHEN:** Every Sunday

**TIME:** 2:00 pm

**COST:** \$2.00 entry card

**- DAUBERS ONLY - MONEY GAMES**

Come out and spend a wonderful Sunday afternoon and maybe win some prizes Hope to see you all there.

**TAI CHI** - Renovate and improve your mind and body, lift your spirit. FLK Taoist Tai Chi is having an OPEN HOUSE, Wednesday March 11, 7 pm and Beginner Class, Wednesday March 18, 7-9 pm Bras d'Or Hall, 24 Villa Dr. ALL ARE WELCOME. Come see what it is all about.

**ROSS FERRY NEWS** - A Summer Student will be hired pending funding approval from June 30 - Sept. 7.

Applications will be accepted starting April 1st. For more information please call Terri Shobbrook at 902-674-0148.



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**TAX TIPS****Life's Major Milestones & Taxes**

- **Starting your career:** You may have been dismayed to see how much tax came out of your first paycheque but you may have a tax credit waiting to be claimed. If you were unable to claim all of your tuition and education credits while you were in school and didn't transfer all of them, they would have carried forward when you filed your return. It means you can use the credits in 2014 to help lower your tax liability.

- **Taking the plunge:** Congratulations if you got married in 2014. You should notify the CRA of your new marital status with an RC65 Form - Change of Marital Status. Spouses still file their own returns at tax time but include their partner's SIN and net income on the first page. It does not mean you pay more tax but benefits like the GST/HST and Canada Child Tax Benefit can be affected by your new household income.

- **Celebrating your new mortgage:** First-time home buyers can claim a \$5,000 credit, which translates into \$750 in tax savings. And the credit can be split between a couple if they are both first-time home buyers. There is no specific receipt needed to make this claim - you just need to have the paperwork to prove you bought a house in 2014 if the Canada Revenue Agency asks. And if you borrowed from your RRSP for your down payment, you have two years before the CRA will ask you to start your repayments.

- **Welcoming a new addition:** Most hospitals automatically register your child with the CRA to ensure you start receiving all the new parent benefits.

- Canada Child Tax Benefit: Monthly payment is determined by household income and is meant to help with the cost of raising a child.

- Universal Child Care Benefit: Until the age of 6, parents will receive \$100 a month to help with child care costs. This income is taxable.

- Child Tax Credit: Parents can claim \$2,255 per child in 2014 for about \$338 in tax savings.

- Maternity leave: New parents need to remember that EI income is taxable and can result in a tax bill at the end of the year depending on when the baby was born.

- RESP: Post-secondary education may seem like a long way off but deposits into a Registered Education Savings Plan can qualify for the Canadian Education Savings Grant so it may be best to start early.



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## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

### BOTTLE BLITZ SLATED FOR MARCH 7TH

1917 Vimy Ridge Army Cadets & 602 McCurdy Air Cadets Bottle Blitz Fundraiser - March 7th 2015 from 9 am to 3 pm

Volunteers will be in Sydney Mines and Florence areas for donations of recyclables to assist the groups in fundraising for their trip to Vimy Ridge in 2017!!!

If you have donations of recyclables to be picked up before the event, please phone **902-574-0551** to make arrangements for pickup.

**50/50 WEEKLY DRAW WINNER** - The winner in last week's North Sydney & District Hockey 50/50 Draw was Chris Boutillier - amount was \$8,433.

### Corned Beef Dinner

A Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be held Tuesday March 17th, 2015 at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Ave., in Sydney Mines.



**TIME:** Take out or Delivery. - 11:00 - 1:00 pm

**EAT IN** - from 4:00 - 6:00 pm  
Coffee & tea plus dessert

Cost: \$12 per person

Come out and have a wonderful meal and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us. Tickets can be bought by calling. 902-736-3100.



**BINGO - MILLVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE** Bingo will resume January 11th, 7:00 pm. Great Prizes

### Variety Concert

A Variety Concert will be held at St. Stephen's Community Hall, 34 Pitt Street in Florence, on March 15th.

The MC for this Concert will be Hugh MacDonald. It will be held from 1:30 - 4:00 pm and the admission is only \$5.00.

A Light Lunch and snack will be provided, local talent will perform at this Concert

**45s CARD GAME** - will resume at the Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall January 5th at 7:00 pm.



### NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

**UPCOMING MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES** - The North Sydney Library has planned a series of fun activities for March Break.

**Tuesday, March 17** - Kids Yoga, Healthy Snack - 1:00-2:00, ages 5 - 12 must register, limited space, please bring a mat or blanket, wear comfy clothes.

2:00 pm at the Museum, ages 5 - 12, no registration needed - Green Bingo.

**Thursday, March 19th** - Movie & Popcorn at the Museum, no registration required - 2:00 pm.

**Thursday at the Library** - 2:30 pm - Nail Art for Girls and Tattoos for Boys.

**Friday, March 20** - Puppet Show - all ages, no charge and 12 PM at the Museum - Fun exercise/Games, lunch TBA.

All activities are free and you can also enjoy the great selection of books you can read on March Break.

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**ARRIVES MARCH 20!**

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**BY PAUL POWER**

**DROPKICK MURPHYS / THE MAHONES** - With Saint Paddy's Day just around the corner, I wanted to take a listen to some "real arse-kicking" Irish music, but if your idea of great Irish music is The Chieftains or Celtic Thunder (and they are both great) these albums are not for you-unless

you're willing to wear a crash helmet that is. Hailing from Quincy, Massachusetts, the Dropkick Murphys have been belting out punk-influenced Celtic music for close to 20 years now and are widely recognized as the Princes of Celtic Punk. The album "Going Out In Style" continues the tradition.

In typical Dropkick fashion "Hang Em High", "Sunday Hardcore Matinee", "Deeds Not Words" and "Going Out In Style" are songs fueled by Guinness and gasoline-totally over the top and insanely entertaining. Be careful though, their cover of the classic "The Irish Rover" could set many an MP3 player on fire.

To be honest though, I find that the band is at their best when they step back a bit from punkland and hit a more traditional stride; "Take Em Down", "Cruel" and the bittersweet "1953" are a testament to the band's musical abilities. As a special treat, Bruce Springsteen joins the boys on the classic "Peg O My Heart"; he hits a home run

on this song, which actually dates back to 1913. It is great.

That's the American side, now here's the Canadian one; The Mahones formed about 25 years ago in Kingston, Ontario with Irish born Finny McConnell taking his love for The Pogues, The Clash and all things Irish, and blending them together with a wicked back up band to

give us some of the best music this genre has ever heard. Band members came and went, but Finny kept the music and the spirit of the band going.

Although The Mahones music is similar to the Dropkicks, it's a bit less intense, yet still slams the floors hard. The album "The Black Irish" is filled with foot stomping, toe tapping ditties.

"Girl With Galway Eyes", "Paint The Town Red (2010)" and "Ghost Of The Whiskey Devil" all have more of a traditional backbone to them and trot along at a fanciful pace. The band can also kick it into high gear when they want; "The Wild Rover", "A Pain From Yesterday", "A Great Night On The Lash" and "Lord Of The Dirty Hordes" are total 'balls to the wall' crazy numbers.

When I hit track number 8 I was totally gob-smacked by "Give It All You Got", this song sounds so much like The Clash that it's freaking scary. It's worth buying the album just for this one song. Joe Strummer (God bless his soul) would be proud. Slainte.



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