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Hello everyone,

I hope as you are reading this that all is well with you and your families and that you are happy, healthy, and prosperous.

I am starting this column with some news about my mother who is currently in Moncton Hospital after undergoing surgery on both legs for blood clots. She was diagnosed in Fredericton and was immediately sent to Moncton where she was operated on that same evening. My mother has been through a lot in her years on this old rock, life was hard for them growing up in a large family and like many other families of the time they were poor and shared the load equally, When she married at 21 the struggles continued, and I was born not too long after that. My dad worked away a lot and often we ended up at my grandparents while he did. The following years brought 4 more children into her life and she raised us and loved us as only a mother can. She endured the loss of a daughter aged just 7 years old and also the loss of a grandson aged just 19, these two tragedies alone would bring most people to their knees, but somehow she persevered. As time passed she went through a separation with my Dad, remarried and has since lost both of them as well.

Through all those years she never quit or lost her faith in God, she was not able to visit me in hospital as I went through my health issues but she always encouraged me to get better and trust that God has his plan. This is not a sympathy plea but a celebration and acknowlegment of her strength and will to stay with us as long as possible.

My mum turned 91 years old the day after her surgery and Mothers Day was the day before. If I can be half the person she is then I am doing well. I hope that you will take inspiration from her and never quit or give up the fight. She has a long road ahead but she is leaving it in God's hands as she always has. We only get one go around on this planet, make the best of it!

Now lets get down to business!

I will be posting some items that have already taken place as well as what is coming up in the future so you may see the odd repeat but June is really busy and I want to make sure I include everything I know of so here we go:

Another Pure Country show was held on May 25th at the Marysville Heritage Center hosted by Hall member Ron Vautour! A great time was had by all and the guests, Eric Wade, Donnie Gould, and Mike Weaver, were all great.

Hall member Roger Lanteigne hosts a fiddle/accordion jam monthly and the photo below shows guests Ivan & Vivian Hicks as well as Roger, Manon Frenette, guitarist Bob Robichaud and I am not sure who the other gentleman is and I apologize for that. If you are in the Bathurst area contact Roger to find out when his Jam is!



On June 7, 8, and 9 the 25th Edition of the Frolic in Ste-Anne-de-Kent will feature a roster of country singers both French and English for a weekend of great music and camping. See poster below for more information and where to get tickets!



CANTINE

Fricot, Pizza, Hot Chicken, etc...

DÉJEUNER 8AM-12PM

Vendredi : 5pm-12am Samedi: 8am - 12am Dimanche: 8am - 5pm

\$50..... l'avance (fin de semaine)

\$55..... l'entrée Vendredi \$30.....

Samedi \$35.....

Samedi après 5pm \$30.....

Dimanche Gratuit.

\$165..... Roulotte (qui comprend 2 personnes) Gratuit enfants 12 ans et moins

Billets en avance :

le service de (e-transfer) est maintenant disponible au courriel;

frolicacadien@yahoo.ca

Téléphoner avant le transfert au; 506 743-4805







7 - 8 La Wing a Hein

8-9 Bouboul

9 - 10 Bouboul





M.C.: Brian Kelly et Medar Allain

8 juin Samedi

\$35. \$30. après 5pm

12-1 Open Mike





3-4 James & Country Ramblers



5-6 Souper

6-7 Bluegrass **Diamonds**

7-8 Raymond Savoie

8-9 Gerald Delhunty

10 - 11 Hert LeBlanc

11 - 12 Hert LeBlanc

9 - 10 Rhéal LeBlanc



Samedi

Townst de Washers à partir de 200 pm enregistrement à partir de 1830 pm





REVIVAL

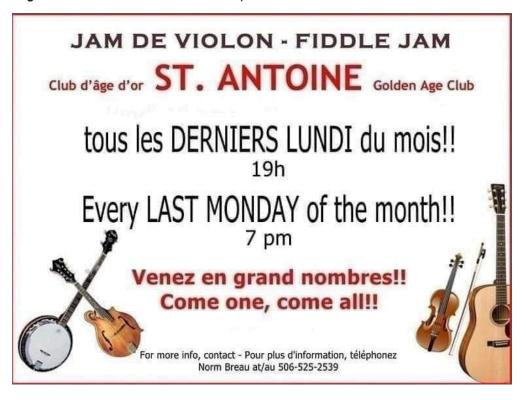
12h - 5h Party soue la Galerie

avec : Rivival et invitées

Rain or Shine



Norm Breau hosts a fiddle jam in St. Antoine on the last Monday of each month and it is always a good time information is on the poster below!



On June 15th Hanwell Days will feature some talented new artists such as country phenom Riley Taylor and my cousin Rob Gallant's band 'Resurgence', see poster below!



Hall member Nigel Mullin has sent in his scheduled performances at Ritchie Wharf:

The famous 'Ritchie Wharf entertainment' in Miramichi will open again this year starting June 14/24 and running through until September 7/24. There will be music and dancing every evening during this period. This is an outside venue so music is weather permitting.

My band 'The Four Dollar Bill Band' will be playing there along with many other groups throughout the summer months.

The 'Four Dollar Bill Band' plays real country music. The band is so original they even allow me to play the pedal steel guitar with them. We will be playing at the Ritchie Wharf on the following dates and if any Hall of Famers come by, please come up to the bandstand and say hello and if you think we're good enough, maybe do a song or two with us!

Here are our dates for this summer:

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Jun. 23/24 Four Dollar Bill Band 6:30 til 8:30 PM
Jul. 04/24 Four Dollar Bill Band 6:30 til 8:30 PM
Jul. 30/24 Four Dollar Bill Band 6:30 til 8:30 PM
Aug.11/24 Four Dollar Bill Band 2:00 til 4:00 PM
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Admission is free at the Ritchie Wharf but you can purchase a 50/50 ticket if you like. Hope to see you there!!

Hall of Fame member Nigel Mullin

Thanks Nigel! Below is the June schedule for Ritchie Wharf:



On June 16, Hall members Gary and Tammy Morris are hosting a Valley Jamboree at the Sussex Corner Hall. See poster for details:

ValleyJamboree

Sunday June 16th 2:30 Sussex Corner Hall



Gary&Tammy

Alex Madsen The "Outlaw" Cheryl Ellis

Allison Inch Art Boyd

Tina Paquet Jenn Morris

Maurice Fleming Dyson Jones

Tickets at

Terry Patterson

Morris Music 433-5556

Hampton Pharmasave Kennebecasis Drug

On June 22nd the Westmorland County Agricultural Fair will host country music with Riley Taylor, Ivan Daigle, Hall inductee Rik Reese, Kevin Chase, and Star 69, should be a great day!!



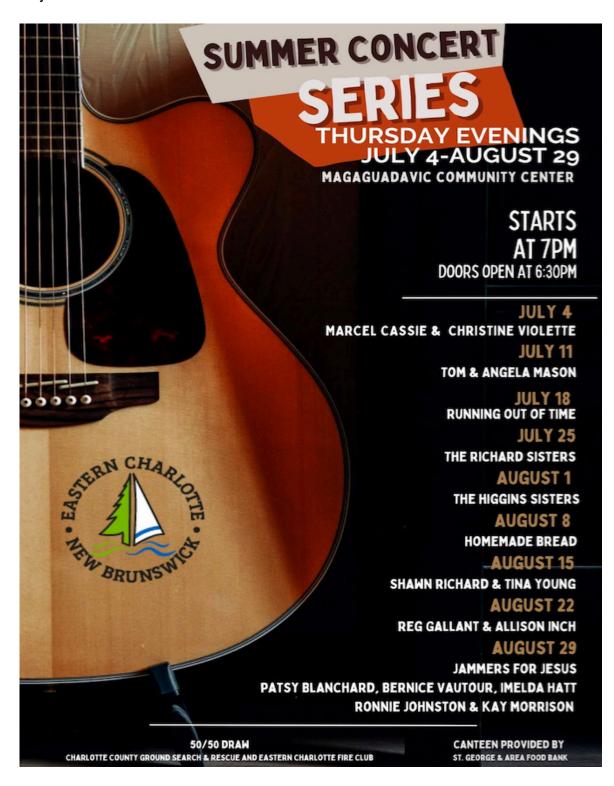
Hall member Eddie Poirier and 'Grassline' will be appearing at the Norton Catholic Hall on Sunday June 23rd see poster below for details!



Minto Seniors Hall will be the location for A Merle Haggard Tribute show as part of the Grand Lake Summer Fest on June 29th see poster below!



And finally dipping our toes into July, below is the summer schedule for the Magaguadavic Place concert series being held in St. George this summer featuring some great Charlotte County entertainers as well as Allison Inch and Reg Gallant on July 24th!



As I mentioned these are just a few of the things happening in the month of June and ahead into the summer, so if you can please support these events and be sure to tell all your friends too!

We on the Executive of the Hall of Fame have a busy schedule ahead as we prepare for several high profile shows and the Induction/Gala in October. As always we reach out to you to volunteer in any capacity you feel comfortable in, whether that be entertaining, logistics or sponsorship support, you can get more information on how you can be an active member of the Hall whether you are an inductee or a family member of an inductee! Don't hesitate to contact any member of the Executive or myself via e-mail, phone, etc. You can also contact our Executive Director Linda Gaston as well and we will be glad to have you on board.

I would like to give a great big shoutout to our all of our volunteers and recognise them for the extremely important work they do for us!! You know who you are! A huge 'Thank you' from the Executive and myself!

This is the New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame and we are proud of all our members and their achievements! If you no longer perform as much but still want to contribute to country music in NB being active in Hall affairs is a good way to keep that passion alive!!

Please remember to support our monthly 50/50 raffle! The winner for May is S. Anglehart Paulin who took home 115\$. Congrats.



June's 50/50 draw will be live soon – please consider buying tickets to help support the Hall with programs and projects and maybe win a few bucks too! The more tickets we sell the larger the pot, so please support your Hall of Fame and pass the word on to friends and family too!

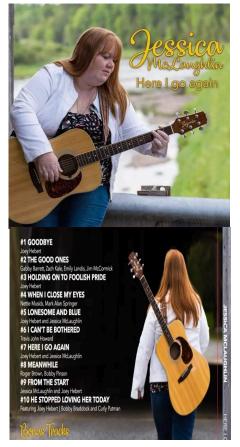


We would remind everyone also that the Gala tickets are moving along nicely, if you plan on attending or know someone who is planning on going I would urge you to get your tickets soon! It is always a great night of fellowship and music and a celebration of our own!



It's time for our monthly feature...

Who is making waves in Country Music?



My artist spotlight for this month is Jessica McLaughlin.

I have had the pleasure of working with Jessica as she was starting out and now she is in much demand around the province! She has even made a few appearances outside of New Brunswick as well.

Her album 'Here I Go Again' features several original songs penned by Jessica and partner Joey Hebert as well as a nice version of 'He Stopped Lovin Her Today' by George Jones.

Her roots are in Bluegrass and traditional country music but she can sing any song and sing it well with clear powerful melodic vocals! Jessica has appeared at the Rogersville Bluegrass Festival and Country Festival. She also has done Christmas shows in Moncton with Brian Mallery, and a host of other talented New Brunswick artists.

Be sure to look out for her and check out her facebook page. I hope to do an interview with her on our podcast soon!

Well folks I will sign off on this month's letter and will send along another one in July. Until then take great care of yourselves and as always...

Keep it country!



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