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Cape Breton Regional Municipality Schedule of Summer Events Eskasoni Pow Wow National Aboriginal Day Mara Gala Canada Day Dockside Ceilidh's Waterfront Festival Bay Bye Festival Coal Dust Days Summerfest Big Pond Festival Seaside Daze Big Pond Concert Bartown Festival Ex-Festival 99 Bicardi Cup-Sailing Regatta Grand Encampment Encampment Concert "Natalie MacMaster" Crab Festival Boardwalk Busker Festival Action Week Kickoff Concert "Bruce Guthro" Action Week Ben Eoin Fiddle & Folk Festival Feis An Eilean Fete De St. Louis Kinsmen Air Show June 18-21 June 21 July 1-4 July July 1 August 17 Julys July 14-18 July 10-18 JulyIO-18 July 11-18 July 16-25 July 18 July 21-25 July 24 July 24-25 July23-25 July 22 July 30-31 July 31-August 2 July 31-August 8 July 31-August 8 August 15 August 17-21 August 22 August 28-29 drunk coming home, the car would be coming along and stop and he would be asleep. Lena: I remember one election time in Fourchu and Johnny Alex was up there--he had that Mod? el T Ford, was it? He got loaded, and there was a fish-house down by Dave MacGillivary's. It was, oh, right up close to the road. Johnny Alex put the car over the bank there euid it was only the fish-house that kept it from top? pling in the harbour. Flora: Oh, my! Well, emyway, who joins the Temperance? I remember his sweet wife, she was so excited that he decided to join the Temper- anc& and she figured.... But I remember that some people were just so against it, because people used to go around smelling their breath, people's breath, to report them. If they had been members and they discovered that they had been drinking or smelt as though.... Ranald: So did this fella, Johnny Alex, ever go dry or...? Flora: No. Didn't last. That's what killed him. Jimmv: He got killed in an accident. He had a load of coal in bags in the back of his Model T. Put her off the road and the coal bags come on top of him. Flora: What a comedian he was. Jimmy: That was the end of the line. Rov; But you know, those years back then, they were pretty good-living people. The farmers were all religious people and, oh, most of them used to go to church azid they'd have their sacraments on • would start on Fri? day. ... Flora: Thursday, I think. Roy: Oh, Thursday, they would come with horses and wag? ons from afar and live at a place. They'd be going to church on Thursday night, Friday, Saturday, and it would end on Sunday. Jimmy: The main do was Sunday. Flora: Yeah, that was the finale. Roy: That was the sacrament, and the people in the country and the farms, they would have a big, big celebration on Sunday. People would come for dinner and the place would be filled up Flora: And then, a lot of them slept on beds on the floor. The houses 'Over 25 Years in Business - Canso Realties Ltd. Box 727 Port Hawkesbury, N. S. BOE 2V0 ' Phone (902) 625-0302 ? We carry 300 listings of property for sale in Cape Breton and Eastern Nova Scotia. {y' IIM MARCHAND BROKER Sydney MiCCzwr'Limitedi 1 CUSTOM KITCHENS I WE PAINT & STAIN I WALL UNITS I COUNTERTOPS I CUSTOM WOOD WORK I CUSTOM FRAMING FREE ESTIMATES • 562-5344 50 BROOKLAND ST. "Bnii?? O'our Ideas to Life!"