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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Thursday 11:00 - 9:00 pm FRIDAY - 11:00 - 12:00 pm SATURDAY - 11:00 - 12:00 pm.

Ladies Auxliary Meeting and Election Of Officers - will be held on Dec. 6th at 8:00 pm. Check out our new Christmas Page - mu-

sic, stories, crafts, Bingo, Christmas music | Podcasts - Logon to -

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The North Sydney Minor Hockey 50/50 Draw - the Last week's winner was Joni Bridger and the amount was \$17,075. Thank you for your support.

Check website for Christmas Music Podcast **www..kleeradio.com**

Northside Changemakers Program

We are so excited to share the launch of our new Northside Changemakers Program with you!

This program is designed to support participants in growing their skills, connections and hope for the change they want to see and be a part of creating on the Northside.

The Northside Changemakers Program is a good fit for people looking to get involved in the community; connect with others, all while developing a community project serving the Northside. Along the way, participants will receive training, coaching, and seed funding for a community project that they lead!!!

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Deadline for the application is December. 16th, 2020. Contact Jody Nelson for more information: jnelson@northsiderising.ca

CHRISTMAS PODCASTS

For your upcoming Christmas celebrations, K-LEE RADIO has recorded two Christmas Podcasts with many

traditional Christmas carols and local performers.

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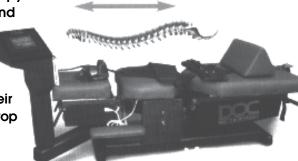
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I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus

This story takes place when I was about seven years old. I was at that stage when I began questioning Santa's existence. It seemed an impossible feat that he could deliver all those presents to all the boys and girls in my hometown let alone the World. So, like many children before me. I was determined to stay up and see if Santa really did exist.

I remember my mother tucking me into bed and reminding me I had better get to sleep because everybody knows that Santa won't come if you are awake. So I battled between existing logic and my need to know the truth about Santa Claus. Many of my friends at school were telling me that there was no Santa but I had to prove it myself.

As you can imagine, the harder I tried to stay awake the more sleepier I got. I finally drifted off into dreamland where the sugar plum faires danced. I don't know how long I was asleep but I remember being woken by laughter coming from downstairs. I crept slowly to the edge of the landing and peeked through.

To my utter amazement, there was Santa with my mother. I was stunned but happy to finally have the truth about Santa. Not only was he real, but he was here, in my house, with my mother. I stayed quiet because I knew Santa had good hearing. I watched it all happen with such a feeling of happiness that I can barely describe.

However, I knew what had to be done. The truth had to come out. My friends at school were wrong. I had eyewitness evidence and I was on a mission to bring the truth to my friends. Each year as we returned from the Christmas break we were asked by our teacher to write a story about "How I Spent My Christmas Vacation."

Boy, was I ready! I can remember the excitement writing that essay. I kept in all these years and I will try to reproduce it as I wrote it for my teacher.

HOW I SPENT MY CHRISTMAS VACATION

By Emily Morrison - Grade 1 - Mrs. O'Grady

I saw Santa Claus at my house over Christmas. I was guiet and watched Santa and mommy having some of daddy's wine.

He must have been tickling mommy because she was laughing. I think he woke her up because she was in her pagamus.

Santa then kissed mommy and hugged her for a real long time. Then mommy ran upstairs into her bedroom and Santa was chasing

I heard more laughing so I guess Santa Claus was still tickling her. I tried to stay awake but I fell asleep with my blanket. But when I woke up, there were all kinds of presents under the tree so that's how I know Santa was at my house.

I was so proud of my story when I brought it home to my mother to have her sign it. She looked at it kind of funny and wrote a little note to the teacher. I showed it to everybody who came to visit that year and they all thought it was fun because they laughed. But I knew Santa was real, I saw him with my own eyes!

Reprinted from "Cape Breton Christmas Memories"

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December 6th - 8:00 pm PHONE - (902) 736-3206



It's **December** and the Countdown is on for Christmas 2020 - I hope that we are able to visit and enjoy Christmas without the fear of COVID, let's hope for that.... Christmas music has started on K-LEE RADIO and will run until the end of the year - we also have a Christmas Page and we have made additions of two sets of Christmas tags that you can print on your own in case you run out of tags - visit our website - www.kleeradio.com - and click on the **Christmas page** and see what we have for you...... With COVID this year, things wil be different with Santa as well - The Sydney Mines Community Heritage Society will be hosting a "Drive Thru Santa" event - see the story opposite this column.... A Bells of Care Christmas Celebration will be live on "Northside Community Guest Home Foundation's" Face Book page on Thursday, December 10th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. - see page 7 for the story..... see the Christmas story on Page 5 "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire" from the Cape Breton Christmas Memories book it's a true story from the Gray family collection of tales..... This year's edition of the Christmas Daddies will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2020 - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (AT) on CTV - Helping Maritime Children Since 1964 - don't miss this year's show and please donate as there are special needs because of COVID this year.... We have printed a story from the "Cape Breton Christmas Memories" book entitled "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and it's on page 3 - you can get your copy for only \$4.95 - makes a great Christnas Stocking Stuffer... FREE **PUBLICITY** - If your group or organization is planning an upcoming community event and want some free publicity, simply email us with your information and we'll publish it free of charge - send your information to us at - thisweek@kleeradio.com - Until Next week, drive carefully and stay safe - GLEN

Great Stocking Stuffers

Just In Time For your Christmas Wish List!!! We have 7 titles of local Cape Breton books for Christmas giving

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- * Christmas Book and our newest
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Roadside Bake Sale

Boularderie Mammo Warriors will hold a Roadside Bake Sale on Saturday, December 12 from 1:00 -3:00 pm at Fitzgerald's Parkng Lot, Bularderie, Trans Canada Highway.

Gift Boxed Christmas treats for \$10.00 a box.

Limited amount of Gluten Free boxes.

Curbside (no contact) delivery to your vehicle

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE





The Sydney Mines Community Heritage Society is hosting a Drive Thru visit with Santa.

WHERE: Cape Breton Fossil Discovery Center (159 Legatto Street, Sydney Mines.

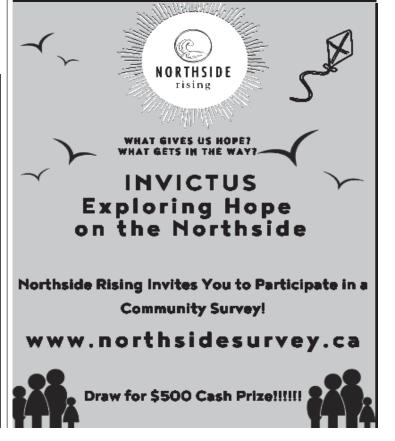
WHEN: December 12th, 2020 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

For pre-school and elementary school children.

<u>DIRECTIONS</u>: drive thru only, everyone is to remain in their vehicle and traffic will be directed at the site to Santa and a treat bag



Please send out Birthday Wishes to Amelia Nickerson who will be celebrating her 14th birthday on December 5th. Lots of Love from Mom and Dad. Jason and Stuart.



Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire

When you think Christmas, many images flood into your senses. The turkey cooking, chocolates, fruit cake, carols playing and people shopping. These are the time honored yuletide traditions that many Cape Bretoners. I remember one year when we decided to add a new tradition to Christmas.

One of the favorite things our family loved to do at our summer bungalow was to have a bonfire. No matter how tired we were or what the weather was, we always sat quietly around the fire roasting hot dogs and burning marshmallows. Of course ghost stories and tall tales were also a part of that tradition as well. Dad thought to add some chestnuts to roast on the fire just like in the song.

My father, using the logic that all fathers tend to adopt, decided that for this Christmas, we would have a bonfire in our backyard on Christmas Eve. That sounded wonderful and we looked forward to it. My father got an old washer tub and set it up in the backyard. He had all the wood cut and dried and my mother was making hot chocolate.

We gathered around the fire in great anticipation. My mother had started passing out the hot chocolate and Christmas music was playing in the background. My father, who worked at the Blast Furnace at Sydney Steel, was having difficulty getting the fire started. The wood had been inside and dry but the wind was blowing and it put out the newspaper and small kindling he had put in the wash tub.

Now comes the most interesting part. Remember what I said about fathers using logic. Well, since the fire was going well, dad theorized that if he put "a little starter fluid" on the wood it would blaze up and a glowing fire would be the result. That's where the logic ended. Dad started to pour a little fluid and the flames blazed up for a minute and then died down again. Dad was not known for his patience so he decided, using that fuzzy logic, to add a lot of fluid.

He had the can in his hand and bent over the wash tub when a gust of wind fanned the flames and they hit his hand. He dropped the can of naptha gas into the tub. He didn't mean to do that but it was too late now. Just like the Blast Furnace, the entire backyard lit up and was bathed in firelight. Moms screamed, my father cursed, the kids squealed and the can of gas blew up on top of Corky MacCarron's garage.

Fire engines showed up and it was very dramatic. The firefighters were scolding my father about fire safety. My father was muttering under his breath and my mother took all the kids in the house and we roasted marshmallows over a candle. It didn't have the impact of the three alarm fire we had in the backyard.

Every once in awhile we would suggest to my father that we roast chestnuts and he would give us a look that would send us packing. But I never forgot that long ago evening when we gathered to roast chestnuts on an open fire.

(This story is re-printed from the "Cape Breton Christmas Memories Book" on sale now for only \$4.95 at local book stores

OMG! Christmas is less than four weeks away!

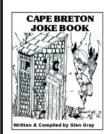
As you read this you are now forewarned ~ Christmas season is under four weeks away! Going to Halifax is a scary thought ~ shop local !!!!

This time last year we were being entertained by the North Sydney Seniors Club with the irrepressable Minnie Piercey who was finishing up her term as the president ~ what a time we had! Minnie always ran a tight ship! She was also full of the devil, or Newfoundland spirit as she called it, which was only topped off by the arrival of the "mummers" to the banquet hall. The senior club would take a canned goods collection from members which I would then distribute to those in need. This Christmas will really remind you or those cherished special events and gatherings, and some we took for granted ~ if only we knew! On that note please make a special effort to reach out to our seniors!!!! Do you remember the story, in the CB Post, last year about the gentleman that was having his Christmas alone, again, and the amazing response from capers all over the world... spread some joy, call a friend, visit, even if it is through the TISCO door... oops, Bradman door, just make an effort to let someone know you are thinking about them. [yes the kids at Clifford Street are making some cards for seniors as they always do]

Local groups are ramping up to receive your donation to their, and shared, charity... Clifford Street Youth Centre is no different. We are looking for most any items a child, boy or girl, ages 5-14 [or so] would be looking for this year. Gently used brand name clothes, sports equipment, laptops/ tablets/game systems [all working and with all attachments / even old systems etc] that fingernail polish you didn't like the color of, small gift cards from area restaurants, [has to be local/most do not have access to a car!] etc etc.... and of course a monetary donation will always find a proper use. BUT what else?

(Story continued on page 8)

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NOTE - Christmas Crafts will be starting shortly at the Library - watch for announcement on date and times

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I had the pleasure of interviewing the lead singer of a band that's been going strong since 1963, Exile lead singer JP Pennington. Exile best remembered for songs such as their 1978 hit Kss You All Over which went to number 1 in the US. &



NUMBER 2 in Canada. Give Me One More Chance that went to number 1 in the US & NUMBER 1 in Canada, Woke Up in Love and that also went to number 1 in the US & number 1 in Canada. Their CURRENT PROJECT Christmas Single "Kid At Heart." Special thanks to Bev Moser, publicist for arranging this interview.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Please send out Special Birthday Wishes to Julian Bushell who will be celebrating his 33rd birthday on December 6th. With Love from Sophia, Lucien and Lucille.

Local Artisans Set Un

Diane, at the Den of Antiquity, 12254 Kempt Head Road, has opened her doors to local artisans.

The current regulars include: **REN'S BAGELS** - fresh, homemade bagels and the "Sweet Treat of The Week". Pre-order by Saturday at 10 am email them at - rensbagels@gmail.com.

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There are 39 graduates in this photo. We have identified 9 so far.

You may see a family resemblance or perhaps remember a picture of a relative from back then. We would realy appreciate your help.

Beginning this week we will be offering a take home paper chain Countdown to Christmas craft for children.

BOULARDERIE FOOD BANK - With Christmas coming, donations of non perishable food items

would be appreciated.
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Next Food Bank Day is December 16th. We try to give extra this month. -

Some News items courtesy of Swing Over The Mountain News

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Bells Of Care Christmas Celebration Slated For Northside Guest Home

A Bells of Care Christmas Celebration will be live on "Northside Community Guest Home Foundation's" FaceBook page on Thursday, December 10th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

This year their residents and staff will help place donated bells on the Christmas tree to honor and remember their loved ones. They would like to encourage all members of the community to purchase a bell, all money raised from this event is used to enrich the lives of the residents.

The Northside Community Guest Home Foundation would like to thank the community members for their continued support.

Through The Years – A History Of Cape Breton Music

If you're looking for something different to listen to, try the Through The Years – A History Of Cape Breton Music (Podcast Series) from Coastal Radio.

You'll hear the history of Rodeo Records, singer/songwriters Barra MacNeils, John Allan Cameron, Matt Minglewood, Rita MacNeil, Allister MacGIllvray, Robert Bouchard, Buddy MacDonald, Max MacDonald, Aaron Lewis, Jimmy Rankin and more, Logon to the link below.

https://coastalradio.ca/through-the-years-a-history-of-cape-breton-music-podcast-series/





Take 2 with PAUL POWER

Storylines about pandemics and epidemics have been a mainstay in horror movie cultu re for a long time, but zombies actually predate them. Victor Halperin's 1932 film "White Zombie" is considered to be the first zombie film-so the walking dead have been among us for a long time now. Granted, there have been some really good zombie flicks released since then-and some real dogs too; these 2 films are not dogs-and the first actually starts with a deer. "Train to Busan" is a Korean film that was released 4 years ago-and one thing I found neat when watching it was despite the fact that it's all in Korean the subtitles let you understand exactly what the actors were saying (obviously the purpose of subtitles-LOL) and that feature gave it more authenticity. The worst thing to see and hear is when a film is dubbed to English, and all the actors sound like unemployed radio DJ's trying to sell used cars. The plot here involves a divorced workaholic father who is taking his daughter to her mother's place just as a chemical plant leak spreads across South Korea. The movie's intensity slowly builds up until the proverbial pot boils over-even though the majority of the movie takes place on a super train. The sequel,



"Train to Busan Presents: Peninsula" (released this year) is not as good as its predecessor, but it's worth watching. It takes place 4 years after the original, and has quite a bit of English spoken throughout, but its as if the film was painted with a brush covered in Hollywood varnish, making it slicker. In this case the action takes place in Incheon City in South Korea as a group of people are recruited by Chinese mobsters to go into the quarantined peninsula to retrieve a truck loaded with 20 million dollars. Of course, they will get a piece of the pie, or so they're promised. Desperation can make some people act reckless and do the unthinkable. "Train to Busan" had a total worldwide gross of \$98.5 million dollars so far- obviously a lot of people watched "Peninsula" has a worldwide total of 39 million so far; the irony of mentioning grosses and zombies together makes me chuckle. Next week I'll be looking at some great festive viewing. Take care, stay safeand wear a mask!



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(STORY CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

From an adult perspective a lot of parents are bracing themselves for the dreams of their children..., and the crushing reality that most items are just so expensive, especially electronics or cell phones. But the families, I have observed these past years, also find themselves in a different kind of predicament...

Some folks on the Northside [with our 40 % child poverty rate] will have their furniture repossessed, sometimes in early December, often times in January.... the company usually took away their "old" furniture when they delivered the new stuff... so they have little or nothing, no kids chest of drawers, no beds, no livingroom chairs, no kitchen table and so on... . During last January we located and delivered 5 - 6 house loads or furniture when this happened... One local agency had a number of couches, chairs and the like, in excellent shape, that they asked if I had a home for.. boy did I! There was a waterfall effect from this... When one home received a full matching house lot they donated some of their own, few remaining, items, these items found a new home and so on & so on down the line!

DRYERS! Most every other request I receive is asking if I have a used dryer. If you are upgrading your current properly working dryer please let me know... we don't fix them, but we can remove, preferably from an easy access place, and deliver them to a very appreciative family. This is especially relevant as the cold / wet weather sets in light of the limited winter clothing many have. Please no- dinosaur-buried- in- the- basement- old- giant televisions/dryers!

COATS. Need one? We will be receiving, in late / mid December a number of donated coats... many sizes... although we start our distribution from our office the message is spread throughout the Northside by the initial families who then reach their contacts for all those in need. If you are anticipating a need by then call the office, leave a message, stating gender/size/ style/ age appropriate you may be looking for- no guarantees but we usual have a full range of sizes, dial 902 794 9371.

Destiny, who was once of the kids at the office over a decade ago, has everything under control. Elf on the Shelf is up to their hi-jinx, decorations are up, and the kids anticipation level is amping up each week. The 'wish list' is starting to be filled out, less kids though this year, but most seemed scared to allow themselves to write it down... a kind of emotional self preservation? Destiny absorbed the Christmas spirit, and crates of decorations, from our past staff... some of who were christmas-a-holics... what an excellent vice to have lol... and she has brought new life to what has been a challenging year.

Don't forget to drop off a gift to the North Sydney Fire/ Canadian Tire toy drive coming up shortly!

Next week; Hard Candy Christmas... the true meaning of the season

Thanks all, wear a mask, sanitize, keep 6 feet apart BUT, still have fun and get outside... go see the lights and displays at night. Post some video for those that cannot get out, shop local! Paul Ratchford, & Destiny, for Clifford Street Youth Centre North Sydney - 902-794- 9371, open Mon-Fri, closed over holiday season.