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LEGION
NEWS**

**Christmas Holiday
Legion Schedule**

We will close at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve

Closed Christmas Day

Closed Boxing Day

Merry Christmas to all our members and a Happy and Safe New Year

Check out our new Christmas Page - music, stories, crafts, Bingo, Christmas music Podcasts - Logon to - **www.kleeradio.com**

The North Sydney Minor Hockey 50/50 Draw - this week will have extra draws this week. Get your tickets early before they sell out. Thank you for your support.

FREE PUBLICITY, simply email us with your information and we'll publish it free of charge in our weekly paper - just email us with your event information to us at this email address - thisweek@kleeradio.com

NORTH SYDNEY FIRE and RESCUE**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday****CHRISTMAS TREES**

Water your tree daily

Place trees away from heating source

Dispose tree after the holiday when needles are starting to fall off

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Check lights for frayed or exposed wires

Never run electrical cords under carpets or on the floor could cause a fire hazard or tripping hazard

Don't overload outlet could cause a fire

Turn Christmas tree light off before bed

Don't leave cooking in the kitchen unattended, it is a busy place during the holidays. Be Safe and have a Happy Holiday, from your Fire Prevention team

**CHRISTMAS PODCASTS**

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

traditional Christmas carols and local performers.

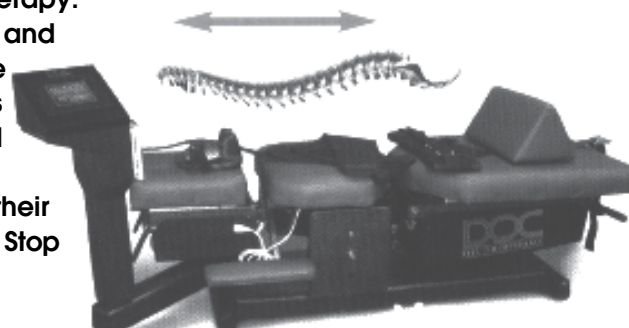
Logon www.kleeradio.com and click the Podcast link and download your free copy.

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LONGING



Dear Editor,

I long for my youth, an old man says, in his declining years.
rocking away in an old rocking chair, bringing his eyes to tears.
I long for my wife, my partner in life, I long for my children too.

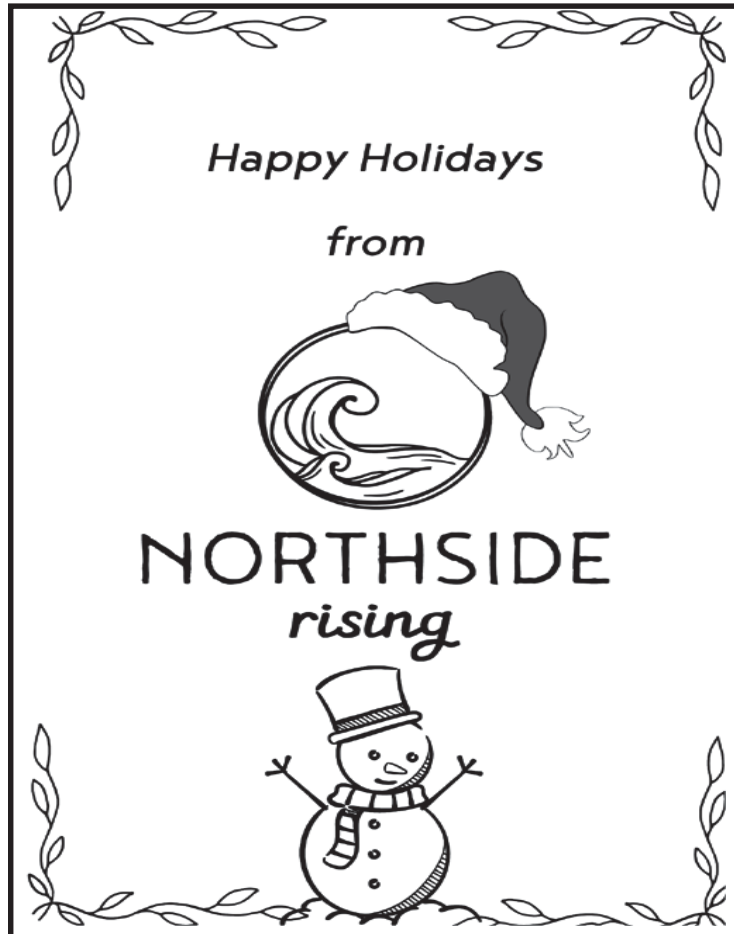
I long for my home in the country, and for my love so true.
I long for my fishing hole and the sweet smell of hay,
and for those warm summer days with our children
we used to play.

My longings now memories fading day by day forever holding
the images praying they will never slip away.

A scene repeated over and over on rocking chairs in
Old People's Home.

Silver Haired Folk of yesteryear, yearning when their lives
were so young.

Ron Gillis - North Sydney, NS



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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Cape Breton Regional Library Digital Launches New Service - hoopla

Our Digital Library has grown again with the launch of hoopla!

All library card holders can now access hoopla – a digital media service allowing you to instantly borrow digital movies, music, eBooks, and more.

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Beware Of Scammers This Christmas Season

The Christmas season is one of Joy and Happiness but that is the exact reason why scammers target you with various telephone and email scams.

One of the most recent scams is someone posing as a Revenue Canada agent advising severe penalties if you don't pay overdue tax bill immediately. The big tip off with this scam is that they advise you to buy gift cards to pay the debt. Don't listen to them, Revenue Canada does not solicit payment via the telephone.

Another one asks well meaning callers to purchase a puppy as the caller says he lost his job and can't take care of the dog. He then asks you to send him money and then directs you to a phony address to pick up the puppy but, of course, there is no one there.

Another scam that is making the rounds concerns job seekers. The scammers get your email information from online job seeking sites and then send you an offer of a job. They send you a cheque for travel expenses and then ask you for deposit information from your bank account. The cheque turns out to be false and they drain your bank account. Be wary of these job offers. Always check out the businesses they say they represent.

There is not a week that goes by that I don't receive several email solicitations from UPS, Fedex or Canada Post supposedly advising me that there is a

problem with my recent order. These are "phishing" scams that try to get you to give them your financial information. Avoid them.

If you are a small business, resist the temptation to open an unsolicited email regarding an overdue invoice or a bill for Yellow Page ads or some similar request. Use your common sense. You should know who you owe money to. Don't open these types of requests because they want to get into your computer system with a virus.

And, of course, the ever popular "a rich uncle died and you are in the will." scam. Don't be gullible. Look at the email. If it says "Dear Sir" it means that the sender does not know your name as a true law firm would. A lawyer would send a registered letter to inform you if this were true.

The biggest takeaway for all these scams is "if it's too good to be true, it probably isn't." Stay alert, Stay safe!!

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On Dasher! On Dancer!

Ideas often come at the oddest moments in one's life. They spring to life and, if they appeal to the inner child in most of us, they are acted upon without much forethought. I want to share with you one such idea that occurred at Christmas, 1957.

Kids always like to see reindeer in a parade or hear stories of Rudolph and all of Santa's other faithful companions. Fathers are always soft touches when it comes to Christmas and their children. They want the best for them.

We were no different from most families in Cape Breton. Our dad worked at the Sydney Steel Plant and we all loved Christmas and all the magic of the whole season. My father loved to hunt and fish as well. One Winter, just before Christmas, my father and his buddy Lauchie MacGuigan had bagged two very nice bucks in Margaree.

Over beers one Saturday night while watching the hockey game, they came up with the idea that they would use the two deer hides and the heads and dress up as reindeer and have the kids look out the window and see the deer. Lauchie even had hooked up a battery operated red light and placed it on one deer's head to make it look like Rudolph.

So far, this seems like a wonderful idea for the children at Christmas. It would be the highlight of the year for their kids to actually see a real deer out in the yard. They would stay far enough away from the house so as to appear as real deer.

Well, I for one, can assure you that we never forgot this very special Christmas. On Christmas Eve, it was pre-arranged to have Mother tell us the story of Santa's reindeer and then to suddenly look out the window and see the dream come alive. Well, that was the plan, and admittedly, it was a very nice gesture on the dad's behalf.

However, to quote a phrase, the devil's in the details. The two "reindeer" donned the hides and heads and sneaked into the back yard at the pre-arranged time. However, they neglected to tell the neighbours of their plan and also did not factor the dogs into the plan. Dogs, in 1957, were free to roam at will and it was like a wish come true to have two "reindeer" suddenly appear.

The two German shepherds began chasing the "reindeer" as if they were the Hounds of the Baskerville and the two deer were muttering Gaelic curses and trying to kick the dogs off. The kids, who were supposed to have an unforgettable memory, were treated to snarling dogs, kicking reindeer and one neighbour who actually thought two deer were out in the yard and went for his hunting rifle.

The lights went on all over the neighbourhood, the two "reindeer" finally made it to safety by locking themselves in Lloyd Piercey's barn. The dogs were in rare form snarling and barking and when the police arrived, they had to be physically restrained.

The police ordered the two "reindeer" to surrender and finally were allowed to go when the whole story was revealed and it was determined that nobody was trying to steal anything. We finally went to bed after being convinced by our mother that Santa's reindeer were okay and they would be ready to fly tonight to bring our presents.

Oh yes, it was a memorable night. On Dasher, On Dancer, On Prancer and Vixen

Deadlines For Two CBRM Programs

Eligible residents are encouraged to apply for two property tax assistance programs before the end of the year.

The Property Tax Financing Program is available to owners of residential or commercial properties who have experienced financial hardship through loss of revenue related to the Covid-19 State of Emergency.

Owners of properties used for tourist accommodations, such as hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts, may also be eligible.

Approved applicant's tax payments will be spread out over 30 months. The first six payments will be \$25 per month. The remainder of the tax bill will be divided by 24 to determine monthly payments. A low interest rate of 1.35 per cent will be applied to your monthly payments.

Another program for low income residents provides a \$225 tax rebate. The Low Income Tax Exemption is available to residential property owners living in their own homes. To be eligible, a resident's total household income must be less than the maximum income threshold as stipulated in the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement program. For 2020, the household income threshold is \$24,576.

Application forms for the Low Income Tax Exemption are available on the CBRM website and can be picked up at the Citizen Service Centre or through the mail by phoning 902-563-5025.

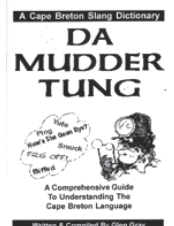
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NORTHSIDE NEWS



NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

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Christmas Holiday SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24th - Closed at

1:00 pm

DECEMBER 25 th - CLOSED

December 26th CLOSED

DECEMBER 31st - Closed at

1: 00 pm

JANUARY 1st - CLOSED



Merry Christmas from all
The Library Staff



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.

Warming Centers

A reminder that Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall, Ross Ferry Fire Hall and the Southside



Boularderie Fire Hall have all been designated as community warming centres in the event of a prolonged power outage.

Visit these centres to stay warm in an emergency



JACK COOL K-LEE RADIO DJ NEWS

I had the pleasure last week of interviewing Bill Macneil the General Manager of Coastal Community Radio Co-operative and Music Director for The Coast 89.7.

Bill and I had a great conversation about The Coast 89.7



the great on-air staff that works there the programming schedule also the fact that the Coast also trains volunteers to become successful broadcasters in the near future all good things like that

I would like to take this great opportunity to thank Bill for giving me the great opportunity of interviewing him - Merry Christmas everyone - Jack

I had the pleasure last week of interviewing Jack Thompson retired radio broadcaster brother of Radio announcer for the



Coast 89.7 Phil Thompson Jack and I had a great conversation on how he got into radio The Stations he was on such as 1380 CKLC & 98.3 FLY FM where he was the morning man from 1969 for about ten years many more .

Jack also mentions to me he got to interview some nice people one comes to mind the late John Candy. many more .

I would like to thank Jack for allowing me the opportunity to interview such a fine gentleman like himself to hear more on my conversation with Jack please go to https://www.mixcloud.com/jack_cool/my-interview-with-jack-thompson-dec-9-2020/

Local Artisans Set Up

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, home-made 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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SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

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

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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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www.sotmnews.weebly.com
monthly newsletter

You've heard of Rudolph the "Red Nose" reindeer but have you ever ever heard of Rambo, the "Brown Nose" reindeer?



Two Rivers Winter Light Up

Two Rivers Wildlife Park's Winter Light Up is Friday, December 18th to Wednesday the 23rd and Monday the 28th til Wednesday the 30th. The cost is \$10; kids under 2 admitted free. There will be a tractor wagon ride, cookies, hot dogs, and

hot chocolate included! Masks mandatory, please follow COVID-19 regulations.



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Christmas
Season**



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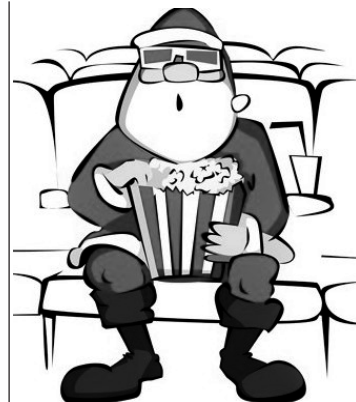
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Continuing with last week's trend I'm looking at festive holiday-themed movies that are a good alternative to the usual Christmas movies that are bombarding our screens, you know-the ones that after watching they make you feel like you just ate an entire box of Pot of Gold in 2 hours. **First up, "The Lego Star Wars Holiday Special"** is actually a great viewing choice-and at only 45 minutes in length it passes by quite quickly. I saw a well-known film and entertainment critic recently on TV who said that this feature is one that adults probably won't enjoy that much (I guess the Force just wasn't with him-or the Grinch was) but I disagree; there are some cheeky laughs aimed at an older audience in it, and as a big fan of the SciFi universe I love seeing CGI when it's done well; this feature has an amazing look to everything, especially the textures on all of the surfaces. Also, for SW (Star Wars) fans it's a treat to see the character of 'Rey' revisit iconic moments from the SW movie universe. I will admit that I do like the occasional musical-as long as the story or plot is one that catches my interest (as an example, I never watched "La La Land", and I don't think I ever will) but it was eye candy to view Netflix's **"Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey"**, featuring Forest Whitaker as a



disillusioned inventor, and his estranged granddaughter (played by Madalen Mills) who attempts to light a fire under her grandfather's butt to get him back to the way he used to be.

The movie itself looks amazing, with rich colours and costumes that give the whole thing an 1800's Steampunk look. Plus, the musical numbers are pretty darn good too. Other familiar faces here are Phylicia Rashad (Claire Huxtable from "The Cosby Show"), the amazingly funny Keegan-Michael Key ("Key & Peele" and "MadTV"), Hugh Bonneville ("Downton Abbey") and Ricky Martin provides the voice for the all too funny Spanish bullfighter robot Don Juan Diego. As day number 25 etches closer and closer remember to do the things that will put you on the nice list; be kind, patient and forgiving-especially to essential service workers and retail workers-and wear a darn mask!

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- 1 - Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch?"
- 2 - What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
- 3 - What is Scrooge's first name?
- 4 - In the 12 Days of Christmas song, what is given on the 8th day?
- 5 - How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Spanish?
- 6 - In the movie Elf, how does Buddy get to the North Pole?

ANSWERS 1 - Eggnog, 2 only Night, 3 Ebenezer, 4 Eight maids a milking, 5 Feliz Navidad, 6 He hides in Santa's sack

Sunday Morning Gospel Radio Show with host Pierre Chiasson
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Watch For K-LEE Christmas Music

Carol of the Bells from St. Andrew's Church

In previous years the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church has always done something special for the community of Sydney Mines during the holiday season. About ten years ago the late Charles Holmes came up with an idea of "Christmas at St. Andrew's" where the whole community of Sydney Mines was invited in to our beautiful church for a magical evening with carols, hot cider and cookies and tea. And in recent years Bob Quinn has performed several "Miners' First Noel" concerts with a variety of special guests which everyone enjoyed. This year because of Covid times, the church was not able to open the doors this year to do any of these things. Knowing this, Fred Johnston and Bob Quinn wanted to do something to brighten the holiday season for the town of Sydney Mines.

The idea they came up with was to pipe Christmas music out through the bell tower onto Main and Queen Street during the afternoon and early evening. When asked where the idea came from Johnston replied "Well each Sunday there is a selection of hymns on cassette tape that is piped outside just before church service begins, so I thought it would be nice to do this for Christmas with a selection of nice carols". But the challenge was they wanted carols to play for 3 hours at a time, so a cassette tape wasn't the equipment they needed. So Bob then put together a collection of favorite Christmas Carols on cd's that would please everyone. The two wanted the music to be timed for specific times during the day and early evening and to be heard on both Queen Street and Main Street, so the equipment had to be set up in the bell tower. After a few days the two had a five disc cd player on timers rigged up in the bell tower and ready to go.

So if you are walking by St. Andrew's in the afternoon or early evening and you happen to hear beautiful Christmas carols playing, just look up and you will immediately know it's coming from the church tower. In the evening you will also notice that the Nativity Scene window on the Queen Street side is all aglow. The Nativity window is usually lit up around the 15th of December but it was decided to have it lit up when we started playing the Christmas carols.

At this time, the congregation of St. Andrew's would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we hope if you happened to pass by our church you will enjoy this gift of music with our sincere thanks to Fred Johnston and Bob Quinn. Let us all rejoice this Christmas season.

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