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Legion Schedule**

We will close at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve

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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 -

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

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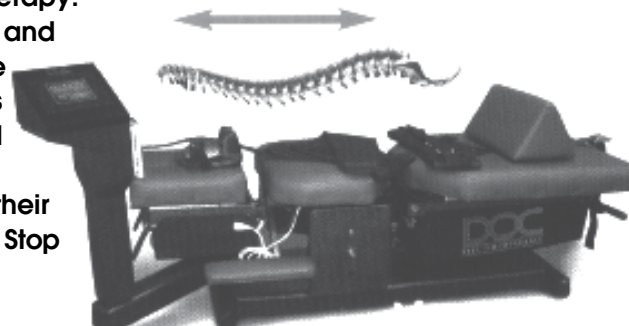
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YOUR WEEKLY TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1 - This huge musical instrument dominates Sydney waterfront
- 2 - Locks here help boats go from Bras d'Or Lakes to the ocean
- 3 - Marconi transmitted the 1st wireless message from this town
- 4 - This inland body of water translates as "Golden Arm"
- 5 - She hosted "The Women's Morning Program" on CJCB
- 6 - Giant MacAskill, born in Englishtown - what is his 1st name?
- 7 - They are Hertford and Ciboux - what are they?
- 8 - This bird is the official bird of Cape Breton Island
- 9 - The Rankin sisters - Cookie, Raylene and _____?
- 10 - He went on to coach the Montreal Canadiens hockey team
- 11 - He is known as the "Godfather" of Celtic music
- 12 - Uncle Buddy taught her to play the fiddle at an early age

MacMaster

ANSWERS - 1 The Big Fiddle, 2 St. Peters, 3 Glace Bay, 4 The
Bras d'Or, 5 Ann Terry, 6 Angus, 7 - The Bird Islands, 8 The Puffin,
9 - Heather, 10 Al MacNeil, 11 John Allan Cameron, 12 Natalie

Happy Holidays

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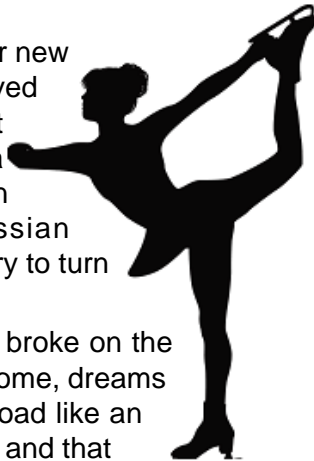
This story comes from Glace Bay where Joanie, a young girl in a family of 12, yearned for Olympic figure skating glory. The only problem was, she had no skates.

One day, as if in answer to her prayers, she found an old pair of skates in the roadside drain. She ran home to show the treasure to her family. Visions of stardom danced in Joanie's dreams.

The next day Joanie put on her new skates and headed out. She moved gracefully to the left.... the fact that she had two left skates helped a lot. She would twirl up and down the streets of #2 like a Russian ballerina. As long as she didn't try to turn right, everything was fine.

However, one day, the blade broke on the old skates and Joanie headed home, dreams shattered, clip clapping up the road like an unshod horse. But fate was kind and that Christmas Joanie got her first pair of new skates. Joanie never made it to the Olympics but at least she could now turn both ways.

Now, each year as Christmas approaches, Joanie gathers up old skates in the neighborhood and gives them away to less fortunate kids.



Thank You

As we come to the end of our 10th year of publishing the Northside This Week News, we would like to take a little time to thank all those who have contributed to its success.

Thank you to all the community minded advertisers who have contributed financially to keep us publishing each week.

Thank you to all our readers who faithfully pick up and read our paper each week, your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all the Legions, Libraries and seniors clubs for supplying us with community news all year long.

Thank you to Lloyd Dixon who delivers the paper each week to our outlets.

Thank You to the outlets who allow us to place our paper each week so you can read about community news.

Special Thanks to DJ Jack Cool for his weekly news column and to Paul Power who writes his music column each week.

And we can't forget the staff at **Kwik Kopy Printing** who do the actual printing of the paper each week, thank you Robin, Samantha and Tom for your expertise.

Thank you to Ron Gillis for his poetry all year long.

And, most of all, thank you to all our dedicated readers who pick up the paper each week or download it from our website.

God Bless us everyone!!
Merry Christmas to you all.

NEXT WEEK'S EDITION

Next week, because of the Christmas holidays, we will publish an electronic edition of our paper and it can be downloaded from our website - www.kleeradio.com

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Finding The Silver Lining During The COVID Pandemic

North Sydney business entrepreneur Angela Iannetti, like many small business owners, was hit hard by the COVID crisis as she operated two businesses, a hair salon studio and a restaurant and catering business. But, like many resourceful business owners, she adapted and was able to create alternate course.

Angela had a request by Sandra Ernst, of DS Music Productions, North Sydney, whom at the time was manager of a local department store where Angela had frequented, to sing a song titled Bonfires, a song written by Todd Ingram a North Sydney resident, and partner of Sandra Ernst. Bonfires would become a commemorative song for the 100th anniversary of WW1, a song which played in Europe, the UK and parts of the United States. Sandra and Todd were a major influence on the events to follow. Angela was taken back by the offer initially, as she had not done any professional singing, and had only sang in several choirs, and for fun among friends, nothing formal, or professional by any stretch. After recording Bonfires, in Halifax, a recording studio owned and operated by Chris Iannetti, Iannetti Recording, Angela's nephew, As she became bitten by a recording bug and it triggered the ignition of her life long silent dream, music.

Angela came from a family of music, grew up listening to her brothers and sister, and cousins, all of whom are musically inclined and had bands when they were young, and hung on to every note from Chubby checker to Elvis, and her passion grew. Angela, owner operator of Hair Masters Private College, and Angela's Kitchen and Catering, both located in North Sydney, faced the challenge of business closures in March of 2020, like many local businesses. Angela panicked at the beginning, and then decided to use the down time to pursue a lifelong dream, singing and writing, opening a window of opportunity, during her business closures.

Since September of 2020 Angela has recorded and released two albums and two poetry books. The first album was released Sept 2020, at the Northern Yacht Club North Sydney, on her 60th Birthday. Chris Iannetti and Ross Billad, two of the six musicians who worked on completing both albums, performed at the release party, while Angela sang the songs on the new album, titled Full Circle.

Full Circle consists of eight songs, five original and three cover songs. The songs are performed in a variety of styles, ranging from country, jazz, blues, blue grass, Celtic, and epic war ballads. Cover songs are Crazy by Patsy Cline, Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen, and Under Your Scars by Sully Erna, Godsmack, all revised with Angela's own style. Angela said she had a difficult time to hold tears back as she was overwhelmed by the support of friends and family. "I was terrified singing, scared my throat would close off, but I managed to get through it with the help of my Friends and Family to whom I owe a great big thank you."

With Christmas approaching Angela got it into her head to record a Christmas Album. Keeping it in mind that it took her over a year to complete the first album. and there was less than two months to record and release a Christmas Album. Well, here we are, DecemThe Lemon Tree - Fraser Ave, Sydney Mines, Buffet's Office Supplies - Commercial St, North Sydney, Mr. Fi's Frame Shop - Commercial St, North Sydney, Hair Masters Salon/School

- Archibald Ave, North Sydney, The Cape Breton Curiosity Shop - Charlotte St, Sydney, Atomic Records - Sydney River, Emerald Isle - Welton St, Sydney, Hunted Treasures, Whitney Pier, Arlie's Gifts - Glace Bay, Lillie's Nail Spa - Glace Bay, Collette's Restaurant - Whycocomagh, The Co-op - Whycocomagh, The Farmer's Daughter - Whycocomagh. Angela will take orders by phone and email as well, and can be reached at 902 577 8787, or angelaianetti@hotmail.ca. The cost of the CD and Poetry Book Gift Package is \$20.00, and she will gladly mail it out to you upon request." A Cape Breton Christmas", consists of eight beautiful

Christmas Songs, each with its own unique style. Songs such as, O Holy Night, If Every Day Were Like Christmas, Jingle Bell Rock, Santa Baby, I heard The Bells On Christmas Day, Mary Did You Know, The Christmas Song, and last but not least, Winter Wonderland, will delight you in easy listening while you celebrate the magic of Christmas.

As for distribution, download versions of the Cd's may be purchased upon request, contact Angela. I am presently, in the process of having I-tunes, Apple, You Tube and all social streams through CD Baby exporting my Music.

Unique to the CD's which Angela is promoting is that Full Circle has five original songs, three written by Angela, one by Todd Ingram, and one by Paul Ross, also a North Sydney resident. When you purchase a CD, it comes with a Poetry Book of heart felt poetry written by Angela. Each of the poems relates to life in Cape Breton, and is sure to pull on a heart string and bring back warm memories. I like to keep my poetry uplifting says Angela, as everyone, no matter who, needs to have their spirits lifted, and be reminded that dreams are real,

and there is always hope. Recently. I have been approached by a local radio station requesting to play my music as apparently, someone sent in a letter and a copy of the music and poetry. At first, I thought it was a practical joke, then I realized they were serious and I was completely shocked to say the least as this was totally unexpected, and truly a surprise, far beyond my expectations.

Angela has been requested by various individuals to recite and record her poetry for the benefit of individuals whom may not be able to enjoy reading due to visual impairment. "I think in addition to promoting the two recent Albums Full Circle, and A Cape Breton Christmas, I will be writing, reciting, and maybe looking at a third album, I'm thinking Gospel. John Ratchford, of Ratchford Photography, North Sydney and LeeAnn Fraser of Princess Printing, Sydney Mines, helped me pull the art work together for both CD covers. Musicians, namely Chris Iannetti, Ross Billard, Chris Pottie, Anthony Risesco, Peter Janes, Ryan Roberts, Todd Ingram, Paul Ross, amazing talented people who made it possible for me to see my dream become a reality. A special thank you to Chris Iannetti, owner of Iannetti Recording Studio, Halifax, who helped to make this all possible. Producer, Song Writer, Engineer, and Musician, all mastered with talent, commitment and, emotion in every song he touches. Thank you Chris..Angela hopes that her story will remind people that anything is possible at any age, even during a Pandemic."



AROUND THE TOWN



Another year has come to an end and it has been a very disrupting year with all the effects of COVID on personal health and businesses on the Northside. Also included in this scenario are the Legions, fire halls and seniors clubs who have seen their activities reduced and their fund raising projects all cancelled. It will be a challenge in 2021 to keep these clubs and businesses operating but there is some bright light at the end of the tunnel. There have been at least two new vaccines approved for distribution and this will undoubtedly help with making decisions regarding social and businesses activities. Cape Bretoners have faced many downturns and economic disasters especially in the steel making, coal mining and fishing industries over the years and yet, somehow, we survive and go on with our lives. This spirit of optimism is ingrained in us. As I look towards 2021, I anticipate that by Spring we will have endured the worst of the lockdowns and things will start to head in the direction of "normal" and we can start to enjoy life again as we used to before COVID. I would like to say a heartfelt Thank You to all our readers, advertisers and contributors who have made my job as editor easier all year long. Thank you all and Merry Christmas and let's all look forward to a new and Prosperous New Year - God Bless!! - **GLEN**



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That special day is almost here so I'm finishing my recommended picks for holiday viewing with 2 of the best so far; "**Happiest Season**" is a new romantic comedy on Hulu directed by Clea DuVall-starring Kristen Stewart, Mackenzie Davis, Alison Brie, Aubrey Plaza, Dan Levy, Mary Holland, Victor Herber, and Mary Steenburgen in a story that details a yuletide disaster as Davis's character and her girlfriend (Stewart) spend Christmas with Davis's uptight, entitled, social climbing politically elite parents who don't know that their daughter is a lesbian (this is actually the first Queer Christmas 'Rom-com' to be backed by a major studio) and the story's based on Clea DuVall's own experiences. This movie is intelligent, funny and touching-and even though Daniel Levy has more of a supporting role here he basically steals the limelight when shades of his "David" character from "Schitt's Creek" shine through. He always has the best lines. The second recommendation is "**Last Christmas**"; "Game of Thrones" fans will be thrilled to see Emilia Clarke (Daenerys Targaryen-"Mother of Dragons") play the haphazard, ditsy and irresponsible party girl "Kate" who works as an elf in a Christmas shop owned by "Santa" (played by the amazingly funny Michelle Yeoh). I don't want to give too much away but Kate meets an enigmatic stranger named "Tom Webster" (played by Henry Golding) who sweeps Kate off her feet, and she falls in love with him;



what happens towards the end of the movie is a jaw-dropper, as a crucial piece of information is given to the viewer-and it's waterworks time for sure. The movie's title comes from the Wham song of the same name, and without doing a total spoiler I will say that the first 7 words of that song are a hint about this movie. The wonderful soundtrack contains 14 Wham/George Michael solo songs, and the previously unreleased song "This Is How (We Want You To Get High)". The critics panned this movie (bunch of Grinches!) but audiences loved the flick, and when people are paid to review movies for a living they can become jaded and cynical. Never let a reviewer determine whether you should see a certain movie or not-at the end of the day the only opinion that matters for personal viewing is yours. Admittedly, this movie can be a little bit cheesy, but cheese is delicious-right? Plus, the movie will warm your heart on these cold winter nights. Merry Christmas!

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In what has been described as a difficult year it has been a unique pleasure to have spoiled the children who attend Clifford Street Youth Centre ~ all thanks to the donations received this year from awesome Northsider's! Every donated item allows us to allocate our limited funds toward a specific "dream" gift for each child participant ~ and did we ever!

Children adapt well generally but the wholesale change of the school year, remote learning, loss of developmental interactions and the whole world being on edge has created a stressed environment for children. Anxiety levels are higher since March which only worsened as this Christmas season approached. Kids were snapping, parents were snapping, and the news from off island was only adding to the stress. What could possibly change this for kiddies? Christmas dreams of course! [and sadly the reality that dreams often go unfilled]

But in a year unlike any other the Northside's generous nature showed! When the going got tough the tough showed their true understanding with kindness and compassion for others.

This year a large local retailer partnered with the North Sydney Fire Department & Santa to hold a toy drive for the Northside. Items collected were distributed among the many helping agencies of the Northside... all of who shared in the booty. Ten thousand dollars of toys were donated by the retailer, with thanks, AND with the public donating a matching amount!! Holy cow! Clifford Street was invited, amongst many others, to attend with our Christmas lists...which effectively doubled our usual gift giving... just wow! Then we received a large donation from a local woman entrepreneur, and then some local retired community members, and then some office staff on Memorial Drive... along with some more from new and old friends & patrons.... This year was by far the most generous year of giving to the children, all thanks to the support of caring Northsider's!!!

The messenger sometimes matters.... Santa, in a North Sydney Fire truck no less, arrived just prior to our opening for our Christmas party. With a long line of children who had been waiting for, in some cases, hours he made his way in with a large and full bag... ten minutes later he left with an empty bag... lights and siren wailing under the care and control of Santa's navigator Chief Lloyd MacIntosh. Kids weren't excited at all [kidding]. Due to covid the kids were continued to wear their masks and were distanced inside the various rooms / all spread out inside the youth centre. No food, treats or drinks this year

as masks would have to come down... a few quick games with small cash prizes to build the excitement all the while waiting for my traditional slow countdown to 3. The littles were amped as we passed out the bags of gift's.. no peeking until everyone gets theirs! The teens acted indifferent as only teens can be, especially when in a group, distanced, where I am sure it was a contest to see who could be the least interested appearing. The middles were just happy to be there while the volunteers, some new to this experience, looked hopeful that all would go well. Our traditional list has four spots on it: 25/50/75 / & dream... which the kiddies start filling out after Remembrance Day... the numbers represent a rough dollar value. Each kiddie is told that they may get one or two, if lucky, of their list~ no guarantees! This year, thanks to so many of you, the children actually received virtually everything on their list...unprecedented times indeed! This has never happened in our almost fourteen years!!!

The littles were vibrating from all the colorful gifts, the teens were shocked to see what they received, electronics, with some nearly fainting [and actually grateful despite their teen inclinations lol], but the biggest energy came from a room with pre-teen boys who were louder than the entire office combined. While we had less children, and only the one party, this was by far the most appreciated. Not only by the children, but very much so by their parents who later expressed their relief... It was going to be a hard candy Christmas for many this year. This year it was, more than usual, that the gifts from the youth centre are the only Christmas gifts the child would receive....

Thank you to all who donated whether to Clifford Street or any other hard working group. This year has been memorable for a lot a difficult reasons... BUT as we know that can all forgotten come year end & Christmas... to all of you who completely changed how a large group of our future citizens will remember 2020 a big thank you, air high five, virtual air hug and wishes that your future is as filled with as much possibility as the kid's lives your touched this year!

All the best from Paul Ratchford & new super star Destiny @ Clifford Street.

PS; in case you are wondering what a dream gift can be it went all the way from a laptop to the little girl who dreamt of bubbles, dollar store soap bubbles, and was as equally excited by a five dollar five inch teddy bear... oh and her new pillow... it's the thought and the memory it creates, Northside, this year you created your masterpiece!