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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 23 Topsy Eve,
with Full Circle from
8:00 - 12 - \$5.00 at the door.

December 24th - Wade,
Todd & Ernie from 2 - 5 pm,
Customer Appreciation Day
Finger Foods

December 26th - Commu-
nity Christmas Dinner 12 -
6:00 pm all are welcome

**Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 83 - Florence**

**NOW
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**12 - 12 DAILY
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Sunday**

THE CIRCLE

Saturday 7:00 - 10:00

**Mixed Dart League
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SOON**



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FRIDAY NIGHT

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**BRANCH 008
LEGION
NEWS****POPPY CAMPAIGN -**

Make sure you support this
year's Poppy Drive as it is our
major fundraiser for Veterans
Programs all year long.

DUES for 2021 has started.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday to Thursday

11:00 - 9:00 pm

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SATURDAY - 11:00 - 12:00 pm.

**Ladies Auxliary Meeting
and Election Of Officers** -will
be held on Dec. 6th at 8:00 pm.

**Ladies Auxiliary Adopt-
A- Family on the Northside
50/50** - winner was George
Faulkner No. 87

**Branch 008 Legion Elec-
tion Of Officers** - November
26th at 7:00 pm

The North Sydney Minor
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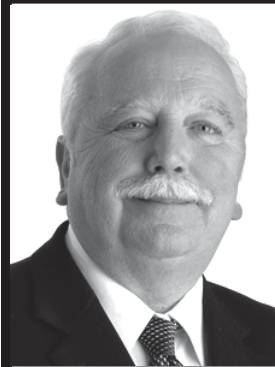
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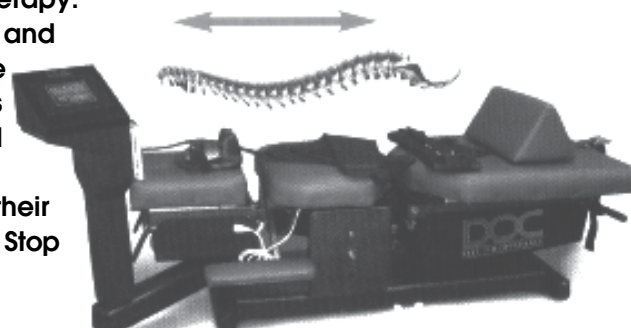
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Christmas At The Savoy Theatre

There's good news on the horizon - the Savoy Theatre in Glace Bay will be featuring two Christmas concerts this year with diminished capacity due to COVID.

Pam Leader, the executive director of the theatre said it was time to open after 8 months of closure.

Due to COVID restrictions the theatre can only accommodate 200 guests for each performance so get your tickets early as it will sell out soon.

And our own Northside Barra MacNeils will be featured in the opening concert and they will be on stage starting December 11th.

Bette MacDonald, Maynard Morrison, Jennifer Sheppard and Stephen Muise will perform in the next concert and they have been performing Christmas shows for the past several years at the Savoy Theatre.

Because of COVID and the smaller crowd capacity, the Savoy will also live stream the concerts and you can buy a ticket for that as well to be able to enjoy the concerts in the comfort of your own home. I think that virtual performances will be the wave of the future for local performances.

Like many local businesses, the Savoy needs the financial support to keep solvent until COVID is no longer a problem. Live streaming may be the answer to local performers having an audience during the pandemic.

Management at the Savoy indicated that in-person tickets go on sale Monday, while tickets to watch the show virtually will most likely be available beginning Wednesday.

It finally feels a little "normal" with the Barra MacNeils and Bette & Maynard back at the Savoy and we can say "humbug" to COVID and get on with our Cape Breton Christmas celebration.

COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

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NORTHSIDE RISING NEWS ITEMS

NORTHSIDE RISING is conducting a community-based research project, called Invictus: Exploring Hope on the Northside. Led by Dr. Ed Michalik, Invictus will help us understand the nature of hope on the Northside.

We are now calling on the community to participate in a short survey, which can be accessed at:

<http://northsidesurvey.ca/>

Participants are automatically entered to win a \$500 cash prize!!!!

Reconciliation in Action: Stories of Friendship and Collaboration - This virtual coffee house will be a space for reflection based on the 3rd session in the CBU speaker series "Politics of Hope". Join us LIVE on Facebook: Friday, Nov 20th 9am-10:30 am:

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Br. 008 Election Of Officers - Nov. 26 - 7 pm
Adopt A Family Ticket Winner - George Faulkner**

Auxiliary Meeting & Election of Officers - December 6th - 8:00

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AROUND THE TOWN



How ironic that this **Remembrance Day** was a record warm temperature and the **Veterans** could not parade - I remember the many, many cold, wet and windy November 11ths - Don't forget to make your contribution to the local **Legion Poppy Fund** as these funds go the Veterans Programs all year long - Here's a suggestion to all of you who sponsor "**Adopt A Family**" projects - why not make your local Legion this year's "Adopt A Family" they need it as much as any family and the need goes on all year long - that would make a great Christmas present - or make a donation to the **Poppy Fund** for a family member you normally buy a gift for those "hard to shop for" relatives - your donation in their name would make a very welcome Christmas gift - and, speaking of Christmas, I want to make a little plug for my **Cape Breton books** - see the ad below this column - we have **7 titles** and a new book "**The Trivia Game Book**" which would make great stocking stuffer gifts **K-LEE RADIO** will be broadcasting their annual Christmas music playlist starting on Tuesday, December 1st with **traditional Christmas Carols** and local Cape Breton artists..... we have a story from our Cape Breton Christmas Book on **page 5** of this issue..... Nice to see our own **Natalie MacMaster** receive the Order of Nova Scotia for her musical talent and being an ambassador for our province, well done Natalie..... Nice to see the **Savoy Theatre** back in action again, see story on **page 3** for details how you can attend the concerts online **Northside Rising** has an "Exploring Hope" initiative being held on the Northside, see **page 3** for story also join their Facebook **Virtual Coffee House** on Facebook: Friday, Nov 20th 9am -10:30 am ... **FREE PUBLICITY** - If your group or organization is planning an upcoming event, please send us your information and we'll publish it free of charge - email us at - thisweek@kleeradio.com - Till Next week - **GLEN**

Rainbow Bridge... time waits for no one

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge. When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge. There are meadows and hills for all of our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food, water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable.

All the animals who had been ill and old are restored to health and vigor. Those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember them in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing; they each miss someone very special to them, who had to be left behind.

They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. His bright eyes are intent. His eager body quivers. Suddenly he begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, his legs carrying him faster and faster.

You have been spotted, and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face; your hands again caress the beloved head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge together.... Author unknown...

A few weeks, articles, ago I mentioned that our resident feline, Mittens [M'tens], who came to us over thirteen years ago, was not feeling the best. I regret to inform her many fans, children & adults, students, grant workers, visitors and workers alike, that just prior to her vet appointment she passed...on Thursday. She will be greatly missed by the children who so often spoke to her when they wanted one on one attention... Mittens was a great listener... and her knowing stare seemed to calm any calamity the children were living through. We are not seeking another cat at this time due to the instability of

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UP ON THE ROOFTOP

There's an old Burl Ives Christmas song that tells of reindeer up on the rooftop with Santa bringing joy and presents to all the children of the world. We would sing it each year as a run up to Christmas Eve and the big day.

Christmas is also the time when fathers make fools of themselves. It's not always evident at the start, but before the tale is ended, it seems to deviate from the main story. Take, for example, this tale from my early childhood of living through a traumatic Christmas event originally planned as an unforgettable Christmas story that would stagger your imagination.

The story begins, as many of the great Christmas adventures do, with two dads sipping beer in the basement and wondering what to do to amuse the children this year at Christmas. They thought some more, drank a beer, thought some more, drank another beer well you get the idea.

Finally, in an alcoholic haze, the idea unfolds as in a dream. One dad would dress up as Santa Claus and go up on the roof while the other held him steady with a rope. Santa would also have some bells with him to make the kids think that Rudolph was there as well. They planned this in advance and the idea was to have all the neighbourhood children gather around the Christmas tree in our house and have Burl Ives sing Up On the Rooftop. Suddenly, like a scene out of Charles Dickens, Santa and Rudolph would appear on the roof and amid bells ringing and Santa Ho Ho Ho.. ing to wish every boy and girl a Merry Christmas.

To paraphrase Robert Burns, "sometimes plans often go astray." The idea seemed sound when planted firmly on the ground but when you have a 250 pound man climbing a snow covered pitched roof wearing Steel Plant boots, you just know something is going to go wrong.

Bimbo Lusk wrapped a rope around Santa as a safety precaution and anchored it around his waist. He played out the rope as Santa climbed the roof. Just like clockwork, as Burl Ives finished his song, bells rang out from up on the roof. Santa was here! All the kids listened as they heard Rudolph's bells ringing. Santa, to make sure the kids heard Rudolph, started pawing the roof. That was the first mistake. The kids heard santa bellow, Ho, Ho ... holy shit as he began his death spiral down the slippery roof.

Bimbo felt the rope tighten and tried to lasso the fence post. He finally got the rope tied off just as Santa was about halfway to the ground, directly in front of the picture window. The kids all ran to the window in wonderment waving to Santa. However, he was oblivious and yelling, "Get me the hell down from here!" Mothers scrambled to herd the kids away from the window, fathers rushed outside to help Bimbo untie the rope and lower Santa gently to the ground.

Santa now found himself the centre of attention surrounded by innocent faces. He rallied however, and pretended that Rudolph was playing a joke on him and everything would be okay and the kids should get home to bed.

Santa walked away gingerly as the rope had found its way to Santa's nether regions and it was difficult to stand. On the record player came the strains of Burl Ives singing, "Up On The Rooftop reindeer paws"

This story from "Cape Breton Christmas Memories" book on sale now at local bookstores.

FREE COVID SIGNS

As part of our community service. THIS WEEK has COVID signs available for your business, home or office to download free.

The signs are all in color but are in black and white here for illustrative purposes.

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We have included 5 signs for you to download -

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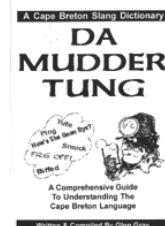
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NOTE - Christmas Crafts will be starting shortly at the Library - watch for announcement on date and times

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Free Remembrance Day songs Podcast - see page 8 for story and how to download your own free songs Podcast from our website - www.kleeradio.com

Check out our website for things to occupy you and your children's time
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Seeds On The Wind - by Devin Meany

It was a beautiful summer day and Aeris Wynter was basking in the heat of the sun, her once subtle tan quickly turning to a vibrant scarlet. Dandelions were multiplying all through the yard, but she was so excessively in love that she could not muster up the time or ambition to get rid of them.

She had formed a deep infatuation with a male suitor, so she spent the majority of her free time daydreaming of a love that would rival all the stories and fairy tales she had heard in her youth. Just like the dandelions that blossomed all around her, her affection flourished. Like a rampant growth, it consumed her every waking moment.

She laid upon the grass as she tried to form a plan to cultivate a relationship with the man she so desired. She became lost in her thoughts, but soon focused on one of the flowers she used to abhor. Aeris once viewed dandelions as nothing more than an ordinary weed, something to be dug up and removed. Now she recognized them as something more. The germination of the common dandelion was just as uncontrolled as her ever growing lust for an intimate embrace... and she now viewed them as a symbol of unbridled existence.

She plucked one of the flowers from the earth, and with a soft sigh she blew the seedlings all across the yard. She closed her eyes, and with a beaming smile she made her wish. Nothing would stop her from finding the love she wanted and needed. Just like the weeds that now encircled Aeris, her profound longing would never truly die.

**Spaghetti & Meat Ball
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A Spaghetti and Meat Ball Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 29th from 12 - 6:00 pm. at the North Sydney Fire Hall.

This Dinner will be Take Out only and there is Free Delivery Available.

The Dinner is in support of an active member and your support would be greatly appreciated.

The cost of the Dinner is \$12.00

**JACK COOL
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DJ NEWS**

Jack Cool will return next week with another of his "DJ News"

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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 really appreciate your help.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Please send out a special Birthday wish to my granddaughter, Michelle Burke, who will be celebrating her 7th birthday on November 21st. Love from Nannie and Poppy Fraser.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Carl Lewis on his 44th birthday, November 22nd - from Jane and the kids

Holy Family Parish Plans A Retirement Celebration

Holy Family Parish in Sydney Mines is saying goodbye to a few of our staff... In honor of their service to the Parish.

We are hosting a Retirement Celebration for Father Oliver, Deacon Greg and Sharon Iannetti.

Join us for some music, a few laughs and maybe some tears too.

This event will be held on Wednesday November 25th at 7:00pm BY REGISTRATION ONLY

Seating is limited and you must register by calling the office. 902 736-8333. All Covid restrictions are being followed. You will be required to wear a mask during the event.



When one thinks of movies with pandemics and epidemics as the central theme they'd most likely pick "Contagion" or "Outbreak", but a lesser-known film should be included in that horror/shock lexicon; "**Pontypool**" is a Canadian horror film from 2008 that took a totally unique story approach to an infection that spreads among the townsfolk of Pontypool, Ontario; the way the infection spreads is totally unique (I guarantee that you've never seen anything like this before) but the end results are just as deadly. Without giving away too much of this great flick, it starts off with a local radio 'shock jock' announcer (Antigonish born Stephen McHattie, who looks so much like Lance Henriksen here, as Stephen plays the role of Grant Mazzy) who's accosted on a remote road in the middle of a snowstorm by a hysterical woman screaming "blood" over and over before she scampers away. The rest of the movie takes place in a church basement where the local radio station is located, and the fact that a small cast carries this movie (with Stephen being joined by Lisa Houle as the station producer, Georgina Reilly as the station's technician and Hrnt Alianak as Doctor Mendez) and regardless of the fact that they're in a somewhat claustrophobic setting, it only adds to the tension and plot development. There's a funny take on the radio



station's 'eye in the sky' helicopter reporter, and how the station staff try to maintain some semblance of sanity, and be the beacon of information for the townsfolk when they are essentially hostages barricaded away from the carnage that lies outside. As time passes, Dr. Mendez starts to put the pieces of the medical puzzle together to form what comes to be a horrifying reality for everyone. Even though Grant Mazzy has a million thoughts running through his mind at the same time, while trying to keep it all together he eventually sees what the next step must be, and moves towards the ultimate conclusion of the story. Spoiler Alert: do not stop watching the film when the end credits start because there's a final-final scene that changes the movie's ending in a big way. This film is a bit quirky, unusual and oh so good. It's spine-tingling Canuck storytelling at its best.



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Watch For K-LEE Christmas Music

funding / covid concerns / coping with loss for a while!]

We were lucky that Mittens came along... she solved the annual mouse problem for us, greeted everyone at the door, hid when she had enough attention for the day, taught empathy and kindness, for literally hundreds of children who passed through the Clifford Street Youth Centre doors. Our children rely on continuity with the centre... it is quite possibly the one consistent reliable regular thing in their lives... while many have wonderful home lives some have already endured a lifetime of 'adult' sized problems. This is only made worse by the Northside's almost 40 % child poverty. A warm, furry, attentive face, Mittens, was a central part of the continuity... she is, and will, be missed.

Children are now preparing/decorating cards to remembrance day... the cards will be dropped off at local legions for them to distribute to their members.

We have been in touch with the Northside Guest home... this year each child at Clifford Street will be paired with a senior, from the guest home, as virtual Christmas gift "pen pals"... we are still working out the details but what an awesome, and original, idea from the staff at the Northside Guest Home!!!!

Clifford Street will be continuing with our usual, in these unusual times, Christmas celebrations... The children will some be creating their 'wish lists'... no Sears catalogue like we had, its now Canadian Tire and Walmart thirty page flyers full of toys lol..... and on line of course. The kids have to list toys under \$ 10, under \$ 25, under \$ 50 and then a no limit dream wish... all is up on the wall as a reminder to be good...and thank you to those that step up to purchase some of these 'listed' gifts to help Santa out. Santa may be a bit of a challenge... details again.

Remembrance Day is soon upon us... take the time to reflect on those that have served, continue to serve, and enjoy the freedom, and responsibility, that Canada offers us. Our Atlantic bubble requires your continued help too... and by the time this article comes out the US will have completed the election process... freedom to vote regardless of what you think of the outcome... Thanks to all those that voted a couple of weeks ago... democracy, freedom, at its finest...

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

BIRTHDAY WISHES are going out to twins Bobbie and Billy Jessome who will celebrate their 9th birthday on November 23rd. Best Wishes to the boys from Nannie, Grampie, Mom and Dad and all your school friends - We'll see you for cake and presents at home.

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