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# THIS WEEK

**NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS**

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## Can mosquitoes spread the coronavirus? Has that been factored into the estimates?

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Jason Kindrachuk, research chair of microbiology and infectious diseases at University of Manitoba, says mosquitoes aren't something we need to worry about.

"We haven't seen this with other coronaviruses, so it would be very off for something like this to take place," he says.

I guess that is good news for Cape Breton as we move toward Spring and Summer weather and the mosquito season.

## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS ITEMS

### SENIORS BINGO

The Regular SUNDAY afternoon Bingo resumes. There will be an Afternoon BINGO Game at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 6 Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines.

BINGO				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	42	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

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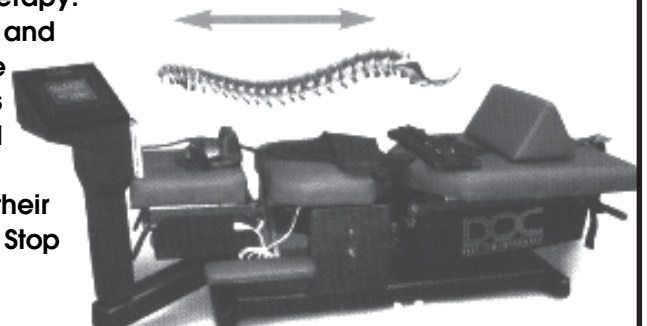
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# CORONA VIRUS QUIZ

- 1 - Coronaviruses are named for the spikes that protrude from their surfaces, resembling \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) barbed wire (B) shark's teeth (C) Sun's Corona
- 2 - The coronavirus spreads easily from person to person, traveling through the air, enveloped in tiny \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) bacteria (B) viral droplets (C) gamma rays
- 3 - Which of the following is **NOT** a common symptom of the coronavirus? (A) Cough (B) rash (C) fever
- 4 - Most people fall ill five to seven days after exposure, but symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as \_\_\_\_ days.  
(A) 14 (B) 21 (C) 28
- 5 - To prevent the spread of the virus. It is recommended that you wash your hands for at least \_\_\_\_\_ seconds  
(A) 10 (B) 15 (C) 20
- 6 - By maintaining a distance of \_\_\_\_\_ from others when possible, people may limit the spread of the virus.  
(A) 6 feet (B) 10 feet (C) 12 feet
- 7 - A vaccine for the coronavirus will take at least \_\_\_\_\_ to become available to the public.  
(A) 3 months (B) 5 months (C) 12 months
- 8 - How long does the Corona Virus survive outside the body?  
(A) 1 day (B) Minutes (C) hours to days
- 9 - What percentage of people confirmed to have Covid-19 develop mild or moderate symptoms?  
(A) 30% (B) 50% (C) 80%
- 10 - Can my dog or cat give me the virus?  
(A) YES (B) NO

ANSWERS - 1 C, 2 B, 3 B, 4 A, 5 C, 6 A, 7 C, 8 C, 9 C, 10 B



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## SING ALONG SHOW ON K-LEE RADIO 2



K-LEE RADIO is producing Specialty Programming during the Corona Virus outbreak. One of the programs is the Sing Along Show which features popular songs that everybody knows and loves to sing.

There is also an 80 page

Lyrics Handbook which is available to download for Free.

The show airs on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and Thursdays at 6:30 pm on the K-LEE RADIO 2 internet stream.

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## AROUND THE TOWN

Another week of **staying home** has passed and Easter is upon us - it seems strange that there are no church services as Easter is such a big **Christian celebration** and to not have church services will certainly seem odd.... News reports say over 1 million workers applied for **assistance** on Monday of last week, I have heard from several friends that it was quite easy to sign up - this is a real **positive** for a system that has had its share of electronic problems in recent years.... We have been busy with **specialty radio programming** for all our readers and listeners on **K-LEE RADIO 2**, a new internet stream with children's programming Monday-Friday at 6 pm and other shows such as Phantom Country, Late Nite Oldies, Pig & Whistle, Cape Breton Kitchen Ceilidh, Sing Along Show and Old Time Radio Shows from the 40s and 50s - we have committed the station to provide **free entertainment** as long as we have to stay indoors during the virus outbreak - I have been speaking with many of our advertisers in recent weeks and they have some real concerns that some of the local businesses may not be able to withstand the **financial impact** of a prolonged closure - there was praise for the government for the business and personal financial programs that will go a long way to keep people solvent - hard hit is the **cruise industry** and that means that many of the local businesses in Sydney will suffer this Summer as a result of the decreased cruise visits ... Parents are coping well enough now as they are off work at the same time as children are off school - since nobody is allowed to visit during this emergency, nobody can **provide day care** services so that makes it almost impossible for parents to go back to work.... I was asked by several friends what I thought would happen when the warm weather gets here regarding the **mosquito and black fly** season - read the front page and get the answer I was able to research, it's a happy outcome.... I miss all the **wonderful Northside people** I usually visit with each week, I hope we can get together again **soon** - stay safe and use all the **precautions**.

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### BIRTHDAY WISHES

Please send out Birthday Wishes to my very good friend Mabel Latimer who will be celebrating her birthday next week. Sorry we can't get together or go to lunch but when this virus outbreak is over, we'll get together and have a really good time. I will be thinking of you on your birthday - Emily

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monthly newsletter



The need is even greater now, please help out.

## VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS

Food has always played a big role in my Cape Breton Christmas. The baking starts at the beginning of December and many families also visit the various craft fairs and church bake sales to get special Christmas treats.

My mother and grandmother would work like the Kiebler elves baking all kinds of cookies, squares, tarts and various loaves and fruitcake. The smells in the house when you came home from school were heavenly. My mother would have a few mini treats for us so that we wouldn't pick at the cookies and squares.

We were allowed to decorate the sugar cookies and shortbread cookies with various colored icing and sprinkles. We accepted this honor with a great deal of importance because if we weren't doing it right, my grandmother would banish us from the kitchen.

Every year we looked forward to the frenzied baking and when we went to sleep we could still smell the delicious aromas from the various baked items. After one all day baking binge, my mother and grandmother had over 15 dozen cookies and squares and several loaves and three fruitcakes. They were left out overnight to cool before being packed away for Christmas.

I remember waking up to my grandmother's loud voice and wondered what was going on as my grandmother, born in Cheticamp, was never known to raise her voice unnecessarily. I knew there was trouble when I heard her speaking in agitated French. I could only imagine what various incantations or curses were being hurled on our two dogs who were lying on the kitchen floor in a state of stupor.

Apparently, the two dogs sampled just about every batch of cookies and those that weren't eaten were crumbled. The only thing left untouched was the fruitcakes and I could only imagine that even a starving dog would not have eaten them. My mother joined the chorus scolding the dogs and they did not move an inch.

Later, after they cooled down a little, my mother and grandmother called the vet and he said to bring the dogs over to see if they would have to have their stomachs pumped. I don't know what the vet did for them but the bill was \$45.00 and this was in 1964 so it was considered a lot of money for a mere dog.

I thought our Christmas would be ruined but as the neighbours heard the story, they began sending over a dozen cookies and shortbreads and by Christmas Eve we had the original 15 dozen all donated by sympathetic neighbours.

Christmas was its usual interlude of food, fun and fruitcake. Every time the two dogs came within ten feet of my Grandmother she would let loose with a French phrase. I don't know if the dogs understood French or not but they avoided her. I guess it worked because I can't remember them ever eating the Christmas goodies again.

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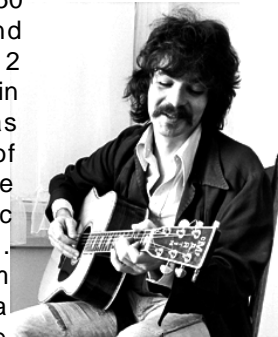


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## Take 2 with PAUL POWER

With the passing last week of John Prine I wanted to revisit the last album he did, 2018's **"The Tree of Forgiveness"**. John was well known for writing songs that, on the surface, seem a bit silly-but had a deeper and more insightful meaning. He toured for over 50 years and released over 2 dozen albums; in 2017 he was named Artist of the Year by the American Music Association. When an album kicks off with a song like



"Knockin' On Your Screen Door" you know you're in for a great time-it's a light up tempo country number dressed up in it's finest attire, with vocals that remind me of Kris Kristofferson. Now some people might say that John Prine was just a cantankerous old fart-well, those people are idiots because John Prine was more clever and relevant than they could imagine. His tongue-in-cheek lyrics have entertained fans for decades; "Egg and Daughter Nite, Lincoln Nebraska, 1967" is one such song that is also known as "Crazy Bone"-I will not say any more, you have to hear it for yourself to catch the meaning. As for some of

the other songs, "Summer's End" is reminiscent of a Neil Young number (it's beautiful, touching and sentimental) and "Caravan of Fools" is like something Johnny Cash might have done on his last albums.

It was common for John to sometimes get even quirkier than his usual slant from time to time, and he stretched out on "Lonesome Friends of Science", a song that should

be a big hit with "The Big Bang" cast and crew. John's lyrics and music on this album also had elements that made me think of Blue Rodeo - and "Boundless Love" would easily fit into a set list by Jim Cuddy and friends. One of the best

songs here is "God Only Knows" with it's 'not sure but sure it's not the best' view on actions, words and deeds. That looking skyward finished up the album with "When I Get To Heaven", a farewell ditty in which John wanted to smoke a cigarette nine miles long, find lost loved ones, get rid of his watch, "cause when you're dead-er a dead peckerhead" (according to his dad). This album was a great send off as John had cancer 2 times, and couldn't smoke anymore-but said he missed it every day. John Prine was 73 years old, and died from complications of COVID-19. God Bless him.



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### Whaddya Mean "They're All Gone??"

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Instructor Patsy MacKenzie. Come join us as we venture into this new experience .



### JACK COOL K-LEE RADIO DJ NEWS

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of interviewing Joey Travolta who is the older brother of Grease, Saturday Night Fever, Staying Alive and Welcome Back Kotter actor John Travolta. Joey is the director of the movie Carol of the Bells. the movie is about a boy with a complicated past which turns out to be a troubling discovery. Scott Johnson who is played by RJ Mitte and his pregnant wife Karen who is played by Yuly Mireles, who are raising their little boy, Jeremy, played Elijah Maximus. The movie also Stars Lee Purcell Donna as Mills as Carol's mother Helen, Geri Jewel. as Gloria, Andrea F. Friedman as Carol, and many more great people.

If you ask me, Jack Cool, I find the movie sends out a very clear message that even people

with disabilities have the right to pursue their dreams and happiness, whatever those dreams may be. Travolta who is an actor/ producer/ screenwriter and director works at Inclusion Films. They are a practical film Workshop that takes adults with developmental disabilities through the process of making a film. Travolta also said it's not about making films, it's both

the process of making films also during the process the people with disabilities get to learn social skills, they learn teamwork they learn to collaborate and the finished product you get the film that you can share with everybody. 70% of

the film crew for the production we're trained through their programs. What can I say, it's a must-see movie and it's streaming on internet platforms and you will cry and if you don't cry your heart will definitely melt. And that's just the way it was for K - Lee Radio DJ news for this week now you're up-to-date - I'm Jack Cool.



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Jack Cool - Friday at  
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For the latest and most comprehensive list of local events, logon to - [www.musiccapebreton.com](http://www.musiccapebreton.com) Mike Little updates his listings each week.

Some News Items courtesy of **Swing Over The Mountain Newsletter** - Login to read it at - <http://sotmnews.weebly.com>

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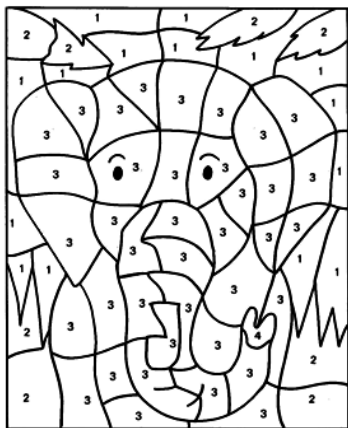
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**Color By Number Pics**  
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We have three Color By Number pictures you can download from the Kids Radio Page on our website.

The pictures come with numbers in the various areas and the color code is printed on the bottom to tell children what color to use.

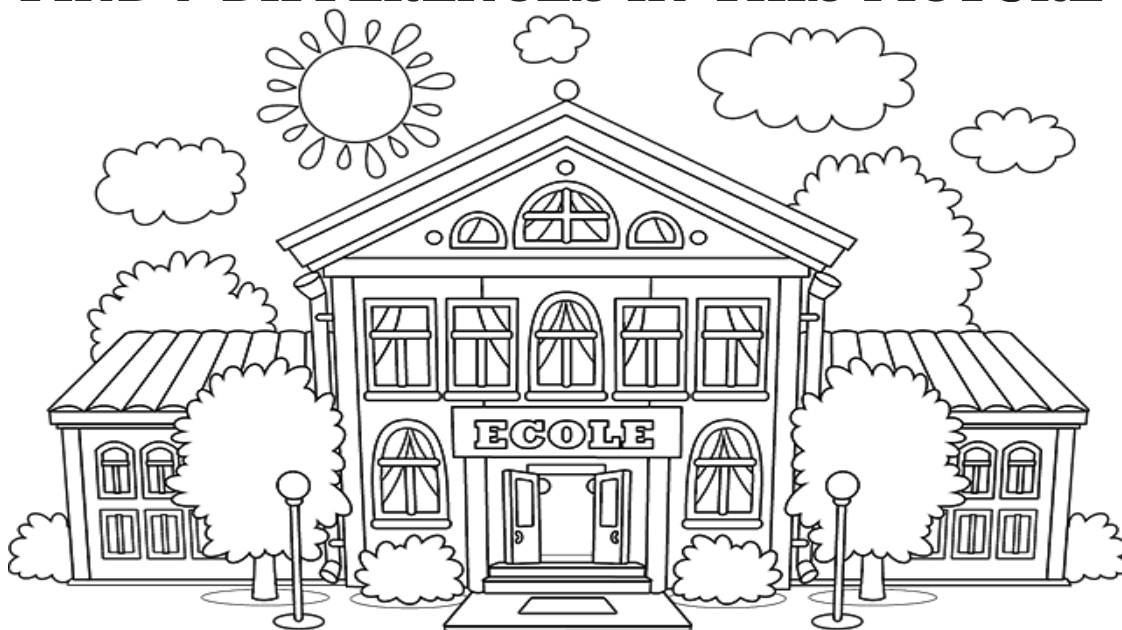
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## KIDS TRIVIA QUIZ

- 1 - How many legs does a spider have? (A) 4 (B) 6 (C) 8
- 2 - Whose nose grew longer every time he lied?  
(A) Shrek (B) Pinocchio (C) Stitch
- 3 - What is the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?  
(A) Bella (B) Ariel (C) Tinkerbell
- 4 - Which Disney movie is Elsa in?  
(A) Frozen (B) Cinderella (C) Ratouille
- 5 - Who is Mickey Mouse's girlfriend?  
(A) Daisy (B) Minnie (C) Betsy
- 6 - What Season do the leaves turn color?  
(A) Fall (B) Winter (C) Spring
- 7 - What kind of animal is a Bronotosaurus?  
(A) Alligator (B) Hippo (C) Dinosaur
- 8 - What is the name of the pirate in Peter Pan?  
(A) Capt. Nemo (B) Capt Hook (C) Capt Ahab
- 9 - Name Batman's crime fighting partner?  
( A) Spiderman (B) Woody ( C) Robin
- 10 - How many colors are in a rainbow? (A) 5 (B) 7 (C) 9



ANSWERS - 1 C, 2 B, 3 C, 4 A, 5 B, 6 A, 7 C, 8 B, 9 C, 10 B

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## TAX TIPS COLUMN

### COVID-19 Federal Response

The 2019 tax return deadline is extended to June 1, and tax balances and instalments may be deferred till September 1st without interest or penalties. However, if you are expecting a refund, or if you receive or will receive the GST/HST credit, Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or Canada Child Benefit (CCB), or other income-tested benefits (e.g. BC Pharmacare, for which you must register), it's best to file your return as soon as possible.

### SUPPORT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, EMPLOYEES, SELF-EMPLOYED

Businesses can also defer payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after March 18 and before September 2020, to September 1, 2020. This applies to tax balances due as well as instalments, under Part I of the Income Tax Act. This does not apply to GST/HST remittances or instalments, or remittances of payroll or other withholdings. These are amounts that are collected on the government's behalf by businesses, so the funds do not belong to the business. Update: GST/HST remittances can be deferred until June 30, 2020. See COVID-19 Economic Response Plan - Businesses on the Canada.ca website.

### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX CREDIT (GSTC)

A one-time special payment by the end of April 2020 will double the maximum annual payment amounts for the GST/HST credit for the 2019-20 benefit year. The additional payment will be made in April to individuals eligible for the GSTC, as well as to some who are not eligible for the regular GSTC. This will be based on 2018 tax returns that have been filed. See the Video Tax News COVID-19 Economic Response Plan - Legislative Update - March 25, 2020 for more details.

### CANADA CHILD BENEFIT (CCB)

It is proposed to increase the maximum annual Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment amounts, for only the 2019-20 benefit year, by \$300 per child, as part of the May 2020 payment. Families who do not receive CCB may get a partial payment, depending on their income. This will be based on 2018 tax returns that have been filed. See the Video Tax News COVID-19 Economic Response Plan - Legislative Update - March 25, 2020 for more details.

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