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The Perfect Christmas Gift

As the Christmas season starts to come around, I usually begin the yearly task of coming up with the Best Christmas Gift Ever for my wife and children. The task with the children is easy - I simply give my wife some money and she knows what the kids want and everybody is happy.

The difficult part of this process is actually buying a proper gift for her. Like many men, I am a complete nerd when it comes to buying gifts. I usually opt for the practical and some

of my Christmas gifts like a new iron or a waffle maker did not go over well as we sit around the tree and open our gifts on Christmas morning.

I try to shop properly, looking on the internet for "Gifts For Her" but I get the size wrong or the color wrong or the style wrong so I gave up on clothing as a gift. But in the Winter of 2015 I finally achieved the pinnacle of success with my brilliant idea. We had purchased a new Honda in April of that year and as December rolled around, I used to go out to the driveway and warm the car up for my wife.

Then, like a bolt out of the blue, I thought, "Why not get her a car starter?" I was so pleased with myself that I finally came up the "Perfect Gift."

I went to a local business and told the manager, with a huge smile on my face, that I wanted a car starter installed for my wife's Christmas present. He looked at me strangely and asked for my key fob. He pressed two buttons and the car started!! I already had a car starter installed and didn't know it.

So much for my "Perfect Gift".

On Christmas Eve if you see a dazed shopper wandering around the store, it most likely will be me. Merry Christmas everybody, Good Luck shopping.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL HUM HYMN SING

It's hard to imagine that it's been two years since the world shut down because of Covid 19 and everyone was told to stay indoors. Well here we are and Christmas is upon us once again and the world is starting to return to a new normal. Christmas is a time to rejoice and celebrate the birth of our savour Jesus Christ and it seems it starts when we hear all those familiar old time carols that we sung as kids growing up.

Well if you are longing to hear all these beautiful Christmas Carols, do we have a treat for you. On Sunday, December 19th at 3 p.m. in the afternoon there will be a Christmas Carol Hum Hymn Sing at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines featuring Chalk Dust. This group of well known artists will be performing all the old time favorite Christmas Carols. **Covid protocols will be followed.** Proof of Vaccine and Id will have to be presented and masks will have to be worn during the concert.

So why not join us for a wonderful afternoon to get you in the spirit of Christmas. Now if you are wondering just what a Hum Hymn Sing is, let me explain. We are not allowed to sing but you can hum as loud as you want behind your masks. So hum, tap your feet, clap your hands and do whatever you like while you enjoy your favorite Christmas Carols.

This concert will be a Free Will Offering in support of the roof fund. So get all the family together and come, sit, relax and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season. So mark this on your calendar as an event you will want to take in. That's Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. Merry Christmas.

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This year if you run out of Christmas tags, just logon to our Website and click on then Christmas Page.

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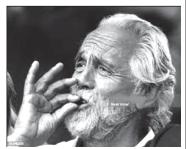
We also have Christmas stories, musical podcasts, kids crafts

Phantom Country with host Kenny Walsh Sunday 6:00 pm





They say the third time is a charm well I guess I got the charm, too funny. I interviewed this gentleman last week for the third time Tommv



Chong we talked about CBD which is derived from the hip plant, it has a lot of uses in the medical field, it reduces inflammation.

And we also talk about THC to find out more you can listen to my interview with Tommy chong sent me a email jackcool@mail.com and i will send you a copy. for more information on Tommy's products please go to his website https:// tommychong.com/cbd/

I would like to thank Jon

Paul Cowan for setting up this interview I really appreciate it . this will be the last promotion until after the Christmas holidays Merry Christmas Happy New Year and God bless everyone alwavs -**JACK**



I had the pleasure last week of interviewing Flat River Band. their new single Wish You Were Someone I Could Love.

It's available on all music platforms check out their website https://www.flatriverband.com/

NOTICE - When Power Outages occur, Warming Centers will be available at the Bia Bras d'Or. Southside Boularderie and Ross Ferry Fire Halls.

K-LEE RADIO has begun its Seasonal Christmas Music broadcasts starting December 1st. Playing all the best of Cape Breton & Christmas Classics 24 nhours a day, 7 days a week.

SENIORS CHECK-IN

Councillor Patterson is

asking for volunteers to do phone check-ins on Seniors for the Winter Months.



If you are interested in taking part call Fraser at 902-674-2703 and give your name and Fraser will give you more information.

Councillor Patterson is also planning n having a New Years Levy this year



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Congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary Officers Executive.

Merry Christmas to all.

Applications for Banners for Veterans Flag poles are available at the Bar.

Branch Meeting December 16th - 7:00 pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Members



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Last week's column was about sweet little Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, however this week's column is about something that is the polar opposite (pun intended). In it's day there wasn't an uproar about any holiday movie quite like what was started by the 1984 film "Silent Night, Deadly Night". This slasher flick crossed the line for many by turning our beloved Santa Claus into a raging homicidal maniac bent on destruction and murder. The plot was that a young boy named Billy Chapman witnessed his parents being murdered by someone dressed up as Santa Claus; Billy was later abused in a Catholic orphanage. All this led to his eventual psychological breakdown and a killing spree, dressed up as Santa Claus of course. There were no 'name' actors in the original film-which became part of a franchise with 5 more movies-and another planned for next year. It didn't help matters that the movie trailer aired during family hour on television. Protesters actually blocked theatres. and sang Christmas carols as a counter measure. Film critics Siskel & Ebert weighed in against the



movie with acidic reviewsand actor Mickey Rooney was so upset by the film that he said the following; "How dare they! I'm all for the first amendment but... don't give me Santa Claus with a gun going to kill someone. The scum who made that movie should be run out of town". Interestingly enough, in 1991 Rooney went on to star in the fifth remake of the movie (that two-faced little jerk! LOL). The film was actually pulled from theatres a week after it's release-but in that week it made 2.5 million dollars on a \$750,000. budget ("chaching!"). There was even a highly collectible action figure of Billy released by NECA toys, and the film went on to become a cult classic. I've seen every Krampus movie made so far-but Krampus is known to be a monster, whereas Jolly Old Saint Nicholas is a much beloved icon-even if our most recognized version of him was created by Coca-Cola in the 1930's as a marketing tool. So if you want to be on the 'Naughty' list for about an hour and a half check out this yuletide screamer.



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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.. 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"

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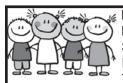
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