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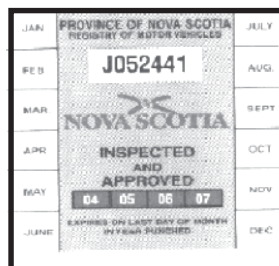
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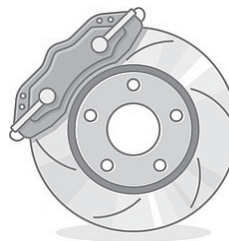
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 at 7.00  
**Thursday Nights**  
**MONDAY, TUESDAY**  
**WEDNESDAY &**  
**THURSDAY**  
**Noon - 10:00 pm**  
**FRIDAY & SATURDAY**  
**Noon - Midnight**

**The CIRCLE**  
**Saturday nights**  
**7:00 pm**

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**Monday Night Fun Night**

**7:00 pm - members & guests**

**WEEKLY DANCE**

**DEC. 3RD. - \$5.00**  
**8:00 - 12:00**

**BOBBY HANCOCK**

**SENIORS TEA**

**Nov. 30th - 12:00 - 2:00**

**ERNIE WELLS**

**Br. 83 Kids Christmas  
 Dance Party Dec. 11**

Kids Christmas Dance  
 Party from 1:00 - 3:00 pm,  
 age 12 under to be held at  
 upstairs of Legion Branch  
 083 Florence. D.J. Jason  
 Chapman, food, photo  
 booth, face paint and  
 Santa. It will be on Sunday  
 Dec. 11/22. HO HO Hope  
 you can come.

**SANTA IS COMING  
 BACK TO TOWN!!**

Save the date, Saturday Dec.  
 3rd Sydney Mines Firefighters  
 will be escorting Santa around  
 the town to pass out some  
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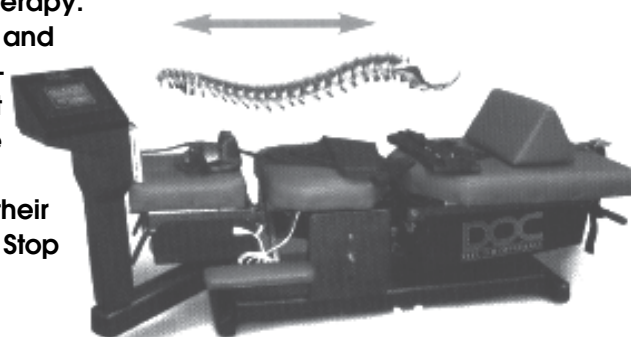
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## \$500 Canada Housing Benefit Dec. 12

The one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit aims to help low income renters with the cost of renting.

You may be eligible for a tax-free one-time payment of \$500 if your income and the amount that you pay on rent qualify. The CRA will administer the one-time payment.

Applications open on **December 12, 2022.**

*You may be eligible to apply if all of the following are true:*

- you were born on or before December 1, 2007 (you are at least 15 years old on December 1, 2022)
- your principal residence is in Canada on December 1, 2022
- you were a resident of Canada in 2022 for tax purposes
- you and your spouse or common-law partner have filed your 2021 income tax return or statement of income
- in 2021, you had an adjusted net income of \$35,000 or less for families, or \$20,000 or less for individuals
- in 2022, you paid at least 30% of your 2021 adjusted net income on rent for your own principal residence in Canada

Go to the C R A page on your computer - the \$500 Benefit does not begin until December 12. Submit your application for one time payment .

**BARTENDER WANTED** - looking for a Bartender for downstairs bar. Drop application at bar downstairs, Branch 083 Legion, Florence.

### St. Vincent DePaul

FREE CLOTHING for men, women and children plus Housewares at the Food Bank, 1 Cottage Street, Sydney Mines. The 1st three Thursdays of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

## North Sydney FIRE HALL

Pierce Street North Sydney

### OPEN DAILY

**10:00 - 12:00**

### THURSDAYS

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## Christmas Music Starts December 1 on K-LEE RADIO



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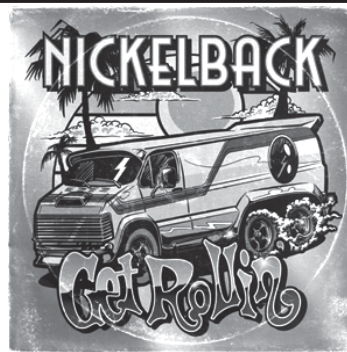
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It's a simple fact that some people love to hate Nickelback. In November of 2011, users of the music-oriented dating site Tastebuds.fm voted Nickelback as the number one musical turnoff, edging out Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga. In May of 2013, the readers of Rolling Stone magazine named Nickelback the second worst band of the 1990s, behind Creed. However, the best revenge against the haters is success; I saw Nickelback perform live and they were phenomenal, plus they have released 10 albums (counting this one) and refuse to go away; through sheer perseverance they continually rub their butts in the face of

the detractors by releasing so many great songs. "Get Rollin'" is their latest album and the first single released was "San Quentin"; man the guys never sounded more like Metallica as they do on this song-it's a wicked track. I especially like the sentiment on "Those Days" as the band reminisce about growing up in the 1980's, and there's a cool music video filled with memorabilia from that decade. "Skinny Little Missy" and "Vegas Bomb" are both hard-rocking tracks that the band cranks the volume up to 11 on. As for some of the other songs here, the band has dabbled before with Country grooves and that lights up in a big way on the song "High Times"-it's the kind of song that'll give the listener a great buzz, plus "Horizon" also walks that country road. It might be a bit of a stretch



but I do find that parts of the vocal sound on "Standing In The Dark" remind me a bit of Irish singer Johnny McDaid (of Snow Patrol) and his hit song "Home". The Globe and Mail said this album is "bro country for old men"; who cares what they think because Nickelback is back and better than ever. The band was recently inducted into the Canadian Music Hall Of Fame and so far have sold over 50 million albums- this album is a reminder of how good they really are.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAKE SALE

The Hills of Boisdale Community Association will be hosting their annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale Sunday Dec.4/22 1-3 pm. At the Boisdale Fire Hall.

Admissson \$10.00 includes sandwiches, sweets, tea, coffee and or apple cider.

There will be door prizes, novelty table, bake table, parcel post, local craft vendors, a 50/50 and tickets on a luxurious Christmas basket.



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## NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

### The Cape Breton Christmas Party!!

A Concert, A Party, A three Course Italian Meal, all wrapped into one amazing night for \$30.00...Wow

Angela Iannetti has organized a Community Event which is going to be a night of Great Entertainment, Amazing Food, Door Prizes, Secret Santa, An Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, for a cash prize!!, a night you won't want to miss!!

The evening starts with a three-course meal of Spinach Salad with Maple Dressing and Italian Bread and Butter, followed by Oven Roasted Chicken, Meatballs, Bell Peppers, Portobello Mushrooms, and Pasta covered in Angela's Secret Pasta Sauce!!

Keep room for dessert, of New York Style Cheese Cake, topped in Fresh Crushed Strawberries, and real whipped cream.

Enjoy your meal with some dinner music by Grace MacLennan singing and playing piano, also Loril Shannik will be performing instrumentals on full Harp.



Following this amazing homemade three course meal of authentic Italian recipes, will be a line up of great entertainment.

Jason Kempt, Jennifer Roland, Todd Ingram, Shane MacLean, Loril Shannik, Allen Gale, and we must not forget The Cook, Angela Iannetti.

The evening will be filled with a variety of different music genres, something for everyone!! You never know who else might be performing!!

So, what are you waiting for, drop in The North Sydney Fire Hall, Pierce Street, North Sydney, and get your tickets, or Call Angela at 902 577 8787 Today!!

There will be a pre-arranged seating plan so everyone is comfy!! A recent dinner at the Emera Centre was sold out and a resounding success!!

December 3rd - 6: 00 pm - North Sydney Fire Hall, \$30.00 per person.



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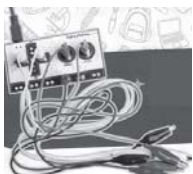


### NORTH SYDNEY LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK & DVD SALE** - Books 3 for \$1.00 and up to \$2.00. Large selection for your Winter reading.

**Fibre Lunch** will be held on Thursdays at 1:00 pm - 3:00

**STEAM KIT DEMO** - December 9th from 3:30 - 4:30 - join CBRLs Steam Kit Program Developer for a fun and creative technology demo.



**Makey**  
Makey is an invention kit for the 21st century. Learn to design your own controllers or keyboards with everyday materials like Playdough or pencils.

Registration is required.

**BABIES & BOOKS** - November 29th from 10:00 - 11:00 - ages newborn to 18 months. Please register for this program.

**STORYTIME** - each Saturday at 1:00 pm. - all ages.



K-LEE RADIO will begin its Christmas music schedule on Thursday, December 1st. We will include traditional Christmas favorites and a selection of Cape Breton artists for your listening pleasure.

### Breakfast Brunch

Last Sunday of every month

Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall

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## Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire

When you think Christmas, many images flood into your senses. The turkey cooking, chocolates, fruit cake, carols playing and people shopping. These are the time honored yuletide traditions of many Cape Bretoners. I remember one year when we decided to add a new tradition to Christmas.

One of the favorite things our family loved to do at our summer bungalow was to have a bonfire. No matter how tired we were or what the weather was, we always sat quietly around the fire roasting hot dogs and burning marshmallows. Of course ghost stories and tall tales were also a part of that tradition as well. Dad thought to add some chestnuts to roast on the fire just like in the song.

My father, using the logic that all fathers tend to adopt, decided that for this Christmas, we would have a bonfire in our backyard on Christmas Eve. That sounded wonderful and we looked forward to it. My father got an old washer tub and set it up in the backyard. He had all the wood cut and dried and my mother was making hot chocolate.

We gathered around the fire in great anticipation. My mother had started passing out the hot chocolate and Christmas music was playing in the background. My father, who worked at the Blast Furnace at Sydney Steel, was having difficulty getting the fire started. The wood had been inside and dry but the wind was blowing and it put out the newspaper and small kindling he had put in the wash tub.

Now comes the most interesting part. Remember what I said about fathers using logic. Well, since the fire wasn't going well, dad theorized that if he put "a little starter fluid" on the wood it would blaze up and a glowing fire would be the result. That's where the logic ended. Dad started to pour a little fluid and the flames blazed up for a minute and then died down again. Dad was not known for his patience so he decided, using that fuzzy logic, to add a lot of fluid.

He had the can in his hand and bent over the wash tub when a gust of wind fanned the flames and they hit his hand. He dropped the can of naphtha gas into the tub. He didn't mean to do that but it was too late now. Just like the Blast Furnace, the entire backyard lit up and was bathed in firelight. Moms screamed, my father cursed, the kids squealed and the can of gas blew up on top of Corky MacCarron's garage.

Fire engines showed up and it was very dramatic. The firefighters were scolding my father about fire safety. My father was muttering under his breath and my mother took all the kids in the house and we roasted marshmallows over a candle. It didn't have the impact of the three alarm fire we had in the backyard.

Every once in awhile we would suggest to my father that we roast chestnuts and he would give us a look that would send us packing. But I never forgot that long ago evening when we gathered to roast chestnuts on an open fire.



## SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY NEWS

**LEGOS:** 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 3:15-4:15; ages 5 and up

Thursday afternoon activity: every Thursday, 3:15-4:15; 5 and up.

**Seniors Book Club,** 1st Tuesday of the month at 2:30.

If you wish to start a Babies & Books or other clubs, contact us at (902) 736-3219.

**DEC. 5 - 3:30 - 4:30** - Building a Wodden Robot, registration required, ages 5 and up, (902) 736-3219.

## Sydney Mines author to publish romantic short story collection

Sydney Mines author, Alex Cormier, releases her 6th book next week. It is a collection of short stories in the romantic genre.

Alex's hope is to bring a little more "Danielle Steel" fiction to Cape Breton in the publishing community.



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## A Wonderful Night of Music and Entertainment

On Friday, November 18th at St. Andrew's Church in Sydney Mines, the musical group Chalk Dust took to the stage in the main hall to entertain a crowd of approximately 75 people. It was a perfect evening and the guests arrived about a half an hour before the show started. It was over two years since Chalk Dust performed at St. Andrew's. The last time was the night before we were shut down due to Covid back in February 2020. This night was a magical one because everyone was ready to enjoy a nice relaxing evening with great music and Chalk Dust did not disappoint.

At 7:00 p.m. they took to the stage and did about an hour of songs by Stompin' Tom, Gordon Lightfoot, Ron Hynes, Neil Diamond which had the crowd just singing along with the lyrics. Then there was the visit by Archie Alex from Mabou, who had the crowd laughing out loud. No Chalk Dust concert would be complete without this funny guy. Archie Alex did about a 10 minute skit and then the band took a 15 minute break. During the break, tea, coffee, cookies, chips, water and pop was for sale for a loonie each. The staff of St. Andrew's, were busy but kept the piping hot tea and coffee flowing. During this time people mingled and chatted to friends they hadn't seen in months and were so excited to catch up on news.

Then after the break, the gang took to the stage once again to perform some rock and roll, country, and a little celtic music. When they started to sing "The Twist" by Chubby Checker it was just the thing to get the crowd going. A couple of people even got up and did the twist like they did years ago. There were songs by Elvis, John Denver, The Big Bopper and so many more artists. It was a night that took you back in time to the songs that most of us grew up with.

The members of Chalk Dust are all teachers, some whom are retired. They are Ian MacLeod (fiddle), Jimmie Campbell (bass guitar), Roy Dawson (acoustic guitar/vocals) and Jennifer MacDonald (keyboard/vocals). The band is very lucky to have two members that do vocals. Their lead singer is Roy Dawson who has a really nice voice and their keyboard player Jennifer MacDonald is also a lovely singer and does a few solo's during the concert.

The evening ended around 9 p.m. and everyone had a great evening and was asking when the next concert would be. So if you missed this concert, you missed a good one. The funds raised were to help with the expenses of the church. In times such as we are facing today, churches are only one of many organizations that are struggling to stay open. So at this time the congregation of St. Andrew's church would like to say a sincere thank you to all those who attended this wonderful concert. We hope to have more concerts like these in the future, so don't miss out on the next one.

### BRAINPAN

By Bill Bobb



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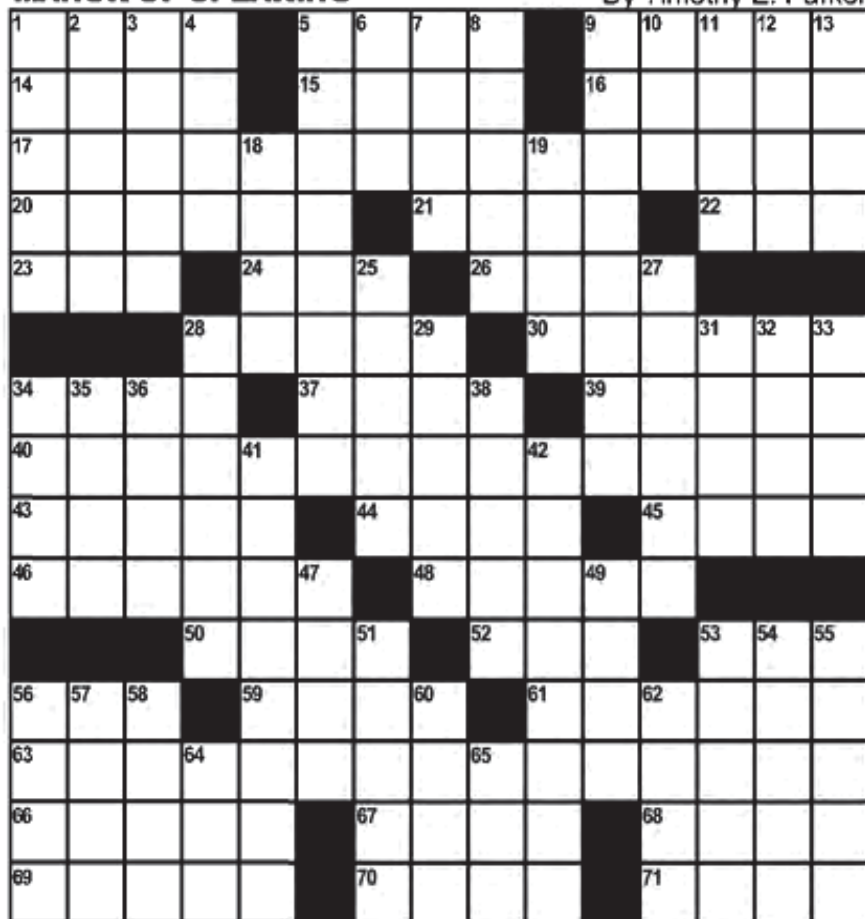
- 1) X-ray doses
- 5) Sounds of laughter
- 9) Holler
- 14) Assist a robber, e.g.
- 15) Separable cookie
- 16) "If a tree falls in the forest and \_\_\_\_"
- 17) "American" schedule components
- 20) Takes home from the pound
- 21) Ukrainian capital
- 22) More than a heavy drinker
- 23) Certain Civil War fighter
- 24) "\_\_\_\_ all in your mind"
- 26) Set \_\_\_\_ world record
- 28) "\_\_\_\_ Almighty" (Jim Carrey film)
- 30) Hawaiian hellos
- 34) Basilica end
- 37) FDR's Scottie
- 39) Verdugo of old Hollywood
- 40) Longtime maid, e.g.
- 43) In spite of the fact, to bards
- 44) Dillies
- 45) Blunt-tipped sword
- 46) Take offense to
- 48) Flagstones
- 50) Airshow stunt
- 52) "We Do Our Part" org.
- 53) Foolish sentimentality
- 56) Anger
- 59) Wishes undone
- 61) Fall
- 63) Some kitchen attachments
- 66) Word with "tube" or "city"
- 67) Lemon quality
- 68) Exciting part of a seat?
- 69) Bucks
- 70) Eyelid malady
- 71) Notable deed

## DOWN

- 1) Traffic cop's gun
- 2) Domicile
- 3) Disband
- 4) March movement
- 5) Attractive one, in old slang
- 6) "Entourage" role for Jeremy
- 7) Relative of "Darn!"
- 8) Bulgarian capital
- 9) Whiny individual
- 10) Harley, in slang
- 11) Aahs' partners
- 12) "Render \_\_\_\_ Caesar ..."
- 13) Pop quiz, e.g.
- 18) Use a spoon
- 19) Legendary diva Horne
- 25) Type of duck
- 27) Pack animals
- 28) A house of worship
- 29) \_\_\_\_ Island (old immigration checkpoint)
- 31) Generous serving
- 32) Lestat creator Rice
- 33) Fill up fully
- 34) Worship from \_\_\_\_
- 35) Lacking color
- 36) Does a doggie trick
- 38) Ski mecca
- 41) Award bestowers, essentially
- 42) Alienate
- 47) \_\_\_\_ de force
- 49) Stretched tightly
- 51) Plural of 13-Down
- 53) Sacagawea, historically
- 54) Alpha's opposite
- 55) Beginning or early stages
- 56) Wading marsh bird
- 57) Puniest pup
- 58) Sicilian volcano
- 60) Small lovers' skirmish
- 62) Non-kosher
- 64) A stereotypical pirate may have one
- 65) "Press \_\_\_\_ key"

## MANOR OF SPEAKING

By Timothy E. Parker



SOLUTION ON PAGE 7