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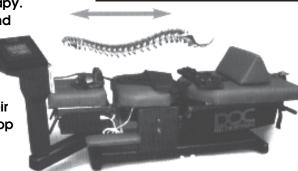
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Festival of Christmas Carols

The season of Advent has begun and before you know it, that special day will be upon us. Christmas comes but once a year when we get to celebrate, Peace, Hope, Love and Joy and the birth of Jesus Christ.

But if we look back to Christmas's from years ago we find so many things have changed but not the traditional ones, like Christmas Eve service, time with family, the turkey dinner, etc. The one thing we all remember are those old time Christmas Carols we all love to sing, that brings the feeling of Christmas to our hearts. That feeling of love and joy that we get each time we hear carols like "O Holy Night", "Silent Night" and so many more.

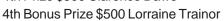
With the uncertainty in the world today, I think we all need a little hope, peace, love and joy. So with this in mind, the congregation along with the band Chalk Dust would like to bring you a Festival of Christmas Carols to give you that magical Christmas feeling. On Sunday, December 17th we will all be gathering in the beautifully decorated sanctuary at St. Andrew's to hear Chalk Dust sing all these loveable carols that will put you in the mood for Christmas.

You will hear the angelic voice of Jennifer MacDonald as she sings carols like 'In the Bleak Midwinter, or Oh Holy night'. You will also enjoy hearing Roy Dawson play and sing all those great carols while being accompanied by Ian MacLeod on fiddle/guitar and Jimmie Campbell on guitar and Jennifer on piano. These guys are fantastic when it comes to music and song. So why not let Chalk Dust take you back to a simpler time when the hustle and bustle of Christmas wasn't so stressful. Come in and relax and you can sing to your heart's content along with the band. Admission is just a free will offering at the door.

So remember it's a Festival of Christmas Carols at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines, on Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. with your favorite band Chalk Dust with Roy Dawson, Jennifer MacDonald, Ian MacLeod and Jimmie Campbell. This is a family event, so why not bring everyone along. Merry Christmas.

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We all know people who don't like Christmas very much; whether it's because of losing loved ones and just not feeling the yuletide magic any more-or hating how crass and commercialized Christmas has become. more like Cashma\$\$. That's understandable, and for me one of the worst things about Christmas time is the mad cash grab by bands and solo artists looking to cash in on releasing bland covers of Christmas songs or lame originals. In my opinion in the past 25 plus years the only Christmas songs that really mattered were 1994's "All I Want For Christmas Is You", by Mariah Carey, Faith Hill's "Where Are You Christmas" (from the "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" movie soundtrack in 2000-which was co-written by Mariah Carey) and Amy Grant's "Grown Up Christmas List". So given all that I want to mention 2 Christmas Carols that have a significant history; the first is "Do You Hear What I Hear" by Bing Crosby. The song was written in 1962 at the height of



the Cuban Missile Crisis, with the hope of diffusing the tension and paranoia as the world was on the brink of what could have been World War III. For the other carol we have to go back to 1847 when Adolphe Adam put music to a French poem to celebrate the renovation of the church organ in his home town. The song "Oh Holy Night" touches on the birth of Jesus Christ, and humanity's redemption, but it's the power and majesty of the song that captivates our hearts and souls. When this song is performed right it is almost overpowering, as it builds in intensity. The best versions I have ever heard are from John Barry, and Lucy MacNeil. There's a good reason why Christmas albums released decades ago by Alabama, Kenny and Dolly, The Carpenters, Bing Crosby and Elvis Presley are still the best-because quality is timeless.

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New Years Levee & House Decorating

New Deal Develooment Ltd. Sydney Mines is co spon-

soring the Sydney Mines New Years Levee along with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 008 Sydney Mines.



It will be held at Branch 008 Legion on Main Street, Sydney Mines.

Date: Sunday, January, 7, 2024

Wine and cheese, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Speeches and greetings, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Music and lunch, 4:00 - 7:00 pm.

Judging of Best Decorated house in Sydney Mines lights is Wednesday, December 27th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Awards will be given out at the Levee.



LOW PROFILE APPEARS AT MAIN EVENT

Seasons Greetings everyone, I want to let you know that our little group Low Profile, Robert, Jimmy and I, are playing one last gig over at the Main Event in Glace Bay for the winter months. The performance is this Saturday from 6:00 - 9:00 PM.

We'll be doing some great classics and a few of my recordings along with a few songs for the season. And with Christmas just around the corner, I'll be doing a "Ticket Draw" on a few prizes. I'll be doing this to show appreciation for those who have been supporting us at the Event. There are CD'S, T-Shirt, and a Mug Draw promoting my Phantom Country Radio show on K-LEE Radio as well.

So hopefully we'll see some of you for some great tunes and great food. Happy Holidays!



Looking for a 2024 Calendar? Logon to www.kleeradio.com and click on the DOWNLOADS link - there are 2 calendars, 12 months on 1 sheet and 12 months with boxes to mark events and appointments.



Oh, No, the kids are coming to visit and we have nothing to keep them amused before we have Christmas dinner!! If this describes your household, don't panic, we have a solution that will keep the kids entertained for hours on end and it won't cost you a cent.

THIS WEEK COMMUNITY NEWS has collected a variety of children's activities that you can use this year to keep them occupied while you prepare the Christmas Dinner.

Logon to our website - **www.kleeradio.com** - and click on the Christmas Page Link. There you will find a whole slew of activities such as - 120 Craft Projects, Stories, Color Pages, Find The Differences, Masks, Hidden Objects, Cutouts, Board Games, Mazes, Crossword, Tic Tac Toe, Word Search, I Spy and Paper Airplanes to mention a few.

There is also a Bingo Game and you can print as many cards as you want and the Bingo caller software will display the random numbers for the game, a great time killer and you can have some dollar store items on hand as prizes.

In addition, we also have a variety of audio stories to occupy their time . Storoies such as - Aladdin and His Magic Lamp, The Gingerbread Boy, Dr. Seuss Green Eggs and Ham, Joseph's Coat Of Many Colors, Peter & The Wolf, The Shoemaker and The Elves, Dumbo, The Princess & The Pea, Tweety Pie, Mickey Mouses's Birthday, The Three Little Pigs, Prince Bertie & The Dragon, Puss In Boots, Ferdnan The Bull, The Grasshopper and The Ants, Moses In The Bullushes, Little Red Riding Hood, Winnie The Pooh & Tigger, How The Camel Got His Hump and The Missing Bunny will provide hours of entertainment.

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Christmas is just around the corner and we are planning a "Festive Tea", with just a touch of Downtown Abbey in it. Our menu will include sandwiches, english scones with clotted cream, a variety of desserts and all the tea you can drink.

Come and enjoy two hours of socializing with your friends, listening to Christmas music and testing your wits at a game or two.

You may be lucky enough to win a prize. It will take place on Wednesday December 13th from 2:00 - 400 at the Seniors Hall, underneath the Library. The cost is ten dollars and you can obtain a ticket from any member. There will be some tickets available at the door, but they are limited so don't wait too long.



TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS Until January 6th www.kleeradio.com



BIRTHDAY WISHES

We would like to send out Special Happy Birthday Wishes to Dean Robinson who will be turning 55 on December 17th, Love from Heather, Grant, Jennifer and Mum.

E V E N T S

BRANCH 008 LEGION NEW YEARS TICKETS - Roast Beef Supper 6:30 - 8:00, Eat In Only, Music by Tommy Capstick - \$25.00 per ticket available at Downstairs bar.

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St Matthew Wesley United Church Church service is held on Sunday at 27 St Columba Drive, Leitches Creek at 11:00 am. ALL ARE WELCOME - the office phone number is 902-577-8472

St John the Baptist Anglican Church services are held on Sunday and Wednesday at 28 King Street in North Sydney at 10:00 am. ALL ARE WELCOME - the office phone number is 902-794-3392.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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at 1:00 pm
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CAPE BRETON CHORALE

Christmas with the Cape Breton Chorale will be Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 3 pm, at Church of Christ the King, 19 Trinity Ave. in Sydney It's \$30 general admission.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES to John MacPherson who will be celebrating his 47th birthday on Saturday, December 16th - From Karrie, Brittany and Todd.

AROUND THE TOWN

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS
GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

Time is flying as it usually does at this time of year and the first snow has fallen and the malls are booming and kids have that look of wonder and anticipation - you may have guessed that Christmas is my favorite time of year.... the Festival of Christmas Carols will take place at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines on December17th, get in the Christmas Spirit with this concert.... the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club host the Sunday Bingo and the Jackpot is \$900 and Branch 008 Legion has a Bingo Jackpot for their Tuesday Night Bingo..... Florence Legion has Tarabish on Tuesday, Pool on Wednesday, Bingo on Thursday, Washer Toss on Friday and The Circle enteratins on Saturday, stop by and take in these popular events... Branch 008 Legion has a New Years Dance and Supper - a roast Beef supper and music by DJ Tommy Capstick, tickets \$25.00 each..... the **Lemon Tree Gift Shop** on Fraser Avenue is holding a Tax Free Sale, pick up that special Christmas Gift and save the tax... Paul Power has a Christmas Music review in his column this week.... the North Sydney Seniors Club will host a Festival Tea with sandwiches, English scones, clotted cream, a variety of desserts and tea, stop by on Wednesday, December 13 from 2:00 - 4:00... see page 5 for an extensive list of kids activities you can download to help entertain the children when they come to visit for Christmas Dinner, there are over 130 different activities all courtesy of K-LEE RADIO..... the Cape Breton Chorale will perform in concert on December 17th at 3:00 pm, see the contact ticket information opposite this column... Page 6 has some Christmas Trivia you can test how much you really know about Christmas..... there is also an amusing story about my younger brother and his big debut in a Christmas Pageant, this is one of my favorite Christmas memories..... and, speaking of memories, there is a story on page 8, a true story, about a rather memorable Christmas dinner from the "Cape Breton Christmas Memories" book..... Dave Julian, President of New Deal Development, presented a cheque for \$1,000 to the Sydney Mines Food Bank, a great help at this time of year as the **need is bigger** than last year, congratulations to the group for their community commitment.... I want t ask all of you to make sure your Christmas celebrations stay happy - there really is no

of, please don't end up a statistic this Christmas.... NOTICE - If your Club or organization is hosting a Christmas event, please let us know and we'll publicize it free of charge - simply email us at this address thisweek@kleeradio.com

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CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

- 1 What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
- 2 What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree-
- **3** In the movie "Home Alone", where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?
- **4** In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born in?
- **5** Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in The movie Polar Express?
- **6** Which country did eggnog come from?
- 7 Which Christmas song contains the lyric "Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way?"
- **8** Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
- **9** In the movie Elf, what was the first rule of The Code of Elves?
- **10** What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?

ANSWERS - 1 - Play any reindeer games, 2 an Angel, 3 Paris 4 Turkey, 5 Tom Hanks, 6 England, 7 Rockin Aroud The Christmas Tree, 8 Germany, 9 Treat every day like Christmas, 10 Coca Cola

FOOD BANK DONATION



Dave Julian President & CEO of New Deal Development presenting a check for \$1,000.00 to the Sydney Mines Food Bank. There are many families in Sydney Mines and area that are in need this Christmas.



NORTHSIDE THIS WEEK NEWS

To give our volunteers and staff a Christmas break, we will publish an electronic copy of our paper on December 27th and January 3rd.

The next printed edtion of or weekly paper will be published on Wednesday, January 10th. Merry Christmas to all our readers and all the Best in 2024.

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TWO OUT OF THREE AIN'T BAD - I'm sure we all have fond memories of kids Christmas plays over the years and this one involved my little brother.

He was in a school Christmas Pageant and one of his lines was to announce the three gifts the Wisemen brought to the Baby Jesus.

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Too Many Cooks Spoil The Broth

There's an old saying that "too many cooks spoil the broth." I guess those old sayings come from practical experience. I remember one year when we all lived at home. Christmas was "just around the corner" as the saying goes. We had a family of 8 and we were all ready to celebrate our Christmas in our own way.

We always had a little family get together about a week before Christmas as we were all busy on Christmas day and Boxing day with our own families. One of the highlights was our "Christmas Buffet". Everyone would bring a munchie type food and a baked item. With eight people and our mother, we had a varied supply of dishes. Chili, chicken wings, honey garlic ribs, stuffed chicken breasts, rabbit pie and pizza were always on the menu.

We also had the punch pot down in the basement on its own table. Dad would make his favorite fruit punch and he would then "flavor" it with some fancy liquor he would buy at the liquor store. There were five boys in the family and three girls. The boys would also sneak some of their own favorite brew in the pot (actually it was a huge stainless steel lobster pot) to "flavor" it as well.

The boys were all downstairs watching the hockey game and cheering on the Leafs while two of the brothers were rooting for the Canadiens. We sent a punch bowl filled with the brew upstairs for the girls to drink. After the second period ended and many rounds of punch were drunk, dad got up to go to the bathroom and fell "arse over tea kettle" as he got up from the couch. All the boys thought this was hilarious and when Dougie went to get up, he too took a header. This prompted another round of laughter.

By now, nobody was feeling any pain and the boys nearly wet themselves when they saw Dad actually crawling up the basement steps to get upstairs. To put it mildly, he was "pie eyed." The girls were in rare form as well. Mom was telling dirty jokes, a rare thing for her to do, and the girls all had tears running down their faces.

When the time came to go home, everybody realized that they would need to call taxies to get home. It was like a convention as a parade of eight taxies lined up outside our door. The next day we all understood what had happened and solved the mystery. After Dad talked to the boys, they all admitted to "flavoring" the punch with a 26 ouncer each, unaware that each of the five boys had done this. The brew must have been pretty near 100% alcohol. No wonder everybody was bombed.

Everybody made it home safely and they still talk about the "Great Christmas Party" with a twinkle in their eyes.



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