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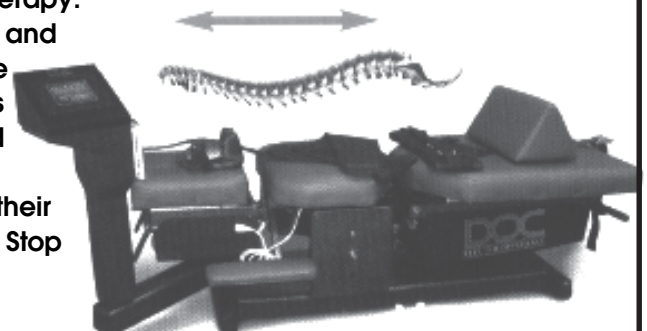
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I would like to say a big Thank You to everyone that took part in the Christmas Daddies Fund Raiser at The North Sydney Firefighters Club, December 1st, it was a huge success. A Big Thank You to Downhouse, The High Boys, The Blue Moose Band and Barcode.

Also a big Thankyou to the firefighters club and all the Volunteers who donated their time to makenthis a success. special thank you to Harry Bond for all the stage gear donation. Also Railroad Recording with Malcolm and Doug for donating their time.

A Special Thank You to our donators Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, Sobeys and Super Store.

Dean MacEachern, Eagle RV. Freddy Anderson's Auto Glass, Glenn Edmunds and anyone else I might have missed. I could not have done this without the



help of my Fiance Marina Andrea, last, but not least, Thank You to everyone who came to support and donate, we raised \$3033.00 for the children.

Thank You to the Northside Community News for all their help promoting me and this event. We hope to do this again in 2024. Merry Christmas everyone. See you all in the new year.

NORTH SYDNEY SENIORS FESTIVE TEA - DEC. 13

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 - 4:00 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

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PAUL POWER

Last week this space was devoted to words on how bad Dolly Parton's latest album is; this week it's a 180 degree shift to this amazing new release. John Denver died on October 12, 1997, when his light homemade aircraft crashed into Monterey Bay in California. Before that he had released over 300 songs, 33 albums and received gold and platinum sales awards. Shortly before his death John and his band went into the recording studio to re-record some of his best songs to be released on his own label; he wasn't happy with the way RCA Records was handling his music catalogue. Taylor Swift did the same thing 25 years later. "The mood was laid back," says Chris Nole, who played piano and keyboards on the re-recording session. "It was always relaxed, because we didn't have a record label or manager breathing down our necks. It was just making John happy." The songs were done usually in one or two takes with no overdubs-so basically live to



tape. The album includes "Whispering Jesse", "Dreamland Express", "Rocky Mountain High", "Take Me Home, Country Roads", "Christmas For Cowboys", "Love Again", "Sunshine On My Shoulders", "Perhaps Love", "Leaving On A Jet Plane", "Windsong", "I'm Sorry" and "Back Home Again" and every one is a gem. John's voice is a bit deeper and a bit gravelly here, but for the most part it's been 20 plus years since the songs were first recorded. To me the 2 best songs here are "Perhaps Love" (which John wrote for his wife Annie Martell-yep she's the one in the song named after her) when they were separated and moving towards a divorce: she once said they were too young and immature to deal with Denver's sudden success. "I'm Sorry" is the other diamond. All in all this is a fantastic album that give us a great alternate take on John Denver's music.

Oh! Where would our music be if Hank hadn't died, Oh! where, Oh! where would our music be when Elvis bid goodbye, Oh! where would our music be with Janis by their side, Oh! where oh where would our music be if Buddy Holly survived.



Would the rockin be more rockin, would the blues be more blue, would the soul be more soulful, would the country be more True.



Would the singers have more rhythm, would the drums have more Beat, would the dancers have more swaying, would the world be at Peace.



Oh! where would our music be if Hank was here today, Where would our music be if Stompin Tom was here to stay, Where would our music be if Janis hadn't died, Oh! where would our music be if Buddy Holly survived.

RON GILLIS - NORTH SYDNEY, NS

SANTA'S SLEIGH



Christmas 1946 is one Christmas in my eighty three years that I fondly remember. That Christmas I received a sleigh I asked for from Santa in which I enjoyed coasting with my friends Dena, Hughie, Francie and Louise on Joe Ilan's Hill where we lined up at Murdock Michael D's forge and headed down to Peter F's service station.

Another fond memory is when I hitched a ride with Rod C's horse and sleigh. Rod C was a dairy farmer from Barra Glen Cape Breton who delivered milk and cream to the train station in Iona Cape Breton destined to dairies in Sydney NS. One afternoon after finishing his deliveries, headed back to Barra Glen, that is when I asked him if I could accompany he answered with a nod.

Elated, I tied my sleigh to the back of his rig and proceeded to his home in Barra Glen, leaving the train station passing, Iona CO-OP, Joe Allan's Store, Gillis Point CO-OP, the church, Glebe House where Father Rankin was Parish Priest. Eventually we arrived at his home, unhitched my sleigh and with Rod C's invitation headed to his residence where his wife made me a cup of cocoa with freshly baked ginger cookies.

After finishing my cocoa and cookies, bid Rod and his wife goodbye and headed back to Iona this time on foot. Arriving at the station in late afternoon, put my sleigh away, awaiting for supper. Failing to mention to my parents that I just hitched a ride with my sleigh tied to the back of Rod C's sleigh, if I did, certainly would be grounded. Eventually my father Martin, retired from train dispatcher and moved to North Sydney, NS where my Santa's sleigh rests, strong in my mind when I coasted on the snow covered hills of Iona CB and that hitched ride with my sleigh to Barra Glen.

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from 11:30 - 12:30.

**CHRISTMAS
CARD MAK-
ING** Decem-
ber 9th from
2:00 - 4:00.

**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. Tickets by calling 902-270-2591 from members, online at capebretonchorale.com with a limited number being available at the door.

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A Reminder to all Clubs,
and Organizations that our
deadline for news is Tues-
day at 5:00 pm in order to
make it into Wednesday's
edition.

AROUND THE TOWN

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS

GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

Christmas is a time for lots of great food and meals - my greatest memories go back to the smell of cookies baking at home with the whole house drenched in a series of delicious aromas - and I was talking about this last week and one of our dedicated North Sydney readers asked me if I remember "**FAT ARCHIES**" cookies - I told him I certainly did and this was my grandmother, Rose, special recipe - told him I'd share the recipe in time for Christmas Baking..... **FAT ARCHIE RECIPE**

1 1/2 cups room temperature butter, 2 cups white sugar, 2 eggs
1/2 cup molasses, 4 1/2 cups flour, 4 tsp ground ginger,
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp ground cloves, 1/2 tsp ground
nutmeg, 1/2 tsp salt, 2 tsp baking soda, 1/2 cup chopped
walnuts, finely chopped, Raw sugar for rolling

BAKING DIRECTIONS

reheat the oven to 350.

Line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Place the butter and sugar into the bowl of a stand mixer,
cream until light and fluffy, stopping to scrape down the sides
of the bowl.

Add the eggs one at a time and mix until just incorporated.

Add in the molasses and mix to combine.

In another bowl combine the flour, ginger, cinnamon, cloves,
nutmeg, salt, and baking soda.

Add the flour mixture to the mixer 1 cup at a time mixing just
until combined.

Remove the bowl from the mixer and fold in the walnuts.

Using a two inch scoop divide the dough into portion, roll each
portion into a ball and roll in the raw sugar, place on a baking
sheet, these will spread quite a bit so limit it to 6 cookies per
sheet.

Bake for 14 minutes or until the top has crackled.

Let cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring
to a wire rack.

I think this will become a traditional Christmas treat for you
each year..... **HOLY FAMILY FALL GIFT CARD DRAW** will take
place on Friday, December 15th - see page 2 for details.....

FLORENCE LEGION FLEA MARKET December 10 from 10 -

12:30 - see their ad on page 2 for contact details.... North Sydney

SENIORS FESTIVE TEA, Wednesday, December 13, 2:00 4:00

..... Branch 008 Legion **NEW YEARS TICKETS**, Roast Beef

Dinner 6:30 - 8:00, DJ Tommy Capstick.... **ANGELA IANETTI**

Italian Christmas Dinner and CD release Party on Saturday,

December 9th, Sydney Mines Fire Hall - see full page ad on

page 5 for details..... **CAPE BRETON CHORALE** Sunday,

December 17th - tickets 902-270-2591.... Branch 19 Raffle Draw-

ing December 9th, just in time for Christmas..... **22 NEW**

SENIORS HOUSING UNITS will open mid december on Pitt Street,

a New Deal project providing affordable housing for seniors....

another story from the **CAPE BRETON CHRISTMAS MEMO-**

RIES BOOK about my Santa Claus memories growing up in the

60s.... Ron Gillis has a poem and a Christmas story from Iona

for us this week... **NOTICE** - If your Club or organization is

hosting a Christmas event, please let us know and we'll publi-

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**CHRISTMAS
STORYTELLING**

Christmas Storytelling and
Sing Along Carols, Tuesday,
December 12 from 7:00 - 9:00
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Museum, 309 Commercial
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BR. 19 LEGION NEWS

MIXED DARTS will be held on
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Good Luck!!

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3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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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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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"

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