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BINGO

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UPSTAIRS

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Downstairs

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Saturday

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December 9 - 10-12:30

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45s CARD GAME

EVERY MONDAY

7:30 pm

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See page 4 for Christmas Daddies Fund Raiser at the North Sydney Fire Hall, Friday Dec. 1 from 8 - 12.



**Please support your
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GIFT CARD DRAW

Holy Family Fall Gift Card Draw will take place on Friday, December 15th at Holy Family Parish during bingo. 1st Prize \$800 Furnace Oil or Cash, 2nd Prize \$500 Grocery Gift Cards, and 3rd Prize \$200 Gas Gift Cards. For tickets you can call Debbie at (902) 736-8333 or Rose at (902) 736-0802. You may also e-transfer holyfamilysydneymines2013@gmail.com.

BREAKFAST BRUNCH

Last Sunday of every month

BIG BRAS D'OR FIRE HALL

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sponsored by "The Friends of the Big Bras d'Or Fire Hall"

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Adults \$12.00 Children \$8.00

Also as a Fund Raiser, The Hall Committee are selling Bakers Hats \$5.00 each, available at the Hall

SUNDAY BINGO

Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners, Club Fraser Avenue, Sydney Mines - **2:00 pm**

Toonie Jackpot \$250 +

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on 54#s or less

MONDAY FUN NIGHT - 7 PM

45^S CARD GAME

**Wednesdays 7:30 pm
SATURDAY DANCE**

8 - 12 - \$5.00 at Door

MUSIC BY

LOW PROFILE

Kenny Walsh, Robert Young, Jimmy Tobin - New Years Tickets On Sale \$15.00 each
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If you would like to send out Birthday Greetings to a family member or friend, simply email us with the information and we'll publish it free of charge - thisweek@kleeradio.com

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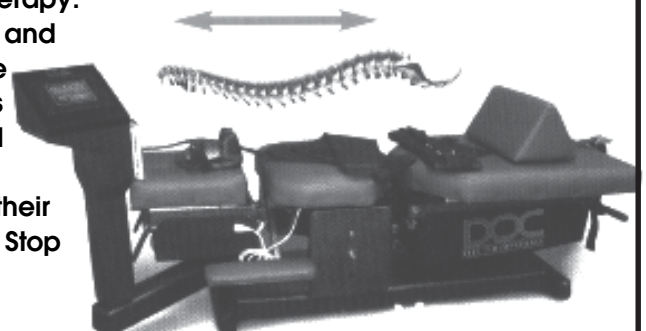
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North Sydney Garden Club Christmas Workshop

The North Sydney Garden Club's Christmas Workshop is being held at the Exhibition on Saturday, Dec 2nd, from 9:00 - 12:00.

All supplies are provided to make a green centerpiece.

Tea and Door prizes, and a 50/50 draw. \$20.00 Limited number of tickets

THE SCAR

Dear Editor, relaxing in a quayside bar was settled nicely on a cold draught, taking a few sips, felt a presence behind me, turning carefully not to spill my brew, eyes settled on a menacing figure weaving back and forth.

The sight was very menacing, heightened by a zig,zag scar on his forehead.

My mind raced with inquisitiveness.

What caused this wound?

Was it a prison fight?

Was it a ship scuffle?

Was it a battle scar?

My curiosity, Mushroomed!

RON GILLIS - NORTH SYDNEY

Christmas Tea & Bake Sale

The Hills of Boisdale Community Association will be hosting their annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale Saturday Dec.2/ 2023. Time 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Admission \$10.00 includes sandwiches, baked goodies, tea, coffee and hot Apple cider. Door prizes, bake table, novelty table, parcel post, local crafters, 50/50 tickets and tickets on a fabulous Xmas basket which includes a night at the Iona Heights Inn and a Gift Certificate to the Frolic and Folk Pub and Grill.



BRANCH 008 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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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BRANCH 008 LEGION - SYDNEY MINES

TUESDAY NIGHT BINGO - 7:30 PM

JACKPOT - \$775.00 - 54#^S OR LESS

NEW HOURS - 1:00 - 12:00 - Monday - Saturday - Closed Sunday

**Every 2nd Saturday,
Entertainment
downstairs
3:00 - 6:00 pm
NO ADMISSION**



**Every Friday
Evening 9 - 1
NO ADMISSION**

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Take 2

PAUL POWER

This is Dolly Parton's forty-ninth studio album and the fact that she duets with Sting, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Pink, Steve Perry, John Fogerty, Kid Rock, Steven Tyler, Stevie Nicks, Chris Stapleton, Debbie Harry, Elton John, Simon LeBon, Pat Benatar, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, Miley Cyrus and more can't hide that this release is terrible. Don't get me wrong, Dolly Parton was amazing in her day, and God bless her for still being out there but almost all singers experience limitations on their voice over time-and some can't do it anymore, and some shouldn't bother. When all is said and done-good is good and bad is bad. A perfect example of that is on "Wrecking Ball"; even with her goddaughter Miley Cyrus in tow Dolly's voice sounds fragile and shaky at best. Even Sting can't hit the high notes on "Every Breath You Take", so how could Dolly; Journey's



"Open Arms" is cringe-worthy and Debbie Harry can't save Dolly on "Heart of Glass". Even 2 Beatles can't save "Let It Be". Paul and Ringo must be friends of Dolly's because I can't imagine any other reason to hit the 'record' button on this lame duck cover, plus Dolly's presentation of "We Are The Champions/We Will Rock You" is just plain sad. Obviously I can't tell Dolly Parton what to do or not do, but this is just a vanity project. Classic Rock magazine described it as "a monumentally hideous, yet strangely glorious album". I didn't hear that glorious part anywhere. And why did they put 30 songs on this album? It Logs in at almost 142 minutes in duration I will compare it to a sandwich where the filling would be blue cheese, sardines and garlic butter-yep, it stinks.

SYDNEY MINES PENSIONER'S CLUB
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND
8PM-12PM
LOW PROFILE
 Featuring Kenny Walsh
 Traditional sounds of Country & Rocknroll

CHRISTMAS DADDIES DECEMBER 2nd

FUNDRAISING EVENT

**NORTH SYDNEY
FIREFIGHTERS CLUB**

**FRIDAY
DEC 1ST 8PM-12AM**

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The Better Business Bureau (BBB) has shared a list of common scams you could encounter this holiday season.

MISLEADING SOCIAL MEDIA ADS

- One reason to always research a company before buying is because it's common for people to pay for items that they never receive, get charged monthly after a free trial they never signed up for or receive an item that is counterfeit or much different from the one advertised due to misleading advertisements.

SOCIAL MEDIA GIFT EXCHANGES

- Be very careful about participating in gift exchanges on social media. They could be used as a way for a scammer to obtain personal information or trick people into buying and shipping gifts or money to unknown individuals.

HOLIDAY APPS - If you or your child downloaded a holiday-themed cellphone or tablet app where you can do things like video chat with Santa, light a menorah or track Santa's sleigh movements, it's a good idea to review the privacy policy to see what information might be collected. Beware of subscription fees.

ALERTS ABOUT COMPROMISED ACCOUNTS

- You might receive an email, call or text stating that there has been suspicious activity on one of your accounts. Be careful, as it might be scam to gain access to these accounts or obtain private information.

GIFT CARDS - Lately, scammers have been using duplicated bar code stickers for other types of gift cards and placing them on top of the intended barcode. So, double-check the bar code when buying gift cards.

TEMPORARY HOLIDAY JOBS -

Another popular holiday season scam is sending temporary job offers, as retailers often hire seasonal workers ahead of the holiday season to work busier days, such as Boxing Day. Watch out for emails and online fake websites, experts advise. According to BBB, 65 per cent of job offer scams reported were related to becoming a "warehouse redistribution co-ordinator," or similar titles.

AROUND THE TOWN

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS

GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

To quote the song, "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas" and lots of events on tap.... **CHRISTMAS DAD-DIES FUNDRAISER** at the North Sydney Fire Hall, Friday, December 1 from 8 - 12.... Christmas Tea & Bake Sale at the Boisdale Hall on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 - 3:00.... The North Sydney Gar-

den Club's Christmas Workshop is being held at the Exhibition on Saturday, Dec 2nd, from 9:00 - 12:00.... see the ad below for Angela Ianetti's Italian Cape Breton Christmas Dinner.... **CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING** December 9th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at North Sydney Library... **PAPER CHAIN ADVENT** for Christmas, Elf on The Shelf

jokes, come in and pick one up today.... **PHD (PRETTY HANDSOME DUDES)** with Hubba Parris will be playing at Branch 19 on December 2nd from 9:00 - 1:00. Tickets \$10 available now at the Branch...**CRAFT, BAKE AND HOLIDAY GIFT MARKET**, Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, Fraser Ave., Sydney Mines on Friday, December 1 from 10:00 - 4:00... let's remember our **LOCAL FOOD BANKS** this year as the need is greater than ever... also the **"DON'T DRINK & DRIVE"** Campaign is on again, there's no excuse for driving drunk.

Angela's
**ITALIAN CAPE BRETON
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

& Album Release Parties!!

TWO EVENTS TAKING PLACE
SATURDAY NOV. 18TH AND SATURDAY DEC. 9TH

NORTH SYDNEY LEGION **SYDNEY MINES FIRE HALL**
7PM - 1AM **7PM - 1AM**

BOTH EVENINGS START WITH MUSIC & ITALIAN BUFFET AT 7PM
ANGEL A WILL BE RELEASING HER NEW ALBUM "BELOW THE TRACKS"
ENTERTAINMENT BY ANGEL IANETTI, JOSEPHINE, JOHN BOLAND, MATHY ADAMS & MICHAEL GUNAWAN

THE MENU AND THE AMBIENT WILL HAVE A FEW DIFFERENT SURPRISES ON EACH NIGHT.
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FIBRE LUNCH - Thursdays
from 1:00 - 3:00

WRITERS GROUP- meets
December 13 - 6:00 pm.

STORYTIME every Saturday
at 2:30 pm.

**HOMESCHOOLERS
GROUP** meets Wed., 1:00 -
3:00 pm.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION
group meets Wednesdays
from 11:30 - 12:30.

DECEMBER 4 - Lebanese
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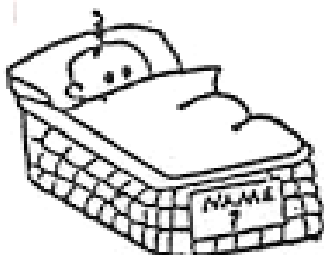
NORTH SYDNEY SENIORS FESTIVE TEA - DEC. 18

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 18th 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.

GUESS THE NAME OF CHRISTMAS CAROL



What Child Is This?

Apply for a heating assistance rebate: Heating Assistance Rebate Program. The Heating Assistance Rebate Program helps low-and moderate-income Nova Scotians with the cost of home heating. Rebates are \$600 for each household. Apply to the Heating Assistance Rebate Program for help with the cost of home heating. Rebate amount - You can receive \$600 if you qualify for the Heating Assistance Rebate Program.

To qualify for the rebate, you need to pay for your own home (residential) heat and meet **1** of the following criteria:

have a 2022 net income of \$55,000 or less and live alone with no kids or dependents

have a combined 2022 net household income of \$75,000 or less and live with kids, dependents or other adults

receive Income Assistance from the Department of Community Services

receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or the Allowance from Service Canada

If your personal or financial situation has changed since last year, you still may qualify. Examples of changes include becoming widowed, getting divorced or legally separated, losing your job, turning 18, recently arriving in Canada, or having the custody of your children change. Contact the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services to find out if you qualify.

You need to apply by 31 March 2024.

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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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
10:00 - 4:00 PM .**

To reserve a table, please contact Diane Genter 902-241-2036

SYDNEY MINES LIBRARY



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS -
Thursdays at 2:30.

**ENGLISH CONVERSATION
SERIES** - every Tuesday evening
from 6:00 - 7:00 pm.

SENIORS BOOK CLUB meets
first Tuesday every month.

PAPER CHAIN ADVENT for
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jokes, come in and pick one up
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Sale Saturday Dec.2/2023.
Time 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

BR. 19 LEGION NEWS

MIXED DARTS will be held on
Fridays at 7:00 pm. There is still
room for more players!

**BRANCH 19 IS HOLDING A
RAFFLE!!** - Tickets available at
RCL BRANCH 19 NORTH
SYDNEY. Proceeds going to-
ward making renovations and
repairs to the upstairs bar area.
With only 500 tickets being
sold there are a limited number
of tickets available so get your
tickets before they are gone.
Draw date December 9, 2023
Good Luck!!

HAPPY HOUR Every Friday
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK
RCL BRANCH 19 NORTH
SYDNEY for all upcoming event
information.

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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 with 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.



Free Christmas Tags

It's 10 pm and you're wrapping Christmas gifts and run out of Christmas tags.

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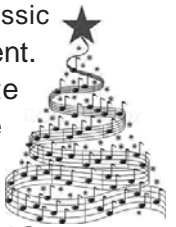
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Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire

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 was 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.



You can see from this old undated photo that there was a lot of Snow on the Northside as the snowbanks are apparently one story high. This photo is courtesy of the Sydney Mines Historical Society and it depicts the Old Company Store.

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