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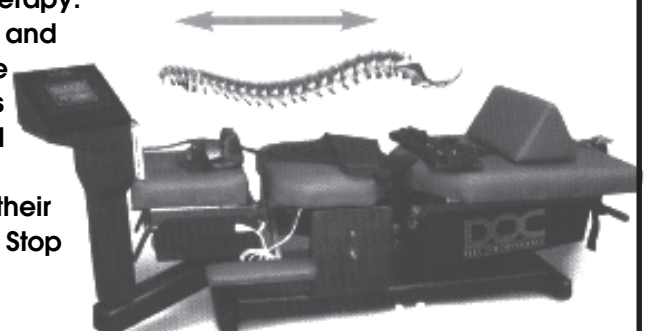
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WINTER SPORT FISHING SEASON

We generally associate spotsfishing with Spring and Summer but we now have an alternative for those of us who can't wait until Spring to wet a worm.

The winter sportfishing season in Nova Scotia will soon be open to the many lakes, rivers, and waterways across the province.

Sportfishing brings around \$85 million to the N.S. economy each year, according to a Thursday news release, and the winter season will kick-off on New Year's Day.

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"Getting outside at this time of year is fun for established anglers and those discovering sportfishing for the first time," said Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture Kent Smith in a statement from the province.

"Whatever your skill level, and whether you fish by yourself or with others, safety should always be top of mind," he added.

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Hockey Joke Book Has Local Roots

Congratulations to Ian Robinson on the publishing of his book, "The Ultimate Hcey Joke Book, Laugh Your Face Off".

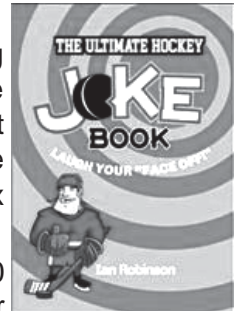
Ian was born and brought up in Big Bras d'Or and he is the son of the late Tom & Barbara Robinson. For the past 27 years he has been handling the public address duties for the Halifax Mooseheads.

On December 16th, he did his 1,100 game. The 152 page book of humour contains one timers, puns and hockey humour. They are all friendly for everyone to enjoy and all original jokes.

His book has already had three reprints and has been recognised by Amazon as a best selling sports humour book. Ian's book will soon be on display and available for sale at the Hockey Hall Of Fame in Toronto.

Ian and his wife Roxanne and two sons live in Halifax.

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Take 2

PAUL POWER

For months I eagerly awaited the release of the Sci Fi movie "Rebel Moon-Part One: A Child of Fire" and got to watch it over the Christmas holiday. Did I like it? Yes. Did I think there was an issue with it though? Yes. This movie (by director Zack Snyder) is set in a fictional galaxy ruled by the Motherworld, whose military (the Imperium) threatens a farming colony on the moon of Veldt. A former Imperium soldier named Koera goes on a quest to recruit warriors from across the galaxy to take a stand against the Imperium before they return to Veldt. Sounds kinda like Star Wars, right? That's the negative; at times it seems like Snyder doesn't know what this movie is, grabbing at elements of "Star Wars", "The Magnificent Seven", "Gladiator", "Mad Max" and even "300"-another film produced by Zack Snyder-all of which kind of take the viewer on side tangents, but of course it all looks amazing the whole time. To be honest there are very capable actors, fantastic



looking locales and weapons and aircraft that are a Sci Fi fan's dream come true. It's not all rose-colored in fantasy-land though: on the website Rotten Tomatoes 24% of 149 critics' reviews were positive, with an average rating of 4.2/10. The website's consensus reads: "Rebel Moon" proves Zack Snyder hasn't lost his visual flair, but eye candy isn't enough to offset a storyline made up of various sci-fi/fantasy tropes." Metacritic was harsher, giving a score of 32 out of 100, criticizing its storytelling, character development and derivative nature. For years there's been a deluge of great looking but story weak movies in the world of science fiction. This movie's sequel is slated to drop in April so here's to hoping that part 2 will have more substance than this one. It's still worth watching though.

AROUND THE TOWN

NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY NEWS EVENTS

GLEN GRAY - EDITOR

2023 has come to a close and we begin a new adventure with **2024** - we moved into the new **Seniors Complex** on Pitt Street in Sydney Mines just before Christmas (never move at this time of the year) and in the middle of the wind and rain, we finally got settled on Christmas Day and we had family in Bras d'Or who graciously invited us for Christmas Dinner as we were too busy moving to even cook a turkey, that's what families are for and we **are thankful**.... over the holidays as we were visiting, I had a conversation with a teacher and we got into the topic of **science fiction writing**, which she prefers - I told her that when I was a teenager, the main focus was on the space race and I remember reading a book called "**Exodus 2024**" which dealt with the planet earth being uninhabitable and **robots** had taken over running the world, I smiled at the recollection and although we have climate challenges and social challenges, so far we are still in charge, it was a fun conversation..... **Congratulations** to Branch 008 Legion and New Deal Co-Operative for co-sponsoring the **New Years Levee**, it was good to get together with the community and start the year off with a gathering.... **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**, Branch 83, Florence, will take place at the Branch on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm..... the **A & K Lick A Chick** is closed for the season and I can't wait until it opens again in the Spring..... a reminder that **Jack Cool** will be hosting his **Late Nite Oldies Shows** on Friday evening and **Kenny Walsh** begins the new year with his **Phantom Country** show on Sunday evening on www.kleeradio.com, tune in for some fine music.....see **page 3** for details of the Winter Sport Fishing season for those of us who can't wait until April to go fishing..... I know it's early, but check out page 5 for some timely **Tax Tips** and possible **deductions** for the upcoming tax year.... send your **Birthday Wishes** for free by emailing us and we'll publish them in our paper, Happy New Year!! - **NOTICE** - to all Church groups, Legions, Seniors Clubs, Fire Halls and Community associations - if you want free publicity for your upcoming event, simply email us with your if information and we'll publish it in our printed edition and digital edition - email us at - thisweek@kleeradio.com



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RRSP contributions - RRSP contributions give you a tax deduction when you make them. If you have \$10,000 in pre-deduction taxes owing, a 33% marginal tax rate, and \$2,000 in RRSP contributions, you get \$666 off your tax bill, reducing your tax bill to \$9,334.

WORK-FROM-HOME DEDUCTIONS - Although the COVID-era \$500 tax credit for home-based employees has been phased out, it's still possible to claim some work from home expenses. If you are self employed, you can claim your entire workspace, provided that it was used exclusively for work. If you're conventionally employed, you generally can't claim an entire workspace, but you can deduct items that you spent money on directly for work.

DISABILITY TAX CREDIT - The disability tax credit is a 15% credit on the costs you incur because of a disability. Your disability has to be "severe" for you to claim this credit. You can claim \$8,800 for yourself and \$5,200 for an eligible dependent. If you claim the full \$8,800 amount for an adult, you get \$1,320 slashed off your tax bill.

TUITION FEES - Tuition fees have a simple tax credit applied to them. You get 15% of the amounts spent on tuition and textbooks as a tax credit to reduce your taxes. If you take an informal training course whose fees don't count as "tuition" in the usual sense, you may be able to claim that amount as a deduction.

GST/HST TAX CREDIT - Last but not least we have the good old GST credit. This isn't really a tax break that you need to keep up with and apply for. Instead, you get a certain amount of money sent to you if your income is below a certain threshold. For 2023, the threshold is \$52,255. If you earn more than that amount you may be able to make yourself eligible by making RRSP contributions, as such contributions reduce your "on paper" income.

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.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS BRANCH 83 FLORENCE

will take place at the
Branch on **Wednesday,
January 17th at
7:00 pm**

FUNNY 1 LINERS

A ghost walked into a bar and ordered a shot of vodka, the bartender said, 'Sorry, we don't serve spirits here.'

The man who invented knock-knock jokes should get a no bell prize.

I bought the world's worst thesaurus yesterday. Not only is it terrible, it's also terrible.

A blind man walked into a bar... and a table... and a chair...

A Freudian slip is when you mean one thing and mean your mother.

I went to a seafood disco last week, but ended up pulling a mussel.

The first time I got a universal remote control, I thought to myself, 'This changes everything.'

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Sport Fishing opens January 1st. See page 3 for all the details.

BINGO at the Sydney Mines Seniors & Pensioners Club, 2 Fraser Avenue on Sundays at 2:00 pm.

See column opposite for upcoming Tax Deductions you may not realize you can claim.

See Page 5 for Program information and dates for the local Libraries who are gearing up for another event filled year.

You can print your own 2024 calendar - see page 8 - or download one from our website.

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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**January 24th, January 31st
and February 1st** - Lunch
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THE CABOT STREET SNOW WAR

We have all learned of the great battles in history, The 100 Years War, World War 1, World War 2, The Korean Conflict and Viet Nam but I'm sure there's one you may not have heard about. I call it the great Cabot Street Snow War.

If you've ever live in Cape Breton for a Winter, you will appreciate that snow shoveling is a thing that must be endured. As kids we didn't mind too much when it snowed because we got the day off school and we earned extra Christmas money by shoveling driveways.

Technology caught up with Turk Donovan and Johnny The Lip. These two "old codgers" could have been the inspiration for the movie "Grumpy Old Men." They were constantly bickering over minor things like leaves that fell from the trees or dandelions or grass clippings that blew in the next yard. Most neighbours would ignore such trivial matters but not the old codgers.

They would holler out to one another and posture up and down and throw the leaves back over the fence and the other one would end up firing them back in a night raid. It was not uncommon to have the leaves go back and forth across the fence six or seven times. We often sat back and watched the antics.

One Christmas, Turk got a snow blower and went outside and plowed the driveway. Of course he aimed the discharge onto Johnny The Lip's side of the driveway and piled up the snow. Johnny flew out and in no uncertain terms advised Turk where he could put the snow. He then went out to Canadian Tire and bought his own snow blower.



It was quite a spectacle to watch two grown men plowing the snow onto each other's driveways for hours. No sooner would one finish then the other would fire up the snow blower and plow it all back into the other's driveway. Like all great conflicts, third party intervention is needed. The United Nations helped settle some of the big wars. The wives of Turk and Johnny The Lip got together and sold the two snow blowers. They used the money to pay kids to shovel the driveway and at last peace was restored.....kind of.

Now, as the kids are out shoveling the driveway, you can hear Turk and Johnny telling the kids to throw the snow in the other's driveway. It was sometimes better than some of the sitcoms on TV and I miss all the fun now that "the boys" are over 80 and have lost a lot of steam.

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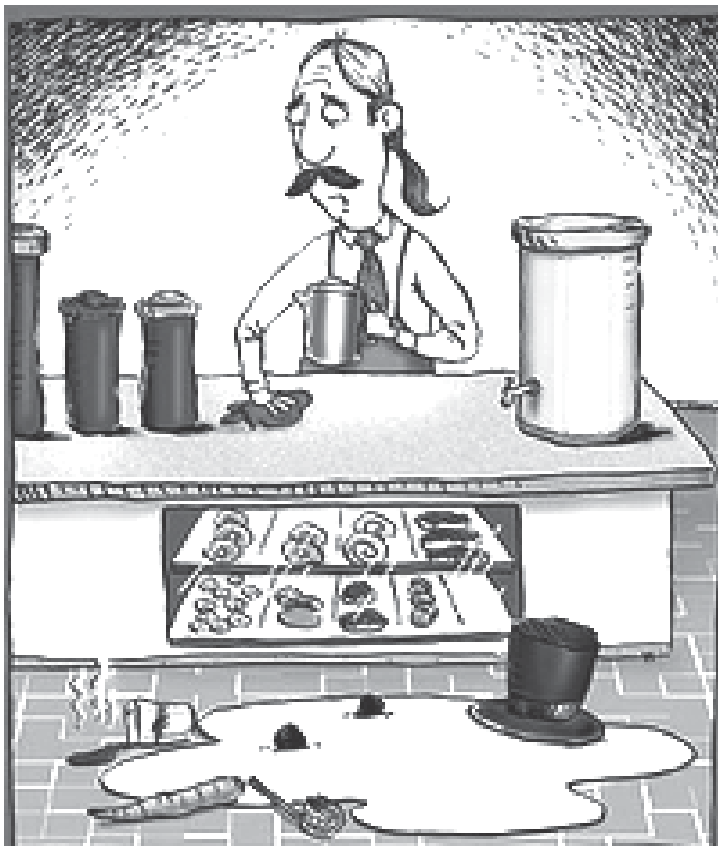
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