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Nine-year-old Brayden Doell, left, and his six-year-old brother Logan Doell made these boxes to put donation money in from their mom's fundraiser with Prairie Heart Soaps. The money will be donated to the YFC Back Door and the local cheer board.

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Bath bombs for a better tomorrow

Carman woman using her business to support local organizations

By Becca Myskiw

Prairie Heart Soaps is giving almost all of their December profits to two organizations in Carman.

Malina Doell created Prairie Heart Soaps in 2016 — it's a handmade soap, bath bomb, and cosmetic business. It originally started after her first son was born and Doell decided she wanted to use natural products that would be good for her children.

She said making the soaps and bath bombs was nerve wracking the first time, but as Doell is a "science nerd," she soon got used to the process and began to love it.

"I just really enjoy making the products and sharing them with my friends," she said.

But once she started sharing them with her friends, Doell realized there was more to bath bombs and soaps than just fun. That's when she started turning her hobby into a way to make money without having to invest too much time in it.

This month, however, she's not using Prairie Heart Soaps to make money for her family — she's using it to make money for the community.

Doell was driving around town one day wondering what she could do to help those who have been affected by the rough year of 2020.



As of Friday, this was all Doell had left to sell.

"I was looking for a way to connect with the community," she said. "Suddenly it dawned on me: I could use my business to help other people."

The first two organizations that came into Doell's mind were the Back Door Youth Centre and the Carman and District Christmas Cheer Board. She decided then and there she'd use her soaps and bath bombs to raise money for them.

She started fundraising for the two earlier in December and is going until Dec. 18. By Dec. 8, however, Prairie Heart Soaps was almost sold out of product for the fundraiser.

"I think it's just so great how our community pulling together for each other," she said.

By Monday, Dec. 7, just one week after she announced what she was doing, Doell had raised \$850 to be split between the Back Door and the cheer



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Malina Doell is using her business, Prairie Heart Soaps, to fundraise for the Back Door and the cheer board.

board. She filled over 30 orders in the first week and had a good portion of funds come from extra donations.

Doell's goal is to give each organization \$500, or to make \$1,000 total.



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Local woman bakes oliebollen, raises over \$2,300 for YFC Back Door

By Becca Myskiw

What started as a holiday tradition for Pat Veldman turned into a successful fundraiser for the YFC Back Door Youth Centre.

Veldman moved to Carman five years ago and brought with her the tradition of eating oliebollen before New Year's Eve. Oliebollen is a Dutch donut that is traditionally eaten on New Year's Eve, but Veldman didn't like waiting, so over 20 years ago she decided she simply wouldn't wait.

Veldman started baking oliebollen on the first Saturday of December each year and opened her house to anyone who wanted to come and eat some with her and her family. She brought that tradition with her to Carman but unfortunately was unable to carry it on this year because of COVID-19.

"I'm a volunteer at the Back Door and I knew they were doing a fundraiser for the students that they needed money for," she said. "So, I thought I could sell my oliebollen this year for that."

The Back Door Youth Centre is currently doing a fundraiser to give each of their students a sweater and their families a meal.

She initially thought she could cook up 500 of the golden deep-fried donuts. On a usual year, Veldman would cook 300 to 400 of them in her garage, and she figured she could stretch it to do 100 more.

Within days of her spreading the word about her fundraiser, the Carman Bakery & Pastry Shop had offered up the ingredients she'd need and baked all the donuts in house as well.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, Veldman and the bakery whipped up over 1,300 of the Dutch donuts that sold out completely. Then on Tuesday, a business asked for a staff order, so they put it out to the community that they were doing more.

In total, they sold over 1,800 oliebollen and made over \$2,300, all of which is being donated to the Back Door for their Christmas fundraiser.

"I was stunned," said Veldman. "I honestly am stunned."

Veldman said she didn't expect the fundraiser to go so well, but her daughter who has lived in Carman for over 10 years had warned her about the town's generosity.



Baked oliebollen.



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Pat Veldman, left, and Audrey Riedstra baked oliebollen on Saturday and Tuesday with proceeds being donated to YFC Back Door.

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Livestock producers asked to fill out survey, reduce livestock predation

By Becca Myskiw

Manitoba producers will soon have the opportunity to participate in a trial that aims to reduce livestock predation.

A three-year project is being run by the Manitoba Beef Producers, the Manitoba Sheep Association, and the provincial government to make plans to mitigate the number of predator-related deaths each year.

The project is part of a three-year \$300,000 grant from the Province of Manitoba.

Ray Bittner of Manitoba Beef Producers said there's not a lot people can do on their own as of right now to ward off predators, so they're hoping to find ways they can change that.

"We're finding the best things we can," he said. "We're going to demo them and show producers what works and what doesn't."

The first part of the project is a 50-question survey for producers to fill out. It's coming by mail to mem-

bers of each association. Bittner said they're hoping to get as many responses as they can so they can determine the most common predators in certain areas and find ways to keep them away from livestock.

Producers who fill out the survey will have return postage paid — the associations ask they send it back by Dec. 21. Each person who fills it out will be entered in a draw to win a game camera or a fancy barbecue.

After the survey results come in, Manitoba Beef Producers and the Manitoba Sheep Association will select a few producers to bring demonstrations to. Bittner said the demonstrations will start with vet visits to the selected farms. There, they'll determine the herd's health and find ways to get each animal as healthy as possible.

Next, the demonstrations will show farmers how to deal with deadstock better so it's not tempting predators to come onto the property. Bittner



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Manitoba Beef Producers, the Manitoba Sheep Association, and the provincial government are teaming up to reduce livestock predation deaths.

said each producer deals with deadstock and finding the best way to deal with it is a crucial part of keeping out predators.

"I do believe that handling deadstock better and having healthier animals is the first two main things," said Bittner.

The last main part of the demonstrations is using game cameras to see which predators are coming onto the properties and bothering the animals.

Some of the demonstrations will be fully sponsored while others will come with cost sharing practices.

Each demonstration will be up to the producer to do over the three-year period. After that, the associations and the government will see how they went and have willing people share their experiences. Then, they can move to getting each producer in on sustainable methods of preventing livestock predation.

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Christmas music to your ears; clock tower ringing



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Christmas carols can be heard coming from Carman's clock tower

By Dennis Young

Since 1915 the Town clock tower has been a prominent piece of Carman's history. Not only giving locals and visitors the correct time but also providing an attractive landscape. But what else could it be used for?

In 2001, after many years of broadcasting Moonlight Madness announcements through a homemade PA system on the Library grounds, the Retail Merchant Association was quizzed about installing speakers in the belfry. The result could be used for Town promos and events! After securing a quote from Carman Music Academy's owner Ken Lebleu, it was unanimously passed to begin the installation.

Electrician Bob Murray donated his time to string the wires from the very top of the tower all the way to the basement. At the bottom, they were wired into 4 -CD player and amp purchased from the Music Academy. Ken scaled the same tower to install the speakers. Then it was test, test, test....yes it worked!

For the next nine years of Madness, the announcements would now be heard across Carman. As well for those nine years, I was given a key to the Library basement and played Christmas

carols during that festive season using a timer (which was not always dependable so say those trying to sleep).

That tradition still continues today managed by the Boyne Library staff. So enjoy the tunes as you enjoy your walks downtown.

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letter to the editor

Letters to the Editor: letters@carmanstandard.ca

Impressed with the new Carman-Dufferin Standard

I became aware of your paper last week. My cousin, Myrlene Currie sent me the website.

I'm very impressed with the information.

Several persons I think people would be interested in is Art Grundy, Alf Strachan, Chick McIvor, Stan Cochran and the Carman Band.

I wonder how many movies I

watched at the Boyne Theatre.

Have a healthy and safe Christmas and hopes for a better 2021.

- Lloyd Johnson
Kelowna, BC

Carman-Dufferin Standard so very interesting

Dear Editor,

Thank you Dennis – Dec. 3 article looks good.

Since you first contacted me about

doing this feature – I have went back through your newspaper archives and read almost every article. So very interesting. Thanks for doing this.

Cheers, Stay Safe.

- Bob Miller Kamloops, B.C.

Writer not impressed with letter being edited

Thank you kindly for printing my letter about all the grief ravaging the Carman area (Dec 10). However, there were a few problems with the way you printed my letter.

First, the title that you attached to my letter ("COVID causing unbearable grief") is the exact opposite of the stated conclusion of my letter.

Second, you made several modifications to my letter. Most of your changes were minor, and had little to no impact. Your modification of

my punctuation and formatting rendered the letter more difficult to follow. But the changes you made to my ending conclusion altered the meaning so dramatically as to make me say something that I strongly disagree with. You rewrote my conclusion in such a way that a reader might think I was saying that the lockdown was making SARS-cov2 spread faster. While I freely admit that the lockdown will cause more deaths than otherwise, one would be

hard pressed to find any rationale for how a lockdown could spread a virus faster.

My original conclusion said: "In conclusion, our unbearable grief is not being caused by Covid-19, but by the lockdown. We are destroying ourselves for a mild flu bug that is spreading a little faster than the normal flu."

- Thomas Verduyn
Roland

Don't let parcel thieves ruin your Christmas

By Standard staff

You might not think our landlocked Prairies would have pirates, but they're out there and they're on the hunt for your holiday packages.

Manitoba RCMP say parcel theft is a growing concern, especially this year when so many people are shopping online due to the pandemic.

Parcels left unattended on your doorstep make easy targets for would-be thieves, but police have issued a few tips to foil the Grinch.

To help keep your packages safe this holiday season, the RCMP recommend:

- Installing security cameras or a smart doorbell on your property to monitor and record any suspicious activity.
- Choosing an alternate delivery location for your package such as a nearby post office or your place of employment.
- Considering the use of a delivery locker on your property.

- Requesting a signature upon delivery.

"A good way to defend against this type of crime is working together with your neighbours," police say. "Know who they are and talk to them to make arrangements to pick up your packages if you won't be home for an extended period."

If you've been the victim of or have witnessed a porch theft, contact local police.

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Minor adjustments to public health orders

By Manitoba government

The Manitoba government has extended public health orders from Dec. 12 until Jan. 8, 2021, as part of protecting Manitobans from COVID-19 during the holiday season, Premier Brian Pallister and Dr. Brent Roussin, Manitoba's chief provincial public health officer, announced last week.

"It is crucial that Manitobans continue to limit their close contacts and only gather with members of their immediate household in order to bend our COVID curve down and protect our most vulnerable friends, families and communities," said Pallister. "We recognize this holiday season will be difficult and lonely for most, but the best thing we can do for our loved ones right now is to stay safe at home so that we can gather together, in-person next year."

The existing Critical (red) level restrictions have been extended by public health order, with several modifications based on feedback from public, stakeholders and enforcement officials. Changes to the public health orders include:

- allowing thrift stores to open with some capacity limits, to allow access to second-hand clothing and other items;

- ensuring acupuncture and manual osteopathy practices are allowed to open to align with other health services;

- clarifying the operation of food banks and food hamper services;

- allowing private residences to allow legal services, landlord access and access for home businesses;

- encouraging safe outdoor physical activity for individuals and immediate households only by providing guidance to clarify that people not from the same household need to keep two metres of distance between them and that gathering sizes must not exceed five people;

- adding school supplies as an essential item under the restrictions to retail services;

- allowing drive-in events as a temporary measure subject to compliance with the restrictions, and cars must contain members from one household only and no one may leave the car while at the event; and

- permitting the Winnipeg Jets to train in Manitoba in preparation for an eventual NHL decision on a 2021 playing season.

A seasonal change to the order will also be included to allow for the sale of holiday decorations such as gar-

lands and ornaments, and religious items like menorahs and candles.

"Our modelling has shown the Critical level, or red, restrictions have helped us avoid even higher case numbers right now," said Roussin. "But our numbers are still too high and now is not the time to let up. That is why we're extending the public health orders with some adjustments to ensure Manitobans can access the goods and services they need, and have clear direction stay safe at home before and during the holiday season."

The updated orders and the list of items deemed essential are posted on the province's Pandemic Response System website at <https://manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/orders/index.html#current>.

Manitoba has announced the Safe at Home Manitoba program to provide support to Manitobans staying home during this critical time. Organizations, businesses and artists can visit www.safeathomemb.ca for more information.

Manitobans can report compliance and enforcement issues by visiting www.manitoba.ca/COVID19 and completing the reporting form, or by calling 204-945-3744 or 1-866-626-4862

Correction

Staff

In the Dec. 10 issue of the *Carman Dufferin Standard* it was reported that the Carman Beaver 1963-64 team lost to Altona Maroons in the finals. In fact:

What a shock the loyal Maroon fans received when our boys took a 2-0 series lead by outscoring Altona 6-4, and 6-1. In the next three final play-off games, the Maroons posted convincing 12-3, 9-3, and 10-4 victories and took a one game advantage.

Over 1,100 fans packed Carman's arena to witness the silencing of the Maroons 5-2. But March 14th was not a banner day for Altona fans as their reactions showed that evening, when the favorites were whipped 11-2 on home ice. Besieged by spits of seeds and other debris, the upstart Carman Beavers won the SEMHL Championship and the Manitoba Pool Elevators Trophy!

(toll-free) and pressing option three on the call menu.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Manitoba, visit www.manitoba.ca/COVID19.

Provincial Code red restrictions extended to Jan. 8

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Manitobans will be dealing with tight COVID-19 restrictions for at least a few more weeks.

Premier Brian Pallister announced last Tuesday that the government has extended the public health orders designed to limit the spread of the virus until Jan. 8.

"Our number one priority in the face of this pandemic is protecting our most vulnerable Manitobans and ensuring that our health care system is there for all Manitobans when they need it," he said in addressing the province.

That's why, Pallister said, the government

brought in critical (red) level restrictions a few weeks ago, and it's why those restrictions are being extended beyond the original Dec. 11 end date.

"The existing critical level restrictions will be extended, and here's why: because they're working," he said. "They're beginning to make a difference. You're beginning to make a difference and that is critical as we move forward."

Manitoba has seen its numbers begin to drop as a result of these measures, though the current daily level of new cases is still

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Tune in online to Women Helping Women 2020

By Lorne Stelmach

An annual event to benefit safe spaces for women and children in Winnipeg is expanding its reach this year to also support the local shelter for the victims of domestic violence.

Partial proceeds from the online Women Helping Women concert will be going to Genesis House.

"I'm thinking perhaps having some rural people involved performing has helped broaden their scope as well," suggested Ang Braun, executive director of the Winkler-based shelter.

"They've had this event for a number of years. This year because of COVID and the way that things have gone more virtual, they decided to reach outside the city as well," she said.

"I think one of the things that maybe is a silver lining is it has sort of connected the world and made it smaller, and connecting with virtual events means more people can be included."

Women Helping Women is set for Sunday, Dec. 20 beginning at 7 p.m., and it will be hosted by the Stacey James Band, which is also part of the

lineup of performers.

The concert will also be featuring local performer Jayme Giesbrecht as well as Jess Rae, Christa Lucas, Kristen McKay, Kwiat, Shandra Levreault, Eternal Now, Tiffany Ponce, Daisy Chain, Ingrid Aubrey, Mal Magorel, Holly Rose, The Keen and The Kind, Elle Es, and Katrina Van Humbeck.

Tickets are available by donation through Eventbrite. People can find more information and connect through the Facebook and Instagram pages of Genesis House as well as the Women Helping Women 2020 Facebook page.

Braun said they are pleased to be part of it not only for raising funds but awareness as well.

"Some of these kinds of events have been very successful for other nonprofits," she noted. "I think it helps bring attention to domestic violence and also exposure for our agency."

"I think it is a great idea. The thought of women supporting women is very cool, but I think, even more than that, for us has been trying to figure out,



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Winkler's own Jayme Giesbrecht is among the list of performers for the Dec. 20 Women Helping Women concert in support of Manitoba shelters for the victims of domestic violence.

without doing all of the events that we normally do, how do we make sure that people are aware of us and remember us?"

Carman writer releasing story on trusting God during COVID

By Becca Myskiw

One Carman resident is doing an advent calendar novella for the month of December.

Sheila Dick is using her blog — sheilasnook.blogspot.com — to release her story, *December in Dayfield*. The catch, though, is she lets out one chapter a day.

After graduating from the University of Manitoba (UofM) in 1997 with an English degree, Dick changed fields and worked in daycare. She put writing on the backburner and only recently got back into it because of the pandemic.

"I always wanted to write on a bigger project," she said. "And I thought this was a good time to."

Dick said she got the idea for an advent calendar novella in August but has wanted to write this story specifi-

cally for the last five years.

December in Dayfield follows three main characters — Jennifer, a young mother, her daughter Emily, and Jennifer's father, Harold. It takes place in actual time, with COVID-19 being a recurring theme.

Jennifer lives in small town Dayfield and is not getting along with her dad, Harold. COVID-19 has hit the town and everyone is trying to figure out what to do next. Eventually, her relationship with Harold works out thanks to the element of trusting in God and his plan.

She said one of her favourite parts about this story is the lack of a traditional romance.

"It's not a man that Jennifer is wooing over," she said. "She's caring more about what God thinks."

She said she hopes *December in Day-*

field makes readers realize they're more blessed than they think and there's hope out there. She wants the story to help people see the blessings that surround them.

Though *Dayfield* is a fictitious town, Dick said Carman plays a big part in how she shaped it, which is why its details might seem familiar to some readers. And just because she's held onto the idea for half a decade, doesn't mean she knows how it ends.

Dick has an outline for each story all the way up until the final one on Dec. 25. But, she said she finds herself often making changes and reshaping the ending.

"So, I'm just surprised at it sometimes as other people are too," she said.

To read the story, go to Dick's blog and follow along until Christmas day.



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Sheila Dick is currently writing an advent calendar novella called "December in Dayfield."

Carman Dufferin Fire Department applies for \$300,000 training grant

By Jennifer McFee

- The finance and administration committee has completed its annual review and update of its organizational bylaw, procedural bylaw, and tendering and procurement policy.

- Generators have been back-ordered due to delays related to the pandemic. The generators are expect-

ed to arrive soon.

- The Carman Dufferin Fire Department has applied for a \$300,000 grant to develop a regional training site.

- The fire department has completed virtual training for its new radios. The new radios are expected to go live on Dec. 18.

- The executive committee has provided joint grants to various community groups: Pembina Valley Humane Society (\$1,500), Carmen Family Resource Centre (\$4,500), Boundary Trails (\$1,250), The Back Door (\$8,000), Carman Palliative Care (\$5,000), Ronald McDonald House (\$2,500), Dufferin Historical Society (\$5,785), Commu-

nities in Bloom (\$1,850) and Golden Prairie Arts Council (\$11,427.50).

- Currently the town's office staff is rotating among three senior employees, and remote work from home also continues with at least one team meeting each week.

Santa Claus is coming to town for Carman parade

By Becca Myskiw

Santa Claus is coming to town.

Even though COVID-19 and its many restrictions have put a damper on most holiday traditions, one Carman resident is working to keep some normalcy in the town.

Chelsea Kozak is organizing a Santa parade for Dec. 23. The idea came alive during a Facetime session with her parents one night. Seeing Santa each year and watching the parade is special to Kozak because her uncle used to play the jolly man annually. During the video chat, her dad said he wanted to carry on the tradition, but he was unsure how to because of the pandemic.

So, he decided he would do it for his grandchildren, but Kozak didn't want to stop there.

"I thought, 'if you're already dressing up we might as well do the whole town of Carman,'" she said.

With support and excitement from her parents, Kozak began planning.

The parade will start on Heritage Drive, make its way through the Southwest part of town, then the Southeast and end in the trailer park.

Kozak said virtually the whole town is on route to see Santa — it was important for her that everyone get their chance to wave.

"It's just that time of year," she said. "One of the biggest things kids look forward to is seeing Santa."

She said her children are an exception, but she knows Christmas parades are a memory for parents as well.

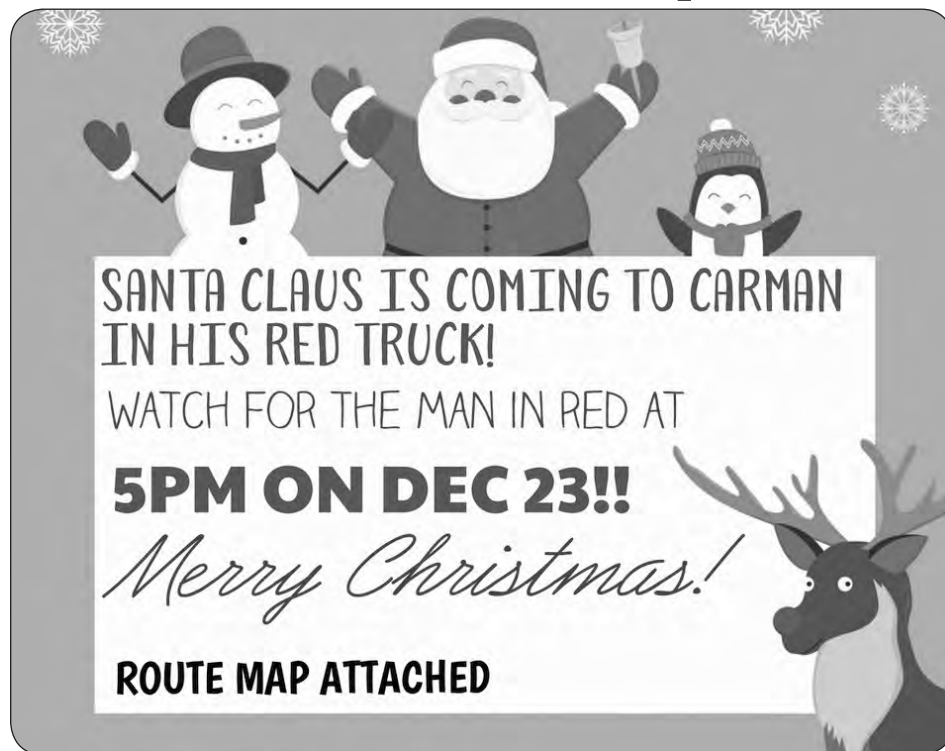
"It's just something that we wanted to do for everybody."

Santa Claus will be in the box of a big red truck, talking to the children through a microphone. His elf, Kozak, will be driving and blasting Christmas tunes as they go.

There will also be a fire truck and a police car in line as long as no emergencies show up.

Kozak asks that everyone watching the parade does so from their property and doesn't stand on the road. She wants to keep the event safe and socially distanced, which is another reason it's important for her that they do as many streets as possible.

"It would break my heart if someone didn't see him," she said.



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Santa Claus will be making his way through the streets of Carman on Dec. 23 beginning at 5 p.m.

So, at 5 p.m. on Dec. 23, head to the windows or stand at the front door

and give Santa Claus a wave as he drives through Carman.

Hope on the horizon, but we're not out of this yet: Roussin

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Public health officials announced 241 new cases of COVID-19 in Manitoba on Monday, along with nine additional deaths.

That brings the province's total number of cases to 21,264 and the death toll to 499 at press time (up 92 from the week before).

Manitoba had 5,791 active cases of the virus at the start of the week and 14,974 recoveries. There were 303 people hospitalized with COVID-19 on Monday, 39 in intensive care. The five-day test positivity rate was at 13.6 per cent.

In our region, Winkler at press time was at 27 cases and three deaths, Morden had 12 cases, Stanley was reporting two active cases and one death, Carman had no active cases and one death, Altona had 34 active cases, Morris was at 10 active cases and one

death, Roland/Thompson had one active cases and one death, and Lorne/Louise/Pembina had four active cases.

At Monday's press briefing, Dr. Brent Roussin, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, once again urged people to stick to their own households in the weeks ahead to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

"We know that this is the time for family gatherings ... but this year has to be different," he said. "We must socialize only with members of our household."

"If we gather over these coming weeks, we're going to see an escalation in cases," Roussin stressed. "It's very difficult this year, but we have to find a way to celebrate virtually. Reduce your contacts to household members only, practise the fundamentals at all times ... going out only for essential reasons."

The next few weeks won't be easy, but there is reason to be hopeful about the future, Roussin said.

"We have a vaccine on the horizon. We have every reason to believe that next year is not going to look like this. But we have to get through this year."

Rolling out the vaccine

Administration of the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in Manitoba was slated to begin this week.

They have been earmarked for eligible health-care providers of a certain age whose work involves direct contact with patients in critical care, acute care, and long-term care facilities, as well as those assigned to COVID-19 immunization clinics.

The province is reminding Manitobans to only call for an appointment if you are an eligible front-line health-care provider.

"With only a very limited supply of new vaccines available before the spring, we will follow the advice of national and provincial public health experts," Premier Brian Pallister said last week. "We will focus our initial immunization efforts on those most at risk of COVID-19 including seniors, those working in the health-care system and in long-term care facilities, and Indigenous peoples."

Further vaccine shipments are expected to arrive over the next few weeks.

In total, Manitoba has been told it will receive 228,000 doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines between now and March 31, 2021, enough to vaccinate more than 100,000 Manitobans or approximately seven per cent of the total population.

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not sustainable.

"This is not a victory lap ... we need to do more," Pallister stressed. "But Manitobans need to know that what they've done has helped ... it has saved lives, it has kept people from getting COVID. It has helped our hospital system not to be overcrowded and overrun, our ICUs to be able to function effectively to serve people's needs."

The public health order extension came with a

few tweaks to it, including allowing thrift stores to reopen with capacity limits, adding school supplies to the essential items list, allowing for the sale of holiday decorations, and allowing drive-in events as long as vehicles contain members of one household and no one leaves their vehicle at an event. Still in place are restrictions on public and private gatherings. Gatherings at private residences are not allowed and any gatherings in public spaces, both inside or outside, are limited to five people.

"It's crucial that Manitobans continue to limit their close contacts and only gather with members of their household this holiday season," Pallister said. "That's going to be difficult. It's going to be lonely for many. But the best thing we can do now for our loved ones is to stay apart so that we may be together in person next year."

A detailed overview of the updated public health orders can be found at manitoba.ca/covid19/restartmb/prs/orders/index.html#current.

RCMP remind operators of off-road vehicle laws and safety

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- The ORV must be registered;
- Must be at least 14 years of age to operate an ORV without supervision;
- 12-13 year olds must only operate an ORV under the direct supervision (within direct sight) of a parent;
- Must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's licence in order to operate across a roadway or shoulder;
- Must not operate an ORV with more passengers than the ORV is designed to carry;
- Everyone riding an ORV must wear an approved helmet, unless: The ORV is equipped with occupant roll-over protection and seat belts, and the seat belts are being used,

or the ORV is being used for farming, commercial fishing, hunting or trapping operations;

- Must not operate on roadway or shoulder (see Section 34 of the Off-Road Vehicle Act for exceptions for agricultural purposes)

- May only cross a roadway or shoulder at an intersection or designated ORV crossing such as a snowmobile trail crossing, and must hold a valid driver's licence (see Section 35 of the Off-Road Vehicle Act);

- Must not carry open liquor or cannabis;

- Must operate the ORV in a safe and prudent manner;

- Must have headlights and tail lights on from 30 minutes prior to sunset until 30 minutes after sunrise.

When operating on private land (yards, farm land, pasture land, etc.):

- Ensure you have permission of the land owner;

- While some provincial laws such as the Off-Road Vehicle Act do not apply to private property, the Criminal Code of Canada does. Therefore, operating an ORV while impaired or with a blood alcohol concentration or blood drug concentration over the legal limit is a criminal offence, as is operating an ORV in a dangerous manner.

"This past year, 50% of fatal ORV collisions involved alcohol and/or drugs," said Sergeant Mark Hume, Officer in Charge of Westman Traffic Services. "In 60 per cent of the collisions reported to police, the operator was found to be driving too fast and either lost control or struck an object. Of those killed in collisions, 1 in 3 were not wearing a helmet. All of these deaths could have been prevented."

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Carman woman donating to Winnipeg shelter for fifth year in a row

By Becca Myskiw

For the fifth year in a row, a Carman woman is taking a vehicle full of personal items to the North End Women's Centre (NEWC).

Kyla Vander Vegte started donating personal items to the centre five years ago after realizing she had many toiletries that were only partially used. In that first year, she decided she didn't want to be wasteful and contacted some people she knew to see if they also had opened or unused products.

As many people did have toiletries they wanted to give away, Vander Vegte decided to use that as an opportunity to help others.

"We take for granted every day that you go in a shower and have shampoo

to wash your hair and products to put on your face," she said. "We don't even think about it most days."

She chose NEWC as the place she'd take the products to. They offer women support, recovery and housing options, and help to get them involved in the community.

Vander Vegte is a religious person and is always looking for ways to help others. She said she's not good at cooking, so she has to find different ways to help.

For the past five years, she's been collecting personal items from people in the area and filling her vehicle with them. In the first year, she had donations from Winnipeg coming in, but Vander Vegte wanted to keep her

initiative local, so she now only takes things in that are from people in the community.

Last year, she almost had to strap a few things to the roof of her vehicle because she had so many donations. This year, she's getting about the same — because they can't donate the usual used items, people are ordering things in just to send with her to the city. Each item Vander Vegte is donating this year is brand new.

"I just think it's really neat," said Vander Vegte. "Especially to see the community just being so giving."

Vander Vegte started collecting donations at the beginning of December and will be doing so until the Christ-

mas holidays for her children start. She said doing this annually wouldn't be possible without the community's support.

She always packs the three of her children into the vehicle when she goes to drop off the donations so they can gain compassion for the people they're helping too.

She said each year when they drop off the items that fill Vander Vegte's vehicle, the women at the shelter are overwhelmed by the number of things there are. Though she only takes a load in at Christmas time, Vander Vegte said the centre accepts donations year-round and she encourages people to donate whenever they can.



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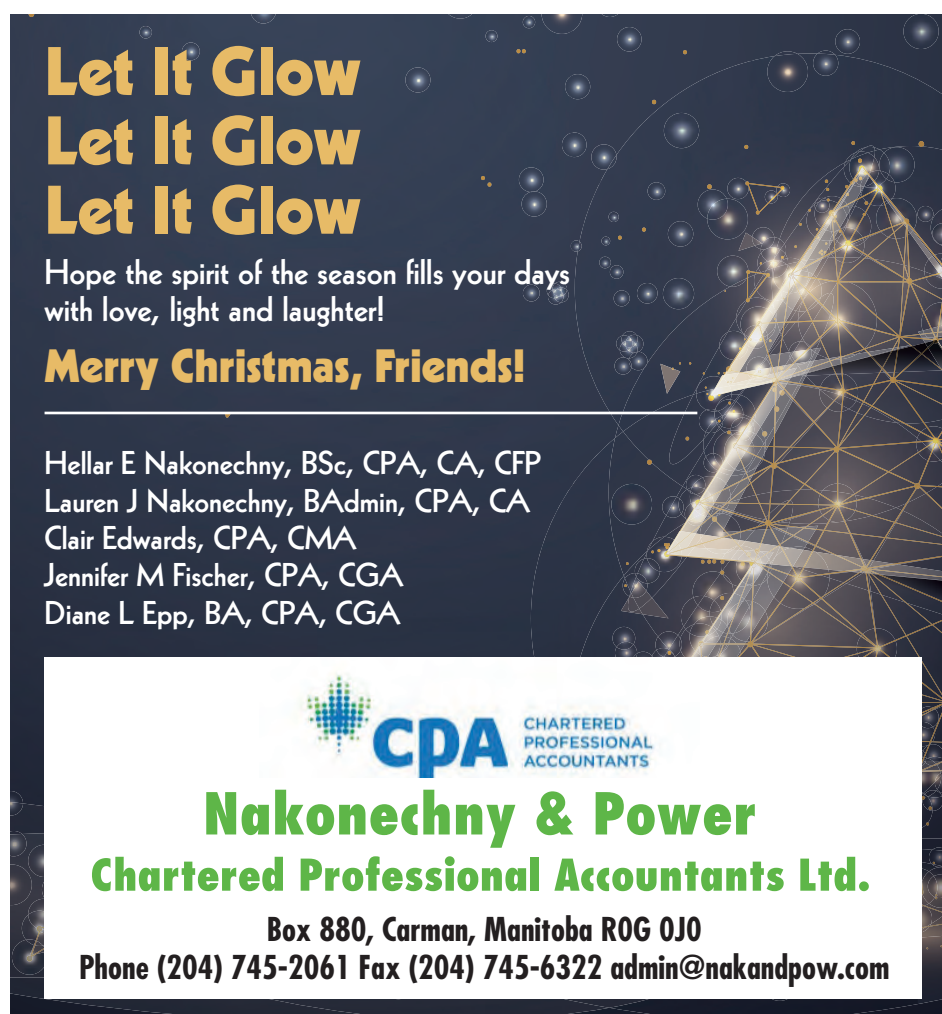
Season's greetings from the whole team!

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Kyla Vander Vegte has been collecting personal items to donate to the North End Women's Shelter for five years.



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Dear Santa...Love, your friends from Carman

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Hi Santa! How are you? How are the elves doing? I have an elf shelf at my house. He is driving a bicycle!

I have kind of been good. I helped my Dad change tires. Please bring me a nerf gun and minecraft toy and a lego set please?

Love your friend Michael

Hi Santa! How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How many elves do you have? I am being pretty good. I cleaned up my bedroom. I got Isla dressed. I sat the table. I help Max in the morning 1 slime 2 barbie 3 hoverboard Those are the things that I want please.

Love your friend Elle

Hi Santa! Guess what? It is my birthday on December the 4th? How is your wife doing? I don't want to hurt your feelings like is she sick why does she not come with you? On your sleigh. Do you want something else then cookies? Do you want grapes or pickles? If you still want cookies I have ginger snacks. I am pretty good I made my bed I get fatness off my pony Stormy.

Please can I have care-bears and can I have poop emojis and barbies and lego.

Love your friend Shay

Hi Santa! How are you? How are the elves doing? I hope you had a good summer.

This year I have been a very good boy. I have helped my mom around

the house.

Please bring me trains, lego, cars.

Love your friend Mason

Hi Santa! How are you? How is Comet? Please can I have a lego Hulk Buster for Christmas? I have been a good boy.

I helped my mom and dad. I am nice to my brothers. Merry Christmas!

Love your friend Declan

Hi Santa! Are you ok? I love you! How are the reindeer?

I have bin good. I have been helping my mom! I helped my Dad! I helped feed Zeus a Jellybean a shanlie a Franky! Can I have laminaton! Can I have Clay! Can I have books Please!

Love Evie

Hi Santa! How are you? How are the reindeer? Are the elves making anything? How is Mrs Claus? This is what I want for Christmas. Lego set, a electric scooter. A parrot. I have been good this year. I set the table.

Love your friend Kale

Hi Santa! How are you? How is Mrs Claus? What would you like to eat this year? How is the elves and the reindeer?

I feel like I have been good but also I have like I've been a little little bad sorry Santa! Can I please a tv if you make one but I don't need it and a note book! Please and a keyboard

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Letters To Santa 2020

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please!

Have a maerry chistmas Santa! And a happy new year!

Love your friend Ava

Hi Santa! How old are you? How many elves do you have? How are you? Pretty good?

A hoverboard a reborndoll qnd a Jo-JoSiwa pillow.

I take care of my brother. I did the laundry. I made cokies with my Mom.

From Sarah

Hi Santa! How old arer you? How

much elves do you have?

I have been pretty good this year. I do 10 chors ever day.

This year I want a hoverboard and a elf on the shelf and a Oilers hockey pillow please!

Love your friend Brock

Hi Santa! What dose the north pole look like? Where are the randeer? We don't have no snow. I like snow because I like tobging. I think Im nice. I feed my ginepig and I pet my cat. This Christmas may I please have boogie-

man stuffy and a puzzle.

Thank you!

Love your friend Axel

Hi Santa! How are you? How are your reindeer? How many elves do you have? I have been pretty Good. I want a beam! I want another my life doll! I want a rock collection. I help Theodore read books I take the cats litter out. I help my mom do the dishis.

Love your friend Berlynn

Hi Santa! How are you? How old are you? How many elves do you have? I

have been making a hay castel! Can I have some money I jest kidding! I want some beyblades the name is phoenix!

I have been good. I want a lago-set! I did lots of skating and finding golf-balls and we made a collect of balls! I want a magnetic pick up tool! Have a good Christsmas.

Love your friend Oliver

Hi Santa! How are the reindeer? Is Mrs. Claus ok? Are your elves being good? Are you feeling ok? Have you got a chismas tree yet?

This year I have been pretty good. I started making a hockey rink! I got a chismas tree on Dec 1. I finished decorating my room. My siblings bilte a train track. I an my sister played with lego for a bit. I looked at star wars sets on the computer.

Please bring me bablades, a star wars set, my oun T.V, an Xbox, another blanket, A board game, A who wood win Book.

Love your friend Liam

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Provincial government relaxes Sunday shopping restrictions

Staff

Manitoba businesses are now able to stay open later on Sundays and holidays.

The provincial government announced last week that it has expedited the passage and proclamation of legislation that does away with old restrictions that forced retailers to close by 6 p.m. on those days. The change came into effect on Dec. 12.

"Given the current public health restrictions in place to protect Manitobans, we want to provide flexibility to businesses and customers and allow more opportunity for curbside pickup and delivery options as well as longer in-person shopping hours to minimize crowds," said Finance Minister Scott Fielding.

Bill 4 - The Retail Business Hours of Operation Act (Various Acts Amended or Repealed) gives all businesses the choice to remain open later on Sundays and during statutory holidays. Manitoba's retail hour restric-

tions for Remembrance Day remain in place.

The bill also gives municipalities the authority to pass bylaws should they prefer to keep some restrictions in place.

"Manitoba was the only Western Canadian province to restrict retail business hours on Sundays and holidays and our government has been com-

mitted to modernizing our outdated and complicated shopping laws," Fielding said.

Speeding up the passage of this legislation came at the request of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB), Manitoba Chambers of Commerce, Retail Council of Canada, and the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

"Given the current critical level (red) restrictions facing all retailers across the province, it is important that we pass Bill 4 in time for the holiday season," said the organizations in an open letter to government last month. "It is our belief that this will help many retailers with additional revenues during this important time of year."



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First Place

Kindness Shared

By Jada, Grade 8

There once was a family who was very poor. They had no money and not much food. They had to sleep on the floor and it was always cold.

Then one Christmas morning they went outside and saw that on their steps were presents for everyone in the family. The little girl named Nancy who was three years old told her mother and she took them inside. Mother woke up the other children and the family went and ate Christmas breakfast. They had peppermint cocoa and some cookies and then they cleaned up after themselves and went and opened their presents.

Nancy opened hers first and she got a cute, little doll with beautiful clothes and a bed for her doll. Alex opened present next and he got a set of pick-ups, a combine, hockey stick, and a puck to play hockey. Emily who was eight years old got an American doll named Allie, washing machine, couch set, and cute clothes for her doll. Mother opened her presents and she got nice dishes, hand towels, bathing towels, wash cloths, sewing machine, and some thread. Father got a tool set, gloves for working, and lots of money.

They all cleaned up their presents

and the children went outside and they saw a toboggan with lots of food in there. The children ran inside and told their mother and father what they found and they brought them inside. Then they went inside and ate Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

After Christmas, Father decided to do some fixing on the house with his new tools. He patched the roof and fixed the cracks in the walls so the house was cozy and warm. He made everyone a new bed and mother made them all a warm new blanket. The children cleaned up the house to help out. Everyone was happy.

Father decided that he liked to build furniture so he started a small business of selling what he made. He made enough money doing this that his family always had enough food to eat. Mother started to sell blankets that she made with her new sewing machine.

Soon it was almost Christmas time again. Mother and father noticed a family that was struggling as they had been not so long ago. So, on Christmas Eve, the family snuck over with gifts to leave on the doorstep as someone had done for them the year before. They hoped they could do for someone else what someone had done for them.

Second Place

Baby Jesus

By Jada, Grade 8

B- Baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem on Christmas Day

A- Amazing news was spread around the town

B- Bethlehem was a very small town

Y- Young families had to come home to get counted

J- Joseph and Mary looked for a place to sleep

E- Every shepherd was afraid when the angels told them good news

S- Some gifts he got were myrrh, gold, and frankincense

U- Under the bright star a king was born

S- Songs were sang by the angels on Christmas Day

Third Place

A Special Christmas Surprise

By Michael S., Grade 2

One December, it was getting close to Christmas. The stores were all closed. Everything was closed because of covid. I was worried because I did not think we would get any presents.

My family just sat around the living

room. They were sad. Mom got up and said "alright everybody - TO THE KITCHEN!" We are going to make our own Christmas presents! What kind of cookies do you like Michael?

Michael replied, "I love gingerbread, ginger snaps and chocolate chip!" My family got right to work. Soon the house smelled like gingerbread! We left the perfect gingerbread man to Santa by the tree.

On Christmas morning, I woke up and ran to the tree. Santa brought a big present for me and there was a present for everyone. I looked at the plate, there were only crumbs! Mom

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The Christmas spirit never goes out of style.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

From the Council & Staff



May that heartwarming Christmas spirit
Reside with each of you.



> CHRISTMAS STORIES, FROM PG. 16

screamed, "WHO TOOK all the gingerbread cookies?" Then we saw Santa's mitten in the cookie jar!!!

One Christmas Wish

By Elle Z., Grade 2

One night I was sleeping and Santa came to give us some presents. I snuck out and got into his sled! I went all the way to the North Pole and I saw Mrs. Claus. I saw elves working in the toy factory. I snuck in the giant bag of presents in Santa's Sleigh and I fell fast asleep... IN the morning, I woke up and I saw presents under the tree. I couldn't believe that I visited the North Pole just last night!

Too Many Snowflakes

By Liam I., Grade 2

It was the night before Christmas and it was snowing. A boy named Jake was sleeping. He was so excited for the next morning because it would be Christmas morning! Soon it was 12:00 and Santa came!

In the morning, Jake ran as fast as he could to wake up Mommy and Daddy so they could open presents! "Mommy and Daddy, wake up!!" Jake said. "Can we open the presents now?"

"Yes, we can!" Daddy said.

At the Christmas tree... "...Well, who wants to open a present first?" Dad asked.

"Me, Me!" Jake yelled. He jumped over to the first present just as fast as he could. It was a toy plane.

They had breakfast. It was pancakes, eggs and bacon. It was a good breakfast! Jake decided to go outside. When he went outside, the snow poured into the room! Jake's parents ran to get some shovels. Jake and his family shoveled all the snow out of the house, and off of their sidewalk.

Jake grabbed his toy plane and threw it up high. Suddenly, he noticed some tracks on the roof....

Santa and the Firemen

By Ava D., Grade 2

One Christmas Eve, Santa came to my house and landed on the roof. He tried to jump down my chimney to deliver my presents. But something mysterious happened...

"Urghhh, urghhh! I'm stuck!" Santa grumbled. He wiggled. He jiggled. He wriggled. But he was stuck.

Santa got his cell phone from his jacket and dialed 911.

"I need a fireman at Road 32 West. This is SO embarrassing, but I am stuck in the chimney. Please hurry because my butt is starting to burn!"

The firemen came and sprayed Santa's butt. "How did you get stuck, Santa?" asked the firemen.

"Well, I just jumped in and I guess I ate WAY too many cookies at Michael's house!"

My Visit to the North Pole

By Declan S., Grade 2

Once upon a time, I went to the North Pole. I went with my mom. Santa Claus brought us. We went to the North Pole to look for reindeer. I wanted a reindeer so that I could fly. When we got there, the reindeer were gone. Mom and I were feeling sad. We went to Santa's sleigh and we saw reindeer. Mom and I flew home on Comet!

The Perfect Christmas!

By Oliver S., Grade 2

It was Christmas Eve and Santa's Elves were busy working on making and wrapping presents.

The children were having fun and they wanted to unwrap their presents already! The children waited and waited until Christmas finally came. Judy got a teddy bear and her brothers got some candy canes. But there was one bigger surprise. Mom went to the doctor's office. She found out that she was cured. It was a Christmas miracle!

The 63 Presents!

By Brock E., Grade 2

One morning a boy named Alex wanted lots of presents.

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He wanted so many presents. The next morning was Christmas. Alex got only one present.

Alex lived in an apartment building. He had to take out the garbage every morning. He did NOT like to take out the trash. Every morning, he had to shovel off the snow so that he could drag the heavy garbage to the big bin in the back.

The next Christmas Eve, Alex wanted lots of presents but he reminded himself that he would only get one.

He woke up and went to the Christmas tree. Alex was SO HAPPY! He saw that there were 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9.....59,60,61,62....63 presents with his name on each present! He opened up the first present. It was from Mrs. Salazar next door. There was a little note. It said, "Thank you for shoveling the snow!" Alex opened another present. It said, "You are an angel for cleaning the sidewalk for us. Thank, Mr. Tyler." Alex discovered that all 63 gifts came from his neighbors. What a wonderful surprise!

The Mischievous Snowman

By Kale D., Grade 2

Once upon a time, there was a mischievous snowman. He caused a lot of trouble! Once he dumped a box of candy canes all over the floor. He went house to house doing sneaky things. Everyone was upset!

One morning on CTV LIVE, two robberies were reported on Church Avenue in Elm Creek. The robbers were going house to house stealing all the presents!

Then the police came and they looked for clues. All they found was one big puddle and some wet mittens, hat and buttons!

Santa Claus and the Boy

By Berlynn T., Grade 2

It was a stormy night on Christmas Eve. There was a boy with twelve kittens. He did not care, he just wanted to see Santa Claus. So, he tried to stay up very late. The kittens were all mewling. "Sh - sh - sh!!!" The boy said. The boy was so excited for Christmas, he wanted to catch Santa, so the boy climbed down the stairs. He saw Santa! The boy screamed with happiness! "HO HO HO, what are you doing up so late? Asked Santa "No one is allowed to see Santa!" The next morning, the boy woke up and he wondered if it was all a dream.... The boy ran down the stairs to see the tree. He found twelve stuffed kittens in his stocking!!

Mary's Little Baby Boy

By Shay U., Grade 2

Mary was making some dinner. The sun was very bright. She looked up and the sun was so bright, Mary saw an angel. The angel said Mary was going to have a baby. His name would be Jesus. You will have him tomorrow," said the angel and then he went away. The next day Mary woke up. She was very scared. She went to Joseph's place. There were a lot of people there and it was very messy. They decided to leave. Joseph went to get the donkey for Mary to ride on. They went to Bethlehem and searched for a room. Finally they found a stable. Then miracle happened. Baby Jesus was born!

One Stormy Christmas Eve

By Sarah D., Grade 2

One Stormy Christmas Eve, there were snowflakes falling. We were getting our Christmas tree and decorating it that night. It was so pretty. We love to decorate the tree. The snow kept falling and my family and I were worried that Santa and his sleigh might get stuck. Then how would our presents make it under the tree?? I

hoped Rudolph was leading the team of reindeer. That night, I woke up when I thought I heard a sound on the roof. Then suddenly, a bunch of snow fell past my window. I thought the storm was getting worse and I went to sleep. IN the morning, I ran to the tree. Santa brought us lots of presents! Later, I went outside to play on my new sled. I spotted some sleigh tracks on the roof! It must have been Santa that knocked the snow off the roof and past my window!!!

The Pet Christmas

By Evie I., Grade 2

Christmas day was coming very soon! Evie was so excited for Christmas. She had been waiting for it. She wanted a pet. A pet would be her best friend. She worried Santa might not come. Her sister told her Christmas was not real! Evie said, "It is real!" Her sister said no. Evie went to bed. The next day, Evie got up. She ran to the tree. She saw a big box with her name on it. She opened it up. It was a puppy! "I love it!" Her sister got a cell phone. Evie played with her puppy all day. Her sister said, "Evie, you

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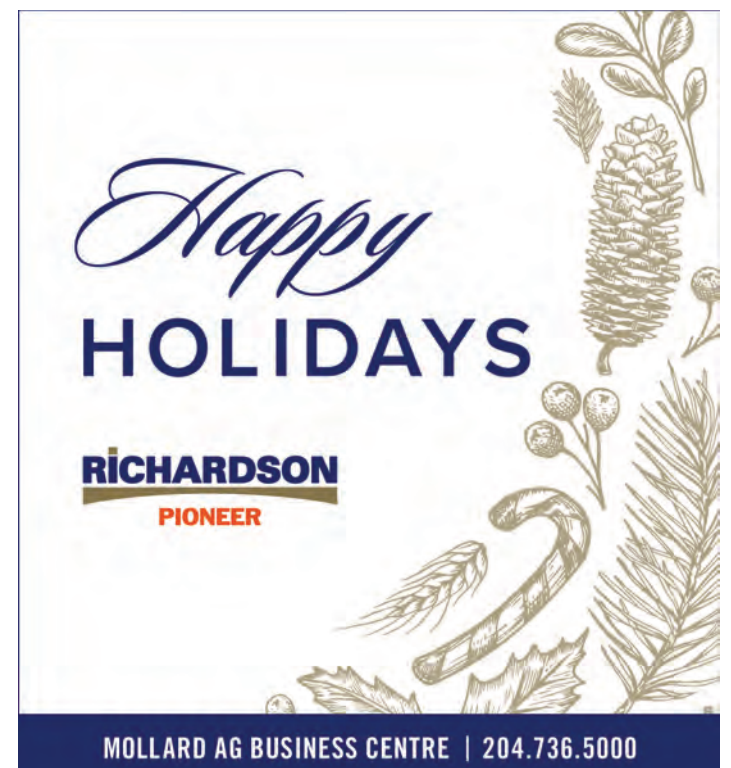
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> CHRISTMAS STORIES, FROM PG. 19

were right. Santa is real!"

The Best Night Ever
By Axel C., Grade 2

One year, my mom and I took a trip to the North Pole. We flew there on a plane. We met the elves who were making toys. There were dolls, teddy bears, and candy. I even saw the real Santa! He said, "Merry Christmas!" to me. Santa asked my mom and I if we wanted to help him deliver presents. "Yes!" we said. We passed the moon and some birds. Our first stop was Elm Creek. I slid down a chimney and put some gifts under the tree. After we travelled around the earth, Santa dropped us off at home. IT was the BEST NIGHT EVER!

My Christmas Wish...
Liam I., Elm Creek Grade 2

I wish homeless people could get hammers and wood so that they can build a house and a shed. They also need a roof for their house. I wish they could get crocs, pants, shirts, socks and warm jackets and ski pants. Micheal S.

I wish Christmas was every day. Brock E.

I wish that everyone can be happy and healthy that everyone can get presents. Berlynn T.

I wish that my grandma and grandpa would be here, that COVID goes away and that I get presents every day. Sarah D.

I wish Covid was gone. I wish we have a good Christmas. I wish we get some presents. Oliver S.

I wish that everyone is happy and that they have presents. Ava D.

I want everyone to be happy. I want everyone to have a Christmas Tree and whoever reads this to have fun. Evie I.

I wish COVID goes away!

What Christmas Means to Me
Evie I., Elm Creek Grade 2

Christmas means we get to open presents. I love decorating the tree. I get to eat gingerbread cookies. Michael S.

I get to spend time with my family together and we open presents. Brock E.

I like getting decorations and decorating our window. I like putting up the tree and I love getting presents! Shay U.

I get to be with my family. I get to go away with my family. We get to have a Christmas tree. Declan S.

I get to see my grandma and grandpa, and my cousins and I get to spend time with my family. Berlynn T.

We care for each other. We all get together and we share toys with our

siblings. Sarah D.

We go to Grandma's and we get to play with our cousins. Oliver S.

I get to see my family. I get to open presents with my family and see their happy faces. Ava D.

It's Jesus's birthday and I get to spend time with my friends and family. I love getting presents from other people and having a beautiful Christmas tree to look at! Liam I.

Christmas means a lot of love. Christmas makes me happy and we can see our family.

Christmas
By Alex, Grade 6

C- Christmas stands for the birth of Jesus.

H- Herod was a ruthless king.
R- Redeemer of the world is Jesus.

I - I know life is the true meaning of Christmas.

S- Shepherds went to find baby Jesus.

T- The wisemen saw the star from afar.

M- Men and women went to see him.

A- After Christmas, everyone forgets about Christ.

S- Shepherds heard the angels singing.

A Christmas Poem
By Susanna, Grade 6

Christmas time comes once a year.
Time to wrap up presents,
To spend time with ones who are dear.

Mary holding Jesus, still
and pleasant.
Christmas, Christmas, here it comes.

It is for us a special day.
Musicians play their drums,
Carolers are on their way.

Bethlehem
By Brianna, Grade 7

B- Bethlehem is where Jesus was born.

E- Everyone had to go to their home town to be counted.

T- This is where Joseph and Mary went.

H- Herod was in charge of Palestine.

L- Little Jesus was born in a manger on sweet hay.

E- Every shepherd was frightened when a bright light shone down from heaven.

H- Herod wanted all the babies in Bethlehem killed.

E- Egypt is where an angel told Mary and Joseph to go with Jesus.

M- Many years later, Herod died and Joseph, Mary and Jesus went back to Nazareth.

Christmas
By Benjamin, Grade 7

C- Christ is born in Bethlehem.

H- Herod didn't want Jesus to be king.

R- Rode to Egypt to escape.

I- It was time for everyone to be counted.

S- So they went to Bethlehem.

T- Three wisemen came to see baby Jesus.

M- "Merry Christmas," said the man to Mary.

A- A stable was ready for Mary.

S- So she could go and sleep in it.

Fat Santa
By Reagan, Grade 6

F- Freddie is an elf of Santa's who weighs 800 pounds.

A- Andy the elf decorates all of the cookies.

T- Tony is the baker elf and he makes all of the cookies.

S- Santa is fat because he eats ten pounds of cookies each day.

A- Alex the elf wrapped Santa a present with cookies inside.

N- Nolan the elf brings all the dishes and tools to the kitchen.

T- Toby the kitchen elf washes all of Santa's dishes.

A- Addy the elf brings all of the ingredients for the cookies.

Bethlehem
By Hosea, Grade 6

B- Bethlehem was a little town.

E- Every snowman I build is mine.

T- The little baby Jesus was sleeping in a manger where the animals eat.

H- Herod was a useless king.

L- Lights on the trees were blue, green and red.

E- Every Christmas we have to go to long churches.

H- Hay was in the manger clean and fresh.

E- Every Christmastime, I get a lot of presents.

M- Mary and Joseph were sleeping in the stable.

Little Mouse's Christmas
By Hannah, Grade 5

Santa Claus is coming to town.
He is wearing his Christmas gown.

He went into a small house,
That belonged to a mouse.

He bought a gift of cheese
Because the mouse said, "Pretty please."

The mouse was kind to everyone,
And he had a small son.

The son waited for Santa Claus to come,
But Santa Claus said that he was done.

The mouse said that his son was always good.

Then Santa said that maybe he should.
Across the room, the little mouse scurried,
Under the tree he saw a gift buried.
Inside he found a fuzzy teddy bear,
And then he knew that Santa did care.

By Alex Grade 6

Once upon a time on the outskirts of Pedawedakin, there lived a poor family in a small wooden cottage. It was a family of four. The father was called Dan and the mother was called Ann. The two kids were called Ted and Troy. They were both boys. One day the parents cried because they couldn't afford gifts for their children. The mailman came with a letter and the letter was a stack of money and a note which said:

"Dear Family,
This is for your effort of trying.
From,
Secret Santa"

So the parents went right to the store to buy a tree, gifts and decorations for the house. The next week they spent day after day decorating and wrapping gifts. When they were done, the house was beautiful with a Christmas display, a tree, and four gifts under it.

On Christmas Day when they sat by the tree, they were all happy because they all got presents. Ted and Troy got two new beautiful trucks. Dan got a new suit to wear at his new job as a stockholder and Ann got a vacuum cleaner. From Dan's new job, they were able to live well.

By Hosea, Grade 6

Once upon a time, an angel came to Mary to say she's going to get a baby. So Mary went to Joseph and they rode to Bethlehem. They wanted to sleep in a hotel, but the innkeeper said that there was no room. The innkeeper said that they could sleep in the stable behind the hotel. They put clean straw in the manger and went to sleep. In the middle of the night, Jesus was born. Shepherds were watching their flocks and angels sang in the sky. One came down and said that Jesus was born. The shepherds went to the stable, knelt down and prayed.

In the meantime, wisemen saw a big star. They wondered what the star was, so they took three presents and followed the star with their camels. They came to Herod and he said, "If you see Jesus, come and tell it to me."

The wisemen went until they were at the stable. They knocked on the door and Joseph opened it. They knelt down and prayed and after they gave him presents. Then they went home another way so Herod wouldn't see them. Herod was waiting on them.

Christmas Stories 2020



> CHRISTMAS STORIES, FROM PG. 20

He got tired of waiting so he asked his soldiers to kill all of the boy babies that were under two years old.

Mary and Joseph went to Egypt to hide baby Jesus from Herod. Herod never found baby Jesus.

The puppies Christmas By Reagan, Grade 6

It was the night before Christmas when Santa came into the dog family's house. Everyone was fast asleep dreaming about getting good, delicious, spicy bones. One of the puppies heard a creeping sound. Then he slowly crept out to investigate and he saw Santa.

He whispered to his brothers and sisters, "Come quick! Santa's giving presents out!"

They all came out to the living room and Santa gave them each a present. Santa said, "You are not allowed to open them until 6 o'clock in the morning."

The puppies all set their gifts under the tree and the puppies ran off to tell their parents but when they got to the bedroom, they told the pups to go to sleep. Santa was long gone.

The pups went back to sleep until six in the morning.

When morning came, they all got dressed quickly. Before you knew it, the puppies were all ripping off paper from their gifts and laughing when their parents came to see what the noise was. There was nothing but paper flying all over.

The oldest puppy got a big, delicious, spicy bone. The second oldest puppy for a squeaky cat and a little bone. The third oldest for a back scratcher. The second youngest got a yellow ball to chew and play fetch. The youngest got a new bed.

When they were done cleaning up, they all went to eat. They had toast and bacon for a morning treat. When they were full, the puppies went to play with their new toys that they had gotten from Santa.

The next morning, the dog family went to their grandma and grandpa's house. They got a few more gifts from grandpa and grandma. They got bones and a ball for a good summer play. After they opened the gifts, they went to have lunch. They had pork chops and ribs. After lunch, they went to have a good nap. Later in the afternoon, they had a quick snack, hugged grandma and grandpa good-bye and went back home.

It was a great Christmas!

The Lost Candy Cane By Susanna, Grade 6

Once upon a time, there was a giant candy cane beside a log house. A bear, a fox, and a rabbit came out of the woods and saw it. They thought it would be a great treat for Christmas Eve. They tried many different ways to get the candy cane off the house, but it wouldn't budge. One day when they were pulling and pulling, the man that lived in the house heard all of the banging.

The man said, "Leave this candy cane alone!"

"But it looks so delicious," said the rabbit.

"I will make you another one," replied the man kindly, "but it will take me a while."

The animals waited and waited, but finally they ran out of patience. The animals decided to go back to the house and take the one that was outside. This time they were able to get it off the house, and they carried it back to their houses in the woods.

On Christmas Eve, the man was finally finished the candy cane, but he couldn't lift it out of the house. When he went outside, he noticed that the outside one was missing.

The next day, bear, fox and rabbit started to eat the candy cane. It was so big that it took them many days to eat it. During that time, the man went for a walk into the woods. He saw part of his candy cane sitting in the woods. He screamed and said, "Now I know who took that candy cane! It was perfectly made and you took it!"

The bear said, "We waited and waited for ours, but we got tired of waiting and we took this one."

Then the man cooled off. He decided then that he would bring the animals a candy cane every Christmas after that, and he did. They all lived happily ever after.

The Grumpy Elves By Hannah, Grade 5

There was once a place named The North Pole. There lived Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and lots of Elves but the Elves were always grumpy. They were always grumbling because the toys that they made always fell apart.

Finally, it was time for Christmas Eve. Santa Claus loaded his sled with toys and he flew away but when he

came to the first house he noticed that the toys were all falling apart. Then he got angry and wanted to fire all his elves. That's when he saw a table; and on the table were cookies, a mug with coffee inside and a note that said, "For Santa". He went to the table, ate up every cookie, and drank up the coffee. Then he went up the chimney, went to every house, gave them the broken toys, and flew home to meet Mrs. Claus and the elves.

In the morning when all of the families woke up they noticed that all their toys were falling apart and they didn't like Santa Claus anymore. Meanwhile, Santa had a meeting with all of his elves and told them that next year they should try to make the toys more creative. He told them that he was not happy to give the kids broken toys. The elves agreed to do better and by the next Christmas the toys that they made were better.

The next Christmas Eve, when Santa delivered the toys, nothing fell apart and the children all had a great Christmas. Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves all had a great Christmas too.

The Best Kept Secret By Brooklyn Waldner

One day Santa's elves went to feed the reindeer. As they fed them, one elf noticed that Rudolph was gone. His stall was empty. He told all the other elves and they went searching for him. After a long time of looking it was time to go to bed.

The next day, the head elf decided they shouldn't tell Santa or Mrs. Claus. After their chores were done, they went searching again. They looked under blankets, behind the barn, in the woods, in igloos, and behind trees. They couldn't find him. At last it was time for supper. They fed the reindeer and went into the house to wash up for supper. During supper they had a conversation about toys they were going to make and what color they would be.

After a while Santa asked, "How are the Reindeer?"

The elves said, "They are good and healthy."

Then he asked, "Is anyone missing?" The elves sat for a bit and said nothing. Then one elf said, "Everyone is in their stalls."

Santa said, "Well, that's good then." After supper, the elves went to bed and then one elf said, "That was close."

They talked for a while and fell asleep.

The next day, two elves went into the

sled shop. They decided they would take Santa's sled and go to a place where humans live. As they flew in the sky, they saw lots of lights. They saw a town and they landed in a park. They went looking for Rudolph. They showed pictures of Rudolph and nobody had seen him.

They went into a store, and guess what, there they saw Rudolph jumping around in the store. The elves ran to him and stopped him. They took Rudolph to the park where they parked the sled. They hooked him to the sled and went home to North Pole before anybody found out that they were gone.

They flew over the town again. Soon they landed in the North Pole. They hurried and washed the sled, washed Rudolph and put him in his stall. Then the two elves told all the other elves they had found Rudolph. They went to see Rudolph and he told them all about his trip to the sparkling town. It was a well-kept secret, and Santa never found out about Rudolph and his trip to the sparkling town.

Santa Goes on a Diet By Brianna Mary Wollman, Grade 7

Once upon a time there was a big fat man named Santa Claus. He had a nice, slim, and good looking wife named Samantha Claus. They lived in a big house at the North Pole. Mrs. Claus baked cookies all day long. Then one day Santa couldn't put his suit on so he had to sit all day in the house. Mrs. Claus didn't feel comfortable having Santa to sit in the house all day. So she suggested Santa should go on a diet. Mrs. Claus made him eat skimmed milk, vegetables, and meat or fish and Santa had to eat it for supper, lunch, and breakfast. But one night Mrs. Claus stood up and noticed Santa wasn't in his bed and she went into the kitchen and saw that Santa was sitting on a chair eating cookies and drinking milk. So she scolded Santa, and stopped making cookies. Close to Christmas Santa had lost up to 100 lbs. Mrs. Claus made him a smaller suit. At Christmas time Santa helped the elves pack the sleigh. But this year two elves were able to come with him. While they were flying the sleigh, it accidentally tipped over and Santa, the elves, and the presents all flew out, so Santa had to walk and deliver all the presents, and he had to go out two nights to finish delivering all the presents. But Santa lost another 50 pounds from all the walking. When he came back he could eat all the cookies he wanted.

Winners announced in Museum's decorating contest



STANDARD PHOTOS SUBMITTED

The Dufferin Historical Museum's Christmas decorating contest announced its three winners — and an honourable mention. Pictured left to right, Lindsay and Heather McGill claimed first place, Albert and Sandy Scott got second, while, Rick and Trish Beers were awarded third place. Mary McCutcheon received an honourable mention for her festive decorations.

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Major curling events to be staged in Calgary bubble

Staff

It worked for the NHL and NBA so Curling Canada is hoping that it will work for them, too.

Curling Canada announced last week that it will be hosting its premier events in a bubble format in Calgary later this winter.

The Brier national men's championship, Scotties Tournament of Hearts women's championship, the world men's championship and national

mixed doubles championship will be held at Markin MacPhail Centre at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

The events will be televised but no fans will be allowed.

Dates for the events will be announced later as Curling Canada works with local, provincial and national health authorities to set up the facility.

"No one can deny that these are

challenging times, and not just for curling, obviously," Curling Canada CEO Katherine Henderson said on their website. "But we also know how important these events are to the athletes, to our partners and, of course, to our fans."

Curling shut down in mid-March because of the coronavirus pandemic, cancelling the men's, women's, mixed doubles and senior world championships, among other events.

"It's been a difficult few months, obviously," Kerri Einarson, skip of the 2020 Scotties champions, told the Associated Press' Jimmy Golen. "We understand these are strange times with some accompanying challenges that go beyond sport, but as athletes we embrace challenges and will do our best to thrive under whatever circumstances we find ourselves in."

Prospects of a WHSHL season slipping away

Staff

It's not looking promising for the Winnipeg High School Hockey League to ice a season due to COVID-19.

The provincial government announced on Dec. 6 that it would be extending Manitoba's state of emergency by another 30 days.

Manitoba first entered a state of emergency on March 20. Since then, the province has extended it eight times.

The WHSHL has not played a game this season as it's league was shut down on Nov. 12.

Last year, the league had 36 teams but just 12 - including the Selkirk Royals - had committed to playing in 2020-21.

"Assuming that these restrictions are not going to change because I doubt that they will, then obviously that puts us into January with the high schools running remote learning for two weeks," WHSHL president Dana Gordon told the Winnipeg Free Press last week. "So we're not making any decisions as of yet but the writing's going to be pretty much on the wall. I mean, our season would end at the end of spring break, so an eight-week hockey season is kind of ridiculous."

Gordon expects to meet with the league executive to make a final decision soon.

Third-year Royals' player Nolan Milgaard admits it's been frustrating playing the waiting game.

"It would be nice to be back playing and hopefully in the new year we'll play," he said Monday afternoon. "But right now it's not looking too promising."

Milgaard really enjoyed his time playing high school hockey.

"It was a really good time," he said. "Lots of great people, the coaches helped out a lot. It was a good couple of seasons and this year looked to be the most promising until it all got shut down."

If the WHSHL does not go this season, many of the players will be left without a team. Some, though, do have a possible option of playing elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the Manitoba Junior

Hockey League also has been affected with the recent news from the province.

The MJHL's 12 teams have not seen action since code red restrictions were put in place on Nov. 12.

The league had hoped to resume league play in early January.

"It definitely affects us in the sense we set a tentative start date for Jan. 1 to hopefully allow players to return back to their communities," said MJHL commissioner Kevin Saurette. "Obviously, that'll be pushed back due to these restrictions. Internally, we're going through our schedule process and different timelines for when it is deemed safe to return to hockey activities."

Jeanson enjoys time at Colgate University

By Ty Dilello

Carman's Tyler Jeanson is currently enrolled in his senior year of college at Colgate University in upstate New York. A political science major, Jeanson also skates for the school's hockey team as a centreman in the Division 1 ranks.

As a youngster, Jeanson got his start in hockey in the Carman/Graysville area.

"I got into hockey at the age of either four or five years old," recalls Jeanson. "My family has always loved the game of hockey, and I grew up learning the game from them. I have some great memories learning how to skate with my two sisters Nikki and Ashley."

"I will always cherish the memories I have growing up in a small-town atmosphere playing all my minor hockey as a Carman Cougar. Carman is a great little hockey town, which allowed me the opportunity to play the game I love and develop my skills over the years. I am very fortunate to have such a supportive family around me and have them to thank for the countless amount of sacrifices they have made for me to allow me the opportunity to chase my dreams in hockey. This includes my extended family, especially my grandparents, who have driven all over the country, supporting my journey. Additionally, I was extremely lucky to have great billet families when I left home to play Junior A hockey. Both Cindy and Rich Suderman in Portage la Prairie and Stacey and Kasha Diehl in Minot, North Dakota, opened their homes to me and really made my junior experience great."

In 2013, Jeanson got his first taste of junior hockey with the MJHL's Portage Terriers. He played two seasons with the Terriers, and his time there was highlighted with a national champi-

onship.

"One of the best moments in my career so far was winning the Junior A National Championship (RBC Cup) in 2015 as a member of the Portage Terriers. It was a special year with a great group of guys and coaching staff that I will never forget. I also had my family and friends there with me to celebrate, as we hosted the championship at our home arena, which made it all that much more memorable."

Afterwards, Jeanson took his hockey talents south of the border to play junior hockey in the NAHL with the Minot Minotauros.

"It was a difficult decision for me as I grew up watching the Brandon Wheat Kings of the WHL. Therefore, growing up, I was striving towards playing in the WHL. However, I owe it to my dad, Jeff, who really opened my eyes to the opportunities that are out there with college hockey. The chance to obtain a college education while playing hockey at a high level is truly a great opportunity. My time in Minot was great for me in preparation of joining the Colgate Raiders. The league's schedule is based around a college-like schedule, which allowed me to prepare for the next few years. I made some of my best friends there and have so many great memories playing for the Minot Minotauros. Additionally, the assistant coach there at the time, Nigel Dube, helped me grow as a person as I became much more involved with community initiatives around the city of Minot."

Jeanson earned a scholarship to play Division 1 college hockey in the United States at Colgate University. He started going to school in 2017, and now four years later, he is into his senior year of college.

"Over the past four years, I feel that my time at Colgate has made me



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Carman's Tyler Jeanson in action for Colgate University.

grow in a number of ways as balancing a rigorous academic workload and a demanding hockey schedule can be difficult at times. Additionally, the people here have been amazing, and I have found the small-town atmosphere of Hamilton, New York, perfect for me. Colgate has a beautiful campus and has so much to offer with both its academics and athletic programs. I have learned a lot about myself and have enjoyed competing against all the great players in this league."

COVID-19 has put a damper on his final season at Colgate, but with certain things in place, there is still a chance for a 2020-21 college campaign for Jeanson.

"The uncertainty of it all has been the most difficult part of dealing with

the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with that, being separated from family for long periods of time is difficult. However, as of now, we are planning to have a shortened season this year. Through great efforts by Colgate University, enhanced testing and safety procedures will allow the possibility of playing this year. It is a privilege to play hockey, and now more than ever before, that is clear to me. But what is most important is the safety of others, as we are all in this together."

After college, Jeanson would like to explore potential options of continuing his hockey career in Europe. However, if that does not work out, he will have a degree to fall back on that he plans on taking with him in the next part of his life.

2020 Manitoba Games cancelled

Submitted by Sport Manitoba

To keep Manitobans safe and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Sport Manitoba and the Dauphin Host Society are announcing the cancellation of the 2020 Manitoba Games powered by Manitoba Hydro.

The decision was announced last Thursday.

Earlier this year, the decision to postpone the Games to July of 2021 was made first and foremost to ensure the health and safety of all the

participants, volunteers, and spectators expected to attend the Games in Dauphin. The unknowns of the pandemic, including when it might end, impacted decision-making required by the Host Society and continued postponements to important planning was no longer possible.

Sport Manitoba and the Dauphin Host Society worked with the City of Dauphin and Provincial Sport Organizations to reach the collective decision to cancel the event and will work

with all Games partners in the coming months to prepare for the new Games date.

The City of Dauphin will host the 2024 Manitoba Games powered by Manitoba Hydro in the summer of 2024, which is the next Games available to host. The age categories, sports, and technical requirements for these Games are all still in the planning phase and will be confirmed and announced at a later date.

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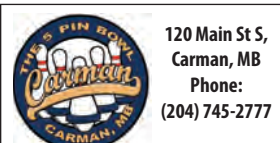
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Life can get lonely for seniors even in the best of times, so it is even more so now under the restrictions resulting from the pandemic.

That's why it's more important than ever to reach out to the seniors in your life this holiday season.

"We encourage people to take the initiative with their loved ones who are more isolated and keep in touch," said Paul Penner, a counsellor with Pembina Counselling Centre.

"Reach out and do it often; keep in touch and listen to each other and share with each other because life is still going on, and we need to talk about it," he said. "It's important to be staying connected any way we can."

This time of year is normally filled with social gatherings and festivities, but Christmas 2020 is looking very different and the loss of those events are being keenly felt by the eldest members of society.

"What is difficult and challenging is that their sense of community and connection is diminished because of code red and even before code red just with the lock down restrictions," said Penner. "It's hard for them because the important people in their lives don't have the same access."

Modern technology is, of course, a great way to keep the lines of communication open, be it through a simple phone call or setting up a tablet or computer to be used for family video calls—whatever it takes to stay connected.

"We need to make the time for it as much as we can," stressed Penner.



Local Services for Seniors programs are also doing their part to reach out to the most vulnerable in our communities.

Morden's senior centre, for example, is doing wellness checks to "make sure that these individuals are getting the support that they need and [find out] if they need anything more from us," said Kimberly Klassen, community resource coordinator.

"We have to make sure that as a community that we're looking to our left and to our right and we're seeing if someone is in need," she said, encouraging people to reach out to their elderly neighbours (while still following pandemic restrictions) and see if they could use a helping hand or a listening ear.



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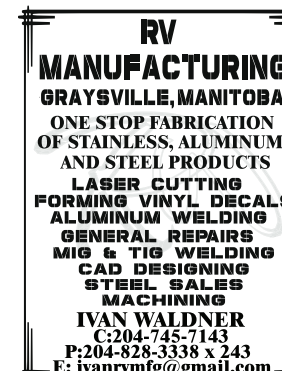
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> MEAL IDEAS



Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Yield: 20 brownies
Nonstick cooking spray
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, melted
1 tablespoon pecan or canola oil
1 cup, plus 2 tablespoons, granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1 teaspoon espresso powder (optional)
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
20 raw pecan halves, cut in half
40 candy eyeballs
20 red chocolate candies
1/4 cup chocolate chips
Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray mini muffin tin with nonstick cooking spray.

Reindeer Pecan Brownies

In large bowl, whisk melted butter, oil and sugar until well combined. Add eggs and vanilla extract; beat until mixture is thick and pale in color, about 1 minute.

Sift in flour and cocoa powder. Add espresso powder, if desired, and salt. Using rubber spatula, fold dry ingredients into butter mixture until just combined. Batter should be thick.

Using 1-tablespoon cookie scoop, transfer batter to prepared mini muffin tin. Bake 13-15 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out mostly clean, with some lingering crumbs.

Add chocolate chips to heat-proof bowl; microwave until smooth and melted. Pour melted chocolate into sandwich bag and cut off small portion of one corner to use as tip. Use melted chocolate to "glue" on pecan antlers, candy eyeballs and red candy noses to brownies.

Allow chocolate to set before transferring brownies to airtight container.

Note: Brownies will stay fresh for up to three days.



Overnight Walnut French Toast with Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote

walnuts on baking sheet and toast 8 minutes. Remove from heat and chop coarsely.

In medium pot over medium heat, combine toasted walnuts, cranberries, orange juice, syrup, ginger and orange zest. Bring to boil and stir frequently 12-15 minutes until cranberries pop and liquid starts to reduce.

Transfer to container and refrigerate once cooled.

To make Overnight Walnut French Toast: Preheat oven to 350 F.

Place bread on baking sheet and bake 5 minutes, or until lightly toasted on outside but still soft on inside. Butter 13-by-9-inch baking dish.

In large bowl, whisk milk, sugar, 1/4 cup butter, vanilla extract, cinnamon and eggs. Dip each bread slice in mixture and let soak about 15 seconds on each side. Place in prepared baking dish, overlapping slices slightly, if necessary.

Cover and refrigerate a few hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake 50-60 minutes, or until golden brown and somewhat firm to touch. Serve immediately topped with Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote.

Total time: 1 hour
Servings: 12
Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote:
1/2 cup California Walnuts
2 cups cranberries
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 orange, zest only

Overnight Walnut French Toast:
8 slices Texas Toast or 1-inch thick slices French bread
1/4 cup butter, melted, plus additional for baking dish, divided
2 1/2 cups milk or walnut milk
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 teaspoon cinnamon
6 eggs
To make Cranberry Walnut Ginger Compote: Preheat oven to 350 F. Place

Expert patient here to help!

By Susie Schwartz

First off, Merry Christmas!

Some of my tips will touch on some funny stuff but today I'll stick to a serious strategy that has saved me much confusion:

Ask about timelines and repeat back the action plan before leaving.

Ever depart from an appointment head spinning and realise you have no idea what happens next? Been. There.

While seeing the doctor, I always ask questions like, when do you expect the results to come through? How long do you expect for me to get the MRI? Will the specialist call me or do I call them to make an appointment? What should I do if the symptom doesn't go away or comes back? Should I book a follow-up?

Maybe the antibiotics for your nasty skin infection won't kick in for 3 days. Great! No need to panic just yet.

Knowing when test results are due back, or how long before you can see a surgeon can do wonders for managing expectations and alleviating worry. It also gives an idea of when it's appropriate to check in if you haven't heard back. (The system is far from perfect and you don't want to fall through the cracks!)

Also at the end of every appointment, I then repeat the whole plan as I understand it. "So to be sure I understand, you will contact the specialist and I will receive a phone call with the appointment for the MRI? And you'll send my prescription through today?" This not only solidifies the plan for me, but sometimes the doctor will realise they hadn't made a note of one of the actions, and respond with, "Oh right. Yes, I will put that prescription through now," and then sends it



Susie Schwartz

via computer while I'm still there. (As a complicated medical case, I often need more than one action taken, and particulars can get lost in the conversation, which is pretty human, I'd say.)

Whether it is a complex plan with many parts, or one simple action that needs taking, confirming even a single step shows that you've been listening, are taking your health seriously, and will be responsible to do your part. Not only will there be less chance of the plan going awry, but the doctor will gain respect for you. They'll also learn fast that you hold high expectations for care.

So try to get clear on the details. Self-advocacy is imperative for better health.

What to give yourself for Christmas this strange year?

Less health stress, yes?

A published author and motivational speaker, Susie currently lives in the UK. She welcomes feedback and questions. Find her on FB @medicalmisstress, Instagram @medicalmisstress and her website lesshealthstress.com



Gingerbread Pecans

spice and salt. Stir to coat evenly. Spread pecans in even layer on prepared baking sheet.

Bake pecans 40 minutes, stirring halfway through. Allow pecans to cool completely.

Note: Pecans can be stored in airtight container for up to four days.

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Yield: 2 cups (6 servings)
1 large egg white, beaten
2 cups raw pecan halves
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
2 teaspoons gingerbread spice blend
1 pinch salt

Preheat oven to 300 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.

In large bowl, use fork to whisk beaten egg until frothy. Add pecans and stir until coated. Sprinkle pecans with granulated sugar, brown sugar, gingerbread

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Robert William McMillan

It is with deep sorrow that we mourn the sudden passing of Robert William McMillan at the age of 16.

Left to cherish Robert's memory are his parents Andy McMillan (Jenn) and Donna Gillespie (Cory); siblings Brenden, Kendra and many step siblings; grandparents Bob and Hilda McMillan, Dale Kozak, Rose Donais (Terry); great-grandma Caroline Kozak and special friend Ashlee Verhaeghe.

Robert was a kind, generous and respectful young man with a huge heart. He made many people smile and laugh and enjoyed entertaining them. Robert had a great sense of humor. There was never a dull moment with Robert around. He was a chameleon; he could fit in anywhere, no matter whether he knew the people for five minutes or for five years.

Robert enjoyed spending time on the family farm. He would play with the animals, help in the garden and cut wood. You never had to ask him twice. He was always willing to lend a hand. He enjoyed going for a drive just to listen to music. Music was a big part of Robert's life. He would listen to many different genres (with the exclusion of country). Music was always on his mind. It was his dream to produce his own music.

Robert really enjoyed movies. Robert could recite bits and pieces from movies that he had watched when he was a child. Robert enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, steam engine shows, skateboarding, biking, basketball, baseball and video games. He made numerous friends through each and every activity he took part in.

Robert will be greatly missed by all his family and many friends. As he would say, "Don't worry about a thing. Everything's gonna be alright."--Bob Marley

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Iva Elvretta Garnett, nee Nordquist

It is with sadness and sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear Mom, Iva at her residence in Lindenwood Manor in Winnipeg, December 8, 2020.

Mom will be greatly missed by all who knew her and especially her children Ray, Lynne (Al), Dale, Lori (Raymond), Barb, (Chris); and grandchildren, Shannon (Michel), Marni (Zoli), Curtis (Theresa), Eric (Yuko), Dana (Javier), Brittany, Nick, Jocelyn (Kent), Alec and Kris: great-grandchildren Kaylei, David, Julia, Tommy, Erik, Anna, Christopher, Michael, Lucas and Clara.

Iva was predeceased by her husband Earle; parents Velma and Charles Nordquist; brothers Elmer, Raymond, Melvin, Hugh and sister Gladys, and grandson Kelsey.

Mom was born in 1918 in Miami, Manitoba and received her early education at Mountain Glen School located in the picturesque Pembina Hills west of town. She was well acquainted with hardships in the 1930s and the war years. In the early 1940s Iva would meet Earle and they would become the love of each others lives and marry in 1946. She would prove to be a very capable partner and support on the farm and later in retirement. All her children knew they were loved and they also knew that their father Earle cherished his wife. Seldom if ever did one hear criticism or a discouraging word from our Mom. She had a beautiful, big and ready smile.

With Earle would come curling, golfing, the game of bridge, dancing and 30 years of farming. She dedicated 50 years to the Kilmory Good Deed Club and was an active member of the Kinsmen Club. She was also very involved in her children's activities such as various sporting, musical, 4H and community events.

There is an expression, "You only live once, however if you dance, once is enough." And it is through dancing, that mom met Earle. Iva and Earle danced and then danced some more, through their entire married life. There were many years of round and square dancing in Carman and surrounding communities, culminating with another 20 years in Mesa, Arizona in the winter months.

After her children and family her biggest passion was gardening. Her love of gardening continued until health conditions interfered. She gardened right up until her 95th birthday, where she tended the front bed at Lindenwood Manor. She was most at home in the garden and in the country and her move to the city at age 89 was a practical consideration.

Mom spent nearly 13 happy years at Lindenwood Manor. At the height of the pandemic, mom expressed "They take really good care of me here. Don't worry about me, I'm just fine." The family would like to thank the staff at Lindenwood manor for the compassionate care given over the years. The manor went the extra mile for Mom and her family.

Private memorial service will be held at Doyle's Funeral Home with interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Carman.

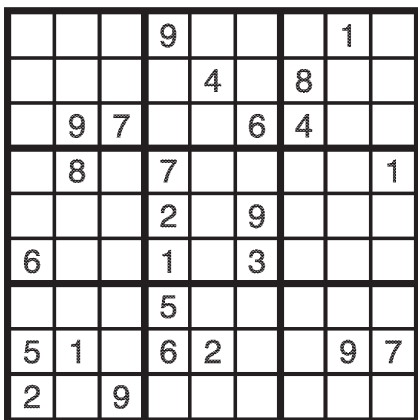
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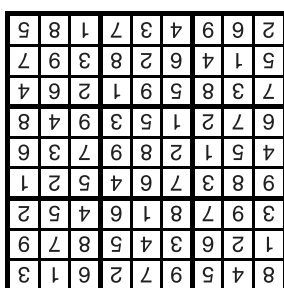


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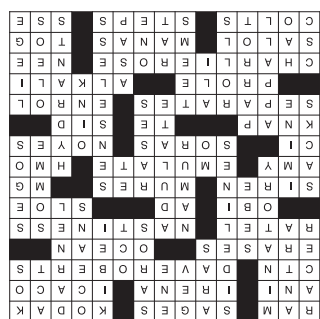
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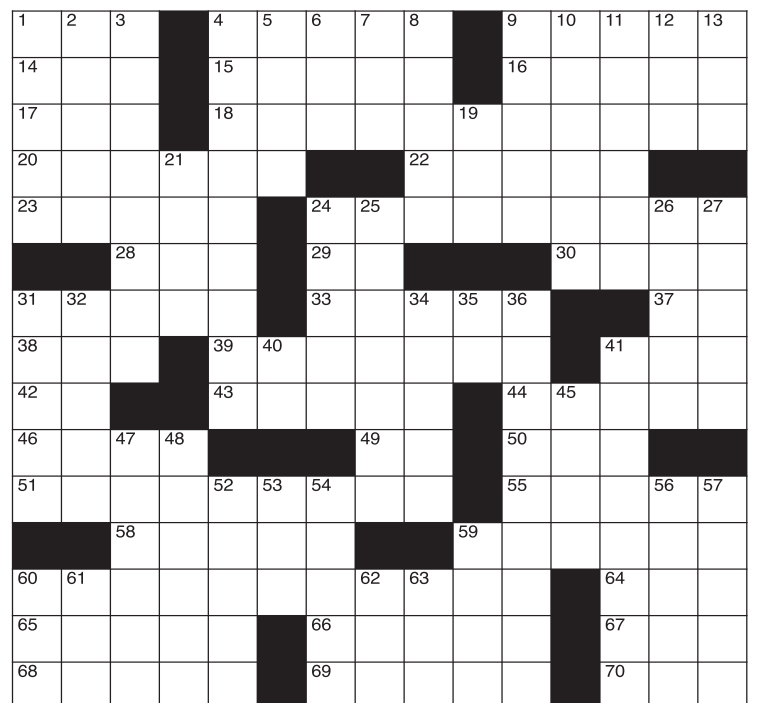
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23. Badgerlike mammal
24. Foulness
28. Luke's mentor __-Wan
29. Commercial
30. A type of gin
31. Temptress
33. Shuts in an enclosed space
37. Milligram
38. Actress Adams
39. Strive to equal or match
41. Health insurance
42. A detective's source
43. Small American rails
44. Alfred __, Brit. poet
46. Crest of a hill
49. Atomic #52
50. __ Caesar, comedian
51. Breaks apart
55. Register formally (Brit. sp.)
58. Worker
59. Chemical compound
60. Disgraced newsman
64. Born of
65. Chemical substance
66. Supernatural powers
67. Clothes
68. Indy footballers
69. Moves forward
70. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Driver
2. Bone cavities
3. Menacing
4. Where coaches patrol
5. Greek mythological figure
6. War-based board game
7. Midway between northeast and east
8. 18-year period in astronomy
9. Mid-century term used to describe Japanese-Americans
10. Large bodies of water
11. Eurasian ryegrass
12. Perform on stage
13. Greek island
19. 10th month of the year (abbr.)
21. One point east of southeast
24. Belgian city
25. Praise excessively
26. River in France



27. Edible lily bulbs
31. Quarterbacks take them
32. Organic compound
34. Tears down (Brit.)
35. Beloved Hollywood alien
36. Unconscious
40. Missouri
41. Firemen use them
45. Pig noise
47. Greatly dismay
48. Imitator

52. Moves by turning over
53. Boxing's GOAT
54. Swarms with
56. Margarines
57. Feudal superior
59. As fast as can be done
60. Reciprocal of a sine
61. Chinese city
62. Tell on
63. United

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