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ESMS students keeping busy in 2020

Changes have not kept kids from learning, growing, and thriving in school

By Katelyn Boulanger

Some students at East Selkirk Middle School wanted to share with the region what they are doing to keep busy now that COVID restrictions have made school and home life different for them. To do that they asked their teacher, Scott Van Caesele if he would contact the local paper so that we could all have a virtual chat about what it's like being in grade six during COVID.

"I really do feel lucky myself. I tell my kids this on a weekly basis that they are probably the best class I've ever had to work with. They work hard every day. Right from the beginning, we had discussions about COVID-19 and about what the pandemic looks like for us, and so on a regular basis, the students are just, we're doing our very best to make it through together," said Van Caesele.

Each student that wanted to speak about their experience wanted to let residents know about a different change they experienced and how they and their classmates were making the most of this time.

The discussion started with Paige Mooney who described a fun project that the girls in the school undertook to make the biggest snow-woman that

they could make in one recess.

"It started with me and one of the other girls. We had planned to build like the biggest snowman by all 11-year-old girls. And so we had during the process, we had one boy join us and we asked him to make the snow dog for our snow-woman because we didn't want to exclude anybody, but we also wanted the snow-woman to be by all girls," said Paige.

She and her group of friends ended up making a 7.5-foot tall snow-woman which took some ingenuity on the part of the students as it was so tall that they couldn't lift the middle snowball that they made on top of the first. They ended up stacking snow into a ball on top of the first tier and using the second snowball that they made as a step ladder to get the next tier — the head — of the snow-woman built on the top.

McKenna Hunnie said that it was important for the girls to do a project like this together because they are already learning about gender equality and wanted to let everyone know what the girls in their school could accomplish if they work together. Their goal was to make the biggest snow-woman ever made by 11-year-old girls who they named Frostina.



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A slightly melted Frostina the snow-woman who was built entirely by 11 year old girls at East Selkirk Middle School and measured 7.5 metres tall.

Sophie Leason then gave an update about what it was like to be a student during the first part of the pandemic in March of this year when schools closed down and there were more questions than answers with regards to COVID-19.

"Most of us voice-texted and phoned and FaceTimed our grandparents, parents, family and friends. You know,

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just keep connected, which was nice. We also played with our classes on [Microsoft] teams. We played sports with our family and our siblings in the backyard specifically like skiing and skating. We had family game and movie nights. [Those were] one of my

favourites," said McKenna.

She said she missed her friends and not being able to see them during school time, but the best part about being home in March was being able to spend more time with her grandmother who babysat her and her sister.

Dannika Sanford next provided an update on the changes that the students have been experiencing at school and how they've been adapting.

"Some of the changes that happened at school was for gym, we use pool noodles now to play tag, and we go outside to have more space than just being in the gym. With band, we then don't play our instruments, because then we'd have to take off our masks. So we found other ways, by like, learning instrument's notes and playing our instruments

and recording them and sending [the recordings in to our teacher]," said Dannika.

She also mentioned that they are now wearing masks and hand sanitizing often while social distancing in the hallways. Though she mentioned that it was hard not to play with friends from other classes, this has meant that they are making new friends with kids that are part of their cohorts.

Her favourite part has been outside gym time.

Callie Goodlow then spoke next about the fun things that they've been doing during COVID to keep things interesting in their classrooms.

"We're having book club on our library day, which is usually on day one and we're having, like the [Dannika] said, extra movement breaks. We go outside and play on the play structure, and usually going swings. When we are inside and can't go outside during movement breaks we do stretches and stuff," said Callie.

They are also doing socially distant experiments in science class that have been fun.

She thinks that it's important to do fun things in school because it was difficult learning from home in the spring because of the digital barrier between students and the teacher and parents may not always remember everything they learned when they were kids but the fun stuff makes school more relaxing.

Jenna Germain then finished off by discussing what kids were doing to have fun outside of school.

"[We're trying] new hobbies like



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An ESMS grade six student participating in a socially distant science experiment.

making jewellery crafts, cooking and baking. I know I've been doing lots of that. [We're playing on] home home-made rinks, like hockey rinks and skating rinks I know lots of kids are doing that because hockey rinks are closed and outdoor rinks are closed. So, we're doing lots of that. I'm watching Netflix, and getting boxed sets [of shows]. I do movie night every Friday night then game nights and stuff," said Jenna.

She says students are going on nature walks, playing with their pets more, having family dinners over Zoom, and even writing to pen pals.

Right now, Jenna is learning to knit a scarf and has been doing more reading.

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- 4 APPROVAL**
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- 5 IMPLEMENT**
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- 6 EVALUATE**
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- 7 REVIEW**
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Highway 59 floodway bridge getting upgrade

By Katelyn Boulanger

After a few years with the 59 highway down to a single lane over the floodway bridge in the northbound direction, work is now being done to replace the bridge which was damaged when a truck, with its box not properly lowered, hit the underside while on the entrance ramp at the east

end.

"We knew what was coming. We are always happy when things finally get done because that means they're going to be completed sooner. It's positive that the project is moving forward," said East St. Paul mayor Shelley Hart.

The bridge was constructed in 1964

and when it was damaged in July of 2018 the province determined that because of the age of the structure it was in travellers' best interests to replace it instead of attempting a repair.

This repair work is anticipated to take approximately three years and be completed in two stages finishing in August of 2023.

In phase one, the existing bridge will be used as it is today with the right-hand northbound lane being closed with a new structure being built next to the existing bridge. Southbound drivers may experience intermittent periods of single-lane travel during this time and the access ramp under the bridge and off-ramp from the highway to Oasis Rd. will be periodically closed.

In December of 2021 traffic will be moved on to the newly constructed bridge for phase two which will see two lanes of traffic for vehicles travel-

ling in either direction. The off-ramp from the highway to Oasis Rd. will be open in this phase.

The completed structures will be two bridges over 300m long each having two travel lanes and an acceleration/deceleration lane. As part of this project, a new two-way access loop will also be constructed under the bridge. A portion of the highway will also re-aligned to connect with the new structures.

Hart doesn't anticipate that the project will cause many delays for residents travelling through the area.


"The way they've projected the project looks very similar to what drivers experienced now because they're going to be keeping that existing bridge in the first phase, that existing bridge will continue to take all the traffic flows it does today," said Hart.

The work will, however, have an impact on active transportation users

and snowmobilers as the Duff Roblin Parkway and Snowmobile Trail 46 will both be closed to the public for the duration of the construction.

"We're happy to see that the construction is about to begin," said Hart.

For more information on the project see the province's latest project newsletter at gov.mb.ca/mit/wms/structures/design.html.



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What's cooking, good-looking?

Inclusion Selkirk compiles cookbook for the community

By Nicole Buffie

For those looking to add to their family recipe books or put a new twist on an old recipe this holiday season, Inclusion Selkirk has come out with a cookbook consisting of recipes curated by the organization's Community Spirit Committee.

The committee, spearheaded by Inclusion Selkirk staff members Nancy Garand and Sandra Pruden, sought to stay engaged with the community while public health orders shuttered centres and cancelled events across the province.

They coordinated activities such as socially-distanced scavenger hunts, community clean-ups and spirit weeks for Inclusion staff. Pruden said it was one way to keep spirits high during increased restrictions.

"This way we were helping the community, and the folks we're supporting are helping the community," she said. "In turn, it can't hurt to have some fun while we're supporting them."

During the summer months, the committee continued brainstorming ideas to keep community involvement up when the notion of a cookbook came to the table.

"Part of it was with people being stuck at home and not being able to go anywhere and not having that socialization; people are doing a lot more cooking and baking at home," Pruden said. "We looked at each other and said, 'Hey, let's make a cookbook!'"

In less than two months, Garand and Pruden gathered recipes from Inclusion staff and clients, then handed



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Inclusion Selkirk staff Dana Kroeker and Jodi Zayac pose with cookbooks created by the organization's Community Spirit Committee.

them over to be compiled into a collection.

Merliee Mollard, head of Fund Development at Inclusion Selkirk, helped Garand and Pruden by typing out each recipe and forming the cookbook. Mollard takes no credit though, saying the pair were the masterminds behind the idea.

"They are two ladies that are a force to be reckoned with," Mollard said. "They just went above and beyond coming up with ideas and engaging everybody."

Garand said cookbook sales have already been a success.

"I think it's great, it feels like our guys are more included in the com-

munity and it's nice to be recognized," she said.

The book contains more than just recipes for soups and comfort food; the pages include photos of people Inclusion Selkirk supports and stories tied to the community. Mollard said the book is a product of the love and care that comes from residents in the area.

"It gives me a glimpse into the staff that I knew, the family members that I knew, and it's just amazing the amount of time and care that goes into everything, including creating a meal that everybody's going to enjoy when they sit down at the dinner table," Mollard said.

Proceeds from the sales will go back into the organization to help further support clients of the organization by way of activities and making their office space more accessible.

Garand and Pruden said out of the over 100 recipes in the book, they don't quite know which ones they will test out first, but with plenty to choose from there might be a new family favourite in the mix.

"I submitted three recipes so as of right now those are my favourites," Pruden joked.

The cookbooks \$14 and are available for purchase through WishMe, available for curbside pickup at the storefront on 377 Eveline St.

MB invests in local companies for PPE needs

By Manitoba government

To date, the Manitoba government has invested more than \$211 million with more than 50 Manitoba-based companies to produce or procure medical equipment to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Central Services Minister Reg Helwer and Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen announced Dec. 17.

"When the pandemic hit Manitoba last March, Manitoba businesses and organizations stepped up, both through donations and through the province's procurement process, to

help us care for Manitobans," said Helwer. "We will continue to work with these local companies to address the needs of our health-care system, and ensure we have the supplies and equipment we need to ensure continued quality care."

In March and April 2020, Manitoba manufacturers or businesses were asked to register their interest with the Manitoba government if they were able to provide supplies or retool and rapidly scale up production lines to develop products made in Manitoba to help in the fight against COVID-19.

Some of the industry partnerships include:

- Precision ADM (\$37.8 million) – manufacturing reusable N95 masks based on a design by local doctors Christian Petropolis and Adrian Robertson, as well as manufacturing 500,000 3D nasopharyngeal swabs;
- Grand Medicine Health Services (\$8.8 million) – providing two million reusable gloves;
- Win-Shield Medical Devices, Inc. (\$8.8 million) – recyclable COVID-19 face shields;
- MWG Apparel (\$3.6 million) –

producing 200,000 reusable hospital gowns;

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First COVID-19 vaccines administered

By Staff

Last week Wednesday saw the very first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine administered to Manitoba health-care workers.

"Today is a monumental day in Manitoba and a long-awaited day of hope as we begin to deliver the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine nine months after our first positive case in the province," Premier Brian Pallister said in a statement.

Those doses were the first of about 900 scheduled to be administered over three days at the University of Manitoba's Rady Faculty of Health Sciences beside the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) in Winnipeg.

When it comes to rolling out the vaccine, the province has given first priority to health-care workers of a certain age who have close contact with COVID-19 patients and Manitobans most vulnerable to the virus.

"Our front-line health-care workers have been stepping up throughout this pandemic and we know that stepping up now to protect them first is the right thing to do so that we can protect them and the patients they look after," Pallister said.

Receiving Manitoba's very first COVID-19 vaccine was Dr. Brian Penner, who works in internal medicine at HSC.

"I am now safer for my friends and colleagues, and I hope everyone does their part to stop the spread," he said.

Not far behind Penner was Sherry Plett, a registered nurse who works at the Boundary Trails Health Centre.

"It's important for me because I'm a front-line worker, I work in the emergency room," Plett said. "I just feel like I need to be there, I need to be healthy so I can be there and look after people in the community."

The recipients of these first doses will need to get a second shot in three



CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY PHOTO

Canada Border Services Agency staff watch as the first shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine arrives in Winnipeg last week. The first doses were administered to health-care workers on Dec. 16.

weeks. That will take place at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, the "super-site" the province is setting up for the storage and administration of the vaccine. Additional vaccination sites are planned for communities across Manitoba in the new year as more vaccine arrives.

Currently, the Pfizer vaccine arrives in 975 doses that must remain in the

same location where it is delivered. Manitoba expects to receive other COVID-19 vaccines in the future that can be broken down into smaller amounts and be transported, which will allow for mobile vaccination teams and, gradually, a more conventional immunization program in the year ahead, the province has said.

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Big cheques, bigger dreams for community

Students recipients of grants to help residents fare through holidays

By Nicole Buffie

Two students from the Lord Selkirk Education Centre have received \$3,000 in grants to help out families in need this holiday season.

The Rising Youth Grant, sponsored by Service Canada, Canada Service Corps and Taking IT Global, doled out two, \$1,500 cheques to Shaylynn Connolly and Cadence Stevenson, students of the education centre.

"I'm just trying to spread the joy during all of these lockdown conditions," said Stevenson, 18, on how it feels to receive the money.

Carly Chartier from the Selkirk Friendship Centre said after Service Canada recognized the number of grants they've applied for in past, they reached out and offered a partnership with the organization and the learning centre to award microgrants to those wanting to help their communities. Chartier has helped organize over 40 grants in three years for different initiatives.

The Rising Youth Community Service Grant Initiative finds young people looking for ways to give back to their communities and awards them money to support those ideas. They have three levels of grants available: \$250, \$750 and \$1,500. Connolly and

Stevenson were both awarded the largest sum for their idea.

The money awarded to Connolly and Stevenson will be used to create care packages for families in need around the community. Items will include food, sanitization products, masks and gift cards to be used towards the purchase of goods needed over the holidays.

Chad Whiteside, a teacher for the education centre, said the centre usually partakes in fundraisers and events to help the community but restrictions have halted those plans.

"COVID has definitely changed the sort of climate around stuff like that a little bit," he said. "So it's another way for us to, you know, just recognize and support families in the community."

Chartier said, with restrictions and the closure of halls and cancellation of programming, staying connected to people has been a challenge.

"It's hard to be community driven when you're legally not allowed to be a community," she said.

The centre's annual holiday dinner, consisting of food cooked by students and dished out to over 150 family members and friends, was cancelled due to public health restrictions on gathering sizes. Whiteside said this is



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From left: Carly Chartier, Cadence Stevenson, Donna Ross and Chad Whiteside pose with one of the cheques awarded to the Lord Selkirk Education Centre to put back into the community.

a good alternative for students to continue to give back to the community.

Connolly, 17, said she wants to help others such as close relatives during the pandemic and stringent lockdown measures, as she's seen them struggling to get by amid the lockdown.

"I did this at first because it sounded interesting and I wanted to help people out, and I want to keep doing that," she said.

Stevenson said it's the community she cares deeply about and hopes to

help as many people as possible with the cash.

"I can get masks and hand sanitizer easily, but not everyone can do that, so I want to keep people safe," she said.

Stevenson would like to help her family, who live in Winnipeg separately from her, in the upcoming year.

Chartier and Whiteside decided on the 20 families who will be recipients of care packages and they have already been shipped out to families as of last week.

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"The government of Manitoba's decision to procure PPE locally has

enabled Precision ADM to create 80 new jobs, innovate and manufacture domestically when international sources were not available, shipments were stopped at our borders or materials did not meet Canadian health standards," said Martin Petrak, president and CEO, Precision ADM Inc. "We've been able to create, develop and deliver different types of equipment, including the CANSWAB testing device, the Precision AIR medical reusable respirator and medical procedure masks, which are being tested locally at the Orthopaedic Innovation Centre."

The Manitoba government will make it a priority to continue to work with local companies as the pandemic continues, the ministers said.

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Win-Shield Medical Devices Inc. "Tested by a group of front-line, Manitoba-based medical staff and physicians, the results showed the shield 'met or exceeded all criteria,' and it has already started to attract global attention as one of the best and most comfortable shields on the market."

In total, Manitoba has secured more than \$423 million of personal protective equipment. The ministers noted the partnerships with local businesses have been crucial in the work to care for Manitobans during the pandemic.

"Front-line staff require high-quality personal protective equipment to ensure they and their patients are safe in our health-care

facilities," said Friesen. "Our government is grateful for the hard work and dedication of so many Manitoba companies who stepped up to help their fellow citizens during this difficult time."

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The Selkirk Record

Letters to Santa

Grade threes ask for presents for everyone

By Staff

This year many things are different but anticipating the arrival of Santa Clause on Christmas morning is something that the students in Stacey Brooks's grade three class at William S. Patterson school will not be leaving behind. Check out what they are wishing for, for themselves and others this year.

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus? Hope you aren't working too hard. I have been very good this year. My name is Addison, I am 8 years old and I am in grade 3. I really want to get my sister something for Christmas but I don't have enough money. All I want for Christmas is to get my sister a Christmas present. Please Santa can you make my wish come true? I don't need anything else. This is the best gift I want.

Merry Christmas.

Love,

Addison

Dear Santa,

How are you doing at the North Pole? What are your favourite cookies? My name is Alaina, I am in Grade 3 and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. Can I please have the Octonauts Octopod playset? Can you please give the homeless people some blankets, pillows and food?

Happy Holidays!

Love

Alaina

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Brooke and I am in grade 3 at Wm. S. Patterson School. How are you and Mrs. Claus? Please give some cozy slippers to people who are having struggles this winter. Could you get my mom some new slippers and a water bottle? I would like an iPod for Christmas. I hope the elves are not working too hard.

Do you feed the reindeer? You are the best and I love you.

Merry Christmas!

Love,

Brooke

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa!

My name is Danny. I am 8 years old and I go to William S. Patterson School. How are you? How are the reindeer and all the elves? For Christmas, I would like a remote-controlled car and I would like to get a cool Christmas lamp for my grandma. I hope everyone has a great Christmas!

From

Danny

Dear Santa,

My name is Delilah. I am 8 years old and my school is Wm. S. Patterson. How are you doing? Do you feed the reindeer? I am having so much fun at school. I have played with almost all my friends. All I want is just some clothes. Could you get my mom or dad a very nice gift because they help me with a lot of things?

Merry Christmas!

From,

Delilah

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa!

My name is Kane and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. That was a nice letter you sent me. My favorite holiday is Christmas. Tell the reindeer and the elves they are doing good. What I want for Christmas is a PS4 and can you give food to the people who don't have much?

From,

Kane

Dear Santa,

My name is Pria Thompson. I am 8 years old. I go to William S. Patterson School. How are the Elves? How are the reindeer? Can you get the coronavirus? What I want for Christmas is a slime kit. I want my friends to get a scrunchy kit so we can make them together.

From,

Pria

Dear Santa,

My name is Rosalie, I am 8 years old and I go to William S. Patterson School. You will probably have a Rudolph the red nose reindeer mask. Will you make lots of presents from now to Christmas Eve? I think all the houses you have to go to is going to take a long time to give to all the nice kids presents. I think my whole class is on the nice list, not the naughty list. I will have carrots, milk and sugar cookies to give to you Santa. Is it true that you give all the naughty kids coal? Where is Mrs. Claus at this time?

Have A Great Christmas Santa!

From,

Rosalie

Dear Santa,

My name is Caiden. I am 8 years old and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. How are you, Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and the elves doing? Can I have a G Force bike please? Can you give water to people who don't have water please?

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Caiden



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Santa at Holiday Alley in 2019 on Manitoba Ave.

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? My name is Hunter. I am 8 years old and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. For Christmas I want a new nerf gun and for the homeless people could you give them food, water and blankets? How many elves do u have Santa?

Santa you're the best.

From,

Hunter

Dear Santa,

My name is Miller and I go to William S. Patterson School. How are you doing right now? How are the elves doing? May I have a PS4 please? I bet my friend would want that as well and I hope my friend gets better soon. Have a good Christmas Santa.

From,

Miller

Dear Santa,

My name is Amy. I am 8 years old. I go to a school named Wm. S. Patterson. I am doing so well at home and at school. What about you? Is your workshop busy? I bet your elves are working so hard to make wonderful toys for all the boys and girls around the world. I really want a kitten for Christmas. Can you get me one please?

I also want you to spread some Christmas cheer to everybody around the world.

Merry Christmas

Love,

Amy

Dear Santa,

My name is Ainslee. You called me a week ago. I am 8 years old almost 9 and I am in Grade 3 at Wm. S. Patterson School. How old are you? Maybe you can call my friends. All I want for Christmas is a Na Na Na Surprise and a Barbie. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Love,

Ainslee

Dear Santa,

How are you? My name is Finley. I am 7 years old. I am in grade 3 at Wm. S. Patterson School. Are the elves working too hard? For Christmas, I would like a Nerf gun. Can you please give my dad a Fortnite card and my mom some chocolate because they tuck me in at bedtime?

I love Christmas Santa.

Love,

Finley

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor. I am in grade 3 at Wm. S. Patterson School. I have 2 questions for you.

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? How many elves do you have? This Christmas I would like a girl elf on the shelf that is nice. I also wish for a happy new year to everybody in the world.

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love from,

Taylor

Thank you, Selkirk

2020 has been a year unlike any other.

We have all been challenged in unexpected ways to step up for our communities. But we've been inspired by the amazing ways you have taken care of each other.

Your support for frontline workers, seniors, teachers, neighbours, families with sick children and the many people with critical needs here in the community has been above and beyond, and then beyond that even more.

We want to say a BIG thank you for the unwavering kindness, generosity and togetherness you've shown for one another this year.

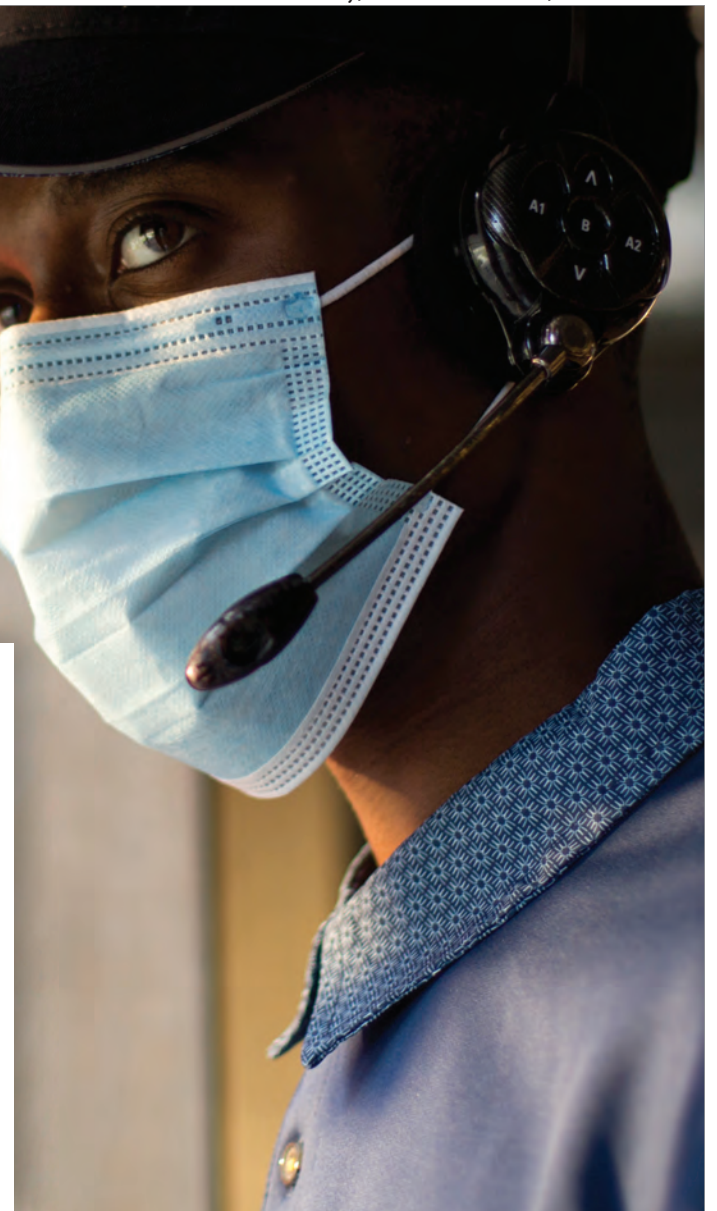
Thank you to our guests for always making us part of your day, and for giving back through campaigns like Fries for Good, which raised over \$2.9 million to support both the Canadian Red Cross and families who turn to Ronald McDonald House Charities® across Canada to stay close to their sick child being treated at the local hospital.

Thank you to our incredible restaurant teams who have supported our neighbours on the front lines of the pandemic: providing coffee to Selkirk's health care workers, emergency services personnel and teachers, donating meals to health care providers and donating to local community organizations including the Selkirk Regional Health Centre, Selkirk Police and Fire Departments, and RMHC Manitoba.

The generosity shown by everyone this year has made a difference in the lives of so many, but there are more needs to meet. The holiday season is a time of year when increasing numbers of families turn to food banks to put dinner on their tables, so McDonald's Canada and our local restaurant owners from across the country will continue to step up by supporting with a donation that will provide 400,000 meals to Food Banks Canada's nationwide network. Here in Manitoba that means over 15,000 meals to families in need.

We know there's a difference between being in a community, and being part of one, and we are humbled and proud to be a part of yours.

From our McFamily to yours, we say thank you, Selkirk.



Jacques Mignault
President & CEO
McDonald's Canada

Brett O'Meara
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Province declares Santa an essential worker

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Province of Manitoba has deemed Santa Claus an essential worker, which means he'll be able to make his stops this Christmas Eve without any problems.

Manitoba's top doc Dr. Brent Roussin announced last week that St. Nick has been given the green light to deliver his gifts unimpeded.

"Santa Claus is certainly an essential worker, which means that he is allowed to travel to Manitoba and able to come to anyone's house," he said, explaining the government is making special allowances for the jolly old elf.

Speaking directly to Manitoba's chil-

dren, Roussin said he knows the past several months haven't been easy for them.

"We know that this year there's been a lot of new rules. We have to wear masks, we have to continue to wash our hands, we have to keep our distance from friends and others," he said. "You can't play with your friends as much, maybe you haven't been able to visit grandparents or other family members."

"We needed these rules to protect ourselves and the people around us, but we know they've been hard."

He reminded Manitobans of all ages of the importance of celebrating only

with members of their households this Christmas, staying connected virtually with other loved ones.

"Right now I need to remind everyone to stay safe at home with the people you live with," Roussin stressed. "We can't have people visit right now, even over the holiday season. We have

to stay safe.

"These rules have been very difficult, but they're not going to be forever. We can see right now, with a vaccine here in Manitoba, that it's not going to be forever. We are going to get back to the things we love doing, but right now we have to stay very safe."



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From olivia.

Dear health
care
warker's.
thank you
thank you.

♥
love Ashlynn

I'm so grate full for what you do. You save lives
and help to get us over the things we struggle
with.

From, Grayson.

Dear health care
workers, you save
peolep ever Day .Thank
you .

from
Bryson

Dear Health
Care
Workers,Health
Care Workers
More Like
Health Care
Heros. Thank
You For Helping
Us. You Help
Seak Pepul.

Dear health
care warkers .
i hop you find a
cure for covid-19
sone. I hop there
will not be a
nuther case.

from , asia



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Linda Andres, a teacher at Happy Thought School, combined computer learning with giving back having her grade 3 class write letters to healthcare workers this holiday season. Here are a few of the many letters her class wrote.

Christmas Songs 2020

The Christmas Song

"Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire"

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
Jack Frost nipping at your nose
Yuletide carols being sung by a choir
And folks dressed up like Eskimos

Everybody knows a turkey and some
Mistletoe help to make the season bright
Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow
Will find it hard to sleep tonight

They know that Santa's on his way
He's loaded lots of toys and goodies
On his sleigh
And every mother's
Child is gonna spy to see if
Reindeer really know how to fly

And so, I'm offering this
Simple phrase to kids from
One to ninety-two
Altho' it's been said many times
Many ways
"Merry Christmas to you"

The Grinch Theme Song

"Mr. Grinch"

You're a mean one, Mr. Grinch

You really are a heel,
You're as cuddly as a cactus, you're as
charming as an eel, Mr. Grinch,
You're a bad banana with a greasy
black peel!

You're a monster, Mr. Grinch,
Your heart's an empty hole,
Your brain is full of spiders, you have
garlic in your soul, Mr. Grinch,
I wouldn't touch you with a thirty-nine-
and-a-half foot pole!

You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch,
You have termites in your smile,
You have all the tender sweetness of a
seasick crocodile, Mr. Grinch,
Given a choice between the two of you'd
take the seasick crocodile!

You're a rotter, Mr. Grinch,
You're the king of sinful sots,
Your heart's a dead tomato splotted
with moldy purple spots, Mr. Grinch,
You're a three decker sauerkraut and
toadstool sandwich with arsenic sauce!

You nauseate me, Mr. Grinch,
With a nauseous super "naus"!,
You're a crooked dirty jockey and you
drive a crooked hoss, Mr. Grinch,
Your soul is an appalling dump heap
overflowing with the most disgraceful

assortment of rubbish imaginable
mangled up in tangled up knots!

You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch,
You're a nasty wastly skunk,
Your heart is full of unwashed socks, your
soul is full of gunk, Mr. Grinch,
The three words that best describe you
are as follows, and I quote,
"Stink, stank, stunk"

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favored one.
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, th' incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus

I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus
Underneath the mistletoe last night.
She didn't see me creep
down the stairs to have a peep;
She thought that I was tucked
up in my bedroom fast asleep.

Then, I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus
Underneath his beard so snowy white;
Oh, what a laugh it would have been
If Daddy had only seen
Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night

Then I saw Mommy tickle Santa Claus
Underneath his beard so snowy white
Oh, what a laugh it would have been
If Daddy had only seen
Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night

Oh, what a laugh it would have been
If Daddy had only seen
Mommy kissing Santa Claus last night
(I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold!

Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Christmas Greetings to All



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Christmas Songs 2020

Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing.
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world hath suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the Age of Gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And all the world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

The Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me
Pa rum pum pum pum
A new born King to see
Pa rum pum pum pum

Our finest gifts we bring
Pa rum pum pum pum

To lay before the King
Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum

So to honor Him
Pa rum pum pum pum
When we come

Little baby
Pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too
Pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our King
Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum

Shall I play for you
Pa rum pum pum pum
On my drum

Mary nodded
Pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time
Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him
Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him
Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum

Then He smiled at me
Pa rum pum pum pum
Me and my drum

Silver Bells

City sidewalks, busy sidewalks.
Dressed in holiday style
In the air
There's a feeling
of Christmas
Children laughing
People passing
Meeting smile after smile
and on every street corner you'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them sing
Soon it will be Christmas day

Strings of street lights
Even stop lights
Blink a bright red and green
As the shoppers rush
home with their treasures

Hear the snow crunch
See the kids bunch
This is Santa's big scene
And above all this bustle
You'll hear

Silver bells, silver bells
It's Christmas time in the city
Ring-a-ling, hear them sing
Soon it will be Christmas day

Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell
Square
In the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock

Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet
That's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell rock

It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

It's the most wonderful time of the year
With the kids jingle belling
And everyone telling you "Be of good
cheer"
It's the most wonderful time of the year
It's the hap-happiest season of all

With those holiday greetings and gay
happy meetings
When friends come to call
It's the hap- happiest season of all

There'll be parties for hosting
Marshmallows for toasting
And caroling out in the snow
There'll be scary ghost stories
And tales of the glories of
Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time of the year



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Christmas Songs 2020

There'll be much mistletoeing
And hearts will be glowing
When love ones are near
It's the most wonderful time of the year

There'll be parties for hosting
Marshmallows for toasting
And caroling out in the snow
There'll be scary ghost stories
And tales of the glories of
Christmases long, long ago

It's the most wonderful time of the year
There'll be much mistletoeing
And hearts will be glowing
When love ones are near
It's the most wonderful time
It's the most wonderful time
It's the most wonderful time
It's the most wonderful time of the year

O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
How are thy leaves so verdant!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

Not only in the summertime,
But even in winter is thy prime.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How are thy leaves so verdant!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

For every year the Christmas tree,
Brings to us all both joy and glee.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Much pleasure doth thou bring me!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!

Each bough doth hold its tiny light,
That makes each toy to sparkle bright.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
Thy candles shine out brightly!

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, alleluia,
All ye choirs of angels;
O sing, all ye blissful ones of heav'n
above.
Glory to God
In the highest glory!

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be the glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in the flesh appearing,

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher, and Dancer, and
Prancer, and Vixen,
Comet, and Cupid, and
Donder and Blitzen
But do you recall
The most famous reindeer of all

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose
and if you ever saw it
you would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
play in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"

Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town

He's making a list
And checking it twice
Gonna find out Who's naughty and nice
Santa Claus is coming to town

He sees you when you're sleeping
He knows when you're awake
He knows if you've been bad or good
So be good for goodness sake!

O! You better watch out!
You better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why
Santa Claus is coming to town
Santa Claus is coming to town

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For a sleigh ride together with you

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let's go
Let's look at the snow
We're riding in a wonderland of snow

Giddy-yap giddy-yap giddy-yap it's
grand
Just holding your hand
We're gliding along with the song
Of a wintry fairy land

Our cheeks are nice and rosy
And comfy cozy are we
We're snuggled up together like two
Birds of a feather would be

Let's take the road before us
And sing a chorus or two
Come on, it's lovely weather
For a sleigh ride together with you

There's a birthday party at the home of
Farmer Gray
It'll be the perfect ending of a perfect day
We'll be singing the songs we love to
sing without a single stop
At the fireplace while we watch the
chestnuts pop
Pop! Pop! Pop!

There's a happy feeling nothing in the
world can buy
When they pass around the coffee and
the pumpkin pie

It'll nearly be like a picture print by
Currier and Ives
These wonderful things are the things
We remember all through our lives

The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
A Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the second day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the third day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the fourth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the fifth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the sixth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
6 Geese a Laying
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the seventh day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
7 Swans a Swimming
6 Geese a Laying
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the eighth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
8 Maids a Milking
7 Swans a Swimming
6 Geese a Laying
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the ninth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
9 Ladies Dancing
8 Maids a Milking
7 Swans a Swimming
6 Geese a Laying
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the tenth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
10 Lords a Leaping
9 Ladies Dancing
8 Maids a Milking
7 Swans a Swimming
6 Geese a Laying
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
11 Pipers Piping
10 Lords a Leaping
9 Ladies Dancing
8 Maids a Milking

7 Swans a Swimming
6 Geese a Laying
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
12 Drummers Drumming
11 Pipers Piping
10 Lords a Leaping
9 Ladies Dancing
8 Maids a Milking
7 Swans a Swimming
6 Geese a Laying
5 Golden Rings
4 Calling Birds
3 French Hens
2 Turtle Doves
and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

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We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year.

Good tidings to you,
And all of your kin,
Good tidings for Christmas,
And a Happy New Year.

We all know that Santa's coming,
We all know that Santa's coming,
We all know that Santa's coming,
And soon will be here.

Good tidings to you,
And all of your kin,
Good tidings for Christmas,
And a Happy New Year.

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We wish you a Merry Christmas,
We wish you a Merry Christmas,
And a Happy New Year

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Selkirk's new wastewater plant opening in 2021

New treatment plant supports a growing city and region

By The City of Selkirk

When the City of Selkirk broke ground for its new wastewater treatment plant in 2018, the council of the day was certain of a couple of things – first, it was making a decision that would impact citizens, and the environment, for decades to come, and second, they had better get it right.

We're only a little more than two years from that date in August, but early indications are they're succeeding on point number two.

Chief Administrative Officer Duane Nicol says the \$30-plus million plant is state of the art and will treat effluent to a higher standard than provincial regulations. It can handle Selkirk's present day population and up to 11,000 more from day one.

"The city's new wastewater treatment plant has been designed to meet our needs today as well as into the future," Nicol said.

"Selkirk's population could more than double and the new plant could handle it. Our vision is to be a regional service provider and we're prepared for that as well."

The city's old plant was built in 1976 and does not meet current provincial regulations that require treated wastewater, or effluent, to contain no more than 1mg/L of phosphorus and 15 mg/L of nitrogen.

The new plant's Membrane-Bioreactor Treatment process, which provides

the best environmental protection for the Red River and Lake Winnipeg, will produce an exceptionally high quality of effluent, so if regulations change in years to come, the city will still likely meet the standards without costly retrofits or new construction.

The plant provides a level of security for citizens that Selkirk won't find itself in a situation similar to the City of Winnipeg, whose north end treatment plant is in need of upgrades for compliance that are stalled as the city and province disagree on an interim phosphorus removal plan.

Raven Sharma, Selkirk's Utilities Manager, said the city's new plant should be operational by summer of 2021, and she, along with the rest of the team, is excited to be part of such a monumental project.

"I can speak for my utility team and I that the new Selkirk wastewater plant is using innovative technology that will open the doors to be able to accept wastewater from other communities to come," Sharma said.

"The utility team and I are prepared and very dedicated to our responsibilities in treating water and wastewater. We will be very busy in the next couple of months commissioning and fine tuning the new wastewater plant."

The plant is designed in a way that expansion, when it's required, can be done easily and economically.

It's purposely been built to its more-than-sufficient size, Nicol said, to keep operation costs as low as possible today, but the design has tomorrow's needs in mind and the internal infrastructure is there to be tapped into.

"With the capacity we have now we can provide cost-effective service to neighbours today as well as grow our city. Beyond the current capacity we designed the plant so it can easily be expanded, at a very low relative cost," Nicol said.

"We can add 50 per cent capacity to the plant with very minimal investment into the plant the day after it opens if we needed to."

The plant makes use of two sets of membrane filtration cartridge units, each capable of handling 6,000,000 litres per day for a total of 12,000,000 litres per day. Nicol said when growth surpasses 11,000 beyond the city's current population, it's a quick fix for the city.

"We have space for a third set built and ready to go, all you have to do is drop the cartridges in. That's about a \$1 million investment. But all we have to do is drop it in and that adds 50 per cent more capacity just like that. We have designed other features into the plan for even more capacity expansion beyond that, should we need it over the expected 50-

year life of this facility. Which means we have the capacity to grow without having to burden the ratepayers of today with the maintenance costs of infrastructure we don't currently need. We think long-term in Selkirk."

"WITH THE CAPACITY WE HAVE NOW WE CAN PROVIDE COST-EFFECTIVE SERVICE TO NEIGHBOURS TODAY AS WELL AS GROW OUR CITY. BEYOND THE CURRENT CAPACITY WE DESIGNED THE PLANT SO IT CAN EASILY BE EXPANDED, AT A VERY LOW RELATIVE COST,"

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Our best wishes go out to you and yours.

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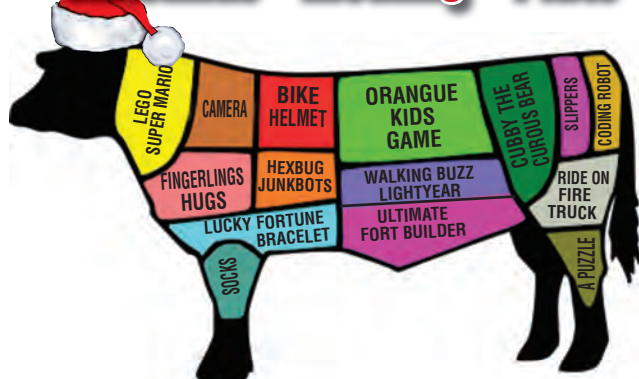
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Soil moisture normal in MB

By Staff

Manitoba's fall freeze-up hopefully bodes well for flood season next spring.

Manitoba Infrastructure's Hydrologic Forecast Centre has released the 2020 Fall Conditions Report that indicates soil moisture levels before freeze-up were normal to below normal in most Manitoba basins.

"The 2020 Fall Conditions Report describes the hydrologic conditions of Manitoba basins at the time of freeze-up," explained Infrastructure Minister Ron Schuler last week. "Hydrologic and weather conditions in the winter and spring are the main factors that affect the risk and extent of high water events."

Due to minimal summer and fall precipitation, the soil moisture at freeze-up was normal to below normal for most of southern, central and western Manitoba basins, with the exception of the Little Saskatchewan River basin and in areas close to Brandon where the soil moisture is normal to above normal. Northern Manitoba basins, including the Saskatchewan and Churchill river basins, have normal to above normal soil moisture.

The minister noted another factor affecting potential spring high water events is the base flow in rivers and the water levels on lakes prior to freeze-up. Base flow is a portion of the stream flow that is not from surface run-off; it is water from the ground, flowing into the river channel over a period of time. Base flows on most rivers are normal to below normal for this time of the year, with the exception of northern Manitoba rivers, where base flows are well above normal to record high.

Environment and Climate Change Canada's December long-term precipitation forecast indicates precipitation will be normal to above normal from December to February for most of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The National Weather Service (NWS) Climate Prediction Center's outlook indicates above normal precipitation within the U.S. portion of the Red and Souris river basins from December to March.

"We will continue to monitor watershed conditions closely and will release spring flood outlooks through the winter as required," said Schuler.

To view the 2020 Fall Conditions Report visit gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/pdf/2020/2020_fall_conditions_report.pdf.

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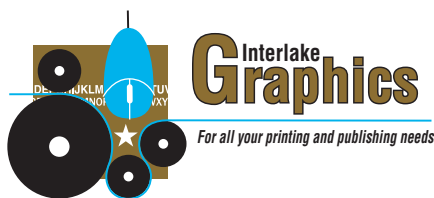
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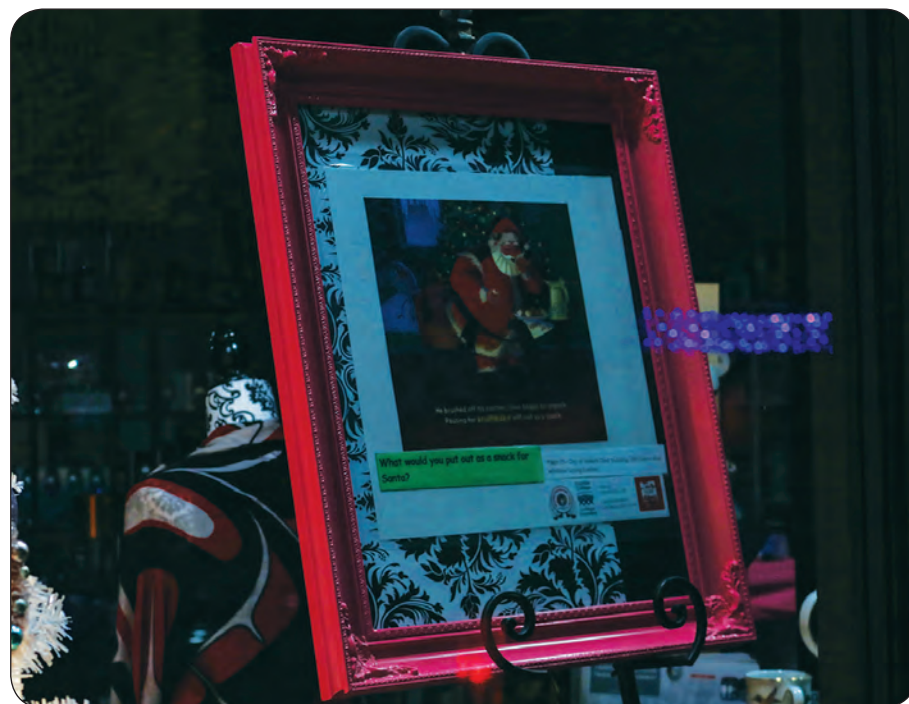
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Tales and Trails follow Holiday Alley



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Don't miss Tales and Trails, an exciting Holiday Alley activity for the family. Selkirk Friendship Centre and Frontier College have teamed up to create a walk along book tour where residents are invited to walk along Manitoba Avenue and Eveline St. to read Olaf's Night Before Christmas. Pictured is the page in Wishme's store window.

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Honoring golfer beyond the green

Lifelong member and player awarded post-mortem distinction

By Nicole Buffie

Golf Manitoba has inducted Brian Gilhuly into their Hall of Fame as part of their 2020 class.

Gilhuly, who passed away in 2017 at the age of 77, was not only an active member of Golf Manitoba and the Selkirk Golf & Country Club but also volunteered his time in the community ingraining his legacy for years to come.

Chad Krut, president of the Selkirk Golf & Country Club, said Gilhuly was more than just a member of the club.

"He kind of held every position at the golf course other than president," he said of Gilhuly's dedication.

A life-long resident of Selkirk, Gilhuly grew up and went on to live just a few yards down from the clubhouse until his death. An accountant by trade, Gilhuly took the position of treasurer at the club after retiring from his day job.

"He was always more on the frugal and cautious side and always looking at expenses and everything else like that," Krut joked.

While keeping the finances of the club at the top of mind, Gilhuly was generous with his own money. Donations in his name for the amounts of \$100,000 went to both the country club and the Golf Manitoba Scholarship Fund.

"He was a very good member for a lot of years and cared very deeply about the golf course," Krut said.

John Drzystek, a friend of Gilhuly's and fellow board member of the club, said the induction into the hall of fame comes as no surprise.

"When he and I were on the board together, I just saw the passion and the absolute dedication he had to making our place a better place and to make sure that we made good financial decisions," he said. "The Selkirk Golf and Country Club is a much better place because of the countless hours of work and expertise that he brought in."

Drzystek and Gilhuly were part of a group that made annual trips to the U.S. to play on and later rank golf courses. Gilhuly ranked over 300 courses between Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario in his lifetime.

His involvement in community sporting events did not go unnoticed, with being awarded an Order of Sport Excellence by the province and the Distinguished Service Award from Golf Manitoba in 2010.

When he wasn't immersing himself in golf, he could still be found mulling around the clubhouse helping with whatever he could. This often included checking in with office manager Rosey Martin on a regular basis.

"I've been told my records are impeccable, and I always say that's because I was taught by the best," she said of Gilhuly. "He taught me so much; he was not only my employer, he was also my mentor and my friend."



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

Brian Gilhuly has been inducted into Golf Manitoba's Hall of Fame.

The money donated on Gilhuly's behalf to the country club will be used towards general improvements for the golf course, including a dedicated hole in his name. The donation to the Golf Manitoba Scholarship Fund will be used to further help young players improve their game while financially supporting them.

Krut said he will always remember Gilhuly as straightforward in business and life, with a kind heart.

"He certainly set a legacy at the golf course," he said. "He was always thinking what's best for this place, and I think that's an important thing that I've tried to carry on and will continue to do so just like he did."

Preventing crime this holiday season

By Staff

In a recent newsletter from the R.M. of East St. Paul, the East St Paul Citizens on Patrol Program (ESP COPP) reminded residents to be extra cautious not to become a victim of crime during the holiday season.

Below are some of the tips they recommend to reduce your risk of property damage and ways to keep safer this season.

Property Theft Prevention Tips

- Make an extra effort to lock up your home and garage. Burglars prefer to enter through unlocked doors.

- Avoid displaying your gifts under the tree so it's easily visible from outdoors. It's very tempting for thieves to plan a break-in for those wrapped packages, possibly having previously scouted out your home.
- Thieves know to look for the hidden key near the entrance door. Don't hide spare keys under planters, decorations or mats. Instead, leave a spare key with a trustworthy neighbour.

Shopping Theft Prevention Tips

- If you are out shopping, do not leave purses or bags unattended

in shopping carts. All it takes is a split second for a thief to walk by, remove your bag virtually undetected.

- Stay alert to your surroundings, avoid parking in an unlit area, lock your vehicle with your packages and gifts inside the vehicle trunk.
- Have your keys handy before you go to your car and be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason.
- Thieves will take gladly take the opportunity to steal your online purchases dropped off at your door.

- Set up deliveries to require a signature or be dropped off at an alternate location such as a workplace or post office.
- After Christmas, don't leave the now-empty boxes of new electronics piled by the home or on the street for garbage pickup. Burglars will realize you have expensive gifts inside waiting for them to steal. Break down the boxes for recycling, better still, cut them up to conceal what the contents were.

Have a wonderful and safe 2020 holiday season.

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Local athletes earn Academic All-Canadian status for the 2019-20 school year

Staff

Wesmen Athletics announced 32 student-athletes were honoured with Academic All-Canadian status for the 2019-20 school year.

The figure accounts for 42 per cent of the total roster of student-athletes who competed for the five Wesmen varsity teams in the 2019-20 U Sports season.

In order to earn Academic All-Canadian honours, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average throughout the campaign.

The women's volleyball team led the way with 12 players on the academic list followed by women's soccer at seven and women's basketball with six. Men's volleyball had five and men's basketball had two.

In addition to those who achieved a 3.5 GPA, there were 20 student-athletes who maintained a GPA of 3.9 or higher, led by former women's volleyball setter Rylie Dickson, who had a department-best 4.38 GPA in the Faculty of Science. Dickson was honoured with the Tom Kendall Award for her accomplishment during the online Wesmen Awards in April.

Among the honourees, five true freshmen met the AAC bar in their



Jessica Friesen



Kely Warmington



Nigel Nielsen

first year of university studies.

The complete list of academic all-Canadians by team is below (year of eligibility in parentheses):

Women's volleyball - Taylor Boughton (Jr.), Haille Bujan (Jr.), Rylie Dickson (5-Sr.), Lockport's Jessica Friesen (Sr.), Madison Fyvie (Sr.), Taylor Kleyesen (Jr.), Ashleigh Laube (Jr.), Emma Parker (Jr.), Kalena Schulz (5-Sr.), Fe-

lix Sturk-Lussier (Jr.), St. Andrews' Kely Warmington (So.), and Emily Yaeger (Jr.).

Women's soccer - Chantal Boulet (Jr.), Shae-Lynn Dodds (Jr.), Sophie Fonseca (So.), Emma Friesen (Fr.), Olivia Martin (Fr.), Taryn Raabe (Fr.), and Nicole Seavers (5-Sr.).

Women's basketball - Rayna Anderson (RS-Fr.), Jillian Duncan (So.),

Jessica Dyck (Jr.), Faith Hezekiah (5-Sr.), Anna Kernaghan (Fr.), and Lena Wenke (5-Sr.).

Men's volleyball - Austin Anderson (So.), Matt Klysh (Jr.), Liam Kristjansson (Fr.), St. Andrews' Nigel Nielsen (So.), and Keegan Teetaert (Sr.).

Men's basketball - Joseph Medrano (Jr.) and Spas Nikolov (Jr.).

Canada West cancels swimming and track and field championships

Staff

Canada West announced the cancellation of its 2020-21 swimming and track and field championships on Dec. 17.

The conference deferred a decision on the 2020-21 curling championships to a later date.

Calgary was slated to host the swimming championships while Manitoba was scheduled to host the track and field championships.

The conference's 17 members formally made the decision to cancel the two championships and defer a decision on curling following recommen-

dations from the Canada West Board of Directors.

"Unfortunately, it's another difficult decision that our members have had to make," said Canada West president Curtis Atkinson. "Cancelling any competition, including championships, is not a decision that is taken lightly.

We understand and share the disappointment from everyone involved in these sports and hope that today's announcement provides clarity for our student-athletes and coaches."



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WHL delays start of regular season again

Staff

The Western Hockey League announced on Dec. 15 that it will delay the start of the 2020-21 regular season.

Following further consultation with regional health authorities, the Board of Governors will meet in January to consider potential start dates.

With public health restrictions in

place across Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest U.S., the WHL is not in a position to start its regular season as planned on Jan. 8.

The WHL will continue to work with Government and Health Authorities as they consider schedule options for the 2020-21 season. The WHL has developed a series of protocols in con-

sultation with health authorities that are necessary to protect WHL players, staff, officials, and fans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We continue to make every effort to get our season started, but our first priority has always been the health and safety of our players, and everyone associated with the WHL," said

WHL commissioner Ron Robison. "Given the public health restrictions that are currently in effect, we are not in a position to determine a new target date for our season. We will continue to consult with health authorities to determine when it is safe and responsible to get our season started."

Stonewall to host four major baseball championships this summer

Staff

Baseball Manitoba announced the host sights for the 2021 Provincial, Western, and Canadian Championships last week.

And Fines Field will be a very busy place this summer with Stonewall hosting four major events.

The U11 "AA" provincials will be held in Stonewall from July 16-18, followed

by the 21U "AAA" Western Canadian Championship slated for Aug. 13-16.

The 14U girls' Western Canadian Championship is set for Aug. 20-22 while Baseball Canada's Women's

Nationals will run Aug. 19-22 in Stonewall.

Einarson, Gushe to vie for national mixed doubles curling crown

Staff

Canada is adding another great mixed doubles curling team.

Last year's Scotties and Brier champions - Kerri Einarson and Brad Gushe - are teaming up to form Canada's newest mixed doubles curling rink.

The pair will be competing at the upcoming mixed doubles national championship in Calgary in mid-March.

Gushue is an Olympic champion, world champion, and three-time Brier winner from St. John's, N.L.

Camp Morton's Einarson, meanwhile, won her first-ever Scotties title with her new all-skip rink last February in Moose Jaw, Sask.

Both teams did not get the chance to represent Canada at the world championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WAYNE ALLAN MCRAE, late of the City of Selkirk, in the Province of Manitoba, deceased.

ALL claims against the above estate, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, must be filed with the undersigned at their offices at 407 Main St., Selkirk, MB, R1A 1T9, on or before the 23rd day of January 2021.

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Please contact CitizenSupport at 204-785-4900 if you have any questions.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER



PUBLIC NOTICE

PESTICIDE CONTROL PROGRAM

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipality of Alexander intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Program during 2021:

1. To control rodents at the Coca Cola Falls, St. Georges and Traverse Bay waste disposal grounds using the rodenticide: Bromadiolone.

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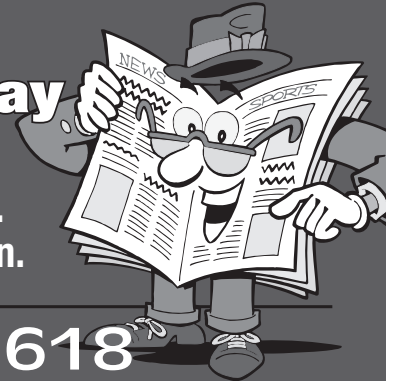
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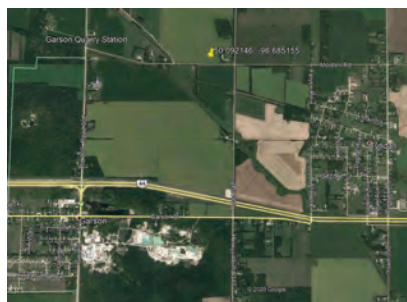
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Subsection 174(1) of The Municipal Act that the Rural Municipality of St. Clements intends to present two (2) proposals to borrow at a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of the R.M. of St. Clements, 1043 Kittson Road on **Tuesday January 12th, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.**

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, persons wishing to register to attend the hearing via electronic means or whom wishes to provide a written submission are asked to contact the Municipal office via phone or email to info@rmofstclements.com.

Following the public hearing and 2nd reading, the two proposed borrowing by-laws will be forwarded to the Manitoba Municipal Board for approval. Such approval must be obtained under the Municipal Acts.176 prior to third reading and execution of the proposed by-laws.

REGARDING GENERAL BORROWING BY-LAW 12-2020

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING OF FUNDS TO UPGRADE & EXPAND THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE EAST SELKIRK WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The total cost of the project is \$ 4,000,000 and is to be funded by the proposed borrowing of \$2,000,000.00 and grant funding obtained from the Manitoba Water Services Board in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. The project includes the implementation of a membrane water softener to reduce water softener salt volumes from the general lagoon, and thereby the watersheds of the municipality, as well as construction of a public use truck fill to provide potable water supply from the East Selkirk Water Treatment Plant.

The total cost of the proposed borrowing is to be repaid over 20 years at a rate estimated for the time being at 4.00 % per annum and subject in any event to the authorization of The Municipal Board. The annual repayment amount is estimated at \$147,163.50 and will be funded annually as part of the general levy at 50% with a total annual payment amount estimated at \$73,581.75, (based on the 2020 assessment, a mill rate of 0.096 will be required), and through the current East Selkirk Utility consumer rates at 50% with a total annual payment amount estimated at \$73,581.75 (no rate increase is being proposed).

REGARDING GENERAL BORROWING BY-LAW 13-2020

BEING A BY-LAW OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. CLEMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE AND BORROWING OF FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT & ESTABLISH PHASE 1 OF THE SOUTH ST CLEMENTS UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$ 3,500,000 and includes works to establish utility trunk lines from the municipal boundary at the R.M. of East St. Paul through to the utility facilities at East Selkirk including a required lift station. The total cost of the proposed borrowing is to be repaid over 20 years at a rate estimated for the time being at 4.00 % per annum and subject in any event to the authorization of The Municipal Board. The annual repayment amount is estimated at \$257,536.13 and will be funded annually from part of the Gas Tax grant funds received.

Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the borrowing by-laws provided.

Any person who has questions, needs clarification or requires further information, either prior to or following the first reading of the by-law, is encouraged to contact Deepak Joshi, CAO at 204-482-3300.

Copies of the proposals to borrow are available for review by phone, by email request to info@rmofstclements.com, or through our website at www.rmofstclements.com

Dated this 8th day of December, 2020.

Deepak Joshi
Chief Administrative Officer

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> MEAL IDEAS



Centering your holiday meal around a turkey cooked to golden perfection is the ideal way to serve a feast. Without the right preparation and execution, however, your bird could fall short. To ensure your holiday dinner centerpiece lives up to expectations, follow these simple tips, from purchase to plate:

1. Buy the right bird. Finding a turkey that's just the right size for your expected party is the start to a successful gathering. One common rule of thumb is the buy 1 pound of turkey per person – so, for a 10-person meal, purchase a 10-pound turkey. Don't forget that nearly everyone loves leftovers, so you may consider buying a few pounds more

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2. Be patient. If you opt for a frozen turkey, don't rush the thawing process. For larger turkeys, it can take days to defrost properly.

3. Timing is everything. Finding the right amount of time for your turkey to spend in the oven is crucial but not always the easiest thing to do. For an 8-12-pound bird, aim for 2.5-3.5 hours; 12-16 pounds for 3.5-4 hours; 16-20 pounds for 4-4.5 hours, and so on. The key is bringing the turkey to a temperature reading of 170 F.

4. Let it rest. Instead of pulling the turkey out of the oven and immediately carving it, give it a chance to rest for 20-30 minutes, which allows the juices to soak into the meat and moisten it up.



Cheeseball

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 packages (4 ounces) Buddig Beef or Ham, chopped, divided
1 package assorted crackers
In large bowl of mixer on medium speed, beat cream cheese and cheddar cheese until creamy.

Mix in black olives, green onion, red bell pepper, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and 2 ounces chopped beef until well combined.

Form into ball. Wrap in plastic wrap. Chill at least 2-3 hours to allow flavors to blend.

Just before serving, roll in remaining chopped beef until completely coated. Serve with assorted crackers.

Total time: 30 minutes
Servings: 10
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
2 cups (8 ounces) finely shredded cheddar cheese
1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced black olives, drained
2 tablespoons minced green onion
2 tablespoons minced red bell pepper



Gingerbread Cookies

In large bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream butter and sugar about 2 minutes on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add egg and molasses; mix until well incorporated.

In separate bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, salt, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Use mixer on low speed to add to butter mixture until combined and dough is formed.

Divide dough in half, wrap with plastic film and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 350 F and line baking sheets with parchment paper.

Flour clean work surface. Roll dough 1/8-1/4 inches thick. Cut out shapes with desired cookie cutters.

Transfer cookies to lined baking sheets and bake 10-12 minutes, or until firm. Let cookies cool on baking sheets 2-3 minutes then transfer to cooling rack. Cool completely.

Decorate cookies with royal icing.

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Cook time: 10-12 minutes
Yield: 24 cookies
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1/4 cup molasses
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
royal icing

Ask the Money Lady

To My Money Lady Readers,

This time I wanted to ask you a question – something that I have discussed with readers many times through email.

Have you ever noticed how we encourage, support, and tell others to “go for it” yet we let fear hold us back and never take the advice we so freely give out? Why is it that we often don't apply the same encouragement to our own situations; or is it, we just have trouble “practicing what we preach?”

By the time you reach your mid-fifties you have probably suffered greatly with either personal, financial or career challenges. Have you ever noticed how you can see the problems, or more importantly the solutions for others due to our own life experiences; but often cannot recognize it for ourselves? Perhaps it is our own personal or perceived insecurities about how to address difficult decisions that many Canadians today are selling themselves short, especially when it comes to saving for retirement.

Yes, I know that life is expensive and there are a lot of demands on your wallet. However, to become debt-free and wealthy the solution is very simple: set a goal, make a plan, work your plan, reassess your outcome and have the courage to make the necessary changes to achieve your goal. Consistent determination is the only way people have improved their lives and become financially successful.

I meet people all the time that I am overwhelmingly amazed at how they have overcome hardships, started a business (maybe failed more than once) and then triumphed to success.

I have helped clients who have lost everything after a divorce or career failure and have seen their unwavering desire to get back on top and be successful again. I have clients that are in their 70's who have saved too much money to spend in retirement, who never made a large income during their working careers but simply saved consistently and lived below their means. In contrast, I also have tried to help many people that look like they have it all on the outside with the fancy cars, expensive homes and clothing, yet underneath it all, they are racked in overwhelming debt and are facing a negative net worth situation. Money is emotional. To save for retirement you can either make excuses why not to, or you can find a way to make life changes and sacrifices to ensure your independence and security as you age. Remember that true success is not measured by material things that you have purchased, but instead should be defined by what you have overcome in your life. It is about how many times you got back up after you've been knocked down and never stopped trying to succeed to accomplish the things that other people said you could never do. Take back your inner power and control. Refuse to settle for less and make sure you retire debt-free and wealthy!

Good Luck and Best Wishes,
Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the best-selling book “How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy” and a new book Don't Panic – How to Manage your Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After the Coronavirus” available at all bookstores across Canada. If you have a money question, please email on website: www.askthemoneylady.ca



Orange Eggs Benedict

eggs into water to poach. Cook 3-4 minutes until whites are cooked through and yolks are still runny. Using slotted spoon, remove eggs and drain on paper towels.

Spread butter on one side of bread slices. Place bread in skillet and cook until golden brown. Add ham to same skillet and cook until browned on both sides.

To assemble, spread bread slices with orange marmalade. Top each with one slice cooked ham and one poached egg. Pour hollandaise over eggs and garnish with orange zest.

Photo courtesy of Getty Images (Holiday table)

Serves: 6
Orange Hollandaise:
2 egg yolks
1 orange, juice only
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
water
1 tablespoon white vinegar
8 eggs
1/2 cup butter, softened
6 French baguette slices, 3/4-inch thick each
6 thick slices ham
1/2 cup orange marmalade
orange zest, for garnish
To make Orange Hollandaise: In small bowl, blend egg yolks, orange juice and salt until combined. Gradually add melted butter into egg mixture while blending. Set aside.
In skillet, add water halfway up sides. Add vinegar. Bring to simmer. Break

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Anne McRae
Happy 100th Birthday
on January 1, 2021.
 Congratulations to a special lady
 who is dear to so many of us.
 -With Love from all her
 family and friends

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BIRTHDAY



Happy 50th Birthday
Doug Eames
January 2, 2021
 -Love Mom, Dad, Crystal, Caitlin, Dustin,
 Marissa, Shelley, Pete, Stephanie, Steve,
 Matthew and Malerie

OBITUARY

Lisa Marie Zaretski (nee Beck)

It is with a grief filled heart, I am saddened to announce the passing of my beloved wife. Lisa passed peacefully on December 14, 2020 at Kin Place, Oakbank at the age of 47. After fighting over a courageous 20 year battle with MS and then COVID 19. She is now re-united with her father Ervin and brother David in heaven.

Lisa is survived by her loving husband James, mother Linda Beck, extended family, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lisa was born on May 13, 1973. She was raised on the family farm in East Selkirk. She loved the country, reminiscing about her life with her mom, dad and brother, plus all the great visits from family, cousins and friends.

In 1997 Lisa and I started dating and on September 12, 1998 I married the love of my life. We built a home only a couple miles from her homestead and had 22 wonderful years together.

Lisa started her career as a hairdresser, but her love was cooking and helping others in the community working at The Selkirk Curling Club and The Lions Manor, giving her great pleasure.

Lisa enjoyed the outdoors camping, fishing and going to the beach. Planting flowers and helping in the yard, always with her fur babies Chaos, Simba, Dutches, Kiwi, Bear, Zola and Sammy by her side.

Lisa's other passion was reading. She was excellent in English, she could spell any word and proof read a letter and correct you on it.

Having MS all those years it never stopped her from giving 100% in everything she encountered, which made her stronger in every way. Facebook helped her to stay connected with family and friends and also her new friends from MS Society.

Lisa will always be fondly remembered for her positive attitude and quick smile.

A limb has fallen from the family tree,
 I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".
 Remember the best times, the laughter, the song,
 The good life I lived while I was strong.
 Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you,
 Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
 My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
 Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
 Continue traditions, no matter how small,
 Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
 I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin,
 Until the day comes we're together again.

I would like to thank the staff at Selkirk Regional Health Centre who looked after Lisa over several years, especially Dr. Speer for going above and beyond taking care of her needs anytime day or night. Also to Kin Place for making her last days comfortable.

Cremation has taken place, but due to restrictions, memorial service will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please give generously to the MS Society of MB.

Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



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My heartfelt thanks for all your birthday wishes! Blessings.

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May God keep your soul safe we pray,
We miss and love you every day.
-Larry, Sharon, Kristin, Russell, Kevin

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IN MEMORIAM



Joe King
In loving memory
for Husband Joe, Father and Grampa
who passed away January 4th, 2009
Twelve years ago, you were taken away,
This day is remembered and quietly kept;
No words are needed,
We shall never forget.
For those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day;
Unseen and unheard, but always near,
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-Loved and always missed by wife Elsie,
on Richard and granddaughter Holly

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of our parents
Walter and Eva Zelych
Love and memories
Stay in our hearts forever.
-Love your family

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IN MEMORIAM

William (Bill) Johanson
January 21, 1946 - January 3, 2015
(Husband, Dad, Papa)

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The love we knew,
The precious years,
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