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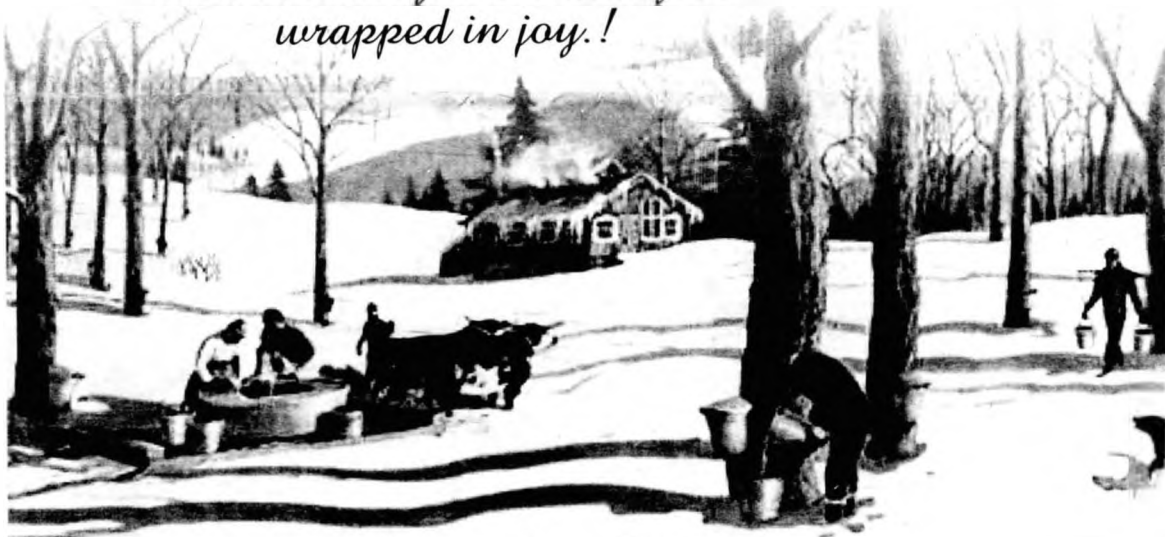
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Season's Greetings!

May your winter be bundled in warmth and your holiday be wrapped in joy!



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Tembec Paper Group Christmas Party

The Tembec Paper Group Pine Falls along with many volunteers hosted a family Christmas party for all the employees and their families. The Christmas party was held on Sunday December 17, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Pine Falls School. The stage

was setup with beautiful decorations and was the setting for Santa Claus and his merry elves and helpers. Children of all ages visited with Santa Claus that afternoon. There were a few little tykes that were still not too sure they

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Santa was kept busy receiving the wish lists of many children at the Tembec Christmas party.

Dupont brothers dominate badminton tournament

The Pine Falls Badminton Club held its first social tournament of the winter season

Sunday, December 10. All the courts were full and a friendly competitive mood set the tone of the evening.

In the end, Steve and Chris Dupont were the victorious first event winners over Chris McMullen and Mireille Perron who were the runners-up. Raymond Avanthay and Mark Watling took the second event over Tyler Danielson and Nicole Boulet. Dan Cure and Jolene Trehart had to succumb in the third event to the determination of Joyce Sharpe

and Ginette Vincent. All players are to be commended on their sportmanship which really made the evening lots of fun.

Badminton is played on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at Pine Falls School gym. Everyone is welcome to come for fun and get some exercise. Junior badminton is played on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for students who are between the ages of 10 and 13 years of age.

WINNERS of the Cat's Meow Christmas Cheer RAFFLE

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2nd: Don Baldwin, Wpg
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Lakers Ski Club contributes \$4,500 to LdB Community Centre

by Toni Bruneau

The Lac du Bonnet Lakers Ski Club has recently demonstrated the spirit of giving, appropriately timed with the Christmas season. The proceeds of the Lakers weekly bingo for the month of November were donated to the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre in the form of \$4,500.

Jill Augustine of the Lac du Bonnet Lakers Ski Club

said the club feels aneed to support the centre. There is a mutual benefit in the relationship between the Ski Club and the Community Centre.

Augustine said the Lakers Ski Club has been fundraising for community causes for over 40 years, in the form of socials, and July 1 celebration activities, but lately their main source of funds raised have developed from the bingos.

They have come to the aid of many community organizations in Lac du Bonnet and the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre is now their focus. Augustine said it is a lot of work, but many of the regular bingo workers enjoy giving their time to support the club and the communities needs.



Vickie Short, President of the Board of Directors for the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre accepts a cheque for \$4,500 from Jill Augustine of the Lac du Bonnet Lakers Ski Club

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Fire strikes twice this past weekend

by Charles Norman

A garage burned down in Pine Falls Friday evening, and a large crane on the Pine Falls TMP mill site was damaged Sunday morning.

Pine Falls Fire Chief, Willy Kemball, said the fire in the garage on Cherry Street in Pine Falls was presumably caused by a wood stove being used to

heat the garage prior to the owner working on a power-toggan. The garage was destroyed as was the power-toggan and a motorcycle in the structure. No one was hurt, and no other damage was incurred except for two windows in the nearby house, which cracked because of the intense heat.

The crane fire Sunday

morning began when a piston rod went through the engine block of the hoist mechanism. About \$100,000 in damage was incurred. There was no

damage to the truck and the crane was moved out of the way the same day. A replacement crane was on site Monday. The boom will be lowered

on the damaged crane after Christmas when it will be moved to Winnipeg for repairs.



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January 1st - New Year's Day - Closed

Sagkeeng turns down Remedial Management Plan

by Charles Norman

A Remedial Management Plan to deal with Sagkeeng's \$17 million debt didn't even come to a vote at an assembly last week.

The assembly was to be the final step in the approval process of the plan prepared by

Third Party Managers Leung and Abraham Management Group Inc. It already had the support of the chief and council and the Department of Indian Affairs.

What set the cat among the

pigeons was Leung's announcement that, for the next five years there would be no funding for new housing, at least not through DIAND. He said that funding through CMHC might be available.

Maureen Abraham wanted to know how long her parents would have to wait while the floorboards rotted out from under them - all the while breathing in spores from the mold. Marcel Fontaine wasn't too impressed by the CMHC option. He said he could afford to buy his own house but was refused permission by the band administration. Because houses on reserve land cannot be taken as security, the band has to guarantee mortgages if an owner defaults Sagkeeng has to make the payments.

Marcel Fontaine, concerned about the lack of fiduciary responsibility by the department, asked DIAND officials why they had let the problem drag on so long that it will now take drastic measures to correct the problem. He pointed out that the band membership had only learned the extent of the problem a week or two ago but the department had been aware of the growing problem for years.

One band member asked DIAND what would happen if the membership refused to endorse the plan. "Another one will be prepared," She was told.

"And if we refuse that?" She asked, and was told remedial plan would be imposed.

The Remedial Management Plan identifies \$10.9 million in accumulated deficit and \$6.5 million in mortgages. Of the \$6.5 million in mortgages,

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Wolfpack maul Bruins



by Stu Evans

Just as the Winnipeg River Wolfpack were set up to spend their first weekend on the road, along came the all weekend blizzard warnings! The Pack were supposed to travel to Warren on Friday night and then skoot up country to Arborg the following night. It was because of the mercury that the Pack did not get to play the Mercuries (pun intended). Due to the recent cold spell, the sand bottom underneath the Warren Arena heaved causing the ice to snap, crackle and pop. The now largest sandbox in Manitoba will be sans hockey players for a while but that void reportedly has been filled (another pun intended) by the local RM cat population. With Friday night off, the Pack were well rested as they

pulled into Arborg to take on the Bifrost Bruins. The Bruins are the squad just above the Pack in the SIHL standings with three wins to their credit compared to the Pack's duece. With the lineup decimated by company Christmas parties, family gatherings and cranky wives/girl-friends, the 13 unemployed, homeless and single Wolfpackers walked in and walked out with 6-4 win to open the door out of the cellar. The Pack opened the scoring in this fast paced contest on a goal by Jay Usakis at 14:25 of the first frame. The Bruin's Cory Hewlko tied it up just over two minutes later managing to beat Pack goalie Jay Boisjoli. John Dancyt put the Pack ahead on the powerplay at the three minute mark connecting from Shawn Tardiff and Mike Oman. Tardiff got his turn to tweak the twine on his own with just

23 seconds left in the period setting up a comfortable two goal cushion. The Bruins deflated that cushion faster than you could sing the Christmas classic *The 12 Days of MalMart*, when the ageless Lyle Loewen snaked one past everybody with only 11 seconds left. In the second period, the Bruins fought back to tie it when Jeff Fuzz converted a Loewen pass at 7:13. The Pack didn't let the mini comeback rattle them as they roared right back regaining the lead for good while on the powerplay at 5:20 when Mark Robinson handcuffed Bifrost tender Jason Sutyla with the helper going to Oman. Leading 4-3 going into the final frame, the Pack helped their cause at the midway point when Oman added a goal at 11:03 to give him a three point night and his team that much needed two goal cushion. The Bruins much to their credit did not go into hibernation (yet another pun intended) clawing their way back to within one once again when Mr. Loewen notched his second marker and fourth point of the night with 5:40 left in regulation. Would they or wouldn't they hold on was answered with 3:13 left when the Pack's Gareth Alexander put it away on the Pack's third powerplay goal of the game. Specialty teams were the difference in this game as the Pack were able to thwart the Bruins powerplay on seven occasions. The Lunch Box Award goes to Mr. Oman for his three point effort with honorable mention

going to the rest of his teammates for the fine penalty killing effort. The Wolfpack take to the ice this weekend with a pair of home games against the unbeaten Stonewall Flyers and the suddenly homeless Mercs. The game against the Flyers goes this Friday night in Pine Falls at 8:30 p.m. while the Warren squad will be entertaining the next night in Lac du Bonnet with the puck dropping at 7:30 p.m. The Wolfpack resume play after the Christmas break when they take to the road on the weekend of December 29 and 30, with Warren (maybe) and Lundar on the itinerary. Have a great and safe Christmas!

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Lac du Bonnet Police Report



December 8

A report was received of a single motor vehicle accident at the intersection of PR 313 and PR 315. The driver was taken to Pinawa Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. Alcohol was believed to be a factor and blood samples were obtained from the

driver for subsequent analysis.

December 9

A report was received from a gas station in the Town of Lac du Bonnet of a vehicle leaving without paying for gasoline. The owner of the gas station subsequently reported that he had located the vehicle in question and

collected the monies owed.

A request was received from the Winnipeg Police Service to check a location for an adult male who may be at the residence, due to concern being expressed for his well-being. Police attended the residence, to find that no one was there.

A report was received of an adult male having contact with another adult male in contravention of a court order.

December 10

A report was received of a residence on fire on Wassahow Drive. The fire department attended and extinguished the fire, which did major structural damage to the residence. No injuries from the fire, which had started from a propane heater.

December 11

A request was received from the Winnipeg Police Service to recheck a residence for a subject

who was missing from his Winnipeg residence. Police attended and with the assistance of a concerned neighbor gained entrance to the residence, where the subject was located. It was determined that he required medical assistance and he was transported via ambulance to Pinawa Hospital.

December 12

A report was received from Milner Ridge Correctional Centre of an underage inmate assaulting another underage inmate, and the victim wanting a charge laid.

A report was received of a vehicle abandoned at a business at Seddon's Corner. Follow up with the registered owner revealed that the vehicle in question had been donated to a charity which had not been able to have it towed to that point.

A vehicle was stopped at a Christmas check stop and the

driver was found to be suspended.

The vehicle was impounded and towed and the subject was charged accordingly.

A report was received of a brown vehicle pulling people on the street in Pinawa. A vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle was located by police and the driver warned regarding such activities.

A report was received of an intrusion alarm at the youth centre. Police attended and found that same was false.

December 13

A report was received from a location on Rock Crest Lane at Lee Dale Estates, of wood being stolen from a wood pile.

A report was received from a resident of the Town of Lac du Bonnet of being threatened by her ex-boyfriend, who had apparently departed for Beausejour. A request was forwarded to Beausejour detachment to locate and arrest the subject.

A report was received from the Milner Ridge correctional Centre of an underage male not returning to the Centre from Winnipeg while absent on a temporary absence permit. Charge laid and warrant issued.

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Thursday, December 21	9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday, December 22	9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 23	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All of us at Northern would like to wish all our valued customers a Very Merry Christmas and all the Best in the New Year!

Messages from Kuwait Christmas in Kuwait

Dave Penner, on leave from Centennial School, is currently teaching Grade 4 at the American School of Kuwait. His wife Janet is also employed at the same school in resource/guidance. They have agreed for us to publish their experiences, via email to Toni Bruneau, in a weekly column, Messages from Kuwait.

Dear Toni:

Christmas in Kuwait is almost a contradiction of terms. Kuwait is a Muslim country and as such doesn't have Christmas. Since the invasion in 1990 there is a big American presence and influence here. Kuwaitis are very wealthy and do much traveling. You can see that they bring many western ideas and practices back with them so we do see evidence of the western Christmas in certain places.

The large American food and hardware stores have Christmas departments. Artificial Christmas trees, lights and decorations of all kinds abound. Westerners are the market for these things. It is strange to see all these familiar things but not to hear carols played anywhere. Every once in awhile there will be some kind of ornament that plays a quiet tinny carol or two but the music is usually Middle Eastern which seems really strange. When you step outside there is no evidence of Christmas. No special lighting, no snow, warm weather and basically business as usual. The American Schools have special Christmas programs and we attended a program in

Ahmadi, a suburb of Kuwait City last Christmas.

This is an oil company town with an active theater group and they do a very professional Christmas program. While you're in the theater it feels just like Christmas at home, it's when you step out into a lush green yard for drinks and snacks during intermission that the spell is broken. The Christian churches have elaborate Christmas programs too. They are very international with people from all over the world present. This really gives a Christmas celebration a wonderful feeling. There is no mad rushing about shopping and no commercialism which is a really nice change. As a matter of fact, Ramadan, the Islamic Holy month, has fallen over the Christmas season the last two years and this quiets things down even more.

Christmas is a time when many expats travel. Some go home to Europe or America and many visit nearby places which make for very special Christmas memories.

Ramadan is a month of fasting and showing kindness.

No one eats between

sunup and sundown. Many of our Arab students are fasting during this time. They don't eat or drink anything during the day. This is tough for kids who are active and still having P.E. classes and recesses. Our afternoons in the classroom are often very quiet. A call from the neighborhood mosque at sunset (4:45 p.m.) signals the end of the fast. Cleansing, praying and eating some dates and drinking water precede the large evening meal which is usually eaten around 6:00 p.m.

After this families get together for visiting and eating. Visiting goes on until the early morning hours and another meal is eaten just before sunup. Many of our students come to school very tired due to the late night schedule. This, combined with the fasting, makes the school day a challenge for many students.

Our school modifies it's day to accommodate these chil-

dren. We start at 9:00 a.m. as opposed to 7:30 a.m. and finish at the usual 2:30 p.m. During this month, fasting students spend lunch time in a separate room. Restaurants are closed during the day and no one eats or drinks anything out in public as a sign of respect. Business hours are much

shortened and unpredictable during Ramadan. Many businesses don't open until late afternoon and then stay open until 10:30 p.m. or as late as 2:00 a.m. Streets are empty between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. After 7:00 lookout! Get off the streets! Everyone is on the move!

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Remedial Management Plan

continued from page 5
\$2.8 million is owed on CMHC projects and is currently being paid according to contractual agreements, as is \$80,000 by the George Guimond Care Centre.

Total annual revenue for the Sagkeeng First Nation is \$24 million. The plan calls for 10% of this, i.e. \$2.4 million per year, to be used for debt retirement. For the first five years of the ten-year plan interest bearing accounts will be paid off. During the final five years money owing to DIAND will be repaid. CMHC will be paid according to mortgage agreements.

Under the plan (every page is stamped with the words FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY) the Sagkeeng education Authority would see a reduction in administration expenses as a result of consolida-

tion with the band office. The student/teacher ratio would also be looked at.

The arena is currently running at a loss, before debt repayments of \$220,000. The plan calls for the arena to break even. The major source of revenue being the introduction of VLTs. The VLT issue is controversial.

The assembly was called for 10:00 a.m. and was to be over by 12:00 noon. Members were still hammering away at the chief and council at 1:00 p.m. when the meeting petered out.

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Christmas coffee house at LdBSS

Short shots

by Stephen David, Principal

The senior school held its annual Christmas concert. This year, the theme was a Christmas coffee house. All of those in attendance said it was a fun and relax-

ing way to spend an evening. One parent mentioned that the new format was a really good idea and that she enjoyed sitting at tables, nibbling at treats as the music played.

Sports action

Congratulations to the senior

boys basketball team for their efforts in the Powerview tournament last weekend. Despite coming up against some very tough AA and AAA competition, the boys played very well. Dustin Horrock was named a tournament all-star and excellent efforts were put forth by both Nick Byskal and Jamie Demyd. For the girls, Shanely Teetart was named a tournament all-star.

Both basketball teams won their league games last week - the girls downed both Sagkeeng and Whittemouth and the boys edged Whittemouth.

The Chargers will be travelling to Pinawa today. Next home action is this coming Wednesday when Powerview visits.

Homework hotline

If you have a child in Middle Years and you are wondering

whether or not they have homework, please call the homework hotline at 345-2490. Thanks to student volunteers T.C. Brotherston, Lisa Smith and Lacie Johnson for looking after the hotline.

Talent development

Middle Years "enrichment clusters" have begun. These clusters involve small groups of Middle Years' students exploring activities such as woodworking, weaving and beading, crafts, sign language, painting, acrobatics, sewing, fashion illustration an video production. These groups meet for one hour every cycle.

Christmas hampers

Students at LdBSS had an opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer by putting together several large hampers. The class with the best hamper won a compli-

mentary lunch at Subway. Thanks to all staff, students and parents who contributed in this worthwhile enterprise.

School formal

Students dressed up in their Sunday best and headed to the gymnasium for the annual Christmas formal dance Friday evening. The majority of those in attendance brought a non-perishable item to donate to a school food hamper.

Student profile

I was asked by a young man in Grade 12 to write a reference letter for him. As I considered his contribution to our school, I thought it would be worthwhile to tell you a little about him.

The student I am referring to is David Dooley. David is easily one of the most devoted, hard working and involved students that I have ever encountered. Currently, David is the Deputy Prime Minister of our student parliament and has been instrumental in several new school-wide initiatives this year, including a major presentation on drinking and driving. David is also a senior class rep, the student representative for the parent advisory council, a youth rep for the Winnipeg River Recreation District, and a member of the planning committee for our upcoming *On The Move Day*. When David is not in class and not doing student parliament business you can find him in the office volunteering his time assisting the office staff.

David Dooley is a great student and a wonderful young man - if you see him on the street make sure you say hi to him and let him know you read this article.

Christmas holiday

The last school day before the holidays is Friday, December 22. Classes will resume Monday, January 8.

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Valarie Anderson	Toni Bruneau	Charles Norman	Joanne Giesbrecht
Guy Lavoie	Lori Pachkowsky	Linda Malo	Alana Palmer

Notre Dame du Laus parish news

by Father Rene Chartier Christmas masses schedule

Christmas Eve - Sunday,
December 24 at 7:00 p.m.,
Powerview (mass with chil-
dren's liturgy); 9:30 p.m. Stead;
12:00 midnight Powerview.

Christmas Day - Monday,
December 25 at 10:30 a.m.,
Powerview.

This time of the year is per-

fect to underline our apprecia-
tion and to thank all who have
put time and energy into en-
hancing the church with various
decorations and flowers during
the past year and for the advent
and Christmas seasons.

Thank you to all who, dur-
ing the past year, have helped
prepare and participated in a
special way in all the celebra-
tions held at the church: the

musicians, choir members,
readers, Eucharist ministers,
servers and all those who work
behind the scene to help assure
everything functions smoothly.
Your dedication is needed and
greatly appreciated.

To the parish council, trust-
ees, other committees, Knights
of Columbus, ladies auxiliary,
catechism and confirmation
teachers, volunteers, thank you
for your good work, collabora-
tion and support. A special
thank you to all who helped

with the church renovations! To
each and all, thank you for your
kindness and cooperation. May
the next year be even more fruit-
ful!

New Year's masses schedule

New Year's Eve - Sunday,
December 31 5:00 p.m. Stead;
7:30 p.m. Powerview (English).

New Year's Day - Monday,
January 1 at 10:30 a.m.
Powerview, (English)

May the New Year bring

light, happiness and comfort to
all. May the New Year give
each and all renewed energy and
the courage to draw closer to
Christ and to each other. May
the Lord grant his spirit of
peace, love and understanding
to every member of our parish
and communities. May 2001 be
a most happy, peaceful, satis-
fying and prosperous year for
each and everyone. As we wish
and offer each other peace, may
we also pray for peace in our
homes and communities, an din
the world.

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Happy Holidays!

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LdB Pioneer Club news

by Carmen and Phyllis

Our monthly meeting was
held at 9:30 a.m. despite the
cold, and there was a very
good turnout.

One of the items discussed
was the Christmas concert
which will be held on Tuesday,
December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

We wish our members a
very merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year. See you at
the New Year's eve dinner and
dance.

Gift shop opens in Victoria Beach

by Charles Norman

A new gift shop, Grand-
ma's Craft Cabin, on Ateah
Road in Victoria Beach,
alongside Pine Greenhouse

and owned and operated by
the same family, opened for
business December 1.

Run by Maureen Henderson
and her three daughters, Terry

Niedermayer, Cheryl Parisian
and Colleen Henderson, the
shop features crafts and art-
work by local artisans. In-
cluded are watercolours by

Nancy Ateah, stained glass by
Mr. and Mrs. Kraft, pottery by
Donna Celletti and much more.
Works by John Kasian, Ed
Sowany, Bernice Phillips,
Claudia Chomichuk, Elanor
Weibe and Ken Sorenson are
featured.

Because this is the Christ-
mas season, Christmas gifts
predominate right now. Hand
made toys, Christmas tree
decorations, poinsettias, and
gardenias are all there.

There is also a selection of
knitted garments made with al-
paca wool. The wool is im-
ported from Bolivia and Peru
at present, but will soon be
available from an alpaca ranch

in Grand Marais near the
RCMP detachment headquar-
ters - Colleen Henderson be-
gan breeding alpacas eighteen
months ago.

The family has been in the
greenhouse business for
twenty years. Prior to that
Maureen Henderson ran Pine
Florists out of the Marshall
Wells store basement in Pine
Falls.

The new building was built
with volunteer labour - con-
struction by the men in the
family and interior finishing
by the women. The floor uses
lumber from the walls of old
David's General Store which
was taken down last year.



The wool from these alpacas is used to make knitted garments sold at Grandma's Craft Cabin.

Fun fruity ideas for holiday entertaining

Fruity Ideas

Cantaloupe Surprise
Halve a cantaloupe & scoop
out the seeds
Fill with fruit flavored
yogurt
Top with slice bite size fruit

Fruit Skewers

Thread strawberries, banana
slices &
pineapple chunks onto a long
skewer
Dunk in your favorite fruit
dip!

Favorite Fruit Shake

1 cup fresh or frozen berries
1/2 banana
1/4 cup vanilla yogurt
1/4 cup orange juice
1 cup of ice cubes
Blend & Enjoy

Fruit dips

Honey-Almond Dip
2/3 c plain yogurt
3 tbsp toasted, finely
chopped,
slivered almonds
2 1/2 tsp honey
Mix - makes 3/4 of Cup

Chocolate Fudge Dip
6 tbsp plain yogurt
6 tbsp prepared chocolate
sauce
1 1/2 tsp frozen orange juice
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Best Original: George & Evelyn Dodds, A1 Elm
Honorable mentions to:
Richard & Dorothy Steinke - 17 Cherry
Al & Gloria Borody - 12 Beech
and Pat & Kim Arsenault - 13 Holly

Best Visual: Tony & Collette Moss - 8 Cherry
Honorable mentions to:
Dr. Abraham & Rita Mare - 1 Balsam
Willy and Beryl Davidson - 21 Elm

Best Theme Display: Ron & Val Doepker - 1 Poplar
Honorable mentions to:
Kevin & Janet Alaire - 22 Cedar
Norm & Helen Pachkowsky - 5 Cherry

Best Business: MTS - Tom Wark
Honorable mention to: Northern Store and Firehall

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus: I would like a Pikachu camera with lots of film and a Baby Dream doll, and a set of bunk beds and a boom box (with Munchbox 2000). Santa Claus did you like cookies and milk from last year? Love Jennifer
Dear Santa: Hi my name is Dustin Allen Hall. For Christmas I would like Pokemon cards, four Nintendo 64 games called: Pokemon, Stadium, Perfect Dark, Banjo and Tootie, Donkey Kong64, a remote control boat, and a new Nike hat. Santa you must be busy because there are a lot of children that want a lot of gifts. Your Friend, Dustin Hall

Dear Santa Claus: Can you get me all of it please. Nintendo 64 games with four controllers cool games and fun games. Like 007 please. I want a slingshot please please please please. I would like Deer Hunter 4 please, dirt bike game please and a sim epter game please
Your Friend, Codi Carr

Dear Santa: I want eight N64 games. One of them is Hay you Pekachu, and I want a picture of Jim Carey. The reason why I want a picture of

Jim Carey is because Jim Carey is my most favorite actor and I want to be just like him when I grow up. Yours truly, Kyle Larson Pendock

Dear Santa: For Christmas I want... a chocolate orange, a game boy, Pokemon Silver, Gold, Yellow, Blue and Red, a new outfit, Pokemon Stadium, Hey you Pikachu!, Banjo and Tootie and the surprising stuff that you put in my stocking every year. Oh and can I please have Nicktoons Racong. Thank you. Sincerely, Rain Ricketts Poirier

Dear Santa Claus: Hi, my name is Steven. I have two brothers. Their names are Sean and Darryl. I am eight years old. My teacher's name is Ms. Foubert. I would like a Game Boy that goes inside the back of the Game Boy. They are called Pokemon Yellow and Pokemon Blue and Pokemon Red. Your Friend Steven

Dear Santa: I am eight years old and I believe in you. I live in Lac du Bonnet. I go to Centennial School. Santa, this is my Christmas list, an alarm clock phone,

puppy, cat, model of a town, and lots of clothes. Yours truly, Tara Kachur

Dear Santa: How are you doing? How are your elves? There are 6 days until Christmas. I want teddy bears. I want a stereo. I hope you have a fun Christmas. I want a camera. Love, Natalie Courchene

Dear Santa: Hi! My name is Jordan Yanchak. I live at 192 Park. I want Pokemon Silver and Gold. My school is Centennial School. I want a pellet gun and a BB gun. The most important thing of all is to move back to Dryden, Ontario but please no coloring books unless they are Pokemon coloring books or a Shoutgun and sling shot or a colored Gameboy.
Your friend, Jordan

Dear Santa: I am nine years old. My name is Mathew Schulte. I want a Nintendo64 for a play station, a Gameboy Color, Pokemon cards, a dirtbike, a motorbike controller and a Deer Hunter game. Can I please get these.
Yours truly, Mathew Schulte

Dear Santa: My name is Craig Valentonis. I have a dog. I live in Lac du Bonnet. I have a brother. His name is Tyson. I want board games. May I have a Game Boy for it.
Your friend, Tim Rollins

Centennial School, Grade 3 Room 5



Hello Christmas by Kristen

I can see Christmas coming. The snow is falling. Presents are wrapped. The tree is up. Snowmen are made. Stores are busy. Christmas baking is everywhere. Stockings are up. Santa is at the mall. People are singing carols. Hello. Hello. Hello. Christmas is here! Hello Christmas! Yhawho and Yha!

Busy Night by Taylor Button

It was Christmas eve. Sanata and his elves were busy as bees. All the toys were in the sleigh, it's time to get on the way. Oh listen! Oh dear! What do I hear? Santa is near. Soon we'll be together as Santa flies through the snowy weather!

What Is Christmas About? by Katie Kingsland

Christmas is about sharing and giving. Christmas is about happiness and joy. Christmas is about giving not receiving. Christmas is a time for special holiday dinners. Christmas is a time to drink delicious eggnog. Christmas is time for Christmas cookies to give to Old Saint Nick when he comes to your house. I hope you have a great holiday!

My Favorite Time of Year by Sheryllyn Adrian

My favorite time of year is Christmas! Christmas is my favorite time of year because I love decorating the tree. I like the dinner we eat. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! PS. Happy Holidays. Trees are green, stockings are red, now I am dreaming in my warm bed.

A Dark Night by Michael Zawislak

On a dark dark night on Bethlehem there was a bright, bright star and angels were singing because there was a new born King. And other kings brought him gold and silver for him that night.

Is it cold in the North Pole? Is it lot of fun at the North Pole?

Your friend, Craig Valentonis

Dear Santa: I hope you can go to everyone's house on Christmas. Tell the elves to get the presents ready for Christmas. Where do you start giving presents out? I want a kitten that is orange, brown and white. Your friend, Kristina Kulikowski

Dear Santa: Hi Santa, my name is Tim. Can you please get me the new Zelda? Is it hard getting all the elves to work? I also want a dirt bike 80cc, but not racing blue. The elves must be busy.
Your friend, Tim Rollins

Greetings and God's peace to you all



One of my favourite stories is "The Rabbi's Gift." It is about a monastery that fell on hard times. People were no longer coming there, and the brothers were down hearted and grumbled about all the work and there was no joy in their hearts. They did however, feel lighter hearted when a rabbi retreated to a hut in the woods nearby. One day the Abbot from the monastery went to visit the Rabbi at the hut. The two embraced and wept together. The Rabbi knew that the Abbot came for a teaching and he gave him one. He said, "The messiah is among you." The Abbot returned to the monastery and told the brothers at the supper table that the Rabbi said the messiah was one of them. They all began to wonder who

it was. Was it Brother Peter, Brother John, Brother Michael? No one could tell. Well, the brothers began to see each other differently. They began to have a new respect for one another, realizing that each of them could be the messiah of which the Rabbi spoke. The monastery began to change. People came there again to be renewed, refreshed and spiritually uplifted. The Rabbi surely knew that the messiah was among them. Christmas is a time of a lot

of preparing. The preparations become overburdensom. We grumble about the meals to prepare, the shopping to get done and the too busy season ahead. We sometimes sound like the brothers. When we listen to the teaching of the Gospel message, we can step back and remember what the meaning of Christmas really is. God coming to humanity. The Messiah is among us. That is the Christmas message. We sing O Come Emmanuel. Emmanuel means "God among us." In the manger in Bethlehem, God came to a young woman in the form of a tiny baby. And to

day Emmanuel, God among us, rings in the Rabbi's gift - The messiah is among you. The Messiah, Jesus Christ is among us in the flesh and blood. Like the brothers at the monastery, we look at those around us and we see the messiah in each other. Christ has come, Christ is here. See the messiah in your parent, your spouse, your child, your friend and neighbour and in yourself. The messiah is among us. I pray you a peaceful and blessed Christmas. God is among you always. Your servant in Christ, Pastor Kolleen Karlowsky

Centennial School, Grade 1 Room 1

by Michelle Evans

I like Santa. I like presents. I like candy canes. I like gingerbread men. I like stars.

by Cassandra Boulanger

I like winter. I am eating a gingerbread man. I love Santa. Snow is fun. Winter is freezing. I like snow. Snow is cold.

by Brandie Phillips

I like snow. I like presents. I love Santa. I like candles. I like stars, they sparkle. I lick snowmen.

by Linette L'Abbe

I like candy canes, stockings and Christmas presents. I sometimes like Santa. I like snowmen and the gingerbread man. I like the Christmas star, and the Christmas bows on the Christmas tree. I like playing in the snow.

by Taylor Nilsson

I like presents. They are fun to open. On Christmas we cut our tree down. We decorate the tree.

by Brayden Duke

I like Christmas trees. I like presents. I like bows. I like Christmas ornaments. I like snowmen.

by Bret Chinchar

Winter is fun. I like snowboarding. Christmas is fun. Candy canes are yummy. Ornaments glow on a tree. In the winter you can make snowmen. I love presents. Santa is nice. Santa is happy. Santa brings presents.

by Derek Budgell

I like having fun. Santa brings me presents. I like Santa. I like the snow. A Christmas tree is nice. I open the presents. I love Santa.

by Ryan Lussier

I like Santa. I love Christmas. Candy canes are yummy. Presents have bows. I like to build snowmen. I love Santa. Winter is fun. I like holly. I like winter holidays.

by Brenden Lodge

I like my Christmas trees. Candy canes are yummy. I like Santa and snowboarding. Snow is fun. I like deer hunting. I love Santa.

by Shelby Champagne

I like Christmas. I love being with my family on Christmas. I like Santa Claus. Stars go on a Christmas tree. I like decorating my Christmas tree.

by Emmet Letkeman

I like snowboarding. I like Christmas. I like snowmen. I like candy canes. Ornaments go on the tree. I like Santa. Santa gives me presents.

by James Beirne

There is a real Santa. Santa has elves. I have a sled. I have fun. I go skating. I like deer. I like Santa. Winter is warm sometimes. Winter is usually cold. I like winter.

by Theo Myskiw

I love Christmas. Ornaments go on trees. Bows go on presents. Stockings are red. Candles are yellow. Snow is fun. Stars are yellow. Snowboarding is fun. Christmas holidays are fun. Santa loves you.

by Daniel Brincheski

I like Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Christmas is fun. Christmas is the greatest holiday in the whole wide world.

by Brett Tetrault

I like Christmas. Santa brings me presents. I like snow. Winter is fun. Rudolph is the red nosed reindeer.

by Keenan Duff

Snow is fun. I like going on the ice. I like Santa. Santa gives me presents. Santa is going to hsi reindeer. Santa is coming soon.

by Carly Zarecki

I like Christmas presents. I like snowmen. Snow is fun. Christmas trees are fun to decorate. Candy canes are yummy.



Merry Christmas!

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Dashing Through The Snow

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Ecole Powerview School Kindergarten Class

My favorite Christmas things

by Natash Supernault

At Christmas time I play with my barbies. I hope I will get a skipping rope. We go visit my Nanny and Papa and my sisters Paige and Zoe. I bake Christmas cookies with my Nanny. We make chocolate cake for Santa. He loves it.

by Nicholas Clarke

At Christmas time I like to put up Christmas lights and decorate the trees. Also I like to wrap presents. I like to put the star at the top of my tree. I like to think of baby Jesus. My favorite thing at Christmas time is opening presents. I hope that one present will be a Power Ranger.

by Jason Desmarais

I like presents. I love to eat candies and chocolates. Going to visit Grandma on Christmas Day is lots of fun. Christmas dinner smells do yummy. I can't wait to eat it. I want trucks for Christmas.

by Evan Fontaine

I like to make cookies with mama. I like to put up Christmas lights on the Christmas tree with mama. I also like to open presents. I like to watch for Santa Claus to come late at night.

by Shayre Cure

At Christmas time I like to get up late to watch for Santa Claus. I like decorating the Christmas tree. I like singing

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas". I like watching Christmas movies and I love unwrapping my presents.

by Nicholas Henderson

At Christmas I like candy canes. I like coloring books, (boy ones), wrapping presents, trucks and Santa Claus. I like staying up really, really late waiting for Santa, and visiting Brent.

by Raymond Coss

My favorite thing at Christmas is to decorate the tree. I like wrapping presents. I love getting presents. I like eating Japanese oranges at Christmas. I also like going to visit my family. I love to stay up late to watch for Santa. I like

watching Christmas movies. My last thing I like to do at Christmas is to make Christmas crafts.

by Myranda Hather

At Christmas time I like opening my presents. I like wrapping presents. I like staying up late with Garret. I like visiting my dad. I like decorating the house. I like visiting my Grandma in Winnipeg.

by Justin Smith

At Christmas I like to get up and watch for Santa. I also like to decorate my tree. I like to unwrap presents. I like talking fish. I like Christmas lights. I like to sing Christmas songs. I like to think about Jesus. Thank you for everything Santa.

by Jennessa MacLean

At Christmas time I like to sing Christmas songs. I unwrap my presents. We bake



ies with my mom and sister. We decorate our tree with lights and candy canes. We go to visit my grandma. We eat a big turkey supper and unwrap presents.

by Chalace Kennedy

At Christmas time I like to sing about baby Jesus. I put up my Christmas lights and decorations. We go visit at my aunties and Nana in Winnipeg. I wake up early and unwrap my presents.

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A Christmas Prayer

We've jingled the bells, O God: Jack Frost has nipped at our noses. The weather outside is frightful. We've decked the halls: The stockings by the chimney with care, And we've walked this winter wonderland. Now, O God, ready us for this most holy time. Ours is now crowded Eastern street. And we barely qualify as latter-day shepherds. But steal into our silent nights, Lord, That we might hearken to herald angels' song. It's been a blue Christmas for many, O Lord: Without loved ones; without you. May all whose mighty dread seize troubled minds Hear the glad tidings of great joy:

A saviour, who is Christ the Lord May the wonder of the infant Holy; infant lowly break into humbugged hearts As we throw off Marley-chains And thank you hat the little Lord Jesus Lays down his sweet head with us, here, today. Let the song of peace on earth, good will towards all Help us all proclaim Messiah's birth Singing the Joy that is in the world. Even the Bethlehem Inn our hearts That all may come and adore him. Amen.

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Christmas Night

by Janine Boyd Gr. 2E

I'm a present. I like people to hold me. Oh, oh, I am being shaken. I am scared. The thing who is doing this is hurting me. Oh no, that thing is opening me. I'm ok, but I am being thrown out. Please take care of presents at Christmas.

Christmas

by Natasha Lee Gr. 2E

Christmas is fun
Christmas is nice
Christmas can be great
Most of all I like to set up my Christmas tree

Christmas Time

by Adam Houston Gr. 3

Christmas is the best time of the year for me. I like Christmas because you get a lot of presents. I love Christmas because after you open your presents you could play with them. Christmas is fun.

Christmas

by Carla Coss Gr. 3E

We wish you a merry Christmas. We wish you a merry Christmas. We wish you a merry Christmas, and a

very Happy New Year.

It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time. Who likes Christmas around here? I do! What about you people out there?

Christmas Wishes

by Thomas Wood Gr. 3E

If I had one wish I would wish for five more wishes. Then I would wish that my friends and me could have any power. For example, you can go (invisible). I would choose the power to copy any other power. I would also wish that all my family get one million dollars. I would also wish for five pet mice, with a big cage and toys for them. I would also wish for no type of drugs. I would also wish that no one littered.

How the deer got lost

by David Gr. 3E

A baby deer got lost in the woods. It was looking around the woods. Then the deer found a dead bear and ran away as fast as it could. Then

the baby deer found another deer in the woods. The baby deer went up to the other deer and then the deer ran away. The deer who was walking in the woods was a dad that ran away from the baby deer. Then the baby deer found its mom then the deer went back home to eat.

December

by Sheldon Palmquist Gr. 4

D is for a big Dinner
E is for lots of Excitement
C is for Christmas
E is for Santa's Elves
M is for Memories of last years Christmas
B is for Broken toys, just hope it doesn't happen
E is for even more Excitement
R is for Santa's Reindeer

Merry Christmas

by Brittany Waschuk Gr. 1F

On Christmas eve, I'm getting a tree.
On Christmas eve, I open one present.
Santa claus comes down the chimney, Bang! Bang! Plop.
It's Christmas day! It's

Christmas Day!

I go to pick up Jasmine and then we go back home.

Rip! Rip! Rip! "thanks" said Jasmine "this is really cool".

Merry Christmas!

Catechism

by Stevie Lynn Gr. 3F

On December 11, we had a catechism class and we did a play. I was to play Mary. Jessie was to play Isaiah. Jessie also sang in the play. Charlie was candle one. Robbie was candle two. Karlee was candle three. Luc was playing Joseph. Robbie was also the narrator. At 7:00 p.m. on Christmas eve we are going to do a play that evening. I like catechism.

A Winter Poem

by Paige Roy Gr. 3F

Winter is a fun time of year, meaning spring isn't very near!
I pour hot chocolate into my cup, after I just went for a ride on my snowmobile!

Let's put up the tree now, oh what fun! Let's hang up our stockings everyone!

We'll leave out some milk, cookies, carrots and maybe a thank you too!

It's time to go to bed and sleep. Santa's coming so don't make a peep!

It's a Song

by Myles Whitford Gr. 3F

Christmas, Christmas is the best!


Sometimes I get more presents, sometimes I get less.

I love Christmas, it's the best, oh yes!

December

by Jasmine Clark Gr. 3F

On Christmas day me and my whole entire family go to church. Last time, my mêm-ère and her husband were not there. The most special thing about Christmas is our Savior. He is the best person whoever lived. Well Christmas is His birthday.



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Christmas Countdown

Centennial School, Grade 1 Room 2

- 1. Two is for the toys that are fun - Levi Smith
- Two is for the toys that are blue - Madisson Lange
- Three is for the toys that are hanging on the tree - Kyle Thorraldson and Desite Sanders
- Four is for the toys that we are wishing for more - Tyler Hiebert
- Five is for the toys that come alive - Sammi Mainer and Erik Johnson
- Six is for the toys that Santa picks - Nicole Ogrzylo
- Seven is for the toys that are in heaven - Kaylin Champagne
- Eight is for the toys that are amade late - Ryan Adrian
- Nine is for the toys that are especially mine - Robert Richards
- Ten is for the toys that grandpa made for Ben - Alex Berman
- Eleven is for the toys that area made for Kevin - Anesa L'Abec
- Twelve is for the toys that are built by elves - Courtney Metcalf
- Thirteen is for the toys never been seen - Dylan Schulte
- Fourteen is for the toys that are kee - Tamara Myskiw
- Fifteen is for the toys that run like a machine - Monique Veroneau and Taylor Byrnes



Santa's New Snowmobile

by Lawrence Rivera
Grade 4, Room 10

Santa and Mrs. Claus lived in the north pole. Santa's elves didn't make a sleigh this year. So Santa had to buy a snowmobile. It was a ZR 800. It was time to deliver presents. It was Christmas Eve. People woke up in the morning. They all liked their presents but when Santa got home his snowmobile broke down. The elves fixed it. Santa and Mrs. Claus found a lost reindeer. They kept him with the other reindeer. The next year the reindeer that Santa found helped pull the sleigh.

The Lost Toys

by Aaron Stamler
Grade 4, Room 10

Santa was getting ready for Christmas. The next day he woke up and saw the presents were gone.

Jordan and Aaron, the most popular elves, saw presents leading to Matt and Bob's house.

Jordan and Aaron followed the presents. Jordan and Aaron went inside and they weren't there.

Jordan and Aaron got all the presents and brought them to Santa. Santa, Jordan and Aaron went and found them driving Santa's sled. Santa got them and put them in jail.

The Angels and the Toys

by Jessie Gould and Felicia Harrison
Grade 4, Room 10

Once there were two angels named Ashley and Megan. It was Christmas morning. Ashley said, "Oh no. It's

Christmas morning." Megan said, "I have an idea."

Ashley asked, "What's your idea?" "I will make a potion to wrap the presents faster."

Spiritual reflection



by Rev. Brian Rountree
Church of the Advent (Anglican)

Late in November we could see signs that 'it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas'. The stores are decorated and more and more hosues have their lights out and up. And one Winnipeg radio station has started playing carols, several in a row each time. Television commercials urge us to buy nice things for family and friends, spend all or more than the money we have to see our loved ones laugh and smile at all the presents they get. Don't we all love it?

But Christmas is not all smiles and cheers. The original version is full of "real" life. The government is pushing people around (the census). A baby is born but the accommodations are lousy (the manger). The jealous locla despot orders the death of baby boys (Matthew 2:16) and Mary and Joseph became refugees. The presents the baby gets at his birth are expensive but useless - no crib or baby clothes or diapers. In our own time "real life" interferes bringing images of death and destruction, famine, refugees and homeless. Christmas to many people living in these conditions is nto a pleasant time and they probably won't even get presents! Some families will have lost loved ones during the previous year and wonder how they could ever have a happy Christmas without that special person around. Christ-

mas is tough, alright. As we approach Christmas we can and must take time to consider what it means to us. Let us look at how we can share our wealth (give to the community Christmas hamper program). Consider the question, "What is the reason for the season?" Discover the Bible story and God's gift to us. Visit a church of your choice and experience the joy and presence of Christ.

On December 24 at Church of the Advent we will have lessons and carols at 9:00 a.m. There we will hear the prophesies and the Christmas story and practice our carol singing. We will celebrate the Christmas Eucharist at 11:00 p.m. Please join us. Oh, and by the way, have a Merry Christmas!

"What will it be?" wondered Ashley.

"I don't know," said Megan. Ashley asked, "Will it work?"

"Oh yes. I am sure," said Megan.

So Megan and Ashley got to work. Megan made the potion and Ashley got to help Megan. So they worked together. By the time they were done, Ashley looked at the clock. It was 11:50 p.m. and only 10 minutes until Christmas! After they were done the potion Ashley said,

"Let's go and try it out."

Ashley asked Megan, "What is it made out of?"

Megan said, "It is made out of red and green vinegar and salt and sugar and dust, O.K. Hurry up, let's go and try it

out!" Megan asked, "Do you really want to go and try it out?"

"Yes" said Ashley. They tried it out and the toys came alive.

Ashley said, "Megan what did you do?" Megan cried, "I don't know, what happened?"

Ashley said, "We better get the right potion."

"Well, I don't know where it is," answered Megan.

"Maybe Santa would know," said Ashley.

Ashley went to see Santa. Ashley said, "Santa we need a potion to wrap presents faster."

Santa wondered, "What do you mean girls?"

"A really wierd kind of potion."

"I don't think I have potions

to wrap up the presents faster."

When the girls were with Santa the toys were walking around town. Ashley and Megan went to go and look out the window and they saw the toys working around town. The toys looked up at them and said, "Hee, hee, hee, hee," said all the toys.

Megan and Ashley went outside and Megan said, "Now I remember what was missing in the potion."

"What?" said Ashley. "Snow dust."

"That is right!" said Ashley. "Get the rest of the potion and we will put the snow dust in and that should be enough."

"Well, let's go now and wrap presents."

It worked now all the kids were happy.

The Genie Who Took Christmas

by Richelle Armstrong
Grade 4, Room 10

Santa was getting ready to deliver the toys when one if them suddenly came to life. It was Genie. He wanted to deliver the toys, ride in the sleigh and get all the cookies in the world, but then he met Santa. Santa said, "Christmas is not about toys, or cookies, or a sleigh ride. It is about love."

But the genie did not listen. He still kept his dream. The elves, reindeer and Mrs. Claus all wanted Santa to deliver. His deliveries would stay magical. The genie would not listen.

Finally, there was a solution. Santa would take the genie out with him. The genie's house would be the very last stop. The genie liked that idea! They lived happily ever after.

The Kids that Saved Christmas

by Jenna Lussier, Grade 4, Room 10

Once upon a time there were four kids. Their names were Nathan, Melissa, Lindsay and Jenna. Jenna brought Jenny to her house to sleep over. They were eating supper when they heard that there was going to be a storm on Christmas Eve. They all got worried so they packed their bags and started walking to the north pole. It took them hours and hours but they just kept on going. When they finally got there they went inside. Then Jenna and Jenny said, "Awesome!"

"Cool!" Melissa said. "Wicked!" Nathan said. "Come on, let's go look for Santa!"

They found Santa and told him that there was going to be a storm on Christmas Eve. Santa said, "Oh no! I guess I will have to let Rudolf lead the way with his nose."

Then he said, "Do you kids want some hot chocolate before you leave?" They all said, "Yes please!"

Toys for Christmas

by Jennifer Bandola and Jolene Shoup
Grade 4, Room 10

Once upon a time there was a boy named Billy. He had four sisters. One day, while his dad was in the garage, Billy ran out and called, "Dad!"

His Dad said, "What?" "I need help in something," Bill said.

"On what?" Billy's dad asked, "On decorating the Christmas tree?"

"No, I need help building something."

"Like what?" asked his dad.

"An airplane," said Billy. "Why?" his dad asked.

"Because I'm challenging someone and I think I am going to win," said Billy.

It was the night before Christmas. All of the kids were gone to sleep. The next morning at 7:00 a.m. the kids got up. "Merry Christmas daddy," they called.

"Thank you, Merry Christmas to you too," he said. "Well are there any presents under the tree?"

"Yes," said the kids. "Well, let's open them."

"O.K."

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The perfect tree and other Christmas



by George Bayly

For any child, the main attraction at

Christmas time is the Christmas tree. The glitter of tinsel and ornaments accentuated by the kaleidoscope of reflected colours from the tree lights does have a mesmerizing effect. I remember, as a small boy, how I loved to look at the old decorations such as beautifully painted birds and hand-painted teardrop shaped ornaments, some of which dated back to the 1930's.

The yearly ritual of cutting the tree was often performed by myself and school friends like Bruce Manson, Hewie Jacob, Lanny Cavers, or Laird Irvine. Axes in hand, we would set out from town along one of the bush trails leading out of Pine Galls in search of that "Perfect Tree". Some of the trees were not so perfect, but that didn't really matter because we enjoyed the outing into our winter wonderland. It became a major expedition which included stopping along the trail for lunch.

My most memorable tree cutting expedition occurred when I was about 11 years old. One evening after supper, my father decided that we should go out to cut a tree. When he suggested it to me, my immediate reply was: "In the dark?" Dad convinced me that it

would be alright, so off we went to the south side of town, past the Indian Affairs Hospital, over the tracks, and into the bush. The sky was clear and the full moon lit our way like a spotlight. The contrast of the bright reflection of moonlight on the snow-laden trees and the dark shadows which the moon cast around us, created a beautiful Christmas card image. We had no trouble finding and cutting down our tree. Dad asked me, "How's this?" "Perfect" I replied and off we went to town. It was after we had carried the tree into the house and set it up on the stand, that we discovered that the tree was not so perfect after all, but a few branches strategically placed in drilled holes took care of the matter.

My earliest encounter with Santa Claus occurred when I was about five years old. My brother and sister took me to see him in front of the old mercantile store. We lined up and filed past the solitary gas pump to tell Santa what we wanted for Christmas and to receive our bag of candy. It was a bitterly cold day with a strong wind so our feet were very cold. Finally, I complained about my cold feet and Frances Walton, who was standing next to us with Hewie Jacob, told us to stamp our feet to warm them up. Soon every kid in line was stamping his feet. When it opened in 1949, the new Hudson's Bay store be-

came the locale where Santa greeted the children of the area. Older kids, including my brother John, were employed to dress up as elves and help Santa hand out the treats.

In elementary school, we knew that the Christmas season was beginning when, about two weeks before Christmas, Mrs. Van Malsen brought a radio into the classroom and distributed the Christmas carol song sheets that the Free Press printed each year. At 9:00 a.m., the program featuring the Hudson's Bay employees choir would be broadcast live from the mezzanine floor in the Hudson's Bay store in Winnipeg. I remember how much we all loved to sing along with them.

Most of us did our Christmas shopping a few days before Christmas, and the Bay store became very busy as the big day drew nearer. If early shopping was done, it was done by ordering gifts from the Eaton's Christmas catalogue well in advance so that the merchandise would arrive in time for Christmas. Very often, a gift exchanged with a friend was a book. On my bookshelves, I still keep a copy of Herman Melville's "Moby Dick" which was given to me by Jimmy Roy for Christmas of 1954, and "The Man in the Iron Mask" by Alexandre Dumas, which was given to me by Hewitt Jacob in 1955.

During the holiday season,

most houses were aglow with lights and decorations including the house of Mr. Bill Jackson, the Town-site Superintendent. He always had a beautiful display with Santa, sleigh, reindeer, and candles. For one Christmas Church service, about 1965, my sister Beth lighted the pathway from the street to the steps of the United Church by placing candles in paper bags along each side of the path, thus creating a very striking visual effect. The Church service usually included a pageant and one that I recall vividly was in the mid-fifties when Mr. Henry Halpin and his two sons Ross and Bruce portrayed the three wise men. Dressed in colourful robes and turbans, they came up the stairs at the back of the pews and down the aisle to the nativity scene in front of the altar while singing "We Three Kings".

The Christmas holidays, for myself and friends, meant days of freedom to pack our knapsacks and dressed warmly in parkas and moccasins, head out into the wintry beauty of the surrounding forest, often hiking up the Duck Lake trail to build a fire and cook out lunch. Logging was done in that area, so we would often encounter a team of horses pulling a sleigh, with the sound of jingling harness bells filling the air.

Today, the day after Halloween, the retail stores begin

to decorate their premises and display Christmas items. Radio and T.V. Stations blare out their messages, sometimes converting traditional carols into commercial jingles to warn listeners that the Christmas season is fast approaching-still almost two months away. I remember the holiday season as a short and special time, its brevity ensuring that the specialness of the holiday season would be preserved and enjoyed again in the following years. While driving down a street in the area in which I live, I saw a Christmas tree standing decorated with lights on in the living room of a home, just one week after Halloween! That's what I call rushing the season.

In closing, I would like to remind all the kids to leave a glass of milk and a plate of cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, although I think perhaps, in some cases, he might prefer a beer and a smokie-dog. Merry Christmas and all the best in 2001!

Too late!

by Charles Norman

January 1, 2000 AD was said by some to be the beginning of the third millennium. Wrong said others. There was no year zero thus two thousand years would be represented by the year 2001.

Both were wrong. This Christmas, December 25, 2000 AD - Anno Domini, - December 25 in the year of our Lord 2000, that is 2000 years since Jesus was born should be 1999 years after his birth because there was no year zero. But years ago, when the modern calendar came into use, someone made a mistake. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, Jesus was born not in the year one, but six to eight years earlier.

In the spring of seven BC there was a conjunction of Mars Jupiter and Saturn in Pisces. Some think this conjunction, which would have looked like a very bright star, was the star of Bethlehem. If this is true, then Jesus was born 2007 years ago, and we are not only in the year of our Lord 2007, but we should celebrate Christ's birthday in the spring and not on December 25.

In effect we have just moved into the third millennium of someone's mistake - or we will on New Years Day.



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Nouvelles de l'École communautaire de Saint-Georges

Le 14 décembre, l'École communautaire de Saint-Georges a présenté son concert de Noël dans le sous-sol de l'église. Au programme, il y avait une variété de numéros allant d'une danse folklorique, de poèmes, de saynètes et de chansons impliquant tous les élèves de la maternelle au Secondaire 4. Le concert fût un grand succès d'après les commentaires des plus de cent vingt parents et amis qui se

sont déplacés pour y assister. Les organisateurs tiennent à remercier l'abbé Bélanger ainsi que le club de l'âge d'or de nous avoir permis d'utiliser la salle. En deuxième lieu, on aimerait remercier le comité scolaire de s'être occupé du goûter ainsi que des tirages. Enfin, on aimerait féliciter le personnel de l'école et les élèves qui ont su fournir un spectacle de qualité.



*Le personnel chante une version vivante de 'Noel rock'.
Members of the school staff singing a lively interpretation of 'Noel rock'.*

Saint-Georges School News

The school held its Christmas concert in the church hall December 14. A variety of numbers were presented including poems, songs, skits and a Swedish folk dance. During the course of the evening every single student from kindergarten to Senior 4 appeared on stage.

According to the comments shared by the approximately 120 relatives and friends who were in attendance, the concert proved to be a resounding success.

The organizers wish to thank Father Bélanger and the seniors club for allowing the school to perform in the church hall. They would also like to thank the parent council for preparing the lunch and organizing the draws.

The success of this festive event would not have been possible without the outstanding efforts provided by the school staff and students. Congratulations to all.



*May your New Year
be blessed with
Health and Happiness,
Merry Christmas everyone!*

From the
Management and
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Tembec Paper Group Pine Falls

Centennial School, Grade 4 Room 9

My best Christmas ever

by Chelsey Shura
Grade 4 Room 9

Hi, I'm Chelsey. I am nine. I have two sisters, Misty and Sheena. Misty is 19 and Sheena is 16.

I smelled the fresh cookies in the oven. I heard the snow crunching and the children playing. I put out the cookies and milk. They smelled really good. I went to bed. I was so excited. Mom saw me laying down. "Why are you laying down?" asked my mom.

"I am going to sleep so Santa can come and give me my three teddy bears I wanted."

Mom laughed, "When everyone goes to sleep Santa comes."

"When is that, 11:00 or 10:00?"

"In about five hours," answered my mom.

"Okay, how much longer is five hours? How long is that?" "300 minutes!" my mom answered.

"Oh," I said.

"Help me make cookies, decorate the tree and wrap presents with your sisters."

First we made some cookies and a gingerbread house. I decorated it. Then we put the lights up on the Christmas tree and the star. Mom put it on. "It looks beautiful," Mom said. Dad was putting up the Christmas lights on the house. The pattern was red, green, red, red, green. It looked really nice. Then we rapped presents. There were tons of presents. I put them under the tree. I was tired so I went to bed. It was 9:00. At 11:00 Mom, Dad, Sheena and Misty went to bed.

In the morning I was the first one to wake up. I looked at the cookies and milk. They were gone. I went into Mom and Dad's room. I yelled, "It's Christmas!"

I went to Sheena's room and put cold water on her face. She got mad, but she was excited too, so she got up. I put water on Misty's face. She didn't get mad. She got up. Mom and Dad were still asleep so Sheena, Misty and me started to jump on their bed. Then they got up! I opened my present first. "It's my three teddy bears I wanted!" It was my best Christmas ever.



The Little Polar Bear

by Shelby Tetrault
Grade 4 Room 9

Once there was a polar bear that had no toys. She wanted Christmas to come soon, very soon. Then it was 8:00 p.m. It was bedtime for her. Her mother came to tuck her in. Her mother said, "In five days it's Christmas." The little polar bear was happy because Christmas was coming soon. Then she woke up the next morning yelling, "Is it Christmas mom? Is it hah, hah, hah?" She said, "Not yet. There's only four days left." Then the little polar bear went outside to play with her friends, Penguin, Husky, and Rabbit. They were all asking when Christmas was except

for the little polar bear. She said, "Christmas is in four more days." They all jumped with glee. Then three days went by and it was Christmas Eve. Tomorrow was the big day when Santa would come. The little polar bear was excited.

Then Christmas came. The little polar bear woke up early and saw lots of presents under the tree. Then she opened one. It was a teddy bear. Then she opened another one. It was a blanket. She got much, much more. Then she woke up. Her mom looked at the presents. "Look at all the stuff I got!" Then they lived happily ever after. It was the best Christmas ever for the Little Polar Bear.

The Night the Toys Came Alive

by Jenny Cameron, Grade 4
Room 10

One Christmas Eve Terri, Allison and Jenna were at Jenny's house. It was 9:30 p.m. Jenny and her friends went to bed.

The cookies and milk were out for Santa.

When the girls fell asleep, Jenny's toys came alive. They had a huge tea party, dancing and singing.

Rudolf came to Jenny's house. He gave the toys a message that... Santa was very sick.

The toys woke up the girls and gave them some flying powder, so they flew to Santa.

They weren't allowed to see him. They were only allowed to see Mrs. Claus.

They made Santa tea and soup.

After that he left to Florida. That was the first place he

went every year.

Then Terri had to go to Sugar Plum Land to dance. Jenny and Jenna watched Terri dance with her partner. The toys came too! The toys brought Allison and Jenny's mom. They were fascinated.

Barrett saw Jenny and said "Hi." Then all the girls got home safely.

Santa's clone

by Calvin Ritchot
Grade 4 Room 9

Once upon a time there was a boy named Calvin. Calvin was eight years old. He was in Grade 4. He was on his holidays for Christmas. He wanted to see Santa at the North Pole. It was two days before Christmas. At the North Pole at Santa's factory, Santa was making a clone to help him. It took 1 year to make. When the clone came out it was evil. Santa never knew

that it was evil. He told him to get some toys from the factory in Lac du Bonnet. He took the sleigh. He was there in the "blink of an eye". He tried to destroy the factory. Calvin was watching the news. "I interrupt this broadcast for an announcement. There is an evil Santa on the loose!"

Santa was watching the news too. He was mad! He took his magic dust and went to Lac du Bonnet. He landed on Calvin's house. It was midnight. Calvin went to see what the noise was. He put on boots and went out the door. He saw Santa. He yelled, "Hi Santa!" Santa heard

him and took him up with his magic dust. Santa asked, "Can you help me catch the evil Santa clone?" Calvin said, "I thought it was an evil Santa." Santa said, "Enough with the talking. Hey Calvin do you want to help me get the clone?" Calvin said "Yes!"

Calvin got some magic dust and helped Santa get the clone. Santa said that the only way to get the clone is to put him back in the clone machine. Calvin went there then caught him and then tried to get the clone and put him in the clone machine. The clone died. Santa never tried to make another clone.

The Little Snowman and the Polar Bear

by Mandy Shegelski
Grade 4 Room 9

Once upon a time there was a little snowman who wanted to play with someone so he took a walk until he came to the Arctic. Far, far away long in the distance he saw a poor little baby polar bear. He ran to it and saw how cold he was. He wondered where his mother was. The little polar bear was so cold he couldn't speak. So the little snowman picked up the little polar bear and carried him to a nice warm igloo that was in the Arctic. It was warm enough for

the little polar bear but then a terrible thing happened to the little snowman. He was melting. "Help," he cried. The little polar bear ran to him. "Since you helped me, I'll help you." He grabbed the snowman and took him to the cold, cold place where his mother died because of the hunter. The little snowman was no longer melting. He thanked the little polar bear and the little polar bear said, "You should stay here, and I should stay over there and I'll come visit you more often." And the little snowman was no longer lonely. His heart was warmed after all.



Stinky the Skunk has a Bad Christmas

by Dillon Perron

Once upon a time there was a little skunk named Stinky. It was a week until Christmas. And Stinky really wanted a new bike. Two days past three days past. And finally there was only one more day until Christmas morning. And Stinky was excited. So he went for a walk and he saw his friend Racy racoon and Stinky told Racy all about Christmas. Stinky said, "I got to go now."

Racy said, "Me too, my mom is calling me." Stinky got even more excited and he... accidentally sprayed Racy. "Eww," Racy said. "Oops," said Stinky. "I am just a little excited about Christmas tomorrow. Come to my house and we will give you a bath in tomato juice." Stinky said, "You look like a red cloth." They both laughed then Racy had to leave. Finally it was Christmas morning and Stinky had

the biggest present in his family. He opened it as fast as he could, there was a box in a box in a box and when he got to the last box what was in that box a tiny pencil. Stinky wondered why all he got was a tiny pencil. So he went to ask his parents why, his parents said maybe you should write a list to Santa what you want. So the next Christmas Stinky wrote a list and he got everything he wanted.

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The Late Christmas Centennial School

by Dael Nilsson
Grade 4, Room 9

Santa was a jolly fellow and he was laughing. One day he went to feed the reindeer and he slipped and fell head first in the mud! The reindeer were laughing very hard. Santa was angry at them. The reindeer were very mean to Santa so Santa gave them less to eat and the reindeer were getting very unhappy. At this point Santa didn't know better so one day he forgot to feed the reindeer. That was because he put his suit in the wash and forgot he put it there. One day he remembered that he didn't feed his reindeer yesterday so he was going to feed them double today. He said, "Honey, I'm going to feed the reindeer."

"O.K." she answered. When Santa opened the closet to get his suit he saw that the closet was empty! He searched everywhere for it but he just couldn't find it. He asked his wife if she had seen it but she said she hadn't. Santa was getting very worried because in three days it was Christmas Eve! He sighed and put on a sweatshirt and another pair of pants and went outside to feed

the reindeer. Once he got inside he was shivering cold and sneezing and coughing. Mrs. Claus said, "Santa, I think you should go straight to bed and you might be late for delivering presents to the children." "No!"

Santa, "I'm delivering the presents on time and on schedule!" "I don't think so," said Mrs. Claus. "Yes I I Achoo! am. Achoo!" Why don't you ask the elves to do it for you?" "Dho" said Santa. Finally Christmas Eve came and Santa wasn't happy like you might expect but this little penguin was cold, lonely and miserable. Every day he saw the little elves laughing and playing outside Santa's workshop. He longed to see inside the huge workshop. But most of all he longed to see how the children in Lac du Bonnet celebrated Christmas.

One day Penguin saw one of the elves look his direction and ran inside. Penguin looked behind himself but there was nothing there. He looked all around him but he still found nothing. He thought "Maybe he things I did something

were sick in bed all the elves were busily getting the sleigh ready but when Santa didn't appear the elves got Mrs. Claus and asked, "Where's Santa?" "Santa's sick," she said. The next morning when Santa woke up he realized that

The Penguin and the Children

by Lauren Andrews
Grade 4, Room 9

Far away in a place where Santa is almost always busy there lived a penguin. He wasn't happy like you might expect but this little penguin was cold, lonely and miserable. Every day he saw the little elves laughing and playing outside Santa's workshop. He longed to see inside the huge workshop. But most of all he longed to see how the children in Lac du Bonnet celebrated Christmas.

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he didn't go and deliver presents to all the good girls and boys. Santa was furious. He was so mad he turned red in the face. After six days he was feeling alot better than he was before. Five days went by and he was his old self again!

wrong. But what?" All of a sudden he saw Santa waving him to come. Slowly Penguin walked toward the gigantic workshop. When he got in he smelled the most wonderful, delicious smell in the whole world! Fresh homemade bread, turkey and hot chocolate. You could tell Mrs. Claus was very busy in the kitchen. Mrs. Claus led Penguin to the fireplace to get him warmed up. Then he sat down. Then Santa came in. Penguin watched as Santa sat down. It was then he saw the most gorgeous tree he had seen in his life. It had balls with glitter on them. And it had little white balls (well that's what it looked like) on strings wrapped all around. He had never seen such a tree. Even

He found his suit and that night he slid it on and got in the sleigh and off they went! When he was done delivering presents to the good little children he shouted, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

though Penguin was shy he just had to ask. "What is that white stuff on that tree?" Santa laughed and then said, "Why that's popcorn."

Then Penguin asked, "Why do you have a tree decorated?" "That's the way we celebrate Christmas."

Penguin remembered his wish. Maybe Santa could tell me how children in Lac du Bonnet celebrate Christmas. Then he heard Santa say, "What would you like for Christmas?"

"Me?" asked Penguin. "Yes, you."

Then slowly Penguin said, "I would like to see inside your workshop." He wanted two things for Christmas. Now he

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from previous page might get to see his workshop, but he still wanted to see, well you know what.

Then Mrs. Claus came in carrying a cup of hot chocolate. After Penguin and Santa Claus finished their hot chocolate they were about to go to the workshop but then they saw Puppy Paws chase Kitty Claus. Then Penguin was now over his fear of talking to satna so then he said, "Santa Claus can I tell you something?"

Santa was about to say okay but all of a sudden Birdy Claus flew right in front of their faces. After that Santa forgot about Penguin's question. Santa gave Penguin a tour of his workshop. Everybody was so happy. You could hear the pounding of the hammers and buzzing of the drills. Penguin hated to leave because he would have to go back to the cold but as soon as he was about to leave Santa Claus told him he had a surprise for him. It was a present. Inside was red and green hat and scarf. Now he would not be cold! Oh, Penguin was so, so, so happy. Then Santa said, "What did you say you wanted to tell me?"

Penguin was so busy looking at the hat and scarf that he almost didn't hear Santa. Then he said, "I was wondering if you could tell me how people in Lac du Bonnet celebrate Christmas."

"Oh," said Santa. So Santa told the Penguin who did not understand at all. So Santa said, "Why don't you come with me to deliver presents?" Penguin said okay. He was overjoyed and that's one of the reasons we celebrate Christmas. Wow, Penguin's dreams all came true thanks to Santa Claus.

Ecole Powerview School

Une Surprise de Noël

par Kayla-Marie Vincent
Gr. 5F

C'était le soir de Noël c'était vraiment beau. Quand on a eu decore la maison, elle était belle comme une chandelle. Juste quand on a ouvert nos cadeaux c'était vraiment beau juste comme un chapeau. Mais quand c'était le 24 décembre j'avais mal aux jambres. Mais quand c'était le 25 décembre j'ai eu un chien et après j'ai eu une joli bain. Alors ça c'était le plus joli. Noël que j'ai eu depuis longtemps!

A Noël

par Sophie Dufour Gr. 5F

A Noël les étoiles scintillent. Elles illuminent tout d'une lueur magique. A Noël la neige brille. Elle nous fait penser à un tableau antique. A Noël, les garçons et les filles. L'amusement et chantent des cantiques. A Noël on donne des cadeaux à notre famille. Des choses des plus magnifiques. A Noël, les étoiles scintillent. Et elles illuminent tout d'une lueur magique.

Noël

par Sophie Dufour Gr. 5F

Noël c'est une belle fête. C'est quand on célèbre Jésus. Le 25 décembre, il est né. Un miracle est arrivé. Un ange est descendu du ciel. Des rois mages sont venus apporter des présents pour l'enfant étendu sur la paille. Marie, a fait noître le nouveau roi. Jésus esst né à Bethlém et il est le roi d'Israël.

The Millennium

by Yvonne Gr. 6F

The millennium is coming, coming with fun, coming with sun. The millennium is coming, with a whole new feeling, it is brand new and very appealing. The millennium is coming, with really good looks, and all of the students are hitting the books. The millennium is coming, with a whole new year, so enjoy it while it's here!

Christmas Jokes

by Yvonne Gr. 6F

1. What is Tarzan's favorite Christmas song? "Jungle Bells"
2. What is Santa's favorite sandwich? "Peanut butter and jolly"
3. Where does Santa Claus go on his vacation? "To a ho-ho hotel"

Christmas

by Ashley Desloges Gr. 6F

Christmas is not just about toys and presents. It's about: being thankful for what you have, being together and feeding the poor, celebrating the birth of Jesus, and going to church and being with your family. So remember don't always be greedy like Scrooge, be nice and giving like Santa, or else you won't get any presents!



Here's wishing all our valued friends and neighbours the best holiday season ever!



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Christmas fun with family and friends

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 liked Santa, I mean, he sure was a jolly fella and all, but to a one and a half year old he was larger than life and with that big Ho! Ho! Ho!, there were a few tears shed. However, once back in moms arms, smiles were instantly back on their faces, and they were off to the next activity.

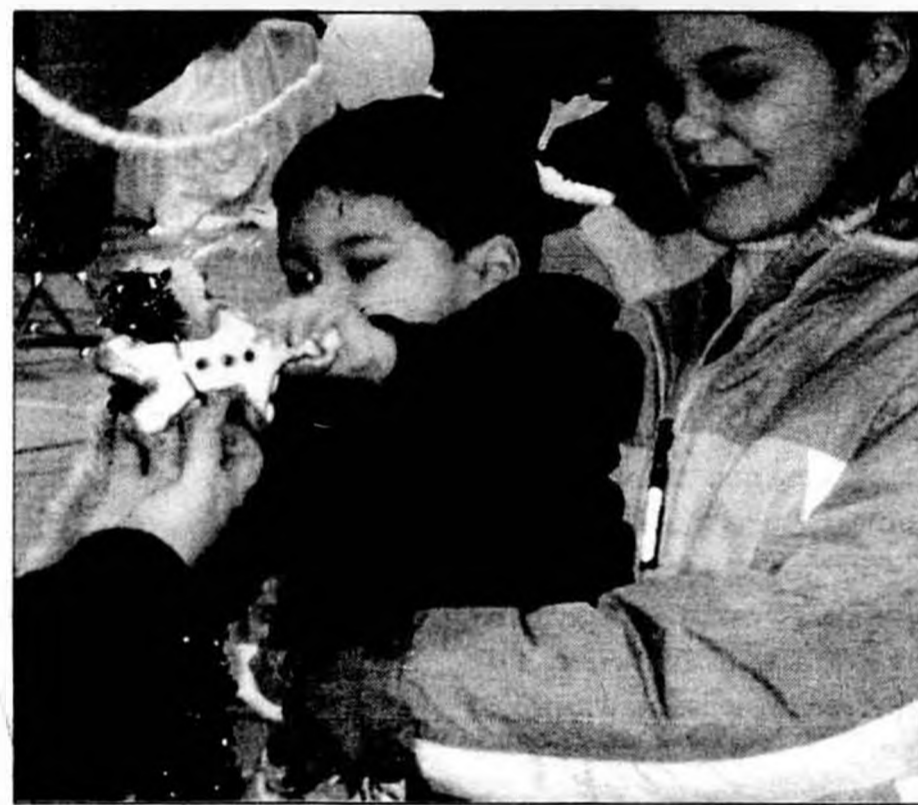
There were many activities for the kids. The volunteers had tables set up so the kids could make Christmas decorations for their trees at home. There was face painting, and various crafts for the kids. The Powerview Drama club put on a Christmas show "How the Grinch stole Christmas" for the children and their parents. Much to the excitement of the children the Grinches plans were foiled once again. The children and parents were also treated to hotdogs, drinks, snacks, and goody bags. It was a great afternoon and fun was had by all who attended. Hats off to the many volunteer's who worked hard to make this a special day, your efforts were well appreciated.

Top right: This young lady was pasting her way to making a special Christmas ornament.

Left: Children at the Tembec Paper Group Christmas party enjoyed making Christmas decorations for their trees at home.

Centre right: Yummy gingerbread men were a special treat for many kids attending the Christmas party.

Bottom right: Powerview School's Drama Club performed 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'



Nutritious and fast left over meal ideas

Turkey melt

- 1 cup cooked turkey, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, finely chopped
- 2 sweet pickles, chopped
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- dash salt and pepper
- 3 slices whole wheat bread
- 3 slices cheddar cheese

Combine turkey, celery and pickles in a small bowl.

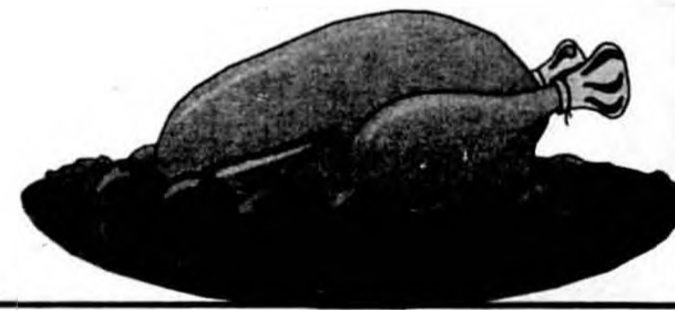
Add mayonnaise, lemon juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix until well blended.

Toast 3 slices of bread. Spread 1/3

of turkey mixture on each piece and top with a slice of cheese. Turn oven to broil. Place sandwich on cookie sheet and broil 6 inches from heat until cheese bubbles (about 2 minutes).

Remove from oven and cut turkey melts into four. Serve.

Yield: Makes 3 servings



Season's Greetings!
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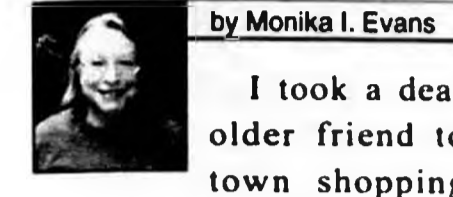
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We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and to coin a phrase, "Thank You"

From Lynn & Staff at

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'Round and about the Beaches Christmas shopping woes



by Monika I. Evans
 I took a dear older friend to town shopping December 14. I hadn't done this since late February. The last time I wanted to take her to town with me, I instead, ended up rolling my car on the way to her house. All summer, I hadn't seen her and she called me about a week ago to see if I could take her along while I went to town. I jokingly told her that I had said a prayer before we headed to Winnipeg.

Well, we made it safely to the turn-off to Selkirk, down Highway 4 to 9 and into Winnipeg. We were headed toward Polo Park and made it almost to Best West foods when I had to stop for a car making a left. I managed to stop just fine, but the young man in his Ford Escort behind me wasn't so lucky. He was going a bit too fast and the next thing I knew, he was kissing the rear end of my car. At least he was good enough to pull over and we exchanged particulars. I have never seen a back bumper crumple like mine did. Plastic and very cold temperatures just don't mix. I am now carrying my rear bumper bits in the back of the car. Thank goodness nobody was injured. My thumb is a big sore, but nothing that will keep me from playing the violin (especially since I have never played the violin)! Oh the joy of once again have to deal with MPIC!

I definitely have been in the country too long. Everything that I needed at Polo Park was at the other end of where I happened to be. I first went the wrong direction to get to the

optical dispenser to drop off some no longer needed prescription glasses. I then needed both a book and stationery to, and of course, they were at the other end of the mall. Next I needed stamps and a mailbox, and you guessed it, at the other end of the mall. When hunger overtook me, again, other end, and so on and so on. I was truly walked out and glad to see my passenger at 3:00 p.m. so we could get home before dark.

Of course, when I got outside, it had to be snowing. After all, what is a trip to town without an accident topped by a snow fall. Made it home okay, but not before dark.

Snoopy, of course, was not home when I got there. I had asked one of my neighbors if she could let him out sometime during the day to do his doggy things. Well, obviously it wasn't that cold, so the little brat did not come back. Instead, he was having a great time chasing bunnies. When I got home she had just come again to see if the little reprobate had returned. We could hear him baying and despite my whistling and yelling, no dog, I had been home for about

half and hour when the prodigal son returned, cover in ice and snow, tired and hungry. As I type this, he is snuggled up in his early Christmas present (a doggy bed) sleeping next to his stuffed toy Hunny Bunny with a full tummy, in front of the fire. Not only is he sleeping, he is also snoring up a storm. A lot of noise for such a little critter. A dog's life is such a happy one, especially mine. He's spoiled rotten.

I am watching the news on Manitoba's best watched television station and they have just informed me that "weather is happening"! Oh, dah! They should try driving up 59 during a snow storm. We will be having a partial solar eclipse on Christmas day. Sixty percent of the sun will be covered and Winnipeg will be one of the best places to watch the event, unless of course, it snows. Something else to look forward to.

Mea culpa — aka major oops!

In the last issue I forgot to mention a terrific group of people who have entertained the Seniors Scene for several years now. They are the Senior Scene Sonata. The group

consists of Cy Nimchuk, the leader of the band who plays the accordion and also sings. Cy's wife Sophie has been in the hospital with pneumonia and we are all glad that she is home and feeling better. Another member of the group is Marcel Pitre from Pine Falls who does a wonderful job playing the guitar. He commutes despite the weather — what a trooper! Lillian Martin is the versatile pianist who

once in a while, lets it "all hang out" and also accompanies Cy in duets. She is also a member of the Songsters as is Bill Eisler, another guitarist. And to round up the group we have Ron Hanaschuk, our drummer (boy) who is one of the tenors in the Songsters. They recently played to collect money for the Salvation Army and had everyone up dancing at the Christmas dinner at the Seniors Scene.

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- TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**: Thalberg, 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Junction #12 and #304, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwald on Hwy. #12, 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info, call 635-2625 or 754-8682.
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- SAGKEENG CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** - Lloyd Guimond (Pastor) Sagkeeng South Shore, service Thursday 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m.
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By Health Educator, Karen McDougall
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One gift that can't be wrapped

By now your Christmas preparations will be almost complete. The Christmas tree is up, and the halls are decked with boughs of holly (and numerous other things). Most gifts are wrapped, baking is almost done, Christmas concerts and recitals are over for another year. Perhaps this week you will "hang your Christmas stockings with care", begin preparations for your family's Christmas dinner, and for some of you, attending a Christmas Eve church service will be on the agenda.

As you are well aware, these Christmas activities can be both exciting (especially for the chil-

dren), and exhausting (especially for the women of the household), but hopefully you can reserve enough energy for some family time over the holiday season. The beautifully wrapped gifts under the tree, while captivating and mysterious, are not nearly as precious as gifts of your time, spent with family and friends. Christmas holidays are a perfect opportunity to bring the family together for some *quality time*.

Some easy-on-the-after-Christmas-budget activity suggestions for family fun time could include:

- * turn off the TV, nintendo, and computer (assure the panicking

children that this is a temporary, not a permanent measure). It is difficult to compete with these insidious devices for our children's attention.

- * monopoly tournament (or other favorite board game): set aside a whole afternoon or evening; invite friends; provide snacks; relax and settle-in for an old fashioned board game

- * for guaranteed laughs try games like Scattergories, Charades, or Pictionary. These are great stress-busters.

- * backyard winter bonfire: especially impressive if held at night.

A few campfire songs or Christ-

mas carols can add to the festive atmosphere.

Don't forget the hot chocolate.

- * winter hike and picnic

- * skating on an outdoor rink

- * read stories aloud to the whole family

- * family cooking projects: bread making, perogy making, cookie baking etc.

I'm sure you can come up with many more ideas for some old fashioned family fun time. The main objective is to spend time enjoying each other's company - the best Christmas gift of all. Have a happy, safe, and a peace ful Christmas with your loved ones. Merry Christmas!!

Winter driving safety tips

Marilyn Zarecki, Home Economist
Manitoba Agriculture and Food, Beausejour, 268-6015, e-mail: mzarecki@agr.gov.mb.ca

When driving this winter, taking precautions before you leave is essential, but it can't guarantee you won't have any trouble. Be prepared for problems by bringing along an emergency kit. It should contain the following items: snowbrush, scraper, shovel, anti-skid plates, gas line de-icer, booster cables, a bag of sand or salt, flashlight and spare batteries, tow rope, first aid kit, chocolate bars and extra food.

To keep warm: heavy blanket or sleeping bag, gloves and mittens, matches and candles, boots, scarf and hat, hot liquids.

To ensure visibility and safety: flares or reflectors.

Some more tips:

Don't travel in stormy conditions or during periods of extreme cold. If you can... stay home.

Notify a friend or relative of your departure, planned route and expected arrival time.

Observe posted speed limits and pay attention to signs.

Be on the alert for wildlife.

If you do end up stranded, use common sense! Stay with your vehicle, build a fire and do whatever is needed to stay warm until help arrives.

Manitoba Farm and Rural Stress Line

Manitoba Health, with the

cooperation of Manitoba Agriculture and Food, has been working on the design of the new Farm and Rural Stress Line (FRSL) which started receiving calls on December 13. **THE TOLL FREE NUMBER IS 1-866-FOR FARM OR 1-866-367-3276.** Staff will answer calls Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a message machine for any after hours calls.

The new FRSL staff (who have counselling and farm background) have received in-depth training in phone counselling techniques, farm financial training, and farm stress.

One of the key staff resources will be the FRSL Resource Directory, which is in the process of being developed. It will provide information on all agriculture-related programs, associations, government supports as well as non-agriculture family-related services such as Regional Health Authority programs, and other rural-based services. Upon completion, the directory will be available on the Internet for access by any Manitoba resident.

Please spread the word about Manitoba's Farm and Rural Stress Line.

Ask your Pharmacist

The White flakes of Christmas? No, It's dandruff

If you want to get rid of a dandruff problem, the first step is to shampoo regularly: massage your scalp gently to loosen all the skin flakes, and then rinse thoroughly. If that doesn't work, you can try a dedicated shampoo with ingredients such as zinc pyrithione, salicylic acid, coal tar, or selenium sulfide. Be careful of coal tar shampoos, though. Although they are effective against dan-

dandruff, they may also leave a brownish stain on light-colored or grey hair. They may also make your scalp more sensitive to the sun. Selenium sulfide shampoos can also discolor the hair, if the hair isn't rinsed thoroughly.

If you still can't get rid of the dandruff with these types of shampoos, or if your scalp feels irritated or extremely itchy, you may need to see a doctor to get

a prescription for a stronger kind of shampoo.

It's hard not to be embarrassed by dandruff, but take heart: it's not a sign of bad hygiene. Dandruff is associated with a kind of fungus which is present on everyone's skin and which is usually harmless. But in some people, for an unknown reason, the fungus multiplies beyond its normal rates, causing inflammation around the roots of the hair, which in turn results in the itching and scaling of dandruff.

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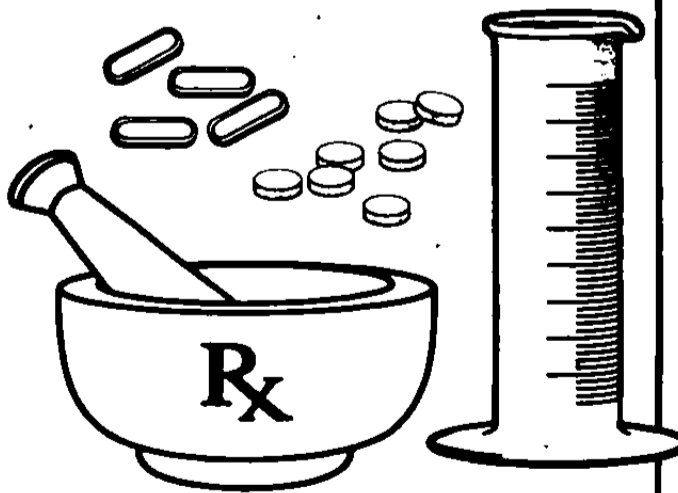
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Top 10 holiday to do's

Recreation Ramblings

by Michelle Chudd, Recreation Director
Winnipeg River Recreation District, 753-2639/345 8816
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Back by popular demand... here's a list of top ten things to do over the holiday season.

10. Play a game of *Can you list the real ingredients in a fruit cake?* Give points to whoever can name the most.

9. See how long you can go during the holidays without watching tv... no cheating.

8. Make snow angels in the front yard... get the whole family to do one.

7. This one I'm stealing from D.F... drive around town and look at the Christmas lights... hey, you can sing Christmas carols while you're doing this (wouldn't that be annoying!)

6. Go on a family walk.

5. Race to see who can dress the fastest (and warmest) for the walk.

4. Be Martha Stewart... Make a craft out of the used wrapping paper... use it for gifts next year!

3. Play charades... and make the words homegrown - Manitoba issues - that could be really fun!

2. Play cards - bet Christmas presents - no, wait a minute - that might create some conflict... just play cards.

1. Eat, sleep, be Merry and have a very happy (and ACTIVE) holiday season!

WATCH for our new winter flyer the first week of January 2001!

Creative movement for preschoolers: Back again... by popular demand... the creative

movement for preschoolers program running every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Gilbert School gym. Learn and explore through creative movement games and activities. Maximum of 12 participants. Call the rec office today to register. Program commences on January 16.

Yoga: stay tuned for an update on the exact start date of this program. Tentatively it will run on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Gilbert School in Pinawa.

Ball hockey tournament: Grab a team of five and get ready to play during the 10 Days to Play. The Rec district's ball hockey tournament takes place on Tuesday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. GAME ON!

Home basketball games: Please note that due to home games for the LdBSS Chargers - there will be NO WEDNESDAY night rec volleyball and basketball on December 20 and January 17.

Winter programs... instructors needed: I am in the midst of planning the winter 2001 slate of programs and

special events. At the moment I am in need of an instructors for the following: ethnic cooking classes, heart smart cooking and vegetarian cooking; aerobics; and gentle fitness classes. If you know of anyone that is interested please contact the rec office.

Hall walking at Pinawa: For those of you that do not enjoy walking outdoors during the "crummy weather season" we have the answer for you! The Pinawa Secondary School has given the go ahead for walking in the halls prior to school at 8:00 a.m. and after school at 4:00 p.m. You can walk the quadrant the links to the community centre. Happy walking!

Hall walking at LdB: Every Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at LdBSS hallways.

Pinawa basketball night: Every Monday from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the community centre. For more info contact Tara Lotz.

Adult rec volleyball and basketball: Wednesdays, (16 and over) Rec night out with volleyball from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and basketball from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the LdB Senior School gym. Come on out

Pinawa's 10 Days to Play: January 26 to February 4.

Book Nook



The winner of the November children's draw was Jeffrey Dupont. Every time a child comes to the Library they can put their name into the draw box and on the last day of the month a lucky winner is drawn. Jeffrey received a jar of Smarties. As an added bonus for the month of December we will be holding a draw for the adults - so come down and get your name in the draw, maybe take out a book or two while you're at it!

An appreciation day was held at the Beaches Branch Saturday, December 9. A plaque containing the names of businesses and organizations which made donations toward the start up of the branch was unveiled. Patrons, volunteers and contributors were thanked for their time, energy and donations. It was a busy *come-and-go* with coffee and delicious goodies for all.

The Beaches Branch has been in operation for a year now and is a bustling place whose collection of materials is growing at a great rate. Thanks to a generous donation from the East Beaches Y2K Canada Day Celebration Committee another \$1500.00 worth of books for children, youth and adults is being added to the shelves.

Library Allard has recently received a block of audio books (books on tape) which include the following titles among many: *The*

Ghost by Danielle Steel, *Sharp Edges* by Jayne Ann Krentz, *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson, *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul, U.S.S. Seawolf* by Patrick Robinson, and *I'm okay... You're a Brat!* by Susan Jeffers. Also a block of French videos has arrived including titles for adults and children to enjoy.

Christmas is coming quickly and the Library staff is looking forward to some much earned time-off. The Library will be closed from Dec. 24 until Jan. 2. We will be open for business as usual on Wed., Jan. 3.

The library board and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy holiday season! See you in the new year!

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Reasonable Accommodation



Christine Polischuk,
Winnipeg River Senior Service, call 367-9128

I have been asked to put some facts about reasonable accommodation in this column. Employers, landlords and businesses are required to reasonably accommodate the special needs of individuals where these needs stem from group factors specified in **The Manitoba Human Rights code of disability**. Ignoring these needs can result in lost opportunities for employment, housing, and services, and is simply not good business. Failure to reasonably accommodate special needs is a form of discrimination by **The Code**, unless the accommodation would create an undue

hardship for the business. **Wheelchair Access to Buildings**

One small step...

Entry to ground - level stores, restaurants and other businesses is often blocked to wheelchair users by a one or two step rise at the building entrance. These can also create hazards for others, including persons who are blind. Such barriers to access can result in complaints under **The Human Rights Code** even where building Code requirements have been met. Discrimination under **The Human Rights Code** can include failing to make buildings and facilities accessible unless undue

hardship would result.

Step - by - step barrier free....

Often creating wheelchair access to a building is readily achievable. For example, sometimes asphalt can be used to gently grade an approach and to provide a level landing at a main doorway. Other times a ramp may be necessary to provide an accessible main entrance. Whatever the access solution, remember to plan for a near level resting surface from which a wheelchair user can comfortably open the door.

Front door please...

The accessible entrance is to be located at, or integrated with, an entrance generally used by the public unless to do so would result in undue hardship.

Sidewalk repairs can upgrade access....

When municipalities are construction or repairing sidewalks in business and commercial districts, there may be and unique opportunity to readily achieve level access to many buildings along the sidewalk. Such considerations are important if municipalities are to provide services to all citizens in a manner that does not unreasonably discriminate on the basis of disability.

Exceptions To Accommodation

The onus is on the employer, landlord or service provider to show that reasonable efforts at accommodation have been made. Accommodation which creates an undue hardship for the business because of costs or other factors, would be unreasonable and therefore not required.

Know Your Code!

Human rights legislation has paramount status in Manitoba. This means that where there is conflict with other provincial legislation, **The Human Rights Code Prevails**.

This information has been supplied by **The Human Rights Code**.

With thanks!

The Winnipeg River Senior Service would like to thank every one who bought tickets on our Bartender Delight raffle. Thanks to all the businesses and volunteers who sold them for us.

WINNERS

1st prize: Gunner Postnicks
2nd prize: Diane Sourisseau
3rd prize: Paul Chevrefils

'Tis the season for safety

Too often, injuries occur during the busy holiday season. The Canadian Red Cross would like to remind everyone to take special precautions so that the hustle and bustle, the festive lights, the holiday treats and the seasonal weather bring joy - not tragedy.

Entertaining

Keep young children safety away from cooking areas, and be vigilant about making sure they can't reach hot pots or dishes.

Be aware that some people have food allergies, so label food served at a potluck supper (for example 'cookies with nuts' or 'dip contains shrimp').

Offer alternatives to alcohol, and do not drink before driving a care or snowmobile.

Don't put out nuts or candies when children are expected - these can pose a choking hazard.

Keep cigarettes, lighters and matches away from children, and remember that even small amounts of cigarette butts and alcohol can poison children and pets.

Decorating and home safety

Ensure all smoke detectors have working batteries.

Keep a fire extinguisher handy, and ensure all family members know how to use it.

Christmas trees should be green with soft, flexible needles, and should be kept away from heat sources.

Tree stands should have a wide base and deep reservoir for water.

Check all lights and electrical cords before using, and replace burned-out bulbs.

Turn off tree lights if you are going to be out of the room for any length of time.

Don't run extension cords where they will pose a tripping hazard.

Ribbons and tinsel can harm pets and children - avoid using these.

Some holiday plants are poisonous - keep away from

children and pets.

Make sure young children cannot reach candles, lighters or matches.

Outdoor safety

Dress appropriately for the weather. Wear layered clothing and a hat and scarf to prevent heat loss.

Before venturing out onto frozen lakes and rivers, ensure the ice is thick enough. Warm or fluctuating temperatures and snow cover can make the ice very unreliable. Ice must be at least 15 centimetres thick to safely carry one person, 20 centimetres for group activities and much thicker for vehicles. Check with local authorities for ice thickness updates, or learn how to safely measure the ice.

Warn children not to touch their tongues, mouth or any wet body parts to cold metal. For a tongue stuck on cold metal, warm the metal and the tongue and carefully lift tongue off the object.

Frostbite is a serious condition and can lead to amputation. Do not rub affected area. Immerse in water that is comfortably warm to the touch (40°C / 105°F), then bandage with a dry dressing. Seek medical attention.

Carry an emergency survival kit in your car, containing items like emergency candles, thermal blankets, extra warm clothing and a flashlight.

Preparedness

Keep flashlights, a supply of batteries and a battery operated radio on hand in case of power failure.

Ensure you have a first aid kit stocked.

Emergency phone numbers should be listed by the phone.

Contact your nearest Red Cross office to learn how to be prepared for an emergency, stock your household and pack and essential 'grab and go' kit.

Take a first aid course.

Please take the time to think about safety, and ensure that the season remains festive!

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

New Friends Mentorship Inc. annual general meeting, November 29, 6:00 p.m. at New Directions School, Lac du Bonnet. Public welcome.

Wellness Day November 23, 12:30 p.m., Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club.

Lac du Bonnet Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the LdB Community Centre.

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library open Tues and Thurs 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Wed. and Fri. noon to 4:30 p.m., Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., ph. 345-2653.

Great Falls Women's Institute meets first Wednesday each month 7:00 p.m. Great Falls Hall. Pat 367-2586, Leone 367-8569.

Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 meets first Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall.

LdB Committee on Family Violence and Abuse meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Contact person 345-2664.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 general meetings third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall.

St. John's ACW meets first Monday of every month 1:30 p.m., parish hall. Battered Women's Crisis Line 1-800-362-3344.

Lakeshore Al-Anon Group Thursday 7:30 p.m. Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre, 89 McIntosh. Call Teri 345-8712.

Lakeshore Aha-Teen Group begins November 2, 6:30 p.m. at Lac du Bonnet Youth Centre (McArthur Avenue). Phone Kathie 367-8237, Vickie 345-6520.

Lakeshore A.A. meetings every Sunday and Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, 86 McArthur, Lac du Bonnet. Last Sunday of the month open to the public. Call Ted 345-2839, Ron 753-8403.

Ladies A.A. Meetings Thursdays 1:00 p.m., 18 McDermol, Pinawa. Doreen 753-8357.

Lac du Bonnet Health Centre Auxiliary meets fourth Thursday of the month, Health Centre 1:30 p.m.

Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association meets first Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m., RM office, except June, July and August. Call Peter 345-6190.

New to town? Drop in to the Craft Basket on Second Street and pick up your Welcome to Lac du Bonnet gift, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.

Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc. Lac du Bonnet office, Health Centre 345-1227, Ruth Clay. Services: driver escort, lifeline personal response system, friendly visitors, fee-for-service handy helpers, information volunteers.

Pioneer Club Meets first Monday of month 9:30 a.m., Pioneer Club Horticultural Society meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m., Centennial School.

RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. and fourth Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m.

Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Alzheimer Society Theresa Conroy, Whitemouth 348-3505 Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausjour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville.

Little Day Buddies Nursery School Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 12:30 to 3:00 p.m., Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Janice 345-8979.

Call The Echo to list your regular meetings and events

Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

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Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. Sunday mass

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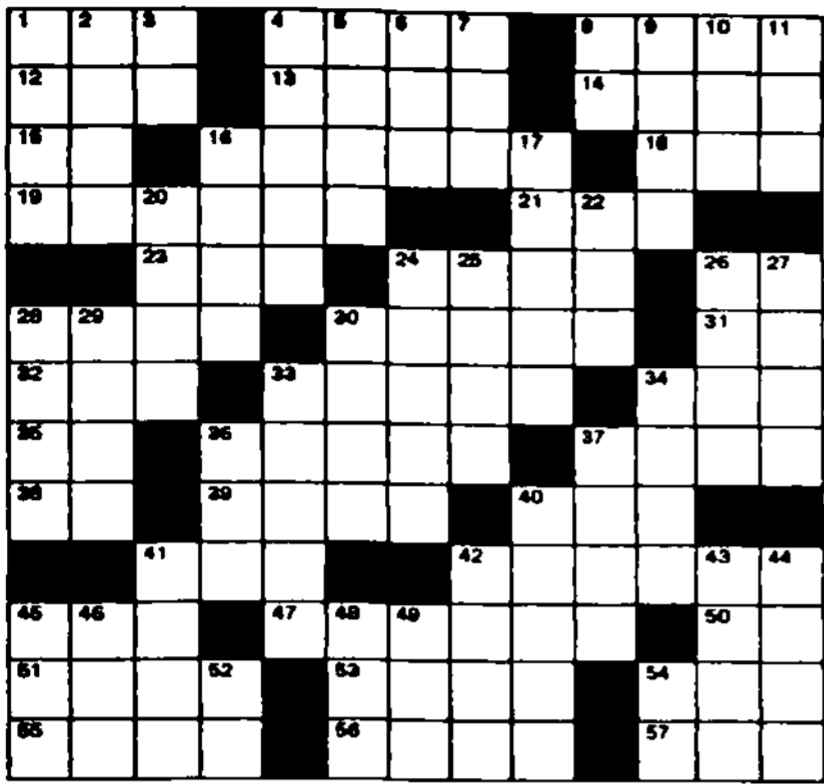
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Last Week's Solution

"A POEM IS NEVER FINISHED,
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- PAUL VALERY


WEEKLY ECHO HOROSCOPE

for the week of
December 18 to 24


Aries - March 21 to April 20

 Don't get involved in other people's problems. You can make changes to your living quarters, but not everyone will be pleased with your choices or your efforts. Better get the okay before you start.


Taurus - April 21 to May 21

 You will meet new lovers if you attend fundraising events. You can impress those you meet with your knowledge and your loyal and stable nature. Spending time with family will be insightful.


Gemini - May 22 to June 21

 You will find that co-workers will be supportive. You can make suggestions that will improve your work environment and help everyone do their jobs more efficiently. You can meet new friends and potential mates through close friends.


Cancer - June 22 to July 22

 Your determination will help you achieve your goals. Take the initiative to get into regimented self-improvement projects. You need to take action if you wish to raise your self-confidence.


Leo - July 23 to August 23

 Relatives will be reluctant to tell you the whole truth. You will have to count on your friends to give you a clear vision regarding your personal life. You need to get away where you can relax for a while.


Virgo - August 24 to September 22

 Don't over spend on luxury items or entertainment. You need to put your efforts into learning and creative hobbies. Changes at home will be necessary. New relationships will develop through your selfless actions.


Libra - September 23 to October 23

 Your dedication will pay off. Use your clout to influence those in positions of power. You can get your own way if you turn on your charm and use your sophisticated intelligence. Your heart is in the right place and your childlike nature will surface.


Scorpio - October 24 to November 22

 Your imagination will run wild. Put your thoughts down on paper. You have a story in you just waiting to be told. It's time you shared your knowledge and experience with others.


Sagittarius - November 23 to December 21

 A new love interest may perk up your evening. You should join in festivities that will engage a large number of people. You love to get out and visit others. You've shopped carefully and can be sure that everyone will be pleased with your choices.


Capricorn - December 22 to January 20

 You will be overly sensitive and fatigued if you've tried to do all the preparations yourself. You will feel much better when the festivities are over. You need time alone with the one you love. Peace, quiet and of course, a little bit of passion are in order.

Aquarius - January 21 to February 18

 Don't tell others about your personal dilemmas. New love attractions will develop through family or friends. Don't believe everything you're told, you're likely to be misled. You're hard work will pay off.

Pisces - February 19 to March 20

 You will have children on your mind. You can make a difference if you do things that will help youngsters. Get involved in organizations that deal with helping those less fortunate.

Echo Classifieds

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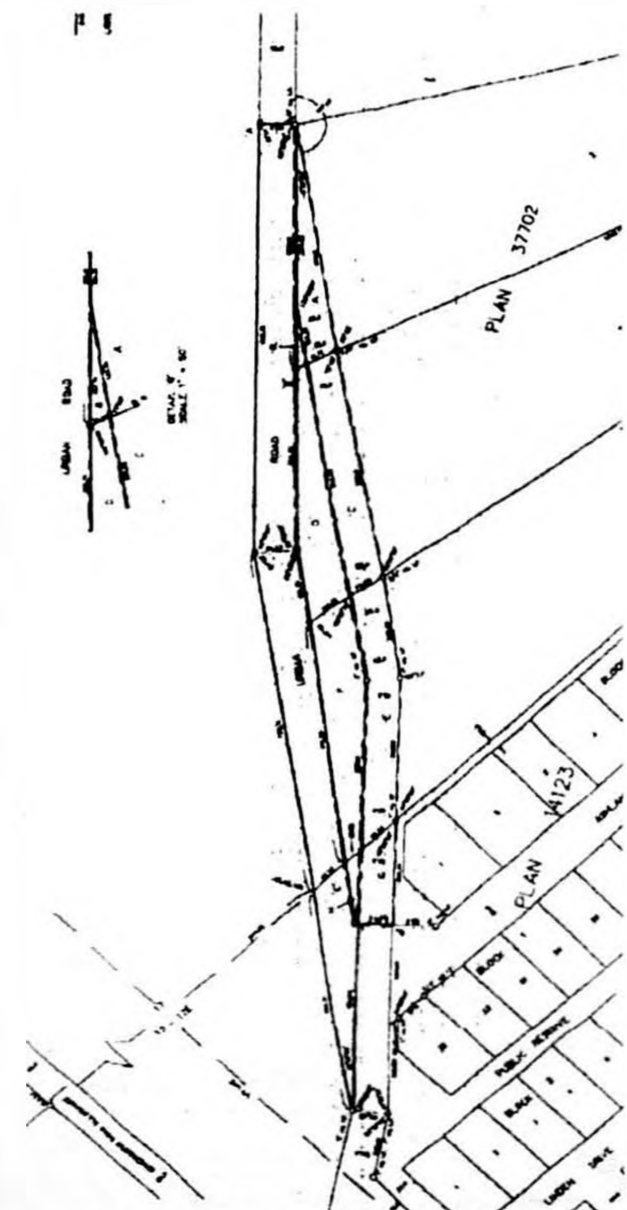
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URBAN ROAD CLOSING BY-LAW #22-2000

Notice is hereby given per Section 290 (2) of the Municipal Act, that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 at 11:15 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet at #4187, PR #317 to hear representations with respect to By-Law #22-2000, being a by-law to close a portion of Urban Road, and to open a new portion of Urban Road as it presently exists.

A copy of the By-law is available for inspection at the administrative office of the Municipality, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.



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Little Angels

When God calls little children To dwell with Him above.

We mortals sometimes question The wisdom of His love.

For no heartache compares with The death of one small child

Who does so much to make our world

Seem wonderful and mild. Perhaps God tires of calling

The aged to His fold So He picks a rosebud

Before it can grow old. God knows how much we need

them. And so He takes but few

To make the land of Heaven More beautiful to view.

Believing this is difficult Still somehow we must try

The saddest word mankind knows

Will always be 'Good-bye'

So when a little child departs. We who are left behind

Must realize God loves children

Angels are hard to find.

Not a day goes by we don't think of you. Holding you

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Greatly missing you Nathan.

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Monica's Miracle Centennial School, Grade 4 Room 9 The Two New Elves

by Shea Smith-Young and Alia Worona
Grade 4 Room 9

Once upon a time there was an elf named Mecina. She was nine years old. She was working on her sixtieth present list. She heard a noise from Santa's room, something like a sneeze. Mecina ran to see what was wrong with Santa. Just before Mecina got to the door, Mrs. Claus shut the door and said that her husband had a very bad cold, and he was taking a lot of medicine and it wasn't working and that Mecina should stay out. Mecina felt sad because Santa wouldn't be able to guide the sleigh. While Mecina worked she worried about Santa. Christmas Eve came and Santa didn't get any better. Mecina went to see Mrs. Claus to find out who was going to guide the sleigh. Mrs. Claus said that Santa wants her to guide the sleigh tonight. "Me! I don't know a thing about Santa's sleigh!" said Mecina. "The angels will guide you through the night." "What angels?" said Mecina. "The angels that guide Santa through the night when there is no light." "Isn't there Rudolf?" said Mecina. "Rudolf is gone to the vet." Said Mrs. Claus. "What's wrong with Rudolf?" asked Mecina. "His nose isn't shining!" said Santa. "Santa!" said Mecina. "Mecina I have thought about picking someone else for guiding the sleigh but it came down to one person, you!" "Thank you, but I have no clue how to work it." "Just like Mrs. Claus said, Angels are the answer." "Okay!" said Mecina. That night Mecina loaded up the presents.

kissed Santa on the cheek and she was off. Mecina got very nervous and the sleigh started falling down, but then, she started coming up again. It was the angels of light, just like Santa said. "We are the angels of light." They replied. "Wow, thanks!" "We will guide you through the night." It was a while until she got to the first town. Once she got there she heard a voice from the toy bag, it said, "Mecina!" Mecina looked back and there she saw all the toys alive. "We are the toys, the toys of laughter," said a doll. "What do you mean by laughter?" asked Mecina. "Aw nothing!" said a bear. "alright but why are you all alive?" "We help the angels!" said Buzz Lightyear. Mecina gave out all the presents to the children and she headed back home. Once she got home she walked in the door with the angels and toys by her side. She went into Santa's room and he was all better! "I had the best time ever! Can I do it again next year? Can I? Can I?" "We'll see, we'll see." Mrs. Claus came in with a fresh batch of gigermen cookies. They were the best cookies she'd ever had. Not to mention the best Christmas she'd ever had!

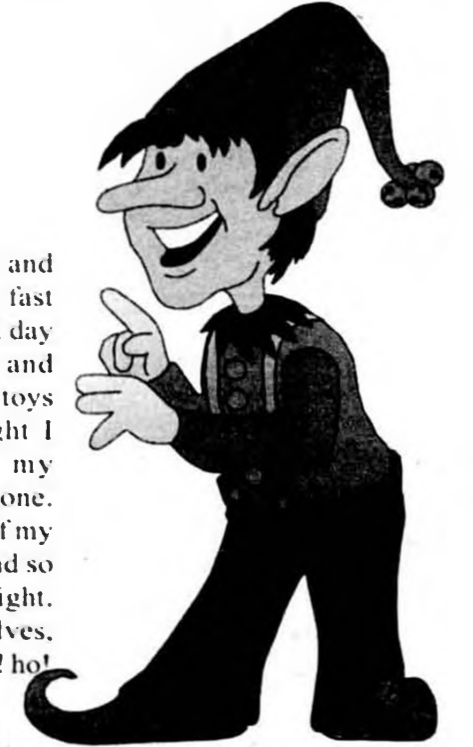


Nutritious and easy left over meal ideas

Turkey Pizza

- 1 1/2 cups cooked turkey
- 1 large pizza crust
- 1/3 cup pizza or barbecue sauce
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped red or green pepper
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Cut turkey into thin strips and set aside. Spread pizza or barbecue sauce over pizza crust, coating it evenly. Sprinkle cilantro or parsley over sauce, then add onion and red or green pepper. Add an even layer of turkey strips. Top with mozzarella cheese. Bake at 190C (375°F) for 15 to 20 minutes or until crust is brown and cheese is bubbly. Yield: Makes 4 servings.



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