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Sleigh rides provided by Larry Robertson of Spirit Sands Wagon Outfitters were very popular delighting nine full loads of excited children at the 'Tis the Season day in Glenboro on December 7th. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

'Tis the Season was a successful Christmas event

by Giselle Lussier GAZETTE STAFF

If anyone in the community was struggling to find their Christmas spirit, they surely discovered it on Saturday at the 3rd annual 'Tis the Season

community event. The day beginning with the morning family Christmas Photo shoot at The Residence and culminating in a spectacular with a very impressive Christmas Light Parade that lit up the night.

Event organizer Sara Smith was packed with activities couldn't contain her beaming smile, and with good reason; as this event gains more popularity each year, fulfilling its mission of spreading the magical spirit of Christmas to everyone in the community.

Local photographer Caitlyn Zalluski captured 50 different families in her lens, noting that this was about ten more then previous years.

Few things conjure up the

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Ninette Fire Department fundraiser a fantastic night

by Gayle Johnson GAZETTE STAFF

Ninette Fire Department hosts their annual Turkey Draw, an event that has been held for more than ten years.

Glenn Braun, Deputy Chief for the Ninette Fire Department, was on hand to answer questions regarding the event.

"When we started the Turkey Draw, we held it at the Ninette Hotel, but in 2023 we had outgrown the space so moved it to the Ninette Hall, now called Ninette Community Place.

"We have always shared the monies raised from the meat draws with the Hall Committee.

"For most years, between \$3,000 - \$4,000 has been raised and shared between the two groups, which has greatly benefitted both the Fire Department and the Hall. When the event was moved to the Hall, the Hall Committee handled the bar and served food. Last year the event raised more money than ever!"

Glenn went on to say that

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News Briefs

Lot of cookies

Tim Horton's Smile Cookies Campaign took place November 18-24 with the Brandon locations raising over \$22,000, Dauphin \$17,000, Neepawa and Virden just over \$6,000 each. Proceeds go to various charities.

Banned from hiring

The Manitoba
Government has banned
all Health Regions in the
province, including Prairie
Mountain Health from signing
new agreements with Private
Agencies that allow nurses to
be hired away from the public
health system. PMH currently
has 29 private agency
contracts.

Gift bison

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation has gifted several young buffalo to the Birdtail Sioux First Nation in a ceremony organized to foster stronger relations between the Two First Nations.

New buses

Fort La Bosse School
Division has purchased and
is waiting delivery of two
buses. A 2025 International
CE 65 passenger bus costing
\$169,590 plus taxes is
in stock and available
immediately. A second bus
will be delivered when ready.

Ending business

As of this past week the Neepawa Banner & Press, Rivers Banner and the Virden Empire Advance will cease having their papers handled by Canada Post. These papers are all free distribution and will be available at various outlets throughout the area.

■ New rescue truck

The Darlingford Volunteer Fire Department have purchased a new 2024 Super Duty 550 Ford truck.

NEWS & ADVERTISING DEADLINES ARE TUESDAY AT 10 A.M.

UPFRONT

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(I. to r.)Vice-Chairperson Charles Radford, Glenboro Driver Lee Fillion, Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Ludman, Board Members Juliette Vertz and Tannis Rathwell, Wawanesa Drivers Ron Seafoot and Mike Fisher, Chairperson Bob McDonald and Wawanesa Driver Craig Vint. Missing from photo: Board Members Luella Outhwaite and Dale Seafoot. PHOTO SUBMITTED

New handi-transit buses arrive for Glenboro South Cypress Oakland (GSOW)

The Glenboro South Cypress Oakland Wawanesa (GSOW) Handi-Transit is excited to announce that their two new buses are now available for service. The process of obtaining the buses began in early 2023 with the announcement of funding available through the Government of Canada's Rural Transportation Solutions Fund (RTSF). Upon the successful completion of the application, the GSOW Handi-Transit was awarded a grant to cover 80% of the cost of two Crestline 14-passenger buses.

Additional grants were also received from the Thomas Sill

Foundation, the Glenboro & Area Foundation and Enbridge Pipelines. The GSOW Board would like to thank all these organization for their generous support.

The buses arrived in July this year and the drivers are eager to put buses to use providing a variety of transportation services to ALL ages of riders. In addition to the buses, the Handi-Transit also has a wheelchair accessible Dodge Caravan. Bookings can be made through Lee Fillion 204-720-3413 (Glenboro South-Cypress) or Dale Seafoot 204-761-8805 (Oakland-Wawanesa).

Building Communities Grant Program giving \$37,000

We are proud to announce that nearly \$37,000 will be disbursed through this fall's Building Communities Grant Program, a testament to Sunrise Credit Union's commitment to supporting impactful projects in communities.

For this fall's program, we meticulously reviewed close to 50 applications, ensuring that four deserving projects, each representing a diverse aspect of our community, were selected for funding based on the criteria outlined in the guidelines.

"The Building Communities Grant Program continues to be a resounding success, supporting a varied range of community organizations and initiatives in the areas Sunrise Credit Union serves," said CEO/President Tim Klassen, "We're especially pleased with the diversity of this fall's recipients, supporting mental health and wellness for youth and seniors, assisting with new construction of a new community amenity and honouring our historic past."

The Westman Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention Association will receive a \$16,000 grant to help develop school mental health resource libraries in seven Sunrise Credit Union communities: Boissevain, Deloraine, Hartney, Melita, Reston, Virden, and Waskada. The resource library will have age-appropriate and professionally reviewed, sourced and supported literature via paper and online books, wellness activities and mental health content, including directories for available support through local, provincial and national services and programs.

The Deloraine Agricultural Society 'Share the Shed' project will receive a \$12,500 grant. The project will see the construction of an open-sided shed at the fairgrounds. It will be used to host many events such as poker, bands, cornhole and other entertainment. The structure would benefit the Deloraine Ag Society and other organizations within Deloraine.

A grant of \$5,318 will allow the Pipestone Memorial Park Committee to complete its fundraising goal and finish its project. The project, which has revitalized a vacant lot into an attractive, inclusive green space, is a testament to the program's contribution to community development. The park's centrepiece, the cenotaph, symbolizes the

community's commitment to preserving history.

The Cypress River Senior Centre is currently undergoing updates, and a \$3,000 grant will assist with these renovations. Specifically, the grant will cover the cost of replacing the Centre's baseboard heaters and the related electrical work, demonstrating the program's support for community facilities.

Since its launch in the fall of 2024, the Building Communities Grant Program has contributed \$131,318 to 11 projects and initiatives, each significantly impacting and enriching our community. The next intake period for the program will be in the spring of 2025, offering more opportunities to inspire and shape our community's future.



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Ninette Fire Department fundraiser a fantastic night

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"this year we added a bid-to-win and a ticketed auction with over 20 prizes being donated. The auctions alone raised \$3,000 for the Fire Department, with meat draw and 50/50 ticket sales also way up from last year. The event brought in approximately \$11,000!"

The 30 turkeys and 12 pork loins that were given away this year were purchased from very generous community cash donations raised from the community.

"We hosted approximately 130 people who made it a fantastic night of fun and socializing."

The money raised from this event will be used to set up; "a newer and better Rescue Unit and start towards a Rapid Response Unit for quicker response times and better service to our many cottage owners around the lake."

We are all aware the Ninette Fire Department

has been called upon many times this year, but most of us have no clue of the personal impact of these many and varied

"The Ninette Fire Department will be making a donation to the 911 Resilience Program which is a program which helps first responders after any incident where they can help to deal with the mental stress of the job. 2024 was a tough year. Busiest on record, with many vehicle accidents requiring extrication and sadly 2 fatalities. The 911 group brought out 4 people who have experience in the field, and also brought therapy dogs to help us through some tough days."

Glenn wanted to share his gratitude for the RM of Prairie Lakes for their continued support of the Ninette Volunteer Fire Department members training, purchase of needed equipment and "always being an open ear

Glenn proudly

Glenboro's Tis the Season was a

shared, "I would also like to thank our amazing Department members for really stepping up this year. It was a hard year, and working as a group/ family, we got it done. Also a huge thank you to the spouses, close friends and families of all of our members who support us all and get left at home wondering if we are safe while doing the job we do.

"Of course a big thank you to all who donated money, and or prizes. Your assistance lets us make improvements to our department so we can better serve the community."

His parting words on behalf of the entire Ninette Fire Department. "Hope to see everyone back next year at our annual event."

Our volunteer firefighters are all so greatly appreciated and although we never want to see you in that capacity, it is comforting to know you are there if you are ever needed.

We want to share a

Ninette Volunteer Fire Department and give a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you: Craig Kozak - Chief, Glenn Braun - Deputy

list of members of the Chief, Daniel Simpson - Deputy Chief, Mac Dubyts - Captain, Duke Garabed - Captain, Scott Mason, Rick Clisby, Stew Chalmers, Armand Vallotton, Mitch Rutherford, Brent Spurrill, Phil Cartwright, Steve Dubyts, Colin Kerr, Brody Shirtliff, Tyson Clisby, John Dick, Alex Doucet, Essi Kruger, Coder Tripp, Eric Maurer.

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successful Christmas event **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

spirit of Christmas quite like a horse-drawn sleigh ride through snow-tipped trees, accompanied by the soft sound of sleigh bells ringing. Larry Robertson of Spirit Sands Wagon Outfitters brought this idyllic scene to life, delighting nine full loads of excited children. While the sleigh rides have always been popular, Larry attributed the exceptionally high turnout this year to the mild weather.

Meanwhile, shoppers browsed an impressive selection of vendors at the Christmas Craft Sale, which also featured a Christmas Cake Raffle hosted by the Glenboro Ag Society. "The raffle showcased 16 wonderful cakes donated by our board members and other volunteers," happily reported Kathy Noel.

One of the vendors, Knitty Gritty n' Things, owned by Courtney

Cabernel of Cypress River, introduced sewn children's clothing to her inventory of knitted items this year. "Both the knitting and clothing went over really well. I also received plenty of custom orders," said the young entrepreneur. She emphasized the value of events like these for growing her business. "While social media is great, nothing replaces personal connections and meaningful conversations during these community events," she added.

The downtown library was bustling as it hosted a table filled with everything from sugar cookies to homemade breads and Christmas dainties. Upon entry, participants purchased a small box and were given gloves to wear while selecting their treats. Myrtle Nichols of Glenboro Pet Rescue noted the success of the event but shared that, despite many donations, they still ran out of inventory in record time.

"It was hilarious watching the kids pick out their items wearing gloves that were far too big for their little hands," Myrtle said with a laugh.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Glenboro Legion served up the smells and tastes of the season, handing out 160 hot dogs and even more cups of hot

The holiday cheer continued at the Gaiety Theatre, where Jingle All the Way played for 73 attendees during the Saturday matinee which began with the deep sound of "HO, HO, HO" echoing through the room, as none other than Santa himself made an appearance.

From the laughter of families creating memories to the awe's heard upon watching the impressive light parade and the dazzling Christmas light displays throughout town, 'Tis the Season truly captured the essence of the holidays.

I think I'm done with **Canada Post**



GUEST OPINION

On Sunday in a press release, Canada Post said they presented the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) with

a new proposal. CUPW covers very few postal workers in rural western Manitoba. Most local post offices are covered by Postmasters who are members of Canadian Association of Postmasters. They are not on strike but either CUPW or Canada Post have basically shut the post offices down. Even non-striking post offices are not allowed to receive local mail. Even if you want to send someone a cheque to pay a bill, Canada Post is forbidding it. Now even local newspapers are being shut out by Canada Post.

Ironically, Canada Post also said, "We understand the impact CUPW's national strike is having on your business, our employees and so many Canadians. Canada Post remains committed to negotiating new collective agreements that will provide the certainty everyone is looking for."

Canada Post added, "We know you need certainty at this critical time of year and the union's national strike continues to impact your business. We are committed to providing you with timely updates and the details you need to make informed decisions.'

Well, I have news for Canada Post. This isn't our first rodeo. In fact, this is the seventh Canada Post strike we have been through in 35 years of publishing. Over the years, because of strikes and very poor service from the non-local people we have taken more and more of our business away from Canada Post. We have been served very, very well by local post offices but when we realized a few years back that papers take up to a week to get from town to town due to delays and backlogs in Brandon, Dauphin or Winnipeg, we started pulling out of Canada Post.

Our family papers used to be one of Canada Post's largest south-western Manitoba's customer. When we pulled out, we didn't get so much as phone call. Not surprised though. I only phoned Canada Post three to four times a year but they didn't even return those calls.

I am so done with Canada Post's rules, delays and their ignoring customers' needs. This strike, like all the other strikes makes for a huge delay in the cash flow for small business cash flow. CUPW doesn't care much about their customers and neither does the Corporate level of Canada Post. The local postmasters are not pleased as they are being forced to refuse mail. Now, even local papers, even Christmas cards are being turned back at local post offices due to Canada Post's new

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Local artist, Kathie McIlvride, has been teaching art lessons at the Baldur Museum. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

Delivery scams on the rise during Christmas



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Christmas is a time to enjoy friends, family and food; unfortunately, it is also a time for more scams to be perpetrated.

Over the past weeks we have discussed many different types of scams that have taken a stronghold on many areas of the world.

No one is safe from this newage blight, and we always have to remain on guard for a potential

I received a message from one of our readers saying they had received an email from Canada Post. They did everything right and reported it immediately, but wanted to share that this was happening.

Thank you for reaching out and letting us know!

Even with Canada Post being on strike these emails continue.

Delivery scams are another page from the scammer

handbook (if there is one). We perused the Canada Post website looking for information of these delivery scams and found the following:

"We see emails and text messages being circulated from time to time that appear to be from Canada Post. For example, an email might inform a customer that Canada Post tried to deliver a package and asks the customer to select a link or visit a post office to arrange delivery. This is NOT from Canada Post and should be deleted. When Canada Post makes a delivery attempt, we leave a delivery notice card at your door or in your mailbox. We do not contact you by email unless you have requested it."

The website information went on to share:

"Canada Post will never reach out to you by email or text message to request credit card or banking information, account information such as your password, or payments to release deliveries and/or see updated tracking information."

"Legitimate Canada Post SMS tracking or mail notifications

and marketing communications will only show the sender as 272727 or 55555, and only if you have signed up to receive those notifications. SMS messages may also come from customer support via phone numbers 613-734-1002 and 613-734-1004."

Protect yourself!

Never click on the links attached to potential scam emails or texts, even if it is to unsubscribe or stop email or text contact. Report and delete.

Never give out any personal information of any kind, including names, addresses and any type of banking information at all. Give them nothing. It may seem innocuous to you, but you would be amazed what they can use to get your personal information from other sources.

If you are unsure whether a text or email is legitimate, check it out.

Scams work because the perpetrators are not questioned. If you are receiving a text or email from a source you are not expecting anything from, be

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OOKING BACK



AULD DAYS

COMPILED FROM PAST ISSUES OF THE GLENBORO GAZETTE

1944-80 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roper and family have taken up residence in Cypress River. Mr. Roper recently purchased the business formerly owned by E.W. Cranston ---- The newly organized Junior Lutheran Choir is under the leadership of Rev. E.H. Fafnis, assisted by organist, Mrs. Sigmar.

1964-60 YEARS AGO

The Patricia Ladies enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. Joe Lalonde when they entertained their husbands to a fowl dinner with all the trimmings.

1974-50 YEARS AGO

Allan and Elaine Van Damme (nee Richmond) wish to announce the arrival of their son, George "Scott", born Nov. 17, 1974.

1984-40 YEARS AGO

The Annual Spruce Woods Inn Cash Bonspiel at Glenboro was won by Rob Ramage and his Baldur rink of Rick Levreault, Gordon Jones and Dan Hyrich. Their prize was \$1200.

1994-30 YEARS AGO

Marnie Anderson, daughter of Wayne and Maureen Anderson of Cypress River, was selected Manitoba High School Rural Athlete of the Week. She plays volleyball on the Glenboro School team which won the Provincial 'A' banner.

2004-20 YEARS AGO

Word has been received that Grey Hound Bus Lines will continue its present service to Holland, Cypress River, Glenboro and Wawanesa until April 2005 when it will be reviewed ---- The MTS microwave tower on #5 highway just north of Glenboro has been dismantled ---- Maureen Cullen has retired as a registered nurse at Glenboro Health Centre after 42 years service ---- Born to Gord and Eileen Mooney of Wawanesa on June 13th, a son, Carson Ray and to Don and Carrie Taft on Aug. 21st, a son, Bryce Riley Taft ---- Cypress River Red Hat Lassies enjoyed the company of the Baldur Red Hat Mommas as 33 gathered at Bru Cafe.

2014-10 YEARS AGO

Bob Jewsbury announced he is not going to run in the next municipal election, ending his 13 years of service to the community; ten as a council member and the last three as mayor ---- Glenboro School was well-represented at Volleyball Manitoba's Graduating All Star game in Winnipeg as six of the 24 players were Panthers: Catherine Klassen, Riley Nicholson, Joanne Schwarz, Matt Malyon, Sydney Murray and Colby Cullen.

GLEANINGS

COMPILED FROM PAST ISSUES OF THE BELMONT NEWS

1914-110 YEARS AGO

The annual meeting of the ratepayers saw Thos. Somerville and P. Watson returned to office by acclamation. Mr. W. Goodbrand was nominated for Reeve.

1924-100 YEARS AGO

On Wednesday, Nov. 26th, Elizabeth Maloney was wed to Kenneth A. McKay. Bestman was Donald McKenzie and bridesmaid was Miss Jean Maloney. The happy couple will reside at Hilton.

1934-90 YEARS AGO

Joe Kerr is leaving Albert Hesse in charge of his coal business while he goes to the coast ---- The Ladies Aid held a bazaar in the Belmont Hotel and realized a profit of \$61.86 ---- Net proceeds from taking the play "The Red Headed Step Child" to 8 different towns was \$138.75. Towns visited were Belmont, Hilton, Stockton, Killarney, Greenway, Holmfield, Neelin and Pilot Mound.

1944-80 YEARS AGO

The Dramatic Society gave performances at Glenora, Cypress River and Wawanesa ---- The Ladies Aid presented Mrs. Austin Main with a wall mirror prior to her departure for Fairfax where she will be joining her husband who is working there.

1954-70 YEARS AGO

Frances Chudy of Fisher Branch became the bride of Russell Gary Haig on Nov. 27th ---- Mrs. R.A. Campbell was guest of honour when the Woodbine ladies paid tribute to a faithful member who is now residing in Belmont.

1964-60 YEARS AGO

The Ninette Curling Club celebrated the opening of their artificial curling ice. M.L.A. Abe Harrison cut the ribbon and Mr. H. Lowton threw the first rock ---- Mrs. Albert Chambers was re-elected president of the Belmont W I Mrs. Ivan Wanless was elected leader of the Alma U.C.W. and Mrs. G. Myers was re-elected leader of the Belmont U.C.W. ---- Mrs. G. Capon was elected president of the Belmont Ladies Curling Club, Vice president is Mrs. I. Wanless, Secretary Mrs. M. Chambers and Treasurer Mr. E. McLeod.

1974-50 YEARS AGO

Funeral service was held Nov. 29th at Dunrea for Lucien Nault ---- Born to Michael and Carol (nee Chambers) Boreskie on Nov. 20th, a son.

1984-40 YEARS AGO

Albert Lawrence Green passed away Nov. 27th at the age of 77.

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COMPILED FROM PAST ISSUES OF THE BALDUR GAZETTE

1974-50 YEARS AGO

Winning turkeys at the Turkey Draw at the rink were: Germain Levreault, Coreen Johnson, Frank Parsonage, Lou Deschouwer, Shirley Conibear, Don Barr, Alan Dearsley, Lloyd Gordon, Myrna DeKezel, Lyle Kastrukoff, Earl Johnson, Joe Januska, Ken DeBaets, Odiel Mestdagh, Joyce Parsonage, Roger Fousse, Garth Lockerby, Allan Bramwell, Norman Campbell, Ted Dearsley and Jerry DeBaets ---- Unleaded gas was selling for 69.9 cents a gallon and regular gas was 60.9 cents ---- A new sound system has been installed in the rink by the Figure Skaters.

1984-40 YEARS AGO

Robert Wheeler is the new Ag Rep at Somerset ---- Bob Williamson had his hand injured in a farm accident ---- Two Brandon men were drowned when their vehicle they were driving in fell through the ice at Pelican Lake ---- Shelley Yaremchuk has recently completed a course in Radio and TV Announcing.

1994-30 YEARS AGO

Party lines in the Baldur area are now a thing of the past as the area now has individual lines ---- Rick Verspeek will be seeking the PC nomination in Turtle Mountain ----Jennifer DeKezel won the Orange Crush Talent Search for Kids at Brandon ---- Hair Force is now under the management of Mark Irving-Carr and Laurie Playford ---- Olive Pearl Mowat passed away Dec. 3rd at age 82 ---- Frank Leclercq passed away Dec. 3rd ---- Randy Pawich has graduated with honours in the course of auctioneering, public speaking and auction management from Billings, Montana ---- Ethel Way passed away at Winnipeg ---- Joyce McDougall won the Ladies Super Classic Curling

2004-20 YEARS AGO

Workers are constructing a 30 x foot bio-tec at the Baldur Waste Disposal Site. It will be used to store bagged household garbage ----Baldur School Elementary Student of the Month was Kenzie Dearsley and the Senior Years Student of the Month was Christopher Cline.

2014-10 YEARS AGO

Robert Wanless retired from the RM of Strathcona Fire Department after 30 years of service, when he was presented his photo from the Hall and other gifts ---- Baldur Memorial Hall was packed as the annual Christmas Senior Supper took place. Special thanks goes to Dennis Pryke, Diane McKay, Gail McKay and Dan Spring for providing musical entertainment both before and after the meal.



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By DAVID OUELLET

December 09, 2024

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Solution: 6 letters

Glenboro Health Auxiliary extremely grateful for community support

GLENBORO AND AREA MEMORY TREE

The holiday season is a time for reflection and remembrance of those who have passed on. A beautiful way to honour their memory is by placing a decoration on the Glenboro Health Auxiliary Memory Christmas Tree, located at the Glenboro Pharmacy. With a \$5.00 donation, a member of the Glenboro Health Auxiliary will add your loved one's name to a Christmas decoration, which will be displayed on the tree.

To participate, please place your \$5.00 donation per name in an envelope along with your loved one's name, and either drop it off at the Glenboro Pharmacy or mail it to Glenboro Health Auxiliary, Box 516, Glenboro, MB R0K 0X0. If you prefer to pay by cheque, kindly make it payable to Glenboro Health Auxiliary.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MEMORY TREE

Several years ago, the Palliative Care Committee envisioned adorning the stunning tree outside Glen Haven Manor with lights. They decided to invite donations, allowing individuals to have a Christmas light lit in memory of their loved ones. Eventually, enough lights were gathered to illuminate the entire tree. Loren and Jan Nelson, along with several dedicated volunteers, have consistently maintained and installed the lights

each year. We are sincerely thankful for the countless hours and effort these volunteers have devoted to this project over the years, ensuring the lights continue to shine. Unfortunately, this year, Mother Nature has intervened, making the branches too icy and snowy to install the lights on the tree. We eagerly anticipate their return next year.

In 2015, the Palliative Care Committee entrusted the project to the Glenboro Health Auxiliary. The Auxiliary decided to set up a Christmas Tree at the Glenboro Pharmacy, decorating it with ornaments bearing the names of loved ones, thus establishing the Christmas Memory Tree. The funds raised from this initiative have supported various projects and equipment purchases for the Glenboro Health Facility.

GLENBORO CHRISTMAS CARD JARS

In the past, the residents of Glenboro and its surrounding areas exchanged Christmas cards with one another. To continue this tradition, the Glenboro Health Auxiliary initiated a project by placing Christmas Card Jars at the Glenboro Co-op and Glenboro Pharmacy. Community members can add their names to a list and make donations instead of spending money on sending Christmas cards. These names are then submitted to the Glenboro Gazette, where the Christmas greetings are published. The donations collected support the Glenboro Health Centre by funding projects and purchasing equipment that improves the lives of residents, patients, and staff at our local healthcare facilities.

HISTORY OF THE GLENBORO HEALTH AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS CARD DONATION JARS

For many years, the Glenboro Health Auxiliary has placed decorated jars in various stores around Glenboro to collect volunteer donations for the town's healthcare facilities. These contributions are meant to reflect the amount a family would typically spend on Christmas cards and postage. Over time, hundreds of dollars have been gathered and used to purchase items that enhance our healthcare facilities. Residents of the Personal Care Home (PCH) receive gifts, and the hospital and PCH staff are treated to goodies for their break rooms. Additionally, the funds raised through this initiative cover yearly subscriptions to the Gazette and The Brandon Sun. Both facility entrances are adorned with winter greenery, providing enjoyment for staff, visitors, and patients throughout the winter season.

The Health Auxiliary is sincerely grateful for the community's support, which makes these important projects possible.



The cake auction in support of the Glenboro Agricultral Society, was held at the 'Tis the Season day in Glenboro on December 7th. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

Baldur Argyle Fire Department is hosting their seasonal raffle

by Gayle Johnson
GAZETTE STAFF

The Baldur - Argyle Fire Department which hosts two Fire Halls, one in Baldur and the other in Glenora has been serving the community for 120 years!

According to the RM of Argyle history book, "Come into our Heritage"; "In July, 1904 the municipal council received a petition of two-thirds of the ratepayers of the village of Baldur, asking that a meeting of the ratepayers be called to provide for the formation of a town board and a levy of \$500 for fire protection in Baldur, the sum to be spread over 6 years."

A month later, a meeting was held of the ratepayers of Baldur and a village board was formed, with their first job being the installation of a system of fire protection for the town.

The new board purchased a fire truck in January, 1905 for the tidy sum of \$525. This new piece of equipment was housed on First St. The first brigade was also formed and additional necessary equipment purchased.

Twenty five years later a new fire hall was built on Second Street.

The beginnings of the Baldur-Argyle Fire Department were humble but very strong. This year marks 120 years since it was first formed and Fire Chief Mark Everett has shared they have plans for a 125 Year Celebration, but there is no news to share on that yet.

The department is currently hosting their 3rd annual seasonal raffle of either a variety of libations, or a \$200 cash payout. Tickets can be purchased from any Baldur-Argyle member or they can be secured through e-transfer at baldurargylefd@gmail. com. The draw for this raffle will take place on December 31st.

The other major fundraiser the Department also hosts is an annual spring BBQ which alternates between the Baldur and Glenora Halls. The Chief added that between the annual holiday season raffle and the spring BBQ's, approximately \$13,000 has been raised for a planned purchase. Through ongoing fundraising, donations and grants, the department is hoping to procure a Rapid Response Vehicle to replace the current 'aged out' unit.

Our communities are proud of all of our volunteer firefighters who are always there when they are needed most.

We gratefully thank each of our Baldur-Argyle Volunteer Fire Department members: Alan Cuthbert, Alan Skardal, Blaine Cuthert, Bill Odell, Bob Conibear-Auxiliary member, Braden Haslen, Brodie Desrochers, Chase Desrochers, Darcy Dearsley, Darrick Jones, Dori Gudnason, Doug Elliott, Francois Gie, Gerry Janz-Auxiliary member, Greg Crayston, Harley Sutton, Jack Bolack, Jared McIntosh, Jesse Janz, Kieven Martens, Kody Everett, Mark Everett, Mayson Lockhart, Mike Everett, Mike Johnson, Owen Lockhart, Reynold DeBaets, Rodney Bolack, Scott Crayston, Troy Sigvaldason.

The Chief added that Drew Janz, who has been a member of the department for many years, has stepped back from service, adding, "We'd like to thank him for his dedicated years of service!"

If you are looking for the perfect gift for just about anyone, especially those impossible to buy for people on your list, the Department is selling ABC Fire and Safety fire blankets for only \$35. This is a gift that you hope is never used, but can save lives if it is. Contact any of the firefighters listed above for more details.

Baldur-Argyle Fire Chief Mark Everett leaves us with a holiday safety tip: "Make sure your real Christmas trees are well watered and check your smoke alarm/fire detectors."



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OF INTEREST ...

Fund established for Scott Legary

by Earl Gardiner

Scott Legary grew up in Pilot Mound and moved to Killarney in 1972 when Scott was 6 years old. Scott was a member of the Baldur Regals in the mid 1980's as a pitcher / shortstop.

WELCOME, FRIENDS OF **SCOTT LEGARY**

In November 2022, a tragic accident occurred that rendered our friend, Scott, a quadriplegic. He has demonstrated incredible resilience to overcome his physical challenges, but the longterm financial burden to build his new life is real and daunting. Scott will need the support of his friends as he strives to build his new life of independence.

As friends and supporters of Scott, we have created a Trust Fund for him in which every single dollar received will be allocated to his healthcare needs. His most immediate priority is the purchase of a customized power chair, estimated at \$55,000. Funds raised beyond this goal will be prioritized and allocated to his future healthcare needs.

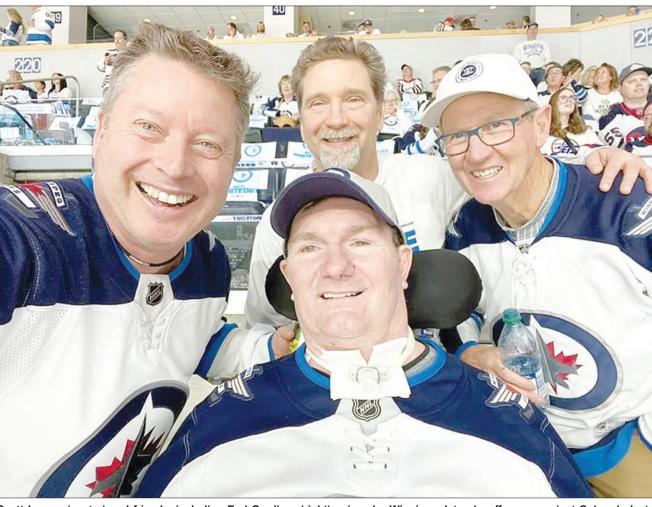
We will use this platform to update his friends on the milestones of his journey to independence.

Your generosity will propel Scott's journey, providing the necessary financial support to positively impact his quality of his life. We thank you for your support as our friend continues his journey to a build a new, meaningful life.

SCOTT'S STORY

Scott grew up in Killarney and now resides in Winnipeg. Now retired, he worked faithfully for 35 years for Speedy Glass in Winnipeg and Brandon. He has a strong passion for hockey, golf and baseball. He loved his time skating with the Winkler Flyers (4 years beginning in 1981), then followed by 3 years playing for the Winkler Royals, and playing senior baseball in Baldur and Winnipeg. You may have also seen him watching his daughter Jenna playing soccer as he rarely missed a game.

November I n 2022, a tragic accident changed Scott's life. While cheering on the Big Blue during the Grey Cup, Scott experienced a



Scott Legary (centre) and friends, including Earl Gardiner (right) enjoyed a Winnipeg Jets playoff game against Colorado last spring. This was the only time that Scott has been outside the hospital since he was paralyzed two years ago. Earl indicated that although it was stressful figuring out the logistics and safety factors of getting Scott to the arena and back to the Deer Lodge Centre, it turned out to be a great experience for everyone. Back in the early 1980's Earl coached Scott's midget boy's hockey team in Killarney and the two of them became close friends. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Delivery scams on the rise during Christmas

major dizzy spell and fell backwards down a flight of stairs. Sadly, when he hit the wall, he suffered a complete spinal cord injury at C4 including C5 and C6. Since that day he has been paralyzed from the neck down, with little movement below the shoulders.

Scott has shown incredible resilience as he fights through the many tough days and the major setbacks that come with a significant

spinal cord injury. After 15+ months at Health Sciences Centre, he was stable enough to move into Deer Lodge Centre in Winnipeg. This new living environment is a gamechanger for Scott and offers him the hope that he will eventually regain some independence and quality of life.

Scott's new life will have significant fiscal challenges, and he would greatly benefit from the support of his friends

to provide him with the tools, technology and care essential to rebuilding his life. His team at Deer Lodge is working to prepare him for a customized power wheelchair through extensive training and physical rehabilitation.

The Friends of Scott Legary have set up a Fund to support Scott in his journey to rebuild his life. This Trust will be used to support Scott's immediate and future medical needs.

Most urgently, Scott needs support in the purchase of the power chair and the associated technology.

We are extremely grateful for those who can contribute, and for helping to give Scott the 'Gift of Mobility'. Please visit the website that has been established, https://www. friendsofscottlegary. com, to learn more and to donate or donations can be directly emailed to: Friendsofscottlegary@ gmail.com.

I think I'm almost done with Canada Post

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found rules.

Fortunately for our papers we only use Canada Post for three locations but that is ending. As of this week, none of our three papers, the Neepawa Banner & Press, Rivers Banner nor the Virden Empire Advance will be handled through Canada Post.

I especially want to thank the staff at Rivers Post Office, Alonsa and Silver Ridge for treating us so well but we are done with Canada Post.

I can't see how Canada Post can keep going and pretend to be serving

the public. In last week's column I wrote about the annual losses and the general incompetence at the corporate level.

In their press release they talk about providing certainty to customers. Canada Post has certainly provided certainty to this newspaper company. We are pretty certain we won't ever again trust our fate to Canada Post. Yes, this is not our first rodeo but I am not going to risk being bucked off again.

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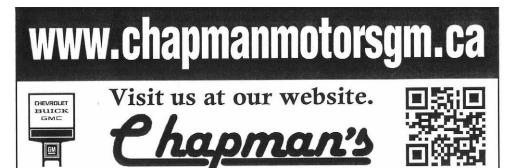
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GET INFORMED ...

Carson Carels rise to the big league

by Giselle Lussier **GAZETTE STAFF**

his past year has been nothing short of epic for 16-yearold Carson Carels, son of Ryan and Stacy Carels of Cypress River. The young defenseman has not only solidified his place as a regular on the Prince George Cougars' lineup but also earned the title of MVP for Team Manitoba. Adding to his list of accomplishments, Carson was invited to the Canadian Junior National Hockey camp tryouts and brought home a silver medal during the Canada World U17 camp in Sarnia, Ontario this past November.

During a recent interview Carson shared his excitement, and how it feels to realize some of his dreams come to fruition at such a young age. "This league (WHL) is the one I watched as a child and dreamt of, sometimes I feel I should pinch myself," he admits with a grin, reflecting on the surreal experience of playing at such a competitive level.

Drafted by the Cougars at just 15, Carson was selected in the first round as the 15th pick. Recently, he was recognized as "One of WHL's Stars of Tomorrow" by the Canadian League. Bob Simmonds, the Cougars' Director of Scouting, speaks highly of Carson's skills. "Carson is an elitelevel defenceman who already plays the game like a seasoned veteran. he said.

It's easy to understand how Carson has become such a powerhouse on the ice. He started skating at the age of four. "I had trouble getting him to take off his skates," his mom, Stacy, recalls with a laugh. By the time he was eight, Carson was already being called up to join higher level teams.

While constant practice, skating drills, and hockey development camps have undoubtedly

honed his skills, Carson's love for hockey is deeply rooted in his family. Hockey has always been a way of life for the Carels family, and that shared passion continues to fuel Carson's drive to excel.

Prior to entering ninth grade, it was clear that Carson was exceptionally gifted, leading to the decision to enroll him in the Pilot Mound Hockey Academyone of the elite hockey academic programs in the Canadian Sport School Hockey League (CSSHL). Carson's first coach at the academy was his uncle, Danny Carels, whose mentorship played a pivotal role in shaping his early development.

Hockey talent clearly runs in the family. Carson's father, Ryan, also has a strong hockey pedigree. In his Grade 12 year, Ryan played high school hockey for the Wildcats and earned the league's MVP title. His love for the sport didn't stop there; he embraced coaching, guiding all five of his children as well as summer teams in Winnipeg. Recently, he joined the coaching staff at the Pilot Mound Hockey Academy, continuing his dedication to the game.

"Ryan has coached all our kids - all five of them," shared Stacy with a smile. "He's also coached some spring teams out of Winnipeg and recently started coaching with the PMHA."

Not even COVID could keep the Carels family away from hockey. When the world shut down, they simply brought the game home, building an outdoor rink on their farm. But the rink wasn't just a way to pass the time - it became a space to refine their skills and enjoy sibling scrimmages.

"One scrimmage that sticks out in my mind was me and my brother against my three sisters," Carson shared with a laugh. "We played hard, but we also laughed so



Wearing the Maple Leaf for the first time during the U17 World Challenge which earned a top ten world ranking, is a moment Carson Carels of Cypress River will never forget. PHOTO SUBMITTED

much. Us boys came out on top, but I have to admit, it was a close match - we really had to fight for it!"

Last year was a turning point for Carson; he decided to move to the dorm at Pilot Mound. 'That was something my dad and I discussed. I thought I should be prepared and accustomed to being away from home if I wanted to go further," he said thoughtfully.

His 2023/24 season with Pilot Mound was impressive, tallying up 50 points (18 goals, 32 assists) in 27 games and earned him several titles; CSSHL U17 Tier II First All-Star Team's Most Valuable Player, Top Defenceman and Most Points by a Defenceman.

He secured a gold medal at the WHL Cup with Team Manitoba and was named tournament MVP. His PMHA Coach Rick McConnell commented; "I only coached him for one year but Carson is not only an outstanding skater with a heavy shot, he can pass the puck with the best of them and his hockey IQ is exceptional."

As mentioned above, he was also drafted by the Cougars in September and on December 13, 2023, Carson made his debut in the WHL and recorded a two-assist, +4 outing in a 9-2 win over the Vancouver Giants. The 15 year old appeared in 7 games during the playoffs.

And if that wasn't enough, Carson's remarkable year reached new heights last June when he received an invitation to the National Junior Hockey tryouts in Oakville, Ontario for the U17 World Challenge. "It was a process," Carson recalled. "I got the invitation in June, attended the one-week camp in July, and then sat on pins and needles until early October when I found out I made the

While this year has been packed with unforgettable moments, one that will forever stand out for Carson is the pride of wearing Canada's maple leaf on his chest for the first time. "I can't describe the feeling of wearing that jersey for the first time, but I know I'll never forget how I felt," he said, his voice filled with emotion.

Another unforgettable moment for Carson was the nervous

excitement he felt on his first trip to Prince George, where he met his team (men he has looked up to his entire life) and billet family for the first time. "The guys on the team like to remind me every now and then that I'm the rookie," he chuckled, "but they were welcoming and took me under their wing. I look up to them like big brothers."

Carson also spoke fondly of his billet family. "They're awesome - I really feel at home with them and like part of the family," he said. "The Prince George community has been incredible too; their support for this team is immeasurable."

Despite all the accolades Carson has received he remains humble and when asked who has made the biggest impact on his career his answer was heartfelt and assured, "I would not be here if not for my parents support."

His mentors are his dad and Cougars Assistant Coach, Jimmie Playfair, "They have both given me so much hockey knowledge and Jimmie has really helped me grow my game."

A typical day in the life of a tenth grade WHL

player consists of 2 hours of school in the morning, followed by the team getting together and going over video clips of past games, a few hours of on ice practise followed by intense workouts at the gym. "The day's structure here is the same as it was in Pilot Mound so I didn't have any adjustments to make and the familiarity of it really helped me settle in faster too."

As much as Carson's focus is on hockey, he hasn't sacrificed academics. In fact, he's set to graduate a year early. "That's been a goal of mine for a long time," he confided.

And what about his future aspirations? "Right now, my goal is to win the league with the Cougars, Carson shared. "My longtime dream is to play at the NHL level."

After following his young career and witnessing his skill, intelligence and determination, it's hard to see his NHL dream as anything but inevitable. For this talented D-Man who grew up on a 500head cattle ranch in Cypress River, it's not just a dream - it's a goal he's well on his way to achieving.





(I-r) Grant Shewfelt and his rink of Brad Wainikka, Doug Roeges and Ken Friesen of the Baldur Curling Club and Curtis McCannell and his rink of Bill Thiessen, Don Stewart and Eric Atkins of Pilot Mound Curling Club both advanced to the Masters Provincials to be held in Gimli. The Shewfelt team picked up wins over Joe Fouasse of Lorette and Morley Walker of Portage. They were four teams competing for two provincial spots. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Wildcats have a busy week

The Glenboro-Carberry-Baldur Wildcats played 3 league games this past week with 2 games being postponed due to weather and road conditions.

December 3rd in Boissevain the teams were tied at 1 after the first and the second was scoreless before the Broncos outscored the Wildcats 3-2 in the third to post the

Kylan Diehl made 13 saves in the Wildcats net.

The Wildcats goals came off the sticks of Austin Dubyts with a pair and Tucker Forbes. Assists went to Corbin Knol, Gage Balciunas and Austin Dubyts.

December 4th game was postponed but the Wildcats hosted the RGG Raiders on December 6th

RGG scored 2 goals in the first to lead 2-0. Owen McLean from Brycen Anderson and Jack Sholdice scored for the Wildcats to bring them within one, then Tucker Forbes tied the game from Ashton Potvin and Spencer Jones. RGG regained the lead but Max Janz from Austin Dubyts once again tied the game heading to the break.

In the third, RGG got the winner 2 - 1/2 minutes in and added two shorthanded, empty-net goals to end the game 6-3.

Tyler Knol made 25 saves in the Wildcats net.

Saturday, December 7th Crocus Plains visited the Glenboro Arena and left with a 4-3 win.

Crocus opened the scoring before Owen McLean tied the game from Tucker Forbes and Jack Sholdice to end the first tied at 1.

Crocus opened the second with a pair and Austin Dubyts scored from Jack Ramsey and Tucker Forbes to close the gap heading to the dressing

Crocus regained their 2 goal lead and eventual winner to open the third at the 12 minute mark. With one minute remaining, Austin Dubyts scored to make it 4-3 but that is how it would end. Owen McLean and Jack Ramsey picked up the helpers.

Kylan Diehl made 20 saves in net.

Sunday's game against Dauphin was also postponed.

Next action is Friday, December 13th in Carberry when the Vincent Massey Vikings visit. Puck drop is at 7 p.m.

Tiger Hills Hockey League action

Tiger Hills Hockey League action from this past weekend: Friday, December 6th - Killarney pounded Neepawa

Minnedosa 10-1; beat Boissevain 2-1 in a shootout; Rivers MacGregor 4-1. beat December 7th - Carberry

defeated Souris 7-3 and Melita beat Deloraine 7-2. All December 8th games were cancelled due to weather.



At this special time of the year, we'd like to take a moment to wish our special friends and neighbors a Beautiful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Nora Ediger

Kevin and Cathy Vrooman

Lorelie Mitchell

Robert, Angie, Sienna and Landon

Gudnason

Mark and Trudy Martin

Shirley Rutherford

Bill and Verna Mowat Betty McKinnon

Dennis and Irma Wood

Jason Wood

Brent and Cindy Pringle

Wendy Law

Beatrice, Ron, Louise, Karen, Coco Berry

Becky and Ernie Bezaire Jurgen, Shelly Schwarz and family

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in Carberry.

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Happy New Year!

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What a great event!



RECREATION REVIEW

What a great event! 'Tis the Season was a success once more and not to mention the weather that cooperated with us. This day is mainly free making it inclusive to all community members and their children. A beautiful day all around. We had 73 people at the movie to watch the show "Jingle the Way" and with a visit from Santa, a goodie bag and popcorn ... what a great day for everyone. Thank you once again for the donation of the use of the theatre by Glenboro Gaiety Theatre, Spruce Lakes Rec for making up the goodie bags and helping to organize, the donation of oranges and juice boxes from Glenboro Coop and Guild Insurance, and the donation of popcorn by both Sunrise CU and the Glenboro Gaiety Theatre.

Thanks to our two employees, Hope and Brooklyn, for their hard work and last but certainly not least, Danielle Patterson for volunteering.

Our Free Ski Lending program has begun. I am picking up some more sizes of skis (more kids sizes and ladies boots too) this week. Check back if you have not been able to find your size.

Indoor skating every weekday between 3:30 and 5 p.m. (helmets are required).

Pickle Ball will continue at the School every Sunday at 2 pm!

Our winter sessions starting in the new year are being offered Karate will start up again, I am just waiting on a date from our instructor. This is the final week of our fall session on Saturday where they will be breaking Boards. Clark Parsonage earned her yellow belt this past weekend! Congratulations to her.

We are offering Yoga again in January for a 2nd,10-week session.

Step 2 will be continued into the new year, as well as an upcoming indoor playground and tumbling

Dance will start up February 25th in Glenboro with miss Sienna. Please pre-register by emailing Jen (info below).

For our 55 + gang ...The Raystone is offering games, exercises and more to seniors each week. Bring a friend or two and enjoy the provided space. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 9 a.m. exercise classes, time for coffee at 10 and 3, games and pool at 1:30. Also, a bingo time and allotted time for quilters too. Memberships are free until the end of the year; when the new year hits, a membership will be required for just \$100 for the whole year! A great Christmas idea?

Keep in mind there will be no 55+ movie in December but there are plenty of movies during our regular schedule (at regular pricing) you can choose to go see.

Please check our website for updates www. glenboro.com (events) along with our Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok pages too.

Artist Kathie McIlvride donated beautiful cards and bookmarks for sale at the cookie sale in support of the Glenboro Cat Rescue on 'Tis the Season Day. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

A book is never just a book!

by April Hobyluk R.M. OF ARGYLE LIBRARIAN

A book is never just a book!

"Not just a Book" by Jeanne Willis has beautiful rhyming text and pictures. This book is sure to make you smile and nod in agreement at the many ways you can and have used a book.

Another Canadian astronaut is now spending time in space. Perhaps reading "Meet Chris Hadfield" by Elizabeth MacLeod or "The Darkest Dark" by Hadfield himself, will inspire the next young person to reach for the

We have been very busy at the library coding and labelling new books. A new series "Enola Holmes" a teenage girl turned savvy detective by Nancy Springer.

We also have several books by Colleen Hoover, series like "Maybe Someday", "Maybe Not" and "Maybe Now". The book turned movie "It Ends with Us", just to name a few.

"Educated" by Tara Westover is a memoir of incredible triumph over endless adversity.

If you are a Nora Roberts fan, check out "Inheritance", the first of a new planned gothic trilogy, Lost Bride - a tale of tragedies, loves found and lost, and a family haunted for generations.

During the Christmas Break, the library will be closed on December 21st and December 25th and 26th. It will reopen Dec. 28th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and continue with regular hours: Wed and Thurs evenings from 5:30 – 8:30 and Saturdays 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Come check out a book to enjoy over the holidays.

Wishing you Season's Greetings and Happy Season's Readings!

Holland United Church News

celebrated at Advent II worship featured a message titled "Peace! Where Are You?" by leader Heather Grobb. Readings Luke 1:68-79 (Song of Zechariah) and Luke 3:3-6 (The Proclamation of John the Baptist) were complimented

The Sunday of Peace by hymns "See amid the Winter's Snow", "Once in Royal David's City" and "We Gather Here". Sacraments Elder Delores Early, assisted by Lorraine Drummond offered communion. Attendance was 21 adults and 2 youth. The Advent projects, including

Poinsettia's, Memory Tree and Genesis House are rolling full swing. Advent will be highlighted by the Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome for an evening of readings and song. This Sunday, Advent III, we welcome Janice Drummond to lead. Service begins at 10 a.m.

Glenora 2025 Bonspiels



January 4, 2025 3-person Funspiel

- \$90 team entry
- 6 end games
- 3 person teams
- 2 events/cash prizes
- Draw to button competition

January 24-26th, 2025 Open Bonspiel

- \$120 team entry
- · 8 end games
- 4 person teams
- 3 events/cash prizes
- Steak Fry Saturday Night (open to the public)

February 17th, 2025 11 a.m. Jr 16 & under

- \$5 entry
- 2 events
- 3 person teams
- Great pick-a-prize
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Air Greenway curling league

Reimer 4 Johnson 4 Sundell 3 3 Janz Wytinck 3 Friesen 2 Pauls 2 North

The Air Greenway Curling League completed another draw on December 5th with three games taking place. Mike Johnson beat Jesse Janz, Chris Wytinck defeated Paul Sundell and Clare Reimer got by Steve Pauls.

Standings: 3 3 3

New snowplow tracking system launched

Manitobans are now better able to plan safe winter travel thanks to "Track My Plow", a new snowplow tracking feature that provides realtime updates on Manitoba 511, Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Lisa Naylor announced.

"Manitobans know that winter storms are a part of our lives and the new Track My Plow app will help Manitobans plan their winter commutes without having to even look out the window," said Naylor. "Track My Plow will not only save drivers time but will help improve the safety of Manitoba's roads during

winter. I'd like to thank our snowplow operators, who are out in all sorts of weather to clear our highways, for their hard

The new tracking feature, available on Manitoba 511's website and smartphone app, will allow users to track active snowplows and where they have been for the past two hours. When combined with descriptions of road conditions and closures, drivers can make informed decisions before travelling this winter.

"CAA Manitoba congratulates the Manitoba government

on the launch of this new technology, which we believe will be welcomed by Manitobans as they navigate our roads, streets and highways this winter, said Ewald Friesen, manager of government and community relations, CAA Manitoba.

For more information on Manitoba's Multi-Year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, visit: www.gov. mb.ca/mti/myhis/index. html.

Up-to-date information on highway conditions including detours, restrictions and road closures is available at www.manitoba511.ca/ or by calling 511.

The True Joy of Giving



MOTIVATIONAL Musings

We've all heard the cliché: It's better to give than to receive. Personally, I feel this is far more than just a saying - it's a profound truth that leads to genuine selffulfillment.

In today's world filled with shiny storefronts, online sales, and endless advertisements, it's easy to fall into the trap of believing that the value of a gift is tied to its price tag. But as I reflect on Christmases past, I realize the most cherished memories aren't about the wrapped packages under the tree.

What I treasure most are the moments shared

around the festive family table - the laughter, the stories, and the precious memories of loved ones who are no longer with us. It's not the many thoughtful, beautifully wrapped gifts I've received throughout my life that stand out. Instead, it's the simpler, more personal moments that linger in my heart. The memories

of the gifts from the heart.

For me, the greatest joy comes from giving gifts that create memorable experiences - ones that will be treasured forever. These aren't always inexpensive, but the value they bring far outweighs the cost. It could be tickets to a concert or a sporting event, or perhaps a family night out for dinner and a movie. These shared moments become stories we tell for years, binding

us together in ways that no material gift ever could.

I also believe that everyone is blessed with a unique talent. Why not share that talent as a gift? Whether it's a painting you've created, something delicious you've baked, or anything else crafted by your own hands, such gifts are truly special. They carry a personal touch that no store-bought item can replicate and are guaranteed to be treasured by the recipient.

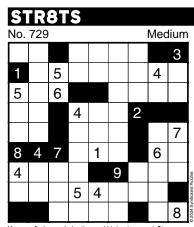
A warm hug, genuine smile, a handwritten note are treasures that cost nothing but could mean the world to someone. A few minutes of your time to help a neighbour shovel snow, an afternoon spent baking with your kids or an invitation to have a friend over for lunch can brighten someone's day in ways material items can't.

True giving is about connection. It's about letting others know they matter, are seen, loved and valued. And we are gifting to ourselves at the same time, as in the quiet moments of giving a stress relieving hormone is activated. When we give we also receive; Joy, gratitude and a deeper sense of purpose.

The best gifts aren't wrapped in fancy paper and tied with pretty bows; they are wrapped in love. So, let's shift our focus from what we can buy to what we can give of ourselves.

My challenge to you is to find one simple way to give your time, your energy, or just your heart. You might be surprised how much it lifts spirits yours and theirs.

TAKE A BREAK ...



How to beat Str@ts –
Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But nows and columns are divided by black squares into compartments. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4/2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part in that row and column, and are not part in that row and column, and are not part. in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

SUDOKU

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		9			3	1	6	
The solutions will be published here in the next issue								

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2ND ANNUAL PANCAKE **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!** Belmont Community Hall, Sunday, December 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Kids eat free. Adults \$5.00. Fun and games for all. Santa invites everyone, bring the kids, bring a friend, or just bring yourself. 5,6c

GLENBORO-SPRUCE WOODS CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, Saturday, December 14, 2024. We will be coming to farms and homes around Glenboro to count birds. Call feeder counts to Lorelie Mitchell 204-827-2548.

YEAR'S EVE AFTERNOON DANCE, December 31, 2024. Dancing from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. to "Fugitives Dance Band" at Belmont Hall. Roast beef supper at 5:00 p.m. Reservations for supper must be made by December 20 at 10:00 a.m. \$40.00 for supper & dance, \$20.00 dance only. Call Cyn 204-537-2708 or Gwen 204-537-2626. Proceeds to Belmont Hall.

GLENBORO UNITED CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be December 24 at 4:00 p.m. led by Emma Seamone. Everyone welcome!



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February 25 - April 29 at Glenboro Hall (45 minute classes) 5:30 - Ballet Tap Combo (ages 3 to 6);

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THANK YOU: The Glenboro Library and Glenboro Cat Rescue would like to thank all the cookie bakers that contributed to our annual cookie walk this year. We are extremely grateful for your support and because of your help, we had another successful event and sold out early! Thank you to everyone that visited/purchased goodies at the cookie walk and contributed to the loonie/toonie

THANK YOU: The Volunteer Enrichment Group is overwhelmed with the support that we have received from the community. We can't say thank you enough. Each resident of Baldur Personal Care Home will receive a beautiful Christmas tote full of gifts tailored specifically toward them. We have created a donation Xmas Tree in the foyer between the PCH and Transitional Unit to thank the folks that made donations. Our Christmas Party on December 17 th is going to be extra special because of you.

HOLIDAY TIME

The Gazette office will be open limited hours from December 19th -January 6th. There will be no issues of The Gazette December 19th and 26th. Next issue will be January 9th, 2025.

Funeral **Announcement Bjornson**



Passed away at the Glenboro Health Centre on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at the age of 76 years, Vera Mildred Bjornson (nee Drummond), beloved wife of Steve Bjornson, of Glenboro, MB.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Glenboro Kinsmen Hall on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Complete obituary to follow.

Funeral **Announcement** Myers



Passed away at the Brandon Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the age of 62 years, Shannon Lee Myers, beloved son of Donna Myers and the late Elwood Myers, of Brandon, MB, formerly of Moosomin, SK and Belmont, MB.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Belmont Community Hall on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Complete obituary to follow.

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Please drop off your list of names and cheque payable to Prairie Mountain Health in person at the Business Office.

Thank you for your continued support to our Palliative Care Unit and have a Safe and Merry Christmas!

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Police responded to a two vehicle collision in Prairie Lakes



R.C.M.P. REPORT

This reporting period, police responded to the following calls for service.

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Police received a report of fraud in Killarney. The complainant had received a call from someone claiming to be with Stars. The caller told the complainant they had won a sum of money and in order to receive it they first needed to buy gift cards. No money was lost and the complainant was reporting for information purposes only. There was insufficient evidence to

Police responded to a call for a possible impaired driver in Killarney. Police patrolled the area however the person was gone on arrival. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Police received a report of fraud in Killarney. The complainant had suspicious charges on their credit card. The complainant was working with their bank and was reporting for information purposes only.

NOVEMBER 23, 2024

Police received a report of an assault in Killarney. The matter is under investigation.

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Police received a call under the 911 act in Killarney. Police spoke with the complainant and provided assistance. The matter was concluded.

Police received a report of a possible impaired driver in the RM of Argyle. Police patrolled the area however they were gone on arrival. There was insufficient evidence to proceed.

NOVEMBER 25, 2024

Police responded to a call under the child welfare act in Ninette. Police followed up with the parties involved and the matter was concluded.

NOVEMBER 27, 2024

Police received a report of an abandoned vehicle in the RM of Argyle. Police attended the location however the vehicle was already gone.

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Police received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Killarney. The matter is under investigation.

Police responded to a two vehicle collision in the RM of Prairie Lakes. All occupants were transported to the hospital with minor injuries. A male was also charged and released on an undertaking for failure to comply with a court order. He will appear in court at a later date.

DECEMBER 2, 2024

Police received a report of harassment in Belmont. The matter is under investigation.

Police responded to a call under the mental health act in Killarney.

Police responded to a call for a suspicious person in the RM of Argyle. Police located the person and vehicle in question. A male was charged for driving while disqualified and arrested under the strength of an active warrant. The male was released with an appearance notice to appear in court at a later

DECEMBER 3, 2024

Police responded to a call for mischief in Killarney. A male was arrested and lodged in cells until sober.

Police received a report of failure to comply with a court order in Killarney. Police followed up with the complainant however there was insufficient evidence to proceed.

DECEMBER 4, 2024

Police received a report of theft in Killarney. The complainant was reporting for information purposes only.

DECEMBER 7, 2024

Police responded to a call for an assault in Ninette. A male was arrested and released on an undertaking to appear in court at a later date.

If you have any information about these crimes or any other crimes, please contact the RCMP Office or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Keep your pantry stocked



I heard from one of our readers that I had forgotten an important bit of information.

I had shared information on how to prepare an emergency preparedness kit for your winter vehicle, but did nothing to share with our readers what we should have on hand at home in case a winter storm caused us to be housebound.

That was a huge oversight on my part that I will now make right.

Although we should all have an emergency preparedness kit in our winter vehicles in the event that we are stranded at the side of the road, we don't usually consider ensuring we have back up items at the ready in our homes.

We really should!

Generally we start the winterizing of our homes when the leaves start to turn colour, sometimes even before, helping to ensure our homes will be ready for when the chilling winds and endless snow arrives. Should we be doing more to get our homes ready for the possibility of being snowstayed?

The short answer is

We are very fortunate that in our local communities being snowed in doesn't last weeks, but that doesn't mean that we shouldn't be prepared even if we are snowed in for only a day or two. We tend to forget that with our winters come not only buckets of snow, but also high winds, which can cause extended power outages.

What can we do to make sure no matter what Mother Nature throws our way, we will be ready to fight back.

During the winter months it is important to try to keep the pantry stocked, including a few gallons of water.

If you have a baby in the family, pre-made bottled formula is perfect when the power goes out and you can't wash bottles. Depending on the age of your baby, you may want to consider having a few jars or pouches of baby food on hand as well.

Always having an extra pack of diapers on hand is never a bad idea and if bad weather hits you are covered.

Don't forget to stock extra food for your pets.

Don't let your medication and medical supplies (including hearing aid batteries if needed) get too low. If they are low and there is the possibility of a storm on its way, get everything topped up asap.

Be prepared for a power outage and ensure you have stocked food items that do not require heating.

If you don't currently own a manual can opener, consider investing in one, or ensure any canned goods you are planning to use have zip tops.

Talking about power outages, when there is a possibility of a storm coming, ensure phones, laptops, cpap machines, electric wheelchairs and power banks are charged ahead of time. It never hurts to be prepared.

If you have a regular fireplace, bring in some extra wood, why make extra trips outside if you don't have to.

If the power goes out do not resort to the indoor use of camp stoves, BBQ's or the like. The fumes are very toxic and will create an emergency situation

Having a few large candles that have their own containers is the safest way to use candles during a power outage. They aren't easy to knock over and they self contain any wax that doesn't burn

This list is only a start. Tailor your indoor preparedness list to your family and add other necessities that you will be needing in the event of a storm and potential power outage.

Keep yourself and your family safe and plan ahead.

We may have no other storms this season, but I think we all know that probably isn't true.

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Happy Holidays!!

Spirit Sands Medical Clinic fundraising update

by Gayle Johnson **GAZETTE STAFF**

The Spirit Sands Medical Clinic Christmas Gala, a fundraising event held on November 23rd, was a night to remember in more ways than one.

Alexis Einarson, Vice Chair of the Spirit Sands Medical Clinic Committee said the night was perfect in every way, and much fun was had by all. "There was great support from everyone, and it was so greatly appreciated. People enjoyed getting dressed up and getting out. The comedian was fantastic, the food simply amazing, and there were so many prizes available to be won!" Alexis went on to say that people are still talking about what a great evening it was and are asking when the next one will be happening.

The final total of what was raised from the night has not yet been calculated, as there are still a few bills that have not yet arrived.

Once everything has been received and the final number is known, we will be sharing that information with our readers.

Until then, Alexis said that the preliminary results are showing that \$23,000+ was raised from the evening.

Following are the donations made since we last published the donation list in our October 24th edition.

Note: This information is also available on the Spirit Sands Medical Clinic website, and is updated every Saturday.

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Kalia Cullen, daughter of Braydon and Jenna Cullen, visited with Santa at Glenboro's 'Tis The Season event on Saturday, December 7. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

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FROM THE PUBLISHERS & STAFF OF THE GAZETTE
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Introducing magic mocktails can be a treat for everyone

by Gayle Johnson FREELANCE WRITER

Kicking entertaining up a notch and introducing mocktails can be a treat for everyone.

As an added bonus, incorporating a mocktail in between alcoholic beverages is the perfect way to help regulate your blood alcohol level. If you are looking for a quick clean up but want to keep your stemware fancy, consider sourcing plastic alternatives. There are champagne, wine and martini glasses that will give your mocktails that wow appeal.

A mock mimosa is a crowd pleaser and they are very easy to create.

All you need for mock mimosas is orange juice and your favourite bubbly lemon lime soda. (Bubly, 7-Up, Sprite, off brands or

soda stream, they are all good).

In each glass fill 3/4 full with orange juice and top with bubbly soda. To make them more fancy garnish with orange slices or your favourite berries.

Mock cranberryapple spritzers are colourful, refreshing and oh so easy to create.

All that is needed is apple juice, cranberry juice or cranberry cocktail, and a lemon lime soda. Garnishes such as cranberries and sprigs of rosemary can add a holiday look to your mocktail creation. All you do is fill your glass with 1/3 apple juice, 1/3 cranberry juice and top it up with the soda. Add garnishes if you have and enjoy!

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a character that delights kids of all ages.

To create this delightful green mocktail, you will need a green coloured drink like Powerade or kool aid and ginger ale.

In a tall glass add ice. Fill the glass half way with your green beverage, filling the rest of the glass with ginger ale.

Using fancy plastic stemware, colourful straws and a variety of garnishes can turn any drink from ho hum to WOW.

Serving trays of crackers accompanying slices or cubes of cheeses and meats, bowls of chips and dips and anything else that you have handy to nosh on kicks it up a level.

Use your imagination and as always, make your creations your own.



The craft sale at Glenboro's 'Tis the Season event on Saturday, December 7th was a great success, with lots to choose from. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

Christmas Carol is a mainstay

by Gayle Johnson FREELANCE WRITER

Since being published in 1843, A Christmas Carol has been a Christmas mainstay.

There have been modern day spin offs like Scrooged, starring Bill Murray as Frank Cross, a hilarious modern version of Ebenezer Scrooge, and several others, but the original is still the one that remains the most popular. A Christmas Carol, whose actual title was, A Christmas Carol. In Prose. Being a Ghost Story of Christmas, was written by Charles Dickens in just 6 weeks, almost instantly becoming a hit that exceeded the writer's wildest expectations. It was so popular in fact, that mere weeks after its release, a rival publishing company was printing pirated copies causing immediate legal action being taken against them.

The first legal printing of the book was released on December 19, 1843 and was sold out in five days. By Christmas 1844, 13 additional printings had been done, each quickly selling out.

One hundred and eighty one years later it remains a hot seller! There have been video games, shorts and derivative movies based on the original, with some sources counting over 100 off-shoots created. In addition, there are four opera versions and two ballets.

Given its ongoing popularity, there isn't much doubt that A Christmas Carol will be with us for many generations to come.

The magic of mistletoe

by Gayle Johnson FREELANCE WRITER

Mistletoe can 'bloom' in the dead of winter and because of this feat, the Celtic Druids felt it was a symbol of vivacity, feeding it to infertile a way to enhance their ability to procreate.

Did it work? Probably not but mankind is still here in even greater numbers than ever before, so maybe it did work.

The idea of mistletoe aiding in the vitality and people and animals as fertility of those near it carried on through the ages and according to historians, by the 1800's the idea of kissing under the mistletoe was firmly entrenched in Christmas celebrations.

It is thought that the kissing tradition attached to this parasitic plant somehow caught on amongst servants in England. Upon witnessing this strange tradition, the middle class began mirroring the behaviour and it was quickly embraced in traditions of the middle class.

It was thought in past era's that it was acceptable to steal a kiss from a woman who stood under the mistletoe and if the woman refused such an

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Some different Christmas traditions

by Gayle Johnson
FREELANCE WRITER

It is estimated that more than two billion people from around the globe celebrate Christmas.

This may seem like a huge number, but when you think that the population of earth is currently 8.2 billion, it means only 24.4% of people around the world recognize this holiday.

Every area of the world that celebrates Christmas, or a celebration that resembles Christmas, has their own way of making it special to them.

We might think of it as strange, but who are we to judge? Even those in our own communities tend to host different Christmas traditions that may seem odd, but again, who are we to judge?

Japan is a land of beauty, mystery and intrigue. A land of mountains and rugged terrain seamlessly melding with its immense beauty. A country that fully embraces traditions of both old and new. When it comes to Christmas traditions, chicken takes centre stage, but not just any chicken.

Kentucky Fried Chicken, or KFC as it is known, is a Japanese Christmas meal tradition that is a huge payoff for the company that reports that 5% of their annual revenue for the region is made on Christmas Day.

The magic of mistletoe

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advance, it was considered bad luck for the woman.

Other traditions follow closely, but add that after each kiss a berry must be picked off and thrown into the fireplace. Once all the berries were gone, any kiss under the bare mistletoe would bring bad luck upon the participants.

Whatever the actual history of mistletoe is, it is another fun tradition that we can all enjoy.

According to the KFC head office, when the first KFC was opened in Japan in 1970, they looked for a spark to ignite sales. The manager at the time, Takeshi Okawara had an idea that he pitched to his higher ups and they loved the idea.

An advertising blitz was started using the tag line: Kentucky for Christmas.

No one had any idea how well it would take off and today, the Japanese KFC Christmas Day meals are still the most popular meals sold of any others throughout the year.

Venezuela, a country of unique cultural diversity, embraces Christmas with fun and frolic.

Everyone is awakened with a bang as families light firecrackers to get everyone up and ready to head to church. You won't find them walking to church though, oh no, on this day, they get out their roller skates and glide.

After Church, it is time for music, food and togetherness as friends and family come together to enjoy the day.

This tradition is so popular that in Caracas the streets are closed for the entire morning to keep the roller skaters safe.

South Africa's Christians have embraced the lack of snow and cold, enjoying a warm summer season that is perfect for camping. For South Africans Christmas resembles more of a 4th of July effect with BBQ's, camping and parties with family and friends.

Italy is known for many things including pizza, pasta and wine, but few have heard about a rather odd Christmas tradition that they call their own, being 'Befana, the Christmas Witch'. Held on January 5th as opposed to December 25th, it is said that on this day, Befana flies on her broom, entering homes via the chimney to deliver gifts and candy. Although much like our Santa Claus, Befana turns down cookies and milk instead preferring wine and sausage.

Austria is home to Krampus, a horned and hairy beast described as Santa's enforcer. While Santa gives gifts to children who have shown good behaviour throughout the year, Krampus takes after naughty children with sticks in a bid to make them behave. I'm sure those children referred to

as 'baddies' would rather just be given coal.

Iceland is one of the most beautiful places on earth, and many of our local small towns were settled by Icelandic immigrants who brought with them the likes of vinarterta and sock coffee, two of the many coveted Icelandic contributions to the area. Iceland also has a rather frightening tradition that some say was instituted by farmers who were trying to scare their workers into having all of their work finished by Christmas. The tradition we are talking about is the Yule Cat.

The Yule Cat is described as an extremely large black cat who when finding someone not wearing any new clothing, would eat them. As if the Yule Cat didn't strike enough fear, they also have the Yule Lads.

Yule Lads are 13 rather unpleasant individuals who like to

The Cat Rescue Cookie walk took place at the Glenboro Library at Saturday's 'Tis The Season day in Glenboro with all cookies being sold out! PHOTO SUZANNE PADDOCK

wreak havoc on everyone they can. Christmas in Iceland sounds like a very frightening proposition.

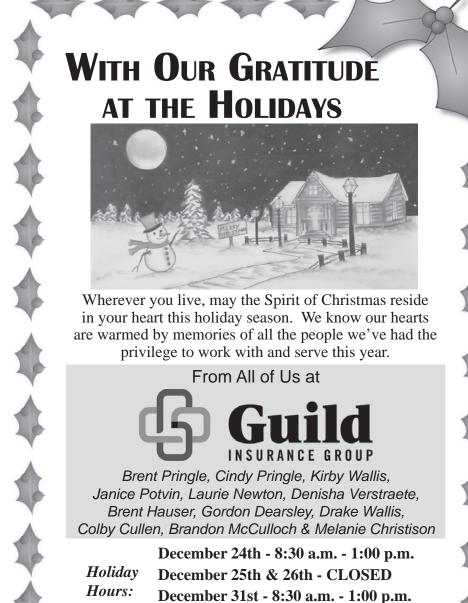
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celebrated around the world.

However you celebrate, enjoy and embrace the holiday season



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KINDERGARTEN SNOWY DAY BY ENKAI MATEYCHUK AND EMILY ELLIOTT

Once upon a time there were 4 reindeer named Rudolph, Nick, Jimmy, and John. It was the day before christmas and a horrible storm hit.

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Snow covered the land leaving 2 inches of snow. The reindeer set off to find their food fueling themselves for their big adventure tomorrow but they couldn't find any, the snow covered all their food leaving them to starve for the night. John pranced to get Santa as fast as he could, Santa was confused when John came they were supposed to be resting, but as soon as Santa knew what happened he had to fix it. He thought long and hard about this when suddenly he remembered if they clear off all the snow from the food it should not be frozen quite yet but he would have to hurry. Santa called over his 3 favourite elves, Pinky, Bluey, and Orangey, they each grabbed a shovel and hustled to uncover the snow. They worked as hard as they could for 5 minutes when they finally uncovered it all. The reindeer rushed over to eat so they could be ready for tomorrow morning, they all ate till they were full and took a long rest. They left at 10 that night so Santa could deliver all his presents in time, and the reindeer were fully



nowhere! This reindeer

crashed into Joey and Fill.

to the ground and landed in a pile of DIRT! All three poked their heads out and said "are you ok?" asked the bigger reindeers. "Yes, are you ok?" said the little reindeer. "Yes we will be ok. But we should get you inside to Santa .So Fill got Santa, and Joey took the little reindeer into the barn. The doors came crashing open and Santa had hot cocoa for the reindeer. They kept the little reindeer warm and asked how he got here. He said that one of the elves came to take him to Santa so he followed the elf and then he realized he could fly! That is when he crashed into Fill and Joey. Fill and Joey felt bad so they helped the little reindeer learn to fly. Then on Christmas Eve, Santa came to the barn to get the reindeer. He noticed that the new little reindeer had a red nose. Santa said HO HO HO! I will name you Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Then all of the reindeer jumped up and down saying yes yes yes! Now Santa could finally start delivering presents to all the kids thanks to Rudolph the new reindeer.

BOOM! They went falling

WHERE'S VIXEN BY KAYLA MILLAR AND **CALLIE BOLES**

It was Christmas

eve and everyone was running around. Tilly the little elf was working especially hard when Santa asked him to fetch the reindeer. He walked into the stable and saw that Vixen was missing! Oh no! He thought and hurried along to tell Santa. When Tilly got there she told Santa Vixen was missing and he started to cry. "I'll never be able to deliver without Vixen," he cried out. Tilly gave Santa a hug. "Don't cry Santa," she said "We can all help you find Vixen." They searched desperately for Vixen, in the workshop, toy making station, and even the stable for the little reindeer! "We'll never find him before Christmas!" Tilly began to doubt herself. That's when Santa remembered that he had a magic ball that could sense where any of the reindeer were. "I've got it!" he exclaimed. They ran to get the ball and when they found it they noticed that Vixen was with the new reindeer, Teal, playing in the barn! They ran to get there and Christmas was saved! "Yippee," they all shouted. Then they got Vixen ready for the long night ahead of him!

THE CRASH BY EVERETT JANZ AND RYDER MCDONALD

Once upon a time Santa was flying over Baldur, Manitoba and he crashed his sleigh in Everett's backyard. Santa

had to call his elves to come fix the sleigh and he took off to finish his pre-trip but the next morning Everett went outside and saw his hat and glasses. Santa can't fly on Christmas without them. So Everett tried to send them to the North pole but Canada Post is on strike! So Everett got out his jetpack and flew to the North pole to take Santa his hat and glasses. Santa was glad. Everett stayed to help the elves wrap presents. And played with the reindeer and that's how Everett saved Christmas. Since Everett helped, Santa let him help deliver presents on Christmas eve!!

I THINK SANTA WOULD WANT...

I think Santa would want a water bottle for Christmas because he needs to drink water to make him grow big to deliver presents.

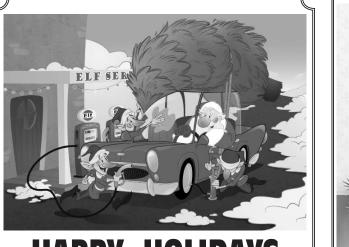
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I think Santa would want a new suit for Christmas in case he loses his other one! Kai

I think Santa would want new glasses for Christmas so he can see houses better. Janai

I think Santa would want new glasses that can help him see through stuff

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so he can tell if the kids are asleep or awake. Everett

I think Santa would want a pool for Christmas so he can swim. Kayla

GRADE 1 RUDOLFS GIFT BY BROOKS RIGLIN AND ZANE ELDER

One Christmas eve Santa was running astray. He had a gift picked out for every reindeer except for poor Rudolf. Santa was running all around the workshop trying to find a gift for Rudolf.

Until at last a gift was found and Santa thinks Rudolf will have lots of fun with it. Then the day came for the reindeer to receive their gift.Santa had gotten Dasher a deck of cards, Dancer new horse shoes, Prancer a dozen carrots,Vixen Monopoly, Comet speedy shoes, Cupid a necklace, Donner a stack of books, Blitzen some arts and craft supplies and Rudolf a lifetime supply of cookies. Every reindeer jumped up and down with glee shouting "yippee!" this was the best Christmas eve.

SANTA STORY BY ZANDER MACKAY AND ADELIAH KAYE

Twas the night before

Christmas and Santa was just finishing a head of broccoli. He was on a diet because he knew he was going to have many cookies, but it went very wrong. Santa had seemed to get sick, his magical powers needed cookies for them to work. He thought "Oh dear I'm going to need to find someone to do Christmas for me while I'm sick." Santa and Elfy the girl elf were trying to think of someone and then Roudolph butts in and suggests "Frosty the Snowman," Santa loved the idea he told Elfy to go tell Frosty the idea. When Elfy went to see Frosty on the sleigh with Rudolph, they got there and Frosty the Snowman was right there. When they told him the idea he loved it, so he went to the North Pole with Elfy and got to meet Santa. Santa shows him that you need to use your magical hat to ignite Rudolph's flight.When it was time Santa showed Frosty the sleigh and then Frosty made Rudolph fly with the power through his top hat. When they lifted off they flew and saved Christmas. Frosty delivered presents faster than Santa ever did and they saved Christmas.

BEST CHRISTMAS STORY EVER BY KORBYN DALMAN AND CRUZ **CRAYSTON**

 $It was a cold \, Christmas$ night and Santa was busy delivering presents to boys and girls. He had a lot to get done and there was no time for stopping. He went down each chimney in a breeze mostly but soon enough he hit a roadblock. This chimney was too small! And he was already shoved too far in to get out. He needed help and he needed it quickly. Sadly he didn't bring any helpers with him so he grabbed a sticky note and wrote "please send help!" and stuck it on the sleigh and sent the reindeers back to the north pole.

When the reindeers made it back to the north pole all of the elves were sleeping since they spent all christmas working on presents ... except for Fuzz! He ran up to the sleigh and got to work. Christmas depended on

He made it back to where Santa was and Santa yelled "help please I'm stuck in here!" and fuzz replied "I'll help you Santa don't worry!" and he got up to Santa and started pulling as hard as he could but he wouldn't budge "wait, I have an idea! Check my lunchbox. I keep an extra bar of butter in there." Santa said, so Fuzz ran over to the sleigh and quickly

grabbed his lunchbox and grabbed the butter out of

"What do vou even want me to do with this Santa?!" Fuzz said in a panicked voice "put it on my suit so I can slide down!" Santa replied in a panicked voice as well. "I'm not gonna do that! It will ruin your suit" Fuzz said with a disgusted face. "But you have to! Christmas depends on it." Santa exclaimed. "Ugh fine..." Fuzz groaned and then got to work putting on the butter. Then Santa finally started to slip down! "İt's working, it's working!" Santa said happily. And Christmas was saved. The end.

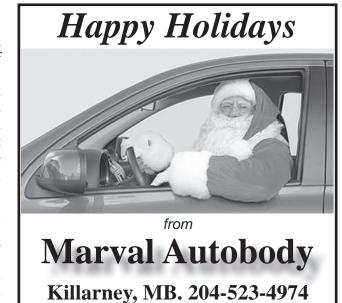
CHRISTMAS POEMS -GRADE 1

I know it's time for Christmas because... I see joy in people I smell ice cream I feel toys I taste cookies And I hear Santa. - Addy Kaye

I know it's time for Christmas because... I see decorations I smell candy canes I feel snow I taste chocolates And I hear jingle bells.

- Parker Sigvaldason

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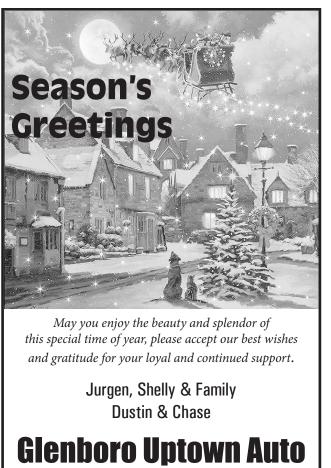
every little thing that brings you joy.

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I know it's time for Christmas because... I see Christmas trees. I smell gingerbread. I feel spiky Christmas I taste chicken

And I hear 'hohoho'.

- Cruz Crayston

I know it's time for Christmas because... I see reindeer I smell a fresh breeze I feel ornaments I taste gingerbread men cookies

And I hear people saying 'Merry Christmas!'.

- Brooks Riglin

GRADES 2 HOW I CAUGHT SANTA

CLAUS BY ALEX SMITH

It is Christmas Eve. I was patiently waiting for Santa to visit my house. I had a plan to catch Santa. When Santa comes to my house to deliver presents and eat cookies, he will fall into my trap! When he grabs the cookie a string will pull and the net will fall on him. After I trap Santa I will ask him if I'm naughty or nice!

HOW TO CATCH A REINDEER BY KACEN GUDNASON

First you need to get a cage. Then you need to get carrots. Then you need to get a long stick. When they hit the stick the door will close! Merry Christmas.

REINDEERS FAVOURITE TREATS BY

TRYPP DESROCHERS

The reindeer like to eat in their stables. They like milk and cookies too. Their favourite food is carrots. But the carrots don't grow there. They have to sled to Canada to get carrots. Then all the reindeer are happy!

THE NAUGHTY ELF BY AVERY JANZ

On Christmas Eve everyone was getting ready for Christmas and at the North Pole Santa was getting his sleigh ready for lots of presents and Mrs. Claus was feeding the reindeers so they didn't get hungry on the long sleigh rides. In town everyone was asleep. At the North Pole Santa was hooking up his reindeer and he took off but he didn't know that the naughty elf got in with him. Whenever the naughty elf will pretend to do the job Santa said I will check on the last house and he said that little elf, she always gets into trouble! So Santa went into the house and the naughty elf said oh no! Santa said I caught you! And the naughty elf said sorry! The end.

THE REINDEER STORY BY **BLAKE VROOMAN**

The reindeer were getting ready for the big night Everyone was getting ready except for Rudolph. He was sleeping. Santa said wake up it's Christmas Eve! Rudolph got ready but then the reindeer were sick. Santa said Oh no! to Rudolph. You are going to pull the sled yourself. So he did! The kids all said good job Santa. Merry Christmas and to all a good night.

TRYING TO CATCH SANTA

BY MILTON KLASSEN It was Christmas Eve. I was excited to catch Santa Claus. I made a great plan. I would be in my house and peek out the window to see if I can see Santa. I would go outside then I would yell loudly Santa please pick me up on your sleigh. When Santa picked me up I went to the North Pole and saw the Elves and played with Rudolph. Mrs. Claus made me my favourite cookies and gave me a glass of milk. After spending the day at the North Pole Santa dropped me off at my house in Glenora.

I SEE BY DREYSON PRINCE

I see Santa. I see Santa's hat. I see Christmas lights. I see Presents. I see Reindeer.

I sing Christmas Carols.

A CHRISTMAS STORY BY TYSON VAN DAMME

It was Christmas Eve and everybody was going to sleep. One little boy, he was thinking about catching Santa! He was going to put up a trap! He wanted to catch Santa. He got out of bed and he went outside. He set up a trap, he waited and waited and waited. Until he heard something, he ran outside, it was the dog. He went back to bed. He waited and waited and waited some more until he heard something, it was the cat. So he went back to bed. He waited and waited and waited... until he heard something. He ran outside, it was a raccoon, so he went back to bed. So he waited and waited and waited until he heard something! He ran outside, it was a fox. So he gave up, but when he stepped in his room he saw Santa! "Santa! I finally found you!", said the boy. All of my traps failed but now I found you after all this time. I was trying to catch you but all I had to do was wait in my room. Why couldn't I just wait? At least I found you Santa. Wait! Santa's gone, at least I got to see him for as long as I did.

GRADE 3 SANTA WAS CONFUSED BY **HARLEY PARSONAGE**

It was 3 days before Christmas. Santa was confused because half of his Elves were gone! The reindeer were also gone! Most of all Santa's sleigh was gone! Dun! Dun! Dun! So Santa set off. First he found 15 Elves. They kept going and then 15 more Elves were found. All Elves were found hooray! Still missing are the reindeer. So Santa set off. First he found 4 of the reindeer. He then ran into rain. So then he waited out the rain. After the rain cleared they set off and found 4 more! Almost all of the reindeer were found hooray! Santa's sleigh was still missing and Rudolph. Santa saw foot prints so Santa set off and he followed the foot prints. There it was Santa's Sleigh and Rudolph. By it was the Grinch! Dun! Dun! Dun! So the Grinch said sorry Santa. Santa said it's ok and gave him a present.

CHRISTMAS STORY BY EMERSON HURST

It was the night before Christmas. Jimmy, Timmy, and Tom had never celebrated Christmas, they never

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Season's Greetin

What we want most is the opportunity to offer our loyal customers and friends our gratitude and warm wishes for a joyous holiday season. It has been our pleasure serving you this past year and we look forward to serving you again soon. Thanks!



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May Peace, Happiness and Prosperity be yours during this Holiday Season and throughout the Year.

Reeve, Councillors and Staff

R.M. of Prairie Lakes

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We'd like to join our good friends everywhere in a wish for peace on earth and goodwill towards all this holiday season. For the goodwill vou've shown towards us we are deeply grateful.

Trent, Lisa & Family and staff



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Thanks to all of our friends and clients. Of all the big and little jobs we do, our favorite is giving thanks to you. Merry Christmas.

Rolly Grenier Construction

Rolly, Lana, Nathan, Ginelle & staff

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had a Christmas tree to decorate. Little brother Timmy said we don't have a Christmas tree! The middle brother Jimmy said we never decorated for Christmas before. We can get a Christmas tree. Jimmy said it is a long way to get a Christmas tree. We can take a plane to get a Christmas tree! said Timmy, when they get there don't forget the decorations. When Timmy, Jimmy and Tom got there, there was a Christmas parade. Timmy, Jimmy, and Tom got distracted at the parade and then someone said did you get distracted? They went to go find a Christmas tree and the decorations. They took the plane back home. When they get home they will drink hot chocolate and sleep. Timmy, Jimmy, and Tom woke up. There were presents under the Christmas tree. There was a big present for them all.

THE NAUGHTY REINDEER WHO STOLE PRESENTS BY IRELYNN MACKAY

One morning everyone was getting ready for Christmas. Mrs. Claus was baking sweets and treats. The Elves were making toys for all the children. Santa and the reindeer were practicing for Christmas.

They practice because they might get lost. They were going back to get the presents, but they were GONE! The Naughty reindeer Oh no said Santa. "Christmas will be ruined! The children will be sad, let's go get those present's back!" Oh no! All of the reindeers are sleeping except for Rudolph, "let's go Rudolph you can do it! Let's go get those presents!" The naughty Reindeer was hiding in a secret room behind a wall. Santa was walking and put his hand on the wall and it opened the door. The naughty Reindeer was gone but the presents were there. They grabbed the presents and left. Santa woke up all the reindeer and left to deliver presents. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

BY CARLIEGH BRETHOUR

The thing you should

know about before Santa comes to your house, did you know that Mrs. Claus allows Santa Claus to eat 700 cookies a year. Did you know Santa Claus needs a map to see where all the kids are. Did you know Santa Claus has a monitor to see where all his Elves are. Did you know that Santa Claus can see if you were up and

awake and you should

be aware of Santa Claus' dirty socks before you enter his house. Did you know that every year he gives children each usually 100 presents. Then he also created Christmas trees. The end.

THE MISSING REINDEER BY BRAYLON CLINE-RUSTON

It was the night before Christmas and Santa was getting ready for the big sleigh ride. The reindeer had been training for the big night but one reindeer was missing. Santa was so sad that one of his reindeer was missing. Santa was so sad that one of his Reindeer was gone. Then he came up with a solution. They had a bag of treats in his sled. Then he shook the bag then his missing reindeer came back Santa was so happy! He got all the reindeer ready for the big night.

WHAT REINDEER EAT BY CHASE RIGLIN

Reindeer eat carrots when they finish their big night delivering presents. They eat the carrots for energy, this helps them have energy for the next year. They eat carrots in the barn to stay warm. Prancer is fussy because he only likes his carrots peeled, the skin is dirty. Santa does not

like peeling the carrots because it wastes his time. He suddenly came up with a solution. He went to the store to get a peeler machine. Then Prancer could pick a carrot and put the carrot in the peeler machine himself. Santa would never have to peel. The peeler machine broke. Then Santa had to make his own peeler machine.

CATCHING SANTA BY SABINA KLASSEN

It was Christmas Eve. We had a plan to catch Santa. We're going to catch him with an air balloon. We jumped on the sleigh and took a picture of Santa. And sent the picture to Mexico. Showed them all that Santa is real! If I got Santa I would take him to my home. Have Santa make toys and give them to other kids.

VIOLET THE PURPLE NOSE REINDEER

BY PARKER CRAYSTON

On the day before Christmas everyone was busy packing presents. The reindeer were getting ready for the big night. Some reindeer were playing in the field in the backyard and Violet was one of them. She was different from the

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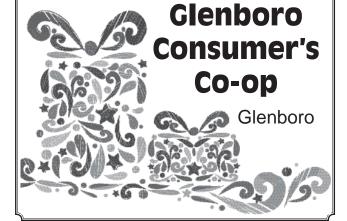
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With Our Gratitude at Christmas

We'd like to take this opportunity to present our sincere thanks for the loyal support our friends and customers in this community have shown us in 2024. Your trust in us is truly a gift.

May this holiday season deliver everything on your wish list and more. Merry Christmas to you and yours!

Board of Directors; Management & Staff



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Season's Greetings from

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The Shamrock School students from Tri Leaf Colony performed some Christmas songs at the Baldur Senior Christmas Dinner which was held at the Memorial Hall on November 27th. The entertainment from this talented group was enjoyed by all. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK



The Hodgson's do love Christmas

by Gayle Johnson FREELANCE WRITER

The Hodgson Family from Baldur love Christmas.

Years ago, Wilf and Marilyn Hodgson would spend many hours setting up a Christmas Village originally in the space now hosting the Argyle Museum, before moving the following year to the Argyle Drop-In. For a donation, the public could stop in and enjoy the tiny lit village and same scale outdoor landscape and goings on. The expansive village had grown over the years filling many oversized tables.

It was always the



The Hodgson's Mini Christmas Village. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

MLA Grant Jackson Christmas Message

As the Christmas season approaches, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. Christmas is a time of joy, love, and togetherness, and I hope your home is filled with all these wonderful things. May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace and happiness, and may you create beautiful memories that will last a lifetime.



This time of year, is perfect for reflecting on the blessings we have received and the people who make our lives special. I want to especially send good cheer to all the Spruce Woods constituents.

Let's spread joy and goodwill, reaching out to those who may need a little extra cheer this season. A simple act of kindness can make a world of difference. Let's cherish these moments and look forward to creating even more in the coming year, always keeping the meaning of Christmas, the birth of God's son at the center of our hearts.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May your days be filled with laughter, warmth, and love.

Here's to a wonderful festive season and a bright and prosperous year ahead.

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perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit and the couple donated all proceeds to charity.

As the years passed, it became more difficult to unpack and set up the

village at the beginning of the season, and then deconstruct and pack away the village at the end of the season. It was no small feat and took many hours.

It was a difficult

decision for the couple to make, but they jointly realized it was time to call it quits.

The Hodgsons do love

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And of course Santa made his appearance in Glenboro's 'Tis the Season' parade! PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

Hodgson's do love Christmas

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Christmas and love to decorate, so it is no surprise that since no longer hosting the Christmas village display for public viewing, they do still have a much smaller version of the village at home. In addition to the village, they also have a collection of 121 angels of all sizes.

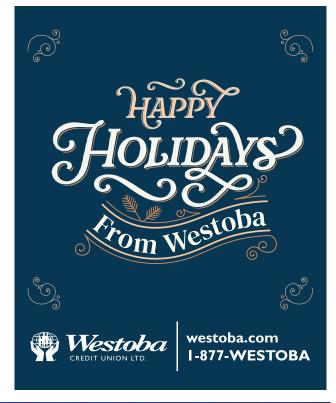
Christmas is celebrated in Canada in so many different ways, and in our Christmas edition we will be sharing some of them.



This is a part of Marilyn Hodgson's angel collection which totals 121. PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

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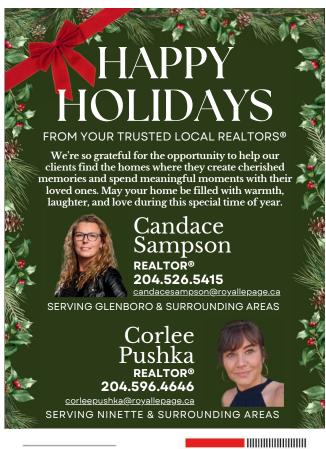




throughout the year. All the Best in 2025!

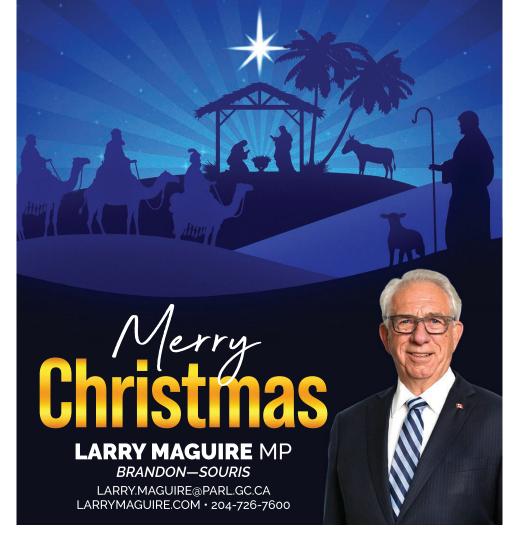
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other reindeer, she had a purple nose. When they touched it it would shoot out Christmas lights. The other reindeer made fun of her and called her names like purple nose. Sometimes they circled around her and said Violet the purple nosed reindeer. Oh such a silly sight. This made Violet sad so she hid behind a berry bush her nose blended with the berries and the snow covered her body. Santa was picking ornaments to give to the kids but he ran out of ornaments. Violet

overheard him and said I don't care if they make fun of me to help. She said to Santa to touch my nose so Santa touched her nose and ornaments appeared. So Santa said you can lead my sleigh tonight. So all the reindeer helped Violet get ready to deliver presents to all the good boys and girls. And Violet never got madefun of again. Merry Christmas!

GRADE 4 THE PERFECT **REPLACEMENT FOR RUDOLPH BY KIRK BOLES**

If Rudolph were to get sick on Christmas

Season's Greetings

Eve, I think the Bernaki Snow Leopard formed in the Milky Way, glowing brightly with purple, would be a perfect fit. First of all, the Bernaki Snow Leopard can run faster than the speed of light from running up steep mountains. So the Bernaki Snow Leopard could easily keep up with the other reindeer. Secondly, the Bernaki Snow Leopard can jump even the greatest heights and distances, so it could jump from rooftop to rooftop. Lastly, the Bernaki Snow Leopard can easily pull the sleigh with its incredible strength. The humble

mythical cat would be happy to help make sure every nice boy and girl would get a nice present.

THE FLASH BY CONNOR BRETHOUR

If Rudolph were to get sick on Christmas Eve, I'll replace him with The Flash! First, because he is fast and can keep up with the reindeer, then he can get Christmas done faster. Second, he can walk on water super fast, so he won't get wet and waste his time. He can deliver presents without trouble. Finally, he can phase through walls, so he can go through the wall and drop off the presents. So, that's why I think The Flash should replace Rudolph.

FENCE STRETCHER SAVES THE DAY

BY JAMES GREASLEY

If Rudolph was sick on Christmas Eve, I think my sheep, Fence Stretcher, would be the perfect replacement! First, my sheep, Fence Stretcher, is an experienced leader because every day she leads the sheep on my farm to the field. This proves she could lead the reindeer. Secondly, I could wrap red Christmas lights 20 times around her neck because she has a long neck. The lights would let the reindeer see. Finally, she can handle the cold Arctic winds because of her thick wool. She would not mind pulling Santa's sleigh through the cold air. That's why my sheep, Fence Stretcher, would be the perfect replacement!

THE PERFECT **REPLACEMENT BY KOLBY MCDONALD**

If Rudolph got sick on Christmas Eve, who can take his place? I think that Spider-Man would be the perfect reindeer replacement. First, Spider-Man can jump so high, he can jump to different houses at a time! Second, Spider Man has spidey senses, so he can know if objects are in the way. This would help with sky traffic. Lastly, Spider-Man can run really fast, so he can deliver presents

faster and the children will be happy! So now, if Rudolph was ever sick, Spider-Man would help guide the sleigh. The End.

A GOD'S HELP TO SAVE **CHRISTMAS** BY JACKSON VAN DAMME

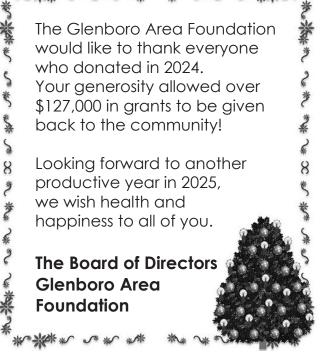
If Rudolph was sick, who would replace him? I think Poseidon, the Sea God, would be the perfect replacement! First, Poseidon is very fast in water, so he'd be so helpful in the water around the islands where children live. Second, if something bad happened he could poke it with his trident, a three-pronged spear. If anyone tried to hurt Santa or the reindeer, he can stop them! Third, he doesn't get tired because he is a God and Gods don't get tired, so he can go around the world. Poseidon would make it look quick and easy, like nothing happened!

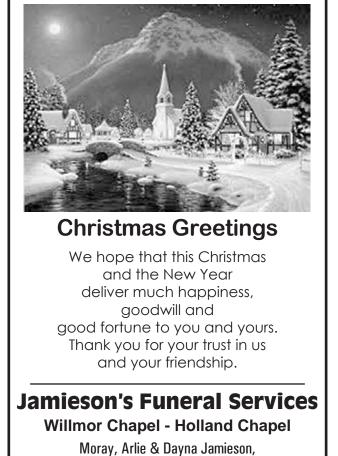
GRADE 5

DANCER THE GREAT BY LUCA ABURTO

On Christmas Eve, Rudolph got sick. Dancer would be a great replacement. Firstly, Dancer already knows Santa's route and all he needs is to strap a set of lights on his antlers. Second, Dancer is always in the front with Dasher so he's one of the strongest reindeer. Santa trusts him to do his job. Lastly, I

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Gerry DeSmet, Scott Smart, Rick Hamilton

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In the spirit of the season, best wishes

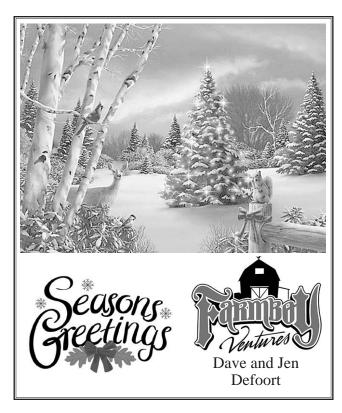
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think Dancer would do a great job because he enjoys watching all the children around the world open their presents. This is why I know Dancer would help Santa and the reindeer have a joyful Christmas!

TIMMY THE PTERODACTYL **BY RICO SCHMIDT**

If Rudolph is sick, who's going to replace him? I think a Pterodactyl will do perfectly! First off, he can easily fly the sleigh because he is very strong, he has night vision, and he can glide quietly through the sky! Next, it has a pack of other Pterodactyls who can take turns with Timmy! Finally, it trains for flying everyday, and drinks a protein drink daily! So, I think Timmy is perfect to replace Rudolph!

CHRISTMAS EVE BY MARGARET KLASSEN

If Rudolph would be sick on the day before Christmas, who could take his place? I think Lucy, my dog in Mexico, would be the perfect replacement. First, Lucy is fast. So like Santa, she would be quick to take the presents to the houses. Second, Lucy is strong. So Lucy could easily pull the

sleigh. Finally, Lucy is a good listener to me, so Lucy would listen to Santa too. Lucy would be a good choice to take Rudolph's palace, so Christmas is magical for everyone.

JOLA SAVES THE DAY BY LIAM YEO

If Rudolph got sick, I believe Jola the Snow Leopard would take his place. Firstly, Jola is really fast and she would pull the sleigh like butter. Second, she is strong and would keep the reindeer in the shape to keep them at her speed, Finally, Jola can find her way either in daylight or dark. Leopards have sharp eyes. She will get the reindeer wherever they need to go. So, this is why I think Jola would be the best choice to take Rudolph's place.

MERRY CATMAS BY ANYSSA GILLIS

Oh no! Rudolph is sick and he needs a replacement. I think my cat Lightening Mic Meow, also known as Chicken, would be a great candidate. First, Mic Meow is a strong and confident leader. She is really tough and can fight racoons. So I know she will whip the reindeer into shape. Second, when cats walk they kind of trot and gallop and prance

like a reindeer, so she will look just like a reindeer. She might be small, but she is mighty. Finally, cats always land on their feet, so landing on houses won't be a problem. And to top it off, she is fast, strong and eager and snow does not affect her because she lives outside. That's why she would be perfect for the job. I'm sure Christmas will be a success.

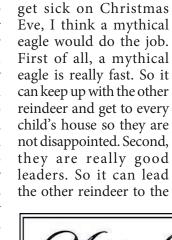
COCO SAVES CHRISTMAS BY AISLYNN DESROCHERS

First, I think that a pony named Coco can do it because ponies kind of look like reindeer, so I think Coco would be awesome. Give him some antlers! Coco is already brown, so he would look cool. Second, he can

gallup and he can lead. He would definitely keep

> GRADE 6 A RUDOLPH REPLACEMENT **BY JORDAN KAYE**

up with the other reindeer and help Santa deliver presents on time. Lastly, he has an extraordinary personality, he is tough and knows a lot. He is so fantastic with his friend making skills. This would help make the night go smoothly. I think they would love Coco! He's incredible. His personality is just awesome and he's great! What if Rudolph got sick on Christmas Eve? Sick on Christmas Eve? Poor Rudolph...sick on Christmas Eve! What now? No Christmas? I hope not.



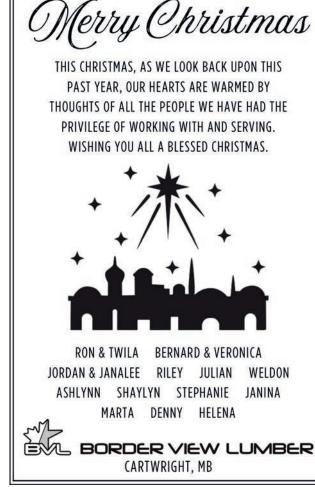
If Rudolph were to

homes. Finally, they are quiet and stealthy, so they will not wake up any boys or girls. With the mythical eagles help, every boy and girl will have a wonderful Christmas!

> THE NEW RUDOLPH **REPLACEMENT** BY LOGAN NEUFELD

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Glenora and Baldur will be picked up Friday, December 27th

The Rural Municipality of Argyle and LUD of Baldur would like to wish everyone a **Very Merry Christmas** and Happy New Year!

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If Rudolph got sick on the day before Christmas, who would take his place? I think a mythical Sun God would be a perfect reindeer replacement! First, the Sun God can fly very fast so he can keep up to the reindeer. Second, he can light up the way to the houses when it is dark. Finally, the Sun God can go invisible and make the reindeer and Santa only see him so the children don't wake up from the bright light. So, if Rudolph got ill, a Sun God would be perfect.

A NEW REINDEER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE BY HENRY KLASSEN

If Rudolph got sick on Christmas Eve, who could take his place? I think a flying dragon would be the perfect reindeer replacement!

First of all, he would be super fast at flying. A dragon could deliver all the presents to boys and girls on time. Second of all, he is the best at listening to the directions Santa would give him. Finally, a dragon can see in the cold which is good to lead the sleigh in the night. This is why I believe a dragon is the best replacement to lead Santa and the reindeer to have a

successful Christmas.

SID THE SLOTH HELPS SANTA!

BY KYLIE BRETHOUR

Oh no the rumors are true! Santa needs a replacement reindeer. What if Sid, the sloth from Ice Age, helped pull the sleigh. First, he lives in the cold, so that would not bother him to be in the cold air. Second, Santa can give him powers to fly and that would help him guide the sleigh in the night. Finally, he is strong and can hold up a lot. So he's going to be the new reindeer.

GROOT TO THE RESCUE BY THAD CIMARNO

If Rudolph got sick, Groot from Guardians of the Galaxy, could do the job. First, Groot can shrink. Groot is able to get into tight spaces, so this will help with getting gifts into the houses. Second, Groot is very stealthy and he looks like a tree. This will help him sneak into children's houses and he can hide in trees if someone woke to see him. Finally, Groot has great vision. His eyes could guide Santa's sleigh in the night to all the houses around the world. A Guardians of the Galaxy Groot would be a great choice to make Christmas great.

Where did the red-nosed marvel originate from?

by Gayle Johnson

GAZETTE STAFF

Rudolph has not always been one of Santa's reindeer, so where did this red-nosed marvel originate from?

In 1939, Robert May, a copywriter employed in the Ad department of Montgomery Ward, a major department store in the United states, was tasked with producing the stores' Christmas colouring book, a treasure that was given away every year during the Christmas season. According to Robert, the only instructions for the colouring book he was given was that it had to feature an animal.

During the time he was working on the much anticipated Christmas colouring book, Robert suffered a devastating loss when his wife passed away, leaving him to raise his young daughter alone. Refusing an offer from his employer to take a leave from his position, Robert shared, "I needed Rudolph now more than ever."

Getting down to work on this project, he based the main character on his daughter's favourite animal in the Lincoln Park Zoo - a reindeer.

Robert created Rudolph, a small young reindeer with a special gift that made him the perfect pilot at the front of Santa's sleigh.

In reality, Robert fully admits that the shiny red nose that Rudolph sported was a symbol that "happier times lay ahead"he was right - that year Montgomery Ward gave away a record breaking 2.4 million copies of the Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer colouring book. Unfortunately, a wartime paper restriction meant that once they ran out of the colouring books already printed, no more could be secured until 1945.

Once the colouring book started being printed again it became more popular than it had been in 1939 - but Rudolph's story didn't end there!

In 1949 Gene Autry released the song, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, which was written by Johnny Marks who had recently married Robert May's sister.

In 1964 a movie was made about the now famous Rudolph, and although many other movies have been released since then, the original movie is still broadcast today.

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We will be Closed December 20th - January 5th







Wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Steve Bjornson & family; Our quality carpentry staff: Darrin, Braydon, James & Brayden

Bjorn Enterprises Ltd.

Glenboro 204-761-0424



Wishing you a holiday season trimmed with every happiness!
We couldn't pick better customers than all of you, and we thank you for your kind support.



The Nelson Family and Staff

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Glenboro



Brian, Brock, Evan, Julie, Taylor and staff

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Santa is in need of new elves

It is that time of year again. Santa has put out "Help Wanted" ads and the Grade 4 students at Glenboro have applied!

Dear Santa:

You should hire me as a security elf. I tell the truth all the time and I can stand up pretty much all day so I could stay in one spot on duty. But I would have to blink but no one would have to see that. Everybody loves hot chocolate and so do I. It will help me stay awake. Working in the cold and snowy weather will be no problem because I like to stay outside a lot. Hiring me would be the smartest thing you do all year. From Jaidyn

Dear Santa:

If you're looking for a new security elf or not, hire me. You'll wish all the security elves were as good as me! First of all,I play hockey. It's a team sport so I work well with a team. Santa, hot chocolate is a toasty sweet treat, why wouldn't I like it? Also I am made for the snow. I love all the activities you can do like snowmobiling. As well, I play hockey. When I play hockey I have to be alert so I think I'm pretty alert and will see everyone who tries to sneak by. You grant wishes by giving presents of what they wish for-so why not grant my wish of being hired? Merry Christmas, From Cora

Dear Santa:

Are you looking for a decorator elf? I am confident I could do the iob! Santa, first of all, I love fashion but I don't use it much but I will use my fashion ideas to decorate the North Pole. I am not that neat but I will put the snow neatly for you Santa!! Also, I'm the tallest in my class, ask my teacher, so I can reach high places. And obviously I Love Glitter!!! I like to use it in all of my crafts. Santa please hire me as your decorator. It will be the best choice you ever make!!

From Kailee

Dear Santa:

You should hire me as a toy tester elf. I play with all kinds of toys at home like horses and kitchen stuff so I I could test new toys. When I am done playing I clean up so I will clean up for you at the North Pole. Please hire me Santa. Love Aleigha

Dear Santa:

I'm positive that I'll be the best designer elf that you have ever hired.First of all, I have really good fashion - just look at my work when you hire me. (It will blow your beard off)! Second of all, red, white, and green aren't really my favourite colors but at Christmas time you know I'll use them! Are you serious Santa, just ask Mrs. Jarvis - she'll tell you how creative I am. Seriously Santa, just come

to my school and look at my art, it's beautiful and the Santa hat that I design for you will be just as beautiful.! Santa- it would be the biggest mistake you have ever committed in vour whole entire life if you don't hire me! From Leigh

Dear Santa:

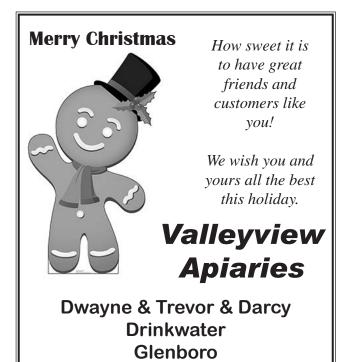
I'd love to be one of your Security Elves. I think that I would make a very good Security Elf! I am very Alert because of my ADHD, so I can make sure no unwanted people get in. If someone were to get in, I would catch them with the Security cameras. Also I love following Clues and it is so fun!I am also a very good team player so I'd make sure to tell other Security Elves if someone got in. And I'm also pretty strong so

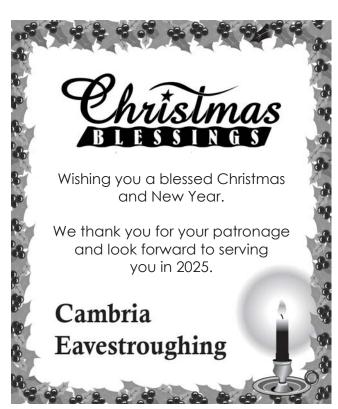
I can pull them to where they should be. Oh and I would be drinking HOT CHOCOLATE the entire Time! So Santa you should definitely hire me! By Duncan

Dear Santa:

Can you please grant my wish of being a designer elf? I have put almost every outfit together since I was 7 and I'm nine now. I like drawing. I can draw holly, stripes etc. I am so creative I mean I'm the best at creating things. Just check out my habitat in a box. I love bells and I want to listen every Christmas Eve but my mom makes me go to bed early. So I would like to put bells on all kinds of things I design. I totally think that I would

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happy holiday and all the best in 2025.

Thanks for your patronage.

S. & M. Safety & Repair



May your holiday season be filled with lots of good times and cause for celebration. Your support gives us much cause for good cheer. Thanks, everyone!

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2025



Thank you for your continued patronage!

Sandra Hamilton Accounting

Sandra & Kent



We hope it's a great holiday!"

Friends like you deliver so much joy at Christmastime and all year. Thank you for your loval support!

	December 23rd	9:00 - 5:00				
Christmas /	December 24th, 25th, 26th	CLOSED				
Holiday	December 27th	9:00 - 5:00				
Hours:	December 30th	9:00 - 5:00				
Α .	December 31st, January 1st	CLOSED				
	January 2nd	9:00 - 5:00				
	January 3rd	9:00 - 5:00				
	Merry Christmas and					
	Happy New Year	to all!				

Baldur Pharmacy

Connie Ricard, Erica Canada - 535-2577

Santa is in need of elves

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be a good designer elf and even if I fail I will try again, so please hire me. Love Isabelle

Dear Santa:

Do you need help? I would be the best of the best scout elves.

Must have good memory: I don't have a good memory for small stuff but I can write it down so I don't forget.

Must be able to stay still for a long time: I can stay still for a long time but every few hours I flinch but it will be too small for humans to see.

Must like to visit different places:I love to visit new places like Clear Lake! And I play hockey

so I have to go to all kinds of different places like I'm going to Hamiota for a tournament this month.

Must like writing down information: I'm not good at writing neatly but I can work on it. I wrote all this anyway so I can write down names for the nice or bad list.

Must have a good sense of humor and like to play tricks: I love playing tricks on my brother and sister all day everyday, mostly my brother but it's okay.

I'm confident I will be the best scout elf of the year!

From Sawyer

Dear Santa:

I will be the best delivery elf you have ever met in your life! First of all, I sleep in the dark so I am not afraid of the dark. I definitely can work quickly. I won a medal in running every year. I also can work super quietly I promise. Also, I definitely will like reindeer because I have a dog and I usually take care of her. So will you hire me to be a delivery elf? I am obviously the best choice. By Brielle

Dear Santa:

Are you looking for a new nice list elf? I'm confident I would be the best you have ever seen. First of all, I always use my best printing. You can even ask Mrs. Jarvis. Santa - I can write quickly.My mom makes me make the grocery list when we are running late. I have got good at telling if people

are being good or bad because I always tell my dog if she is being good or bad. Writing letters are the best, you know I like writing you one every year. Licking envelopes is awesome and stamping stamps is the best, I always ask to do that at home. If you don't hire me as your nice list elf - I'll put you on the naughty list. By Lilah

Dear Santa:

I am confident that I will be the best toy tester elf that you have ever had. First of all Santa, I will be the best toy maker elf because it does not matter what toy it is. I can test any toy. I love reading in class so reading instructions will be no problem. Santa, I made a really good habitat in a box so I can obviously make toys for you. I can make any decisions as a goalie. I make quick decisions all of the time. Santa I love cleaning at school but maybe not as much at home but I will clean for you Santa. Ok Santa - make the best decisions this year and hire me. From Aidan

Dear Santa:

Do you have a spot for a designer elf? Because I am confident I will be the best designer elf ever! First of all, I have great fashion sense- just ask my friends (They will say yes).

Secondly, I'm very creative. If you leave me with a blank piece of paper for 1 minute and you come back, it'll be covered with stripes and dots. And maybe I'm not the best at sewing but I could do it a little and I can get my grandma and mom to teach me a bit more. Are you SERIOUS Santa? Must love art? My teacher (Mrs. Jarvis) gave me an art book and I am almost finished with it!!! So obviously I will be the best designer elf you hired ever in your lifetime!

Sincerely, Tinsel Sprucewood/Aiza

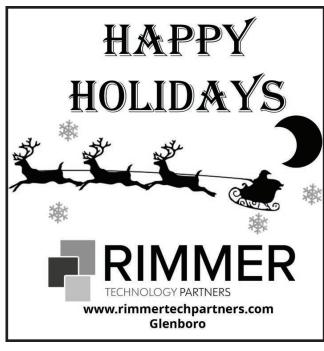
Dear Santa:

I am confident I would be a good delivery Elf. I can fly whenever - I am ready santa. I have not flown before but I know I will love it! I can be in the dark and not scream, but not my brother because he will scream. I am a good team player at home and on my hockey and baseball teams. I cannot be quiet Santa but I can try to be quiet when it's Christmas and we're at a house dropping presents at their house under the tree. Hire me Santa, you won't regret it! by Jacob

Dear Santa:

I could be a delivery elf. I like to swing so I would like to ride in your sleigh. I like reindeer and I can stay up late to deliver presents with you. Please hire me.

From Danial





Killarney



Glenboro South Cypress Library





every minute of serving you this year. Thanks for your kind support!

Glenboro UCT #943

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!







Christmas is ... By the Glenboro Grade 3 Class

Christmas is when the By: Evelyn Defoort snow falls.

Christmas is having a nice

Christmas is giving joy to your family and friends. Christmas is decorating the tree.

Christmas is opening the presents.

Christmas is saying prayers. Christmas is watching a movie.

Christmas is cuddling together.

Christmas is playing a lot. Christmas is having fun. By: Breah Friesen

Christmas is opening presents on Christmas. Christmas is playing games with family.

Christmas is building gingerbread houses. Christmas is decorating the

tree with my family. Christmas is helping mom make Christmas cookies.

Christmas is trying to catch Santa.

Christmas is spending time with family.

By: Brooklynn Berry

Christmas is opening presents I have been dying to see.

Christmas is spending time with friends and family. Christmas is going to my friends house for a Christmas party.

Christmas is building snowmen and snow forts. Christmas is baking gingerbread houses and gingerbread men.

Christmas is decorating the Christmas tree.

Christmas is going sledding and having fun.

Christmas is having fun with family.

Christmas is giving people presents.

Christmas is spending time with friends.

Christmas is listening to Christmas carols.

Christmas is saying Happy Christmas to my sister, mom and dad.

Christmas is going to grandma's Christmas

Christmas is getting presents from my family. By: Bexley Plett

Christmas is spreading kindness around the house. Christmas is only opening one present on Christmas Eve.

Christmas is making gingersnap cookies. Christmas is telling jokes

with mom and dad. Christmas is opening presents on Christmas Day. Christmas is leaving a letter for Santa.

Christmas is opening stockings last. By: Braxton Fehr

Christmas is spending time with friends and family. Christmas is opening gifts with my family.

Christmas is giving gifts to friends and family.

Christmas is trying to catch Santa in the act.

Christmas is looking to see if Santa is real.

Christmas is watching a fireplace video on the tv when we are opening gifts. Christmas is making cookies with Tara.

By: Deaglan Wilson

Christmas is going to my cousins and having a sleepover and getting presents.

Christmas is having Christmas pancakes with family.

Christmas is decorating the tree with my family.

Christmas is putting icing on the cookies with my brother then eating them. Christmas is getting up and waiting to open presents. Christmas is watching a Christmas movie with my family.

Christmas is putting on a Christmas hat and taking a picture.

By: Elle Zalluski

Christmas is giving gifts to my family.

Christmas is running outside in the snow.

Christmas is making cookies with Nana and Mom. We make oreo and chocolate chips.

Christmas is making gingerbread houses every year.

Christmas is having fun with my new toys. Christmas is being in a

Christmas parade. Christmas is trying to catch Santa.

By: Logan Caron

Christmas is playing video games before bedtime. Christmas is sneaking a look at presents before my mom and dad wake up.

Christmas is listening to Christmas carols.

Christmas is opening presents as fast as we can. Christmas is getting together and having fun. Christmas is finding the elf that Aiden hides.

Christmas is guessing presents before opening them.

By: Owen Vallotton

Christmas is putting decorations on the tree. Christmas is baking Christmas cookies with mom.

Christmas is getting Christmas pjs.

Christmas is putting up the Christmas tree.

Christmas is listening to Christmas music.

Christmas is trying to catch Santa.

Christmas is singing Christmas songs.

By: Gianna Foord-Kelcey Christmas is sharing and caring.

Christmas is spending time with family.

Christmas is getting presents.

Christmas is decorating the tree with my family. Christmas is buying people

presents. Christmas is having so much fun.

Christmas is seeing Landon and Sara and Hailey, my cousins.

By: Keaton Gerbrandt

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Season's Greetings



We would like to thank the community for their continued support in 2024. We hope that the new year brings health and happiness to all.

From the owners and staff at

Meadowview Autobody & Glass

Chris & Denise, Eric, Natalie, Dylan and Dean



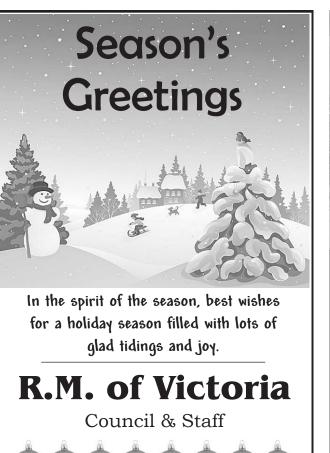
Season's Greetings

"It has been our privilege to help you build your dreams! Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!"



929 Broadway Ave., Killarney, MB R0K 1G0 C: 204-534-5057 www.springhilllumber.com







Tis the Season to say thanks!

We really appreciate your continued and loyal business this past year.



Christmas is ...

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Christmas is putting ornaments on the tree. Christmas is when Santa comes and drops off presents.

Christmas is visiting family and friends.

Christmas is making cards for my cousins.

Christmas is opening gifts on Christmas Day.

Christmas is watching Home Alone movies and eating popcorn.

Christmas is the best holiday in the world. By: Cooper Cnudde

Christmas is spending time with friends and family. Christmas is grandma and grandpa coming over to my house.

Christmas is decorating our Christmas tree.

Christmas is my kitten knocking down ornaments. Christmas is making cookies with grandma. Christmas is mom & dad



PHOTO BY SUZANNE PADDOCK

The Glenboro Health Centre had a float entered in Glenboro's "Tis The Season" parade on Saturday evening.



Wishing you a blessed and joyous holiday!

Killarney Optometric Centre

Dr. DeCock, Dr. McGill and staff www.killarneyvision.com • 204-523-4613

getting mad at my elf. Christmas is my elf putting candy canes on the tree. By: Finley Funk

Christmas is very special to me because we get to spend time with each other. Christmas is special to me because I get to give my family presents.

Christmas is good to me and my family because I get to decorate the tree.

Christmas is my favorite holiday because I get gifts and my family gets gifts too. Christmas is a family tradition because I get to open gifts first and then my brother goes.

Christmas is good because Santa gives us a gift and we only get one gift.

Christmas is a special holiday because Santa is special.

By: Hailey Blain

Christmas is spending time with friends and family. Christmas is listening to music.

Christmas is making gingerbread houses.

Christmas is making cookies with my mom and dad.

Christmas is watching movies.

Christmas is taking out the Christmas tree.

Christmas is putting the ornaments on the Christmas tree. By: Levi Wellman

Christmas is singing Christmas carols outside

Christmas is more important than it sounds because it is Jesa's birthday. Christmas is giving presents to people.

Christmas is helping people who need it. Christmas is being with friends and family. Christmas is all about kindness.

Christmas is so fun. By: Sara Potter

Christmas is when we decorate the tree.

Christmas is when I wake up and find presents. Christmas is when we do Secret Santa.

Christmas is when we make breakfast in the morning. Christmas is when I see the people open the present I

got them. Christmas is when I play with the presents I got. Christmas is when we are together having fun.

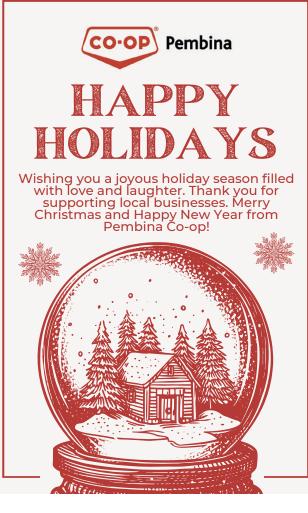


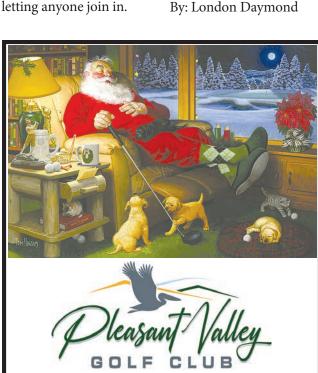


Glenboro Cat Rescue

Thank you for your support







would like to thank everyone for their patronage during the 2024 season. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Berry family.







SALE PRICES IN EFFECT DECEMBER 2024

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

Due to store size, all items in this flyer may not be available at all locations or exactly as illustrated. Dates may vary by retail outlet. Stores have the right to limit quantities and add enviro and deposit where applicable. All beef cut from Western Canadian Grade AA beef or better. Some items may only be available at stores with an in-store bakery.





Ground Pork

\$**3**69

Pork Loin Chops











\$449

Shake'n Bake Assorted 140 - 184 g

CORN

Crumbs

Kellogg's Corn Flake Crumbs 575 g



Cavender's Greek Seasoning

\$**4**49





\$149

Swiss Chalet Sauce or Gravy Mixes Assorted 25 - 51 g





3/\$4

Mixes Selected Varieties 20 - 47 g

Wonder

Wraps



Pork Loin Roast Rib End

\$399 \$8.80/kg



Split Chicken Wings

Sirloin Tip

Marinating

Steak

\$**599**





Packaged Meat



\$599

Burns Bacon 375 g



\$599



\$699

JUMBOS

Schneiders Juicy Jumbos Assorted 375 or 450 g

JUMBOS



\$499 \$1100/kg

Olympic Bulk Sausage Pure Pork or Pork & Beef



\$**6**99

Maple Leaf Natural Ready Crisp Bacon Slices or Pieces 65 or 85 g



\$299

Salads Assorted 454 g



\$**F**99

Harvest Naturally Smoked or Farmer's Sausage Assorted 375 g



\$**9**99

Aqua Star Garlic & Herb Shrimp Butterfly-Cut 340 g





Deli





Tim Hortons Coffee Assorted 875 or 930 g

\$2199



Ocean Spray 100% Juice Blends or Cocktails Assorted 1.77 or 1.89 L





Sunny D Citrus Punch Assorted



Breakfast

Kellogg's Cereals Selected Varieties 227 - 510 g

\$499



Tim Hortons Tea Assorted 20 pk



Nescafé Instant Coffee Assorted 100 or 170 g

99



Tetley **Orange Pekoe** Tea Bags 72 pk

699



General Mills Cereals Selected Varieties 297 - 380 g

\$499



\$499 **Nestle Carnation Hot Chocolate** Assorted 7x25 or 10x25 g



199



Pillsbury Toaster Strudel Assorted





Cream of Wheat Hot Cereal Assorted 336 or 800 g





Activia Yogurt Assorted 625 or 650 g



Kellogg's Eggo Waffles Original 48 pk 1.68 kg



Wonder **English Muffins** Assorted 6 pk





Planters Peanut Butter Assorted 1 kg





Oikos Greek Yogurt Selected Varieties 650 or 750 g



McCain **Breakfast Potatoes** Selected Varieties 600 or 650 g



Cavendish Farms Skin-On Diced Hash Browns

\$499



Smucker's Pure Jam or Marmalade Selected Varieties 250 mL





<u>Bakery</u>





Deli World Light Rye 900 g



Fresh Baked **Cinnamon Bread**



Cinnamon Buns



\$399 **Dinner Rolls** White 12 pk



Promise Gluten Free Muffins or Cakes

Mini Christmas Donuts Assorted 6 pk

Voortman Wafers or **Turnover Cookies** Selected Varieties 300 g

SEASONAL **FLAVOURS**

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Baketree Puff Pastries or Danishes Selected Varieties 4 - 12 pk

Assorted 240 or 320 g





Assorted 135 g

16.5 oz (468 g)







Swiss Chalet Pot Pies Assorted 650 or 655 g

Frozen & Dairy



Pillsbury Pizza Pops Assorted 380 g



Smucker's Uncrustables Assorted 208 or 232 g



Selection Vegetables Assorted 750 g



Dairyland **Lactose Free Milk** Selected Varieties 1.89 L



Dairyland





Becel **Plant Butter** Garlic 227 g







PastryWorld Cake To Go **Parfaits** Assorted 100 or 110 g

McCain Superfries, **Bistro Selects or Fun** Assorted 454 - 800 g







McCain Medleys Assorted 400 g



Tastlez Assorted 400 or 500 g



ICE



Ocean Spray Cranberry Cocktail or Sparkling Cranberry Beverages Assorted 6x295 or 6x340 mL



Coca-Cola Beverages Assorted 6x222 mL



Coca-Cola **Beverages** Assorted 8x300 mL





Sparkling Ice Water Assorted 503 mL

Grocery





Minute Rice Assorted 1.2 or 1.4 kg





Selection

341 or 398 mL

Assorted

Vegetables

VH Marinades Teriyaki, Honey Garlic or Sweet & Sour 341 mL



Idahoan **Mashed Potatoes** or Cup Assorted 43 or 113 g



2/\$5

Knorr **Sidekicks** Pasta or Rice Assorted 120 - 153 g



Primo Beans Assorted







Primo Pizza Squeeze Assorted 375 mL



Becel Margarine Assorted 637 or 850 g

All Purpose Flour Original

Dairyland **Whipping Cream** 946 mL



Robin Hood Oats Assorted



BeeHive Golden Corn Syrup 500 mL



Eagle Brand Sweetened **Condensed Milk** Original



Pillsbury Crescents



Carnation **Evaporated** Milk Assorted 354 mL

2/\$5



Eagle Bra

Pillsbury Country Biscuits





Nature's Nuts Walnuts Assorted 100 g



Pillsbury Cookie Dough **Chocolatey Chip** Mazola or Crisco Oil







Vegetable

Cocktail

Assorted

6x156 mL

Kraft **Peanut Butter** Assorted 1 kg





Kool-Aid Drink Mix Assorted 517 g

K-Cups Assorted 12 pk





Heinz Tomato Juice 1.36 L





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TREATS

for Santa

Christie Oreo, Chips Ahoy!, Fudgee-O, Dad's **Cookies or Biscuits** Selected Varieties



Maynards Candy Assorted 150 - 185 g

Micro Mini Eggs











Nestle King Size Chocolate Bars or Pops Assorted 63 - 86 g



Paradise Candy Assorted 90 or 100 g





Del Monte On Ice Fruit Beverages Assorted 1.89 L





Thick & Zesty **Pasta Sauce** Assorted 680 mL



Primo **Tomatoes** Assorted 796 mL



Kraft Parmesan **Grated Cheese**



CATELLI

Catelli **Classic Pasta** Selected Varieties



Catelli **Lasagne Noodles** Assorted 250 - 500 g

Household





Ziploc Sandwich Bags



Ziploc Slider Freezer Bags Large 10 pk,

Double Zipper Freezer Bags

Large, Medium or Small 14 - 25 pk





Glade Candles Assorted







Minimum purchase of \$25 pre-tax on participating Kruger Products*

Purex Bathroom Tissue Ultra 3 Ply, UltraLuxe 2 Ply Triple Rolls 8 pk or 2 Ply Double Rolls 12 pk

Sponge Towels UltraPro 2 pk

Scotties Facial Tissue Supreme or Original 6x81 or 6x126 pk

Bonterra Paper Towels Mega Rolls 2 Ply 3 pk







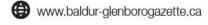
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 Sunday, Closed

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