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Pair of local residents win Holiday Giveaway’s big prizes

■ Daniel Bushman

With a strong emphasis on shopping local this holiday season, as part of the annual Holiday Giveaway campaign, thousands of entries were submitted by people utilizing businesses within Watrous and Manitou Beach. With a \$5,000 grand prize to be spent locally and a \$500 gift card from Saskatoon Co-op in Watrous as the secondary prize, a pair of local residents were this year’s winners.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the draw took place in the home of Vickie Clarke, Community Development Officer with the Watrous Manitou Marketing Group. Streaming live online, Clarke used her niece’s playpen as a draw drum because of the substantial amount of entries received for this year’s giveaway.

Stirring the entries Dec. 21, Clarke pulled out the winning names of Georgina Cotts and Susan Hawkes, both of Watrous. Cotts received the grand prize of \$5,000 which she can spend at any of the participating businesses while Hawkes took home the \$500 gift card from the Saskatoon Co-op in Watrous.

Clarke presented both women with their winnings during the morning of Dec. 23 and each were thrilled to have won.

“When I got the call that I had won, I was surprised,” said an excited Cotts who entered her name at a number of local businesses during the Holiday Giveaway. “I have always shopped locally, especially this year.”

Cotts who has resided in Watrous for a number of years noted she is not one to really win anything. So when she got the call from Clarke, at first Georgina was a little unsure and thought maybe it was a scam but then when she realized she had indeed won, she was elated. “Now I just have to decide what I would like to spend the money on.”

When Clarke called Hawkes, like Georgina, Susan was in disbelief but was thrilled to learn she had won the gift card to the local Co-op. “I always shop local and I was overwhelmed when I found out I had won.”

Born and raised in Watrous and raising her own family in the community, Hawkes recalled winning a large prize from the Watrous Chamber many years ago and also a draw from the Shop Easy grocery store when it was still in operation. Then with the pandemic and the way 2020 had gone, winning the gift card was a real highlight for Hawkes. “I’ve been pretty lucky in the past with a few draws and I am just so thankful to have won this \$500 gift card. It will be put to good use, that’s for sure!”

With the Holiday Giveaway being another big success, Clarke was pleased that 2020’s shop local campaign provided a few smiles as well.

“My understanding is that we have averaged well over 20,000 entries each year since the giveaway was first started and with the pandemic forcing people to stay closer to home, I would imagine we more than surpassed that



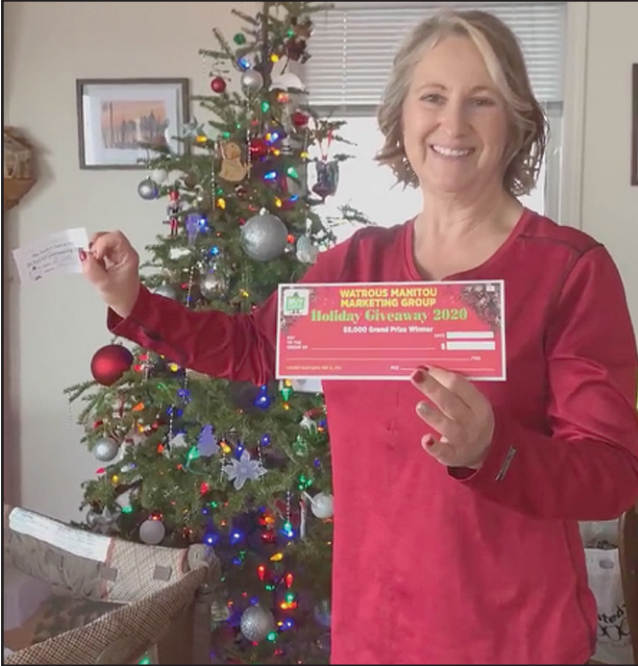
number this year. Hearing from both Georgina and Susan and how much they value shopping local was really encouraging and I know that there are many more people from our community and even the surrounding area who utilize our local businesses. As a marketing group, we are so grateful for their support and I appreciate all of the local businesses who stepped up and participated again this year, especially during the year that we had.”

Clarke also noted that with the thousands of entries from customers shopping at local businesses, it illustrated just how much shopping is being done in the area. “By running our annual Holiday Giveaway, it acts as a great opportunity to promote local businesses and we are lucky to be able to have the services we do.”

In addition to the grand prize and secondary prize, a number of the participating businesses also gave away their own prizes (you can find the winners on page seven of this week’s edition). “We really appreciated the willingness of businesses to provide their own prizes and also the residents and visitors who decided to shop locally this year. Without that support this Holiday Giveaway would not be the success that it is.”



►There was reason to celebrate in Watrous as this year's Holiday Giveaway winners were both from the community. Winning the \$5,000 grand prize was Georgina Cotts (left) while Susan Hawkes (above) won the \$500 gift card to Saskatoon Co-op in Watrous. Picking the names out of a playpen full of entries was Community Development Officer Vickie Clarke (below).
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for anything nor handled the counterfeit money. Both were wearing masks and were observed driving away in an older but good condition red sports car. Police continue to investigate these occurrences and are seeking public assistance.

If you have information please call 310-RCMP for immediate response, or you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Collision west of Prince Albert

On Dec. 21, 2020, at ap-

proximately 5:30 p.m., Prince Albert RCMP received a report of a head-on collision on Hwy. 3, approximately 5 km west of Prince Albert. RCMP officers, including an RCMP Traffic Reconstructionist, Parkland Ambulance, and Prince Albert and Buckland Fire Departments attended to the location of the collision. Road conditions at the time of the collision were extremely icy.

Preliminary investigation indicates an eastbound car collided head-on with a westbound truck after the eastbound car pulled into the westbound lane.

The eastbound car had two occupants, a 30-year-old male from Prince Albert and a four-year-old boy from Parkside, who both passed away. The RCMP will not be releasing their names.

The westbound truck had two occupants, a 34-year-old female, and a three-year-old girl, both from the Shellbrook area, who were both taken to hospital with what were reported to be non-life-threatening injuries.

Hwy. 3 between Cedar Avenue and 15th Street Northwest was shutdown and traffic was re-routed for several hours as the investigation was conducted and the scene cleared.

Alcohol is not considered a factor. The investigation is ongoing.

Police issue tickets for unregistered vehicles

In November, police in Saskatchewan caught 341 people driving while suspended and issued 558 tickets for driving an unregistered vehicle or a trailer.

That is according to SGI as the company stated police also issued tickets for the following offences: 221 drivers driving without a valid licence; 102 learner drivers driving without a supervising driver; and 37 drivers who were not complying with a licence endorsement or restriction.

Police in Saskatchewan spent November focusing on suspended drivers and unregistered vehicles as part of SGI's Traffic Safety Spotlight. Driving without a licence, while suspended or when your vehicle is not registered voids your insurance if you cause a collision. If you are caught, penalties include fines, court summons and vehicle impoundments.

Driving while suspended is a safety concern. There are many reasons why someone's licence may be suspended but they are all a result of an authority determining that the driver is not allowed to operate a vehicle.

Police also reported: 3,867 tickets issued for speeding and aggressive driving; 226 tickets for improper seatbelt or child restraint use; 447 distracted driving tickets (including 384 for using a cellphone while driving); and 357 impaired driving offences (including 294 Criminal Code charges).

Significant increase in church break-ins

The Saskatchewan

RCMP Crime Prevention/Crime Reduction Unit (CP/CR) has a mission to reduce crime in Saskatchewan by targeting known criminals and repeat offenders. To do so, it analyzes the features of crimes committed in Saskatchewan and finds patterns of crime.

The CP/CR has recently confirmed the existence of a new criminal trend in Saskatchewan. Since the beginning of the year 2020, there is a significant increase in breaking and entering, thefts, mischief and attempted breaking and entering into Saskatchewan churches.

From January 2020 to November 2020, 64 of these incidents have occurred in 55 churches across Saskatchewan. This represents an increase of 60 percent in break-ins in churches in Saskatchewan since last year.

This new trend affects churches of all denominations. Nothing indicates these crimes are motivated by hate, racism or ideology.

In most of these incidents, the doors of the church have been opened by force at night, after the church was closed and left vacant. Items such as money, electronics, computers, guitars, safes, freezers and refrigerators were stolen.

The majority (43) of this year's church break-ins occurred in Central Saskatchewan. The churches in this area have seen an increase of 173 percent in break-ins since last year.

Monica Deters, the CP/CR crime analyst who compiled and discovered the extent of the break-in increase, is categorical

about what this means:

"This increase in church break-ins is concerning enough that it creates a pattern. Even though the break-ins mostly happened in the Central District and during the summer, this new criminal trend is noticeable because these break-ins happened all year and across Saskatchewan. It is imperative that we all get involved to better secure these buildings."

Saskatchewan RCMP is asking Saskatchewanians to help make church buildings more secure. Stay alert, especially at night, and report any suspicious activity around churches to your local RCMP detachment or police service.

If you are a resident, keep an eye on your community's churches and ensure your religious representatives know about this new increase of break-ins into churches.

If you are a community representative, find ways to discuss the possibility of repurposing and managing abandoned churches in your community.

If you are a church caretaker, lock the doors when the church is empty, secure the objects of value of the church in a locked space, note the identifying features and serial numbers of the electronics and household items of the church and install motion-detector lights, alarms and/or security cameras around the church.

Breaking and entering occurs when someone enters a building without permission with the intent of committing a crime, generally to steal or damage property. It is a Criminal Code offence.

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The Village of Viscount invites applications for a Certified Administrator for a one-year maternity leave. Ideally, the successful candidate would train for approximately 5-8 weeks with the Administrator prior to her maternity leave. The potential start date would be between January 1st to February 15th, 2021. The Municipal Office is located in Viscount, SK and is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Village Office is a shared office with Long Lake Insurance.

The ideal candidate will possess:

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- Experience with budgeting, financial operations, assessment, taxation and general office management;
- Excellent organization skills;
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;
- Strong computer skills including experience with MuniSoft programs;
- The Village of Viscount offers competitive salaries and benefits.

Application period will remain open until January 8th, 2021 or until the position has been filled. Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and detailed resume including references, and salary expectations to:

Village of Viscount

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Email: viscount.office@villageofviscount.ca

The Village of Viscount wishes to thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For further information you may call the Administrator, Cyla Quiring at 306-944-2199.

Health facility renewal projects include local area

■ Daniel Bushman

Local health renewal improvements to facilities in Watrous, Imperial and Lanigan along with others in Saskatchewan will be taking place through a \$100 million investment. As part of the Government of Saskatchewan’s two-year \$7.5 billion capital plan, more than 1,000 projects have been prioritized for completion at Saskatchewan Health Authority facilities.

While some have been completed or are currently underway, others have not quite started or remain in the planning stages. Through a detailed list of projects provided by SHA, here is what the local facilities in Lanigan, Watrous and Imperial will be seeing as far as maintenance and projects go:

Lanigan Hospital: replace deteriorated flooring (completed); fire suppression (execution phase); replace roofing (not started); renovate supply room (not started); and shower room (not started).

Watrous District Health Complex: upgrade HVAC Controls as BAS no longer repairable (planning); and hospital shower room floor replacement (planning).

Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility: replace

heating lines (not started); crawlspace ventilation (not started); flooring replacement (not started); roof shingle replacement (not started); parking lot upgrade (not started); and underground fuel tank replacement (not started).

Provincially, for all sites: perform load testing on all emergency generators up to 100Kwt. with in-house staff (not started); development of provincial security operations centre (protective services operations centre) (planning); provincial infrastructure renewal program development - 20/21 (planning); provincial nurse call program 20/21 - Sask Builds (execution); provincial signage (planning); CMMS (not started); PMO - 20/21 (planning); FCI renewal (planning); provincial infrastructure renewal program development 21-22 (not started); continuation of provincial nurse call program (planning); PMO - 21/22 (planning); and nurse call provincial program for nurse call reserve (execution).

“We know how important it is to have well-maintained, efficient health care facilities to serve our residents,” Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. “These investments help to ensure a safe environment while

providing quality care in many communities. They will also help us continue to build a strong Saskatchewan by stimulating the province’s economic recovery.”

“The SHA is pleased to be able to proceed with priority maintenance projects and upgrades at our facilities,” SHA Vice-President of Infrastructure, Information and Support Andrew Will said. “This will mean safer, more comfortable experiences for our patients and visitors, and better work environments for our staff.”

SHA indicated there were a number of projects that already started in summer and fall including in Regina and Saskatoon with others on the docket like installation of oxygen concentrators in rural hospitals to ensure a ready supply of self-generated oxygen for patients, and reduce the risks and challenges associated with delivery-dependent supplies in rural and remote areas.

In addition, the provincial government noted the replacement of roofing and windows is planned at health facilities in a number of smaller communities and about 60 long-term care facilities across the province will receive funding for maintenance and upgrades.

Projects receiving funding are expected to be completed over this fiscal year and next.

VIDO’s COVID-19 vaccine receives clinical trial approval

■ media release

The Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) has received a notice of authorization from Health Canada to initiate a Phase 1 clinical vaccine trial.

“The approval to initiate a human clinical trial is a milestone for VIDO,” said VIDO Director and CEO Dr. Volker Gerdts. “This is the first of our two COVID-19 subunit vaccines in development and demonstrates the quality of our research, development and partnerships.”

Subunit-based vaccines are a proven technology that has been used in many commercially available vaccines—including for hepatitis, diphtheria, and whooping cough—

with an excellent safety profile. These well-established vaccines are relatively stable and have not required ultra cold storage temperatures.

The authorization from Health Canada enables the Canadian Center for Vaccinology (CCfV) in Halifax to begin recruiting volunteers for the first Phase 1 clinical trial. CCfV anticipates that the volunteers will be vaccinated in January.

“This is the first university-based COVID-19 vaccine to begin Phase 1 testing at CCfV. The purpose of this trial is to demonstrate the safety of the vaccine in humans,” said CCfV Director Dr. Scott Halperin.

Assuming all goes well with the trials and in obtaining regulatory approvals, VIDO expects to have at least one of its vaccines ready for use by late 2021, Gerdts said.

“To have sustainable long-term vaccine access, I think it’s important for Canada to continue on with its own vaccines,” he said. “COVID-19 is not going to go away.”

VIDO’s vaccine development leveraged the expertise of several international and national partners. The adjuvant (Sepivac SWE™) was developed by Seppic in collaboration with the Vaccine Formulation Institute (VFI) and is based on technology recognized for its efficacy and safety in influenza vaccines. The vaccine antigen developed by VIDO was produced under good manufacturing practices (GMP) at Biodextris using a cell line from the National Research Council of Canada.

The clinical trial application for the second vaccine candidate, which uses an adjuvant developed by VIDO and collaborators, will be submitted when GMP manufacturing of the adjuvant is completed by Dalton Pharma Services.

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Opinion



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Sympathy from the community to the family of the late Doug Eley who passed away Dec. 3 at Dalmeny.

The old weatherman turned on the cold temperatures for a few days. I hope everybody is

keeping well and staying safe with this COVID. I hope it will soon be gone.

Donna Beres of Saskatoon visited with Joan Campbell.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2021.

VISCOUNT

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Welcome to the new year! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. Now to enjoy what 2021 has to bring us.

There was no slowdown for the Blankets for Canada ladies. No, they have kept busy since Evelina's last write-up for the paper. So much so she was able to deliver 21 blankets to a shelter in the city! As usual, they were warmly (no puns intended) received with open arms, ever so grateful for a delivery just in time for Christmas. It is greatly appreciated those who have donated their time, yarn and help in any way to make these blankets available to those in need. Merry Christmas to all!

On Dec. 17, it was Viscount Central School's Virtual Christmas Concert.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Stay warm, stay safe and have a great week!

PLUNKETT

Deloris Wilson (Sutherland) • 306-944-4852

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Happy New year to everyone and I hope we have a better year ahead of us.

It is hard writing news when there is not much news around.

Ken and I had a phone call from my granddaughter Lisa in New Zealand and they are having summer there now. They are going to a beach for a couple weeks.

Birthday wishes to anyone having birthdays this month.

Margaret Millsap sold her house and has moved

to Saskatoon. We wish her well on her move. We will miss her.

It was nice hearing from my cousin Les Tayfel and his wife Pat. He had a heart attack this summer and has to deal with that. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

We now have mule deer in our back yard looking for crabapples.

There has been a lot of rodeo shows on TV. We find them instead of curling.

If anyone has any news, please phone me at 306-944-4852. Thank you.



Tips from
Reena Nerbas

hold the album in front of a video camera and video all the pages. Maybe someone else has a better idea. Mary

Dear Mary,

With the advancement of modern technology, help is on the way. While sitting at a computer, take some time to scan photographs onto your computer or take photos with a cell phone. There are several wonderful companies who can help you create photo albums and they will mail them to your home i.e. blurb.com and shutterfly.com are two examples. Online courses are available to teach you how to make albums that will last for years and will not take up much room. It is easier and more affordable than you might expect.

Dear Reena,

I have had a smell coming from the furnace vent in the bathroom ever since the heat came on and it smells like cat urine. Just wanting to know if you have any suggestions besides getting the ducts cleaned; we do not have the money right now. Thank you very much. Angie

Dear Angie,

Is the smell the result of a cat or could it be something else? Wet insulation (caused by high humidity) sometimes smells similar when wet. A dehumidifier might help the smell. If the smell is caused by a cat, the easiest temporary solution is to spray white vinegar or Pet Odor Out products around the areas that smell to neutralize the odour but chances are you will not be happy with the results of air fresheners and surface cover-ups. Investing money into having the ducts cleaned properly or contacting a plumber are your best bets. Extra tip:

Solutions and Substitutions

Dear Reena,

I am retired and plan to downsize soon. I have about 60 large and small photo albums. I wondered if there are any ideas out there to conglomerate them, as I will need a special room just for these albums if I do not. I thought maybe just

without spending much money, it is important to change furnace filters on a regular basis.

Dear Reena,

Without the help of a dry cleaner, can you please tell me how to clean my large area rug? It smells and needs some TLC. Thanks, Rose

Dear Rose,

If possible rent a steam cleaner and clean the carpet just as you would a regular carpet. If the carpet label specifies dry clean only, take it to a dry cleaner. For fibres that specify no water, you can clean the carpet using shaving cream. Spray onto carpet and gently scrub with a soft brush and remove with a soft damp cloth until carpet looks clean and smells fresh.

Dear Reena,

I have a tall clear, single stem glass vase and I have been unable to remove etched cloudy water marks on the inside. I have tried everything from baking soda, salt, vinegar, denture tablets, with no success. Any ideas? Eunice

Dear Eunice,

Soaking the vase with hot vinegar and then gently rubbing the surface with fine 000 sandpaper is a good solution for slightly etched glass. You can also soak the vase in hot water and citric acid (available at your local pharmacy, you may need to order it). If the etching remains, the condition is permanent. If you want to 'refresh' seldom used glassware or crystal which has developed a slight film while sitting in the cupboard, but is not dirty, just hold the piece over the mouth of a steaming kettle and polish quickly and easily with a paper coffee filter. Your glassware will sparkle again!

Note: Every user assumes all risks of injury or damage resulting from the implementation of any suggestions in this column. Test all products on an inconspicuous area first.

Reena Nerbas is a popular motivational presenter for large and small groups; check out her website: reena.ca. Ask a question or share a tip at reena.ca

Who falls asleep at the wheel?



Neighbourly advice
according to Ed

A spiritual column

by contributor

Raymond Maher

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"Things that happen just once can have deadly results," I shared with Ed, my old friend in Saskatchewan. I think that most of us will admit to a little lapse of attention now and again when driving but falling asleep at the wheel can be fatal for oneself and others. If distracted driving causes accidents, falling asleep at the wheel causes disaster. Long distant truck drivers recognize the danger of tiredness and will pull over and

nap in their trucks. It is for their safety and that of others.

Ed and I were talking about the things that are too dangerous to ignore. I wanted some sympathy from Ed as my wife is on my case because my blood pressure is too high. Just because my doctor said it was too high, my wife expects me to get it lowered like I can change it immediately to please her and my doctor. Ed reminded me that my wife told me for years to do something about my snoring. He said that the way I do things, it will take me 25 years to deal with my high blood pressure. So much for any sympathy for me from Ed.

I told Ed that it is easy to expect others to deal with their danger and eliminate it. For ourselves, by the time we become aware that we have a problem, we are often beyond a

simple or quick fix. This is especially true in the case of God's people in the Old Testament. As God's people when we sin, they may not result instantly in disastrous consequences. Individually or together, we can be distracted, not paying attention to God and what we need to do. We may become blind to our sins and our neglect of our obedience to God.

Isaiah speaks of this danger confessing to God: "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away." (Isaiah 64:6)

In the New Testament, Paul warns that it is our time to wake up from our sleep. We can and do become distracted in our faith and can be asleep to our faith's responsibilities. Paul reminds us that we need to become awake in

our faith before it is too late. We tend to live like we have no time limit on earth.

Paul warns: "The night is far gone; the day is at hand. (the return of Jesus or our death) So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:12-14)

Jesus also calls us to stay awake in our faith, for we do not know when He will return from heaven. Concerning His coming, he says that no one knows, only the Father concerning that day or hour. He warns all, "Stay awake. Keep awake." Mark 13:33,37 I say do not be asleep at the wheel of Jesus.

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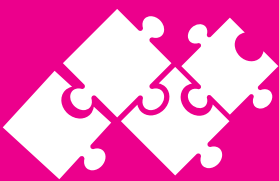
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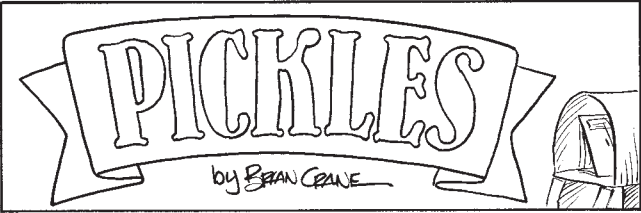
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- 55. Go bad
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- 2. Type of session
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- 9. Kind of tradition
- 10. Arrive

FOR ANSWERS TO SUDOKU AND CROSSWORD, SEE PAGE 11

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS USE AMERICAN SPELLING



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JUST kidding
Q: What do you call it when raspberries play the guitar?
A: A jam session.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Cheese BLT Salad

Ingredients:

- 3 cups torn mixed salad greens
- 8 to 10 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 3 tbsp. chopped sweet pickles
- 1/4 cup cubed Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup French dressing

Directions:

In a salad bowl, toss the greens, tomatoes, bacon, pickles and cheese. Combine the mayo and French dressing, serve with the salad. Any cheese can be used in this salad, one of our favourites is a half mozzarella cheese and half old cheddar.

WHS names winners of Merry and Bright photography contest

■ submitted by
Chelsea Murfitt/WHS

In December, Winston High School hosted an online photography contest. We gave it the

theme “Merry and Bright” with a general theme for students to submit photos that made them happy.

With 2020 being the way it was, a lot of our school activities were cancelled

in order to follow the COVID-19 rules while keeping students and staff safe. Because of that, we wanted to give the kids an opportunity to take part in something fun and unique.

As part of our photography contest, we had 70 entries from our students which were then voted on through our Facebook page. After week one we had over 850 people vote on the pictures. Then for round two, we had 11 pictures advance and of those, 300 votes were cast over four days. From that we selected the top three winners which included: first place - Erika Oakes with a picture of a dog; second place - Breanna Cruise with a picture of her sister in the snow; and third place - Jaycee Sperling with a picture of a cat.

First place was awarded a \$50 gift card to 306 Day Spa, second place was awarded a \$30 gift card from Inksters and third place was awarded a \$20 gift card to John's Plate.

We are really happy with how it went! It was a great opportunity to see some hidden talents of our kids and to give out some prizes and support some local businesses!



►With 70 entries from Winston High School students, the top three winners were announced as part of the school's photography contest. First place went to Erika Oakes (left), second place went to Breanna Cruise (above) and third place was awarded to Jaycee Sperling (below). All three were at the school before the Christmas break to accept their prizes (below left). Congratulations!

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Santa visits Imperial

■ info courtesy Helen Abrey
photos by Joslin Freeman

Friday, Dec. 18, Santa came to Imperial to pay a quick pre-Christmas visit. Since the reindeer were getting rested up for their Christmas Eve sojourn, Mayor Ted Abrey chauffeured him around town and allowed him a quick wave and a bell jingling for many of the residents and children. They passed by the school, where students were excited for their last day of classes and came out to hear the friendly “ho, ho, ho” of this jolly visitor.


A few passes down Royal Street, where younger children were fascinated to see Santa actually coming down their main street, and then a tour out to the Long Lake Valley Integrated Facility were included in the tour. Residents there were delighted to see that Santa still was making the rounds as in years past!



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RODMAN, Clifford James

Clifford James Rodman passed away in Royal University Hospital with his children by his side on December 17th, 2020. He was born on June 30, 1945 in Simpson, Sask. He is survived by his beloved children: Cherene Rodman (Haley); Laura Rodman (Sydney); Chris Rodman (Iona McPherson - Ashley, Emma and Liam Rodman);

and William (Michelle) Rodman (Elle and Harper). He is also survived by his stepfather, Don Arnold, brothers, William (Lorna) Rodman and Robert (Isabelle) Arnold, his sisters-in-law Elaine Rodman and Carol Rodman, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Cliff grew up on the family farm outside of Imperial, Sask. raised his own family in Saskatoon and moved back to Imperial after retiring from owning/operating Churchill Hardware. Cliff always put his family first. He loved his kids, baseball, camping, fishing and anything outdoors. He will always be remembered as a loving son, brother, father, proud grandfather, good friend and “cat dad”. He could always be found on his deck with his friends having coffee.

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Carlton Trail College distributes 2020 scholarships and bursaries

■ media release

Heading into the new year, Carlton Trail College was pleased to distribute 43 awards totalling \$39,500 to deserving student recipients. Through its student awards program, Carlton Trail College continues its commitment to provide skills-based, post-secondary education and training for Saskatchewan learners.

“It’s been a challenging year for students to continue their education,” said Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross, Carlton Trail College President and CEO. “More than ever, our college remains committed to providing a range of supports to help students reach their personal, academic and career goals. Our student awards program is one part of this, as we wish all of our learners success in their programs.”

New in 2020 was The President’s ‘Courage to Grow’ scholarship, valued at \$2,000, and open to student applicants demonstrating perseverance and resilience.

Due to public health restrictions, the college was unable to host an in-person event this year to acknowledge student award recipients. Instead, recipients and donors will be acknowledged virtually and through other means.

“Given the impact of the pandemic on our economy, we’re incredibly grateful to our donors,” said Jennifer Brooks, Carlton Trail College Development and Communications Manager. “Thanks to their support, we are able to recognize many students who are pursuing in-demand skills-training programs.”

Scholarships and bursaries are funded through donations from individuals, businesses, agencies and organizations. Donations raised by post-secondary institutions in the province are matched by the government-funded Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS) program.

Appreciation is extended to the following donors: Bourgault Industries Ltd.; Carlton Trail College Staff; City of Humboldt; CMI Terminal Inc.; Coleen Bowman, CPA Professional Corp.; Doepker Industries; Financial Services Staff; Flaman Sales Ltd.; Humboldt Co-operative Association; Humboldt Smiles Dental Studio; Melron Services Ltd.; Michel’s Industries; Midway Co-operative Association; Olymel (Humboldt); Saskatoon Co-operative Association; Schulte Industries; Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross; Tremblay Electric; and Walker Wood Foundation.

Student award recipients are determined through

a combination of entrance criteria, academic achievements, the students’ involvement in school and the community, as well as financial need.

Carlton Trail College Awards Listing

Early Application Scholarships. Provided to students who apply to a program before a specific date.

The Carlton Trail College Early Application Scholarship for Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt (\$1,000) Blessille Bagui Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The Carlton Trail College Early Application Scholarship for Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard (\$1,000) Randi Riess Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard.

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Performance-Based Scholarships. Provided to students who receive the highest marks in a program.

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The Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Kelsie Bromm Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard.

The Continuing Care Assistant – Punnichy 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Jody Keller Continuing Care Assistant – Punnichy.

The Electrician 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Levi Gudnason Electrician – Humboldt. The Office Administration 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Angela Doherty Office Administration – Humboldt.

The Welding 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Christian Libaton Welding – Humboldt.

The Practical Nursing 2018-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) TBD (Program to be completed 31 Dec. 2020).

The Primary Care Paramedic 2018-2020 Performance



► Carlton Trail College President and CEO, Shelley Romanyszyn-Cross, presents the ‘Courage to Grow’ scholarship award to Practical Nursing student, Kellen Dreger. photo submitted

Scholarship (\$500) Jesika Rachkewich Primary Care Paramedic – Humboldt.

The Power Engineering 2019-2020 Performance Scholarship (\$500) Dion Mohr-Parker Power Engineering – Humboldt.

Application-Based Scholarships Provided to students who demonstrate merit, need or a combination of need and merit.

The President’s ‘Courage to Grow’ SIOS Scholarship (\$2,000) Kellen Dreger Practical Nursing – Watrous.

The Bourgault Industries SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Aaron Gabriel Aquino Welding – Humboldt.

The City of Humboldt SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Rosemarie Baddongon Continuing Care Assistant – Humboldt.

The CMI Terminal Ltd. SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Carla Horvath Continuing Care Assistant – Wynyard.

The Coleen Bowman CPA Prof. Corp. SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Anne Holmlund Office Administration – Humboldt. The Doepkers Industries SIOS Scholarship (\$1,000) Braydon Bentley Welding – Humboldt.

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Manitou Beach Festival of Lights sparkles big time

■ submitted by Sussanna Czeranko
Festival of Lights coordinator

Because there were so many (count ‘em: 142) the judges of the first-ever Manitou Beach Festival of Lights had a tough job choosing the top three winners.

The organizers extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined in to make the festival a huge success. Dr. Sussanna Czeranko coordinated the competition and along with judges Maria Vanderbrie, Shelley Franke and Guy Anderson formed a convoy on Sunday night, Dec. 20 and meticulously toured Manitou village streets to pick the winners. Sponsored by the Village Rec Board, the Festival of Lights sparked huge interest from the village and visitors to Manitou Beach who toured the amazing, colourful light shows.

First prize (the mayor and councillors prize) was awarded to a breathtaking display of diamonds in the snow, one big snowman and much, much more created by Tracy Street at 204 Winnipeg St.

Second prize was awarded to Warren and Irene Bradley and Shirley Parsons who collaborated at 201 Hall Street for their marvellous, whimsical light display.

Third prize went to longtime village resident Grant Olm at 408 Lakeview who created so much variety of colourful shapes of light in his front yard.

A fourth prize, “the coordinator’s choice,” was awarded to the dazzling blue and green light display at 510 Elizabeth Street by Trisha and Curtis Hanson.

There were so many homes with stunning installations also deserving of prizes, such as the front and back combination at Serenic View, and the reds, greens and wonderful blues at 304 William, the laser show and lights at 210 Albert Street, flashing brilliance seen at 218 William and magnificent reds at the corner of Richards and many other addresses.

This year’s extravagant feast for the eyes got off to a fabulous start with the light shows on Elizabeth Street coming down into the village. Manitou Beach sure was decked out for the holidays this year.

The organizing committee extends its gratitude to the



▶As part of the Manitou Beach Festival of Lights, a snowman was ready to shovel snow at 204 Winnipeg Street (above right) and was part of the first prize light display. Decked out for the holidays, 201 Hall Street (top left) was the second prize winner.

photos submitted and by Daniel Bushman

Resort Village of Manitou Beach mayor and council for their generous gifts comprising the first prize and to the businesses who form the backbone of our community. When asked to participate in events, they never fail to show up and contribute generously and without hesitation. Those who contributed to two magnificent gift baskets included: Dwight of Manitou Springs Hotel and Mineral Spa, Lane of Oda Coffee and Wine Bar and TB’s Bar & Grill, Jana from the Beach House (previously known as Serenic View B&B), Little Manitou Art Gallery, Relics, G-G’s Gallery & Gifts, Manitou Mini-Mart, Murray’s Disc Golf, Shelley’s Hair Studio, Guy Anderson, Watrous Home Hardware, Darrell’s Carpentry, Gator Plumbing, and Manitou Waters.

If we had 142 homes displays lights this year, fasten your seat belts for next year. Have a safe and healthy holiday.

Winner selected for Watrous Christmas Lights Tour



photo by Daniel Bushman

■ Daniel Bushman

Leading up to the holidays, residents in Watrous were treated to some pretty incredible Christmas lights displays put up around the community.

Wanting to spread some holiday cheer, the Town of Watrous launched its first-ever Christmas Lights Tour, encouraging residents to nominate addresses featuring the best displays.

The nominations were then recorded and posted on the Town of Watrous’

Facebook page for people to check out. Each address that was listed was entered into a draw for a chance to win a gift certificate to a local Watrous business of their choice.

Nearly 40 entries were submitted and on Dec. 21, Watrous Mayor John Gunderson was on hand at the Town office to pull a winning entry. With their house decorated beautifully and music playing in the background as people passed by, this year’s winning house belonged to Lee and Colleen Bells. Congratulations!



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