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From the Editor's desk

A global pandemic, new rules and guidelines, feeling anxious and isolated while trying to stay safe during uncertain times perhaps sums up 2020 in a nut shell. I am not sure many would have expected 2020 to go the way that it has when the clock struck midnight to commence the new year.

For us in Saskatchewan, it was 'normal' for the first part of the year but like the rest of the globe, our world was turned upside down as the pandemic arrived. But despite the changes and living through a new normal, we have arrived at our final paper of 2020.

To be honest, when the pandemic first hit Saskatchewan and the province faced closures in an effort to curb the spread of COVID-19, I was not sure if we would continue to publish a paper this year. Like so many others, there were a lot of question marks early on and we tried our best to navigate through those times. We also had to reluctantly make a few adjustments but we were able to remain open and ultimately publish a paper.

While you may have noticed there have been weeks that our paper has been smaller than normal, we felt it was important to continue to publish a paper and keep our readers informed. That could not have been done without our incredible staff and our advertisers, many of whom continued to support us through advertising during the pandemic. For that, we are so grateful as that also allowed us to push forward and not ultimately have to close. We also thank our readers for their support through renewing, subscribing and reading our paper. This year has certainly seen more than its fair share of uncertainty but the faith our advertisers and subscribers have put in us was such a blessing to us and again, we thank you for that.

We also extend our sincerest gratitude to our local correspondents who provided us with news throughout the year. And also to Laura Novocosky for her delicious recipes. To those who submitted items, whether stories or photos, your continued willingness to share happenings within your communities is sincerely appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you as well to our friends at our local post offices who sort and deliver our papers each week. While I know it is your job to do so, you go above and beyond for us and we sincerely appreciate it! I also want to thank Lil for her willingness to deliver our newspapers along with a few others who graciously lent a hand during 2020.

Being this is our Christmas Edition, I wanted to give a shout out to the teachers and students at Watrous Elementary School who contributed to this year's edition. I always get excited to see what will come in and with our own kids and nieces and nephews in school as well, I eagerly await to see what they will say. I also appreciate Manitou Lodge for their willingness to help us out with a special feature this year and to the many others who contributed to the edition. Thank you!

I hope you enjoy checking out this year's pages and that they will bring a smile to your face during this unprecedented time. Of course none of this would be made possible without the generous support from local and surrounding area organizations and businesses for their willingness to include holiday greetings. Having that support from advertisers and organizations throughout the



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year is vital for us to continue to operate and it is because of that support we can keep publishing a paper.

As we near the end of 2020 and look to the start of 2021, whether you have all of your Christmas shopping done or not, I would encourage you to please support local and support those businesses and local organizations who graciously advertised in our Christmas Edition this year as they are what keeps a community going.

In closing, this has been a tough year for a lot of people. The pandemic has also put strains on people's mental well-being, relationships, financial means and more. Social media has become a battle ground of misinformation and hate and through this pandemic, one thing I have learned is that the world could use more love. Love conquers and I think we could all use a little more of it and a lot less hate. Through this year I have also realized that there can be bright spots amongst a dismal time. Being able to spend more time at home with family, seeing joy in the little things and having the support of our family, staff, readers and advertisers has meant a lot.

And while we continue to push forward despite the many unknowns that await us in 2021, with Christmas approaching, Kim and I are thankful for the birth of Christ, for our kids, our families, staff, advertisers, subscribers, our friends, and anyone who has played a part in our lives. I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and richest blessings in 2021!

-Daniel Bushman



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►The Watrous Elementary School Kindergarten classes created some Christmas trees this year. Works pictured are by: Everleigh Dunne, Henry Thoner, Greta Jackson, Kinley Beeler, Ivy Foort, Kara Freyling, Jace Carlson, and George Zguri.

Joyful & Triumphant

May this season of miracles bring love, light, happiness, faith and many wonderful surprises to you and yours. Thanks for bringing so much joy to our year with your visits. Friends like you make us truly grateful.
Merry Christmas!

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Season's Greetings

From all of us to all of you, our warm wishes for a truly memorable holiday season.

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WES Holiday Fun

Tuesday, December 1st, 2020
Dear Santa,

Hey Santa! Since I'm your favorite little lady for Christmas could I please have a pink kids Apple Watch!? I hope it's not too much?

First of all, I sometimes forget my phone so I can call my mom using my watch. If I feel sick to my stomach or forget my homework I can make a call. I might forget that I'm on the bus and the bus leaves me behind.

Secondly, I might be bored and I can play a game on the watch, like if I'm going to the dentist. Or if mom is taking me to gymnastics I might be bored on the ride.

Sometimes I'm bored on the bus so I could play a game on it.

Last but not least, if mom decides to change the plans after school, then mom can text me and I will see it on my watch. An example is if I am not going to gymnastics that day she can tell me to go home on the bus. Or if I have to leave school at an exact time and mom forgets to tell me she can send me a message.

All in all, I believe that I should be able to have a pink kids Apple Watch because if I forget something I can call my mom, if I'm bored I can play on it and if mom changes the plans she can let me know. Oh, and because it would

look really fashionable on my wrist. If it's not possible maybe the elves can make me a Christmas Squishmallow or a fancy nail kit from the commercial.

Please say hi to the elves and Mrs. Claus for me!

Love,
Makenna Wingrove
5T, WES

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Dear Mom,

Do you want posca paint pens? I hope you do because I want them. I think I should get a pack of poscas paint pens because it's more efficient than pulling out my paint and paint pallet and pouring the paint

out.

First, I could make a lot of art with them. I can draw and paint with the posca paint pens. Also I can draw on rocks, wood and more. There are a lot of colors and shades, plus pastels.

Secondly, posca paint works better than markers. Poscas go on the surface of your choice and they are very pigmented. They don't have strong fumes like most paint pens do. You can paint with the convenience of a marker. I know that would be wonderful.

Third, it's a new, fun thing to add to my vast array of items. There are many cool colours like turquoise, teal,

navy blue, tropical blue, sky blue, light and dark purple and plum. There are a lot of warm colours as well such as fire truck red, maroon, dark red, hot pink, bubble gum pink, taxi yellow and peach. There are a lot of in between as well. For example, aqua, indigo, violet and light orange.

All in all, I think I

should get poscas. I hope you have a good year.

Love,
Skylar Penner 5T,
WES

**the 5T Christmas letters were submitted before the new COVID guidelines were implemented and further restrictions on gatherings were put in place.*



The Winter Hare
I spotted a hare
Very delicate and white.
I observed the hare
Go seeking for some dinner.
Oh how much I love winter.
By Callie Thoner, 6 WES

Winter
A cold and sharp breeze
shivered the branches and snow.
And I hear laughter
from all the kids in the snow
building snowmen and big forts.
By Ioanna Zguri, 6 WES

THE FREEZING WINTER
Chill to the bone wind.
The pine tree is pokey.
Crystal icicles.
The shiny freezing cold snow.
Christmas is around the door.
By Daniel Jenewein, 6 WES

Cold Winter
The piercing cold wind
Run, the storm is coming!
Go get in your house
The house has a lot of food

We are ready for the storm,
By Joshua Cen Cen, 6 WES

Chilly Breeze
There was a cold breeze
Trees were trembling by the wind.
And I hear the wind
And it tells me something new
It's winter, ready for fun!
By Tyler Thebeau, 6 WES

Winter Feeling
A cold sharp winter breeze,
Is puncturing my cold red cheeks,
A shiver finds me,
I smell my steaming sweet treat,
Finishing my hot cocoa
By Ashlynn Rutz, 6 WES

A Fine Winter Day
Fluffy popcorn snow
Dancing snow from around the sky
As the snow comes down
We run to get our snow gear
Then we run outside and play
By O'Neill Collins, 6 WES

Snow
The snow is fluffy
Swirling around me I said
Frost is cold outside
Freezing cold outside
Snow was so fluffy for me
By Hayley Johnston, 6 WES

I Hate Winter
A cold spreading frost
Crawls up all the door windows
And meanwhile outside,
All things are freezing to death
This is why I hate winter.
By Lucas Manz, 6 WES

Winter Has Arrived
Snow covers the field
Blowing around on the dirt,
And I hear the whirr
Of ski-doo's cruising about,
Freezing snow and ice are here.
By Kash Penrose, 6 WES

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There's so much to be thankful for at this splendid time of year, including the friendship of people like you.

Please accept my gratitude and warm wishes for a beautiful and joyous holiday season.

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Happy Holidays

TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS!

From:
Management and Staff at Manitou Beach Golf Club

MANITOU BEACH GOLF CLUB

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

People may come and go, but memories of the good times shared make the trip worthwhile.

To all those who've come through here, we offer our thanks and warm wishes for the most memorable Christmas, ever!

Manitou Springs
Resort & Mineral Spa
and the Management and Staff at:

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★ *Serenity Massage/Esthetics*

★ **Gift Shop**

★ **Water Crest Cafe**

From all of us to all of you, we extend our heartfelt thanks and sincere best wishes for a sparkling season!

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Hockey is Here!

Kids playing hockey,
Banging sticks on the smooth ice.
The buzzer roars loud
Kids' toes are bitten by cold.
Hockey has begun . . . let's cheer!

By Emma Bushman, 6 WES**Winter time**

A soft gust of wind
Swirling snow hits the back door
And I hear screaming
As people get blown over
Winter and new storms are here

By Kaylin Bartel, 6 WES**Crystal**

Crystal ice is cold
Makes me shiver every year.
Crystal ice is pretty.
Watching it fall from the sky.
Knowing I can go outside.

By Alissa Nimchuk, 6 WES**The Storm**

The harsh freezing storm
blows very harshly outside
all must stay inside
everyone getting frostbite
the freezing storm is here now

By Ken Fernandez, 6 WES**White Winter**

Ground is white and soft
Branches are frozen and cold
The ice is so smooth
Snow is fluffy and squishy
It is time for winter YAY!

By Varan Kaur, 6 WES

The Best of the Holiday Season to You

Merry Christmas to everyone who celebrates this holiday, and Happy New Year to all.

Thank you for all your support.
May the year ahead be
happy and successful.

From all of us at

RITEWAY

Look What's Cooking Holiday Edition

*- recipes courtesy Laura Novecosky***Easy Scones****Ingredients:**

1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 cups flour
1 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1 egg
3/4 cup buttermilk or sour milk
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup of added ingredients (eg. washed raisins or 1/4 cup grated old cheese plus 2 tbsp. Parmesan cheese)

Directions:

Mix flour, salt, sugar and baking powder. Cut butter into these ingredients until crumbly. Add baking soda to the milk or buttermilk. Mix in the egg. Add the liquids to the dry ingredients. Do not over mix. Form into a ball and roll into a round shape about 3/4 inch thick. Cut into pie shaped pieces (or I cut mine into squares or circles). Place pieces on parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake at 400° F for 12-15 minutes.

Skillet S'mores**Ingredients:**

for each s'more....
2 large digestive cookies or graham wafers
1 marshmallow (cut large marshmallow into 3 rounds)
1 tbsp. chocolate chips or small chocolate bar pieces

Directions:

Heat a non-stick frying pan over low-medium heat. Sandwich the marshmallows and chocolate between the cookies. Set in pan and cover the pan. Cook 3-4 minutes, make sure heat isn't too high so they don't burn. Turn over and cook another 3-4 minutes covering the pan again until the marshmallows are gooey. Cool slightly before eating.

Chocolate dipped pretzels**Ingredients:**

white chocolate melting wafers or white chocolate chips
small shaped pretzels

Directions:

Melt the wafers over low heat until melted or melt at 50 percent power in a microwave. Start with 40 seconds on

50 percent power, stir, then microwave at 20 second intervals, stirring between each until the chocolate is melted. Dip the pretzels into the chocolate, coating one side with the chocolate. Let excess drip back. Place on waxed paper or parchment paper to cool. You can also use regular chocolate chips but we love the sweet/salty of the partially coated pretzels using the white chocolate.

Gingerbread People**Ingredients:**

1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup molasses
1/4 cup water
2 3/4 cup flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
2 3/4 tsp. ginger
1/2 to 1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. allspice

Directions:

Cream shortening and sugar. Beat in egg then molasses and water. Blend the dry ingredients and add to this mixture. Cover and chill in fridge for 1/2 to 1 hour. Roll on floured surface about 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick. Decorate with candy or raisins. Bake at 350° F for 8-10 minutes on a greased cookie sheet. When I use this to make larger gingerbread people or to make gingerbread houses, I always roll about 1/4 inch thick.

Crackles**Ingredients:**

2 cups white sugar
2 cups corn syrup
1 cup cocoa
1 1/2 cups butter
16 cups cornflakes

Directions:

So easy, makes a large batch. Mix all ingredients except corn flakes in a large dutch oven. Bring to a boil and cook about three minutes. Pour over the cornflakes. Line muffin tins with paper liners and pack this into the muffin pans. Cool. These freeze well and store well.



photo by Daniel Bushman

Merry Christmas
Our wish for you:
Peace of mind,
prosperity through the year,
happiness that multiplies,
health for you and yours,
fun around every corner,
energy to chase your dreams
and joy to fill your holidays.

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Have A Happy Holiday!
*With sincere best wishes to our neighbours, patrons and friends.
Your support means everything to us. Thanks!*
LEWIS AGENCIES LTD.
*Sharon Crittenden and staff
Imperial, Sask.*

Look What's Cooking Holiday Edition

- recipes courtesy Laura Novecosky

Spaghetti Sauce

Ingredients:
1 lb. ground beef
1 tbsp. oil
1 onion finely chopped
1-2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1/4 tsp. basil
1/4 tsp. thyme
1/2 tsp. oregano
1 can tomato soup
1 small can tomato paste
1 soup can water
3-4 tbsp. Parmesan cheese
salt and pepper (about 1/2 tsp. each)
1 bay leaf (optional)

Directions:
Heat oil, all onion and garlic, cook about two minutes. Add the meat and the spices. Cook until no pink remains in the ground beef. Add the remaining ingredients and simmer for about a half hour. Remove bay leaf. Pour over cooked spaghetti. This makes a large amount of sauce, but the sauce freezes very well.

Homemade seafood sauce

Ingredients:
1/4 cup ketchup
2 tsp. horseradish sauce
1 tsp. lemon juice

Directions:
Combine all ingredients in a small bowl. Chill for about an hour to let flavours mingle. Never have to buy seafood sauce again!

Taco Soup

Ingredients:
1 lb. ground beef
1 envelope taco seasoning
1 envelope dry ranch dressing
1 cup of each of these: onion, red and green peppers, and celery
1 can sliced mushrooms (save the juice)
2 cans kidney beans
2 cans diced tomatoes
2 cups water

Directions:
Fry ground beef, add ranch dressing, taco seasoning and mushroom juice. Add remaining ingredients and simmer about an hour. Serve with taco chips, grated cheese and sour cream.



With Bright Wishes

Friends like you are "deer" to us.
Merry Christmas!

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Happy Holidays!



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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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When it comes to serving you, the pleasure's been all ours.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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From our family to yours



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It's been a privilege and a pleasure serving you. Thanks, everyone!

R.M. of Wood Creek and Village of Simpson

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Merry Christmas!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE MANAGEMENT & STAFF
AT
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Dana Skoropad, MLA

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Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year**



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Town of Allan
Mayor, Councillors & Staff



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Wishing you a
season that's
merry and bright.

Allan School
Staff and
Students

A Wish For You at Christmas

May the coming season bring
Peace and joy and all good things;
And when the holiday is through,
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and many thanks
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Thanks*

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The Warmest Cheer
The Greatest Happiness

Thanks to all of our
ratepayers for making this
year a special one!
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RM of Lost River

Council & Staff

*May the
miracle of
Christmas
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with JOY*

**Merry
Christmas**

From the
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On Earth*

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OF GOOD
CHEER**

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Delivering Best Wishes
At The Holidays

**Town of
Colonsay**

Mayor, Councillors & Staff

**BRIGHT
HOLIDAY
WISHES**

With warm regards
from all of us to all of
you this holiday season.

RM of Colonsay No. 342
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*Merry
Christmas*

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