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The Sun-Tribune's York Region Media Group Santa Fund helped make the holidays brighter for 49 families, many of them much larger than usual, including 17 from Yellow Brick House. These less-fortunate families were able to enjoy presents and the joys of the season thanks to the incredible \$4,300 in cash received from generous readers and clients. Here office manager Melanie Attridge and marketing staffer Tyler Duncan line up at Walmart to cash out all the gifts. In fact, it took Santa Fund shoppers — including Mike Banville, Courtney Atherton, Joe Castaldi, Sabrina Holt and Alex Leclerc — an incredible 45 minutes just to pay for all the items at the checkout! Thank you to all our readers and advertisers and staff who support this fund year-round.



POLICE: Seven impaired charges RIDE program in Twitter-sphere

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The battle against impaired driving in York Region has taken an off-ramp into the Twitter-sphere.

As part of its annual enhanced seasonal RIDE spot check program, York police has taken to social media to spread awareness of the dangers of being boozed or drugged behind the wheel.

When combined with more traditional impaired driving campaigns, the use of social media, through the hashtag #FestiveRIDE, is a way to keep pushing the message, Sgt. Sarah Ridell said.

So far, seven people have been arrested for driving drunk during this year's festive season RIDE, compared to six last year, she said. As usual, officers are stopping cars at spot checks and uniform officers are responding to emergency calls about suspected impaired drivers.

In one such case Dec. 15, police received a 911 call from a motorist at about 5:10 p.m. The vehicle that became the focus of police attention collided with another car on Bathurst Street near Carrville Road in Richmond Hill, police said. Two people were hospitalized with serious injuries.

An Aurora man, 31, is charged with dangerous driving, impaired driving causing bodily harm and driving with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

In a month's worth of RIDE blitzing, police have stopped more than 21,500 vehicles and administered 98 roadside tests.

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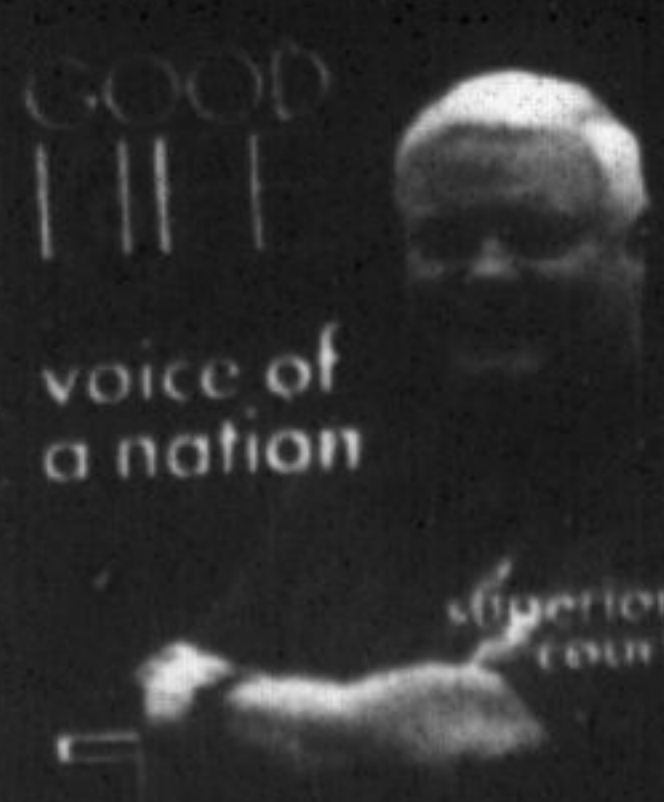
HOLIDAY PLATES

Turkey, Cranberry & Cheddar Pocket Pies

These conversation starters are a perfect solution for leftovers from your holiday meal. So delicious and full of flavour, you'll want to make them again and again!

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Remove pie shells from tin and allow to thaw at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes.
3. Remove both pie shells from tin and place onto a clean, flat, lightly floured work surface. If cracks appear in pastry, press together and repair using fingers moistened with water.
4. Cut out six shapes from each pie shell using a (2 3/4-inch x 4-inch / 7-cm x 10-cm) cookie cutter. Set any leftover dough aside.
5. Combine turkey, cranberry sauce, cheddar and pepper in a small bowl. Divide mixture evenly between 6 cut outs, mounting in centre and leaving a 1/4-inch (5 mm) border. Top with remaining cut outs. Gently press edges together, and crimp with a fork.
6. Brush tops lightly with milk and bake for 12-15 minutes, or until pastry is golden. Allow pies to rest for 10 minutes before serving.

TIP: To keep pies from becoming soggy, pre-bake the pie shells for at least 15 minutes before baking. Use any leftover dough to cut out shapes to use with the pie crust. Wash milk in cups used to drink to prevent it from becoming soggy.



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