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FOOD



The bakers at House of Bread created a 100-pound cinnamon roll to display and eventually eat for the store's grand opening event Nov. 16.

LET'S ROLL

House of Bread employees create 100-pound cinnamon confection



Chris Brown cuts a giant roll of dough and cinnamon sugar into cinnamon rolls while preparing for the grand opening event for House of Bread on Nov. 16. The bakers had to make all of their regular Saturday morning baked goods as well as extra for the event.

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The Whispering Creek Shopping Center was dark and abandoned at 6 a.m. Nov. 16, save for the white light spilling from a new addition to Victoria's food scene.

A sweet warmth filled the air inside House of Bread as the aroma of freshly baking bread wafted through the bakery, where employees had already been working for hours to make the day's baked goods.

As they tirelessly rolled out dough in a race with the rising sun, a special goal was on the horizon for the bakers this day: the biggest cinnamon roll Victoria has ever seen.

In celebration of the store's official grand opening event, the staff created a 100-pound cinnamon roll for patrons to ogle and snack.

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As his wife, Ann, right, watches, House of Bread owner Tom Fitzwilliam helps his granddaughter, Cora Nichols, 4, apply the inaugural frosting to the 100-pound cinnamon roll created for the Nov. 16. grand opening event. After Cora spread a little bit of the frosting, the staff covered the entire roll.

HOUSE OF BREAD

- **WHERE**: Whispering Creek Shopping Center, 6304 N. Navarro St.
- **HOURS:** 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday

CITY LIFE

Belief in Santa Claus keeps season magical



ANITA SPISAK
SMELLY SOCKS

Do your children still believe in Santa Claus? My boys, thankfully, still do. I'm thankful for that for two reasons. First, and I admit this is selfish on my part, but I can still use Santa against them when they are not behaving as they should be, and second, because like all parents, we still want our children to believe.

This world is so cynical and jaded, and it seems like our children tend to grow up much faster now than we ever did, and to believe in Santa still means they believe in something good.

Adam is 7, and Charlie is 4, and I don't know how much longer Adam will continue to believe, but I'm hoping for at least another year or two. And knowing the type of boy he is, he will continue to perpetuate the illusion for Charlie for what I hope is many more years to come.

I write this because this past Thanksgiving, in addition to visiting my parents up in Northern Wisconsin, going sledding (yes, they had enough snow) and eating enough turkey to actually start looking like one, the whole family was planning to go to the small town of Boulder Junction, Wis., where Santa and Mrs. Claus were planning to visit.

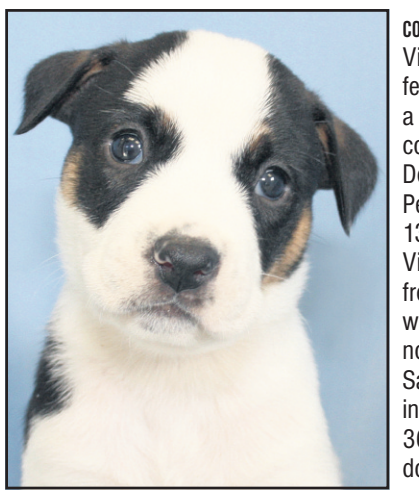
The whole day, the boys were antsy. They got up extra early knowing that they were going to see Santa that afternoon. I tried to sleep in a little, knowing that there was no school that day, but when Adam was told to shush, he yelled to Charlie, "Charlie, be quiet. Mama and Papa are trying to sleep!" Well, there went my dreams of sleeping in late on the day after Thanksgiving.

During the day, Adam kept writing and rewriting his list so as to keep all the

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PET OF THE WEEK

Lots of pets are available for adoption from area shelters. See them on page E4.



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Vixen is a 2-month old female Boxer mix with a white and black coat. Find her at the Dorothy H. O'Connor Pet Adoption Center, 135 Progress Drive, Victoria. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call 361-575-8573 or visit docpac.net.

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