

— ROASTING — CHICKENS

We're going to feature our really large Air-Chilled Chickens. To start with, these chickens run loose in really large barns... but by definition these are not free-range because they have no access to the outdoors, not that they'd want it this time of the year anyway. They eat as much or as little as they want, usually a lot, of corn and grain. The air-chilled part refers to the de-feathering process, and after. Rather than using really hot water to remove the feathers and with them, the outside layers of skin, cooler water is used, which leaves the skin, and unfortunately the odd feather, with the bird... a bit of a trade-off really. Then they are left to chill-down in circulating air rather than an ice-bath. A lot of the flavour of poultry comes from the skin, partially explaining why the anemic white chickens you see are generally flavourless, and wet, from the ice-pack. Ours are dry and flavourful... and our guys usually get all the feathers before you do! These chickens average about 5lb in size, give or take, and will feed 6 people easily, and usually more. Reg. \$3.69/lb.

HOCKEY WITH HEART

Our Hockey with Heart team is on a "breakaway" with our Christmas Food Drive. We will be doing our usual street walks beginning the first weekend of December, leaving a bag and a note and then we will return on Sunday to pick it up. What we are looking for is either food, new unwrapped gifts or large bags of cash! If you miss our Grocemobiles or Firetruck, you can bring the loot to our store and we'll look after it from there. To find out if and when we will be on your street, visit www.thevillagegrocer.com.

— WINTER — BLUES SALE

We're thinking cheese here, and we've got lots to think about. We've picked 7 distinct blue cheeses from different parts of the world.

How about **Gorgonzola, Bresse Bleu, Stilton, Roquefort, Creamy Danish, Cambozola and St. Agur?** Get your crackers

ready and your cookbooks, because they can be enjoyed in so many ways. The regular prices range from \$3.99 to \$7.99/100g, and they will all be featured at

1/3 OFF THIS WEEK

— BEAUTIFUL — POINSETTIAS

We are now in full bloom, and it looks great. There are many colours and flower varieties to choose from, and there is nothing quite like these to warm a room. There are extra-large, medium and small, and two further lots of front-porch outdoor arrangements that look amazing. And speaking of warm, how good are the lights on our little outdoor gazebo? I love this season!

— DEL MONTE — PINEAPPLES

These are super-sweet pines from Costa Rica. We bought the largest size this week — 5's — and they are too big to fit in our coring machine, so you'll have to slice them at home. **\$2⁹⁹ ea. THIS WEEK**

— ROGERS' — CHOCOLATES

We do have some Advent Calendars, as well as a large assortment of their famous chocolate in all shapes and flavours. From closer at hand we have quite a selection of very locally made Aunt Sarah's too, as well as Fraktals and from ever further afield than all. We have elegant assortment of Francois Pralus from France.

— NEWCASTLE BROWN — SAUSAGES

These are larger version of English farm sausages, but with a bit of a twist of orange and a finish of Newcastle Dark Ale. I like these with mashed potatoes and gravy, but hold the mushy peas! Regular 5.99 lb **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

WHAT'S COOKING AT THE DELICIOUS DELI!

Let's start with a **Fresh Minestrone Soup**. The translation in Italian is "everything except the kitchen sink", and that begins to describe the variety of ingredients. And like a finely conducted orchestra, they all play a part! Regular \$7.95/Per 900mL. **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

Next up is our **Napa Salad**. This is my afternoon snack at our store on a daily basis because I find it light but fully satisfying, and the flavour is "fresh". We make this a couple times per day because it's a salad that should be eaten day-of, rather than the next day. Regular \$1.99/100g. **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

Our next item is a **Seafood Risotto**. This is made with Italian arborio rice with a medley of seafood with chicken stock as well. This is sold in 4"x5" foils. **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

Not done yet! We'll be making lots of our **Chicken Parmesan**, an item that we featured recently but we didn't make enough to go around (sorry). Regular is \$4.39/100g. **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

From our Frozen Section there will be two items; the first being our now-famous **Curried Squash and Apple Soup**. It's got a heavenly aroma and it tastes even better!

The second item is our **Lamb Curry**, an item that Doreen used to make going back a good 20 years. It's just as delicious as back then because it's made in the same way as "back then". Regulars are \$7.95/900mL and \$21.95 8"x5" foil respectively, **25% OFF THIS WEEK** and they will both be featured at

THIS WEEK AT THE FLATO MARKHAM THEATRE!

This Saturday, Nov. 29th, there will be **SULTANS** and a full **SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** visiting the Theatre...and it will be **SPECTACULAR!**.. Imagine, Canada's best world music band "The Sultans of String" and the Ontario Philharmonic presenting a musical journey through Europe, Middle East, South America, Canada and more!...This is a unique and rare opportunity to experience the warm musical melodies of the world with the powerful sound of a full Symphony Orchestra...more than 65 musicians on stage in the intimate setting of the Flato Markham Theatre... See you Saturday!

— WHAT'S FOR — LUNCH!

We'll be riding the coattails of our American brethren this weekend when we have **Hot Turkey Sandwiches** available at the cafe. We take generous slices of turkey breast, put them on a kaiser before we smother them in gravy, our sage and onion bread stuffing and our brandied cranberry sauce. These will be featured Thursday to Saturday **\$7⁹⁵ EACH**

Sunday Brunch will start with our **Chicken Noodle Soup**, with a choice of either **Prime Rib Stew**, a **Chicken Pot Pie** or **Penne Carbonara**, with either rice or potato, tea or coffee and a mini dessert, should you have room. Served from noon till 2 **\$10⁹⁵ PER PERSON**

WHAT'S THE BUZZZZZZZZ?

Looking for an easy way to entertain during the holiday season? Join us on **Wednesday December 3rd from 6:30am - 8:30pm** for our **Holiday Charcuterie Party**. Charcuterie when paired with wine and cheese creates the perfect elements for any gathering as it requires no cooking and very little prep time. We've got lots of meats and cheeses for you to sample and savour as well as some of our favourite nibbles and bites from Appetizers & More. Take home a copy of our Village Grocer Guide to help you create your own effortless entertaining during the holidays. Cost: **\$29.95 + hst** per person. Call **Ashley at (905)940-0655** to register.

The **Paderno EcoPans** are back in stock at 1/2 price savings! Completely PFOA and PTFE free, these ceramic non-stick pans allow high heat cooking up to 450F and are backed by a 25 year warranty. They come in 3 sizes and make great Christmas gifts for the cooks in the family.

— ELEGANT — HAMPERS

These abound now and they can be tailored to your particular needs, both for individuals and corporate clients. See either Robert or me in the store and we'll look after your needs. To see examples, click on our website www.thevillagegrocer.com

— WHAT'S — BAKING THIS WEEK?

GINGERBREAD - Nothing says Christmas like the aroma of freshly baked Gingerbread! There should be perfume that smells like it. We are making...

GINGERBREAD MUFFINS - We only make these muffins during Christmas time, so get yours while you can. They taste like gingerbread cookies with cinnamon, ginger, cloves, nutmeg, cardamom and golden raisins. Topped with light glaze and a mini gingerbread man. **\$1.89**

GINGERBREAD HEARTS - These are made with Jaana's mom's recipe that came from her Grandmother. They are thin and crispy and they melt in your mouth. When you eat these cookies, it's hard to eat just one. In fact, it's easy to eat the entire container at one sitting. **\$9.95/container**

GINGERBREAD CRÈME BRÛLÉES - Our creamy delicious crème brûlée made with an addition of all the gingerbread spices and a bit of brandy. **\$4.50**

GINGERBREAD CAKE - Spicy sour cream cake flavoured with cardamom, nutmeg, ginger, cinnamon and cloves, and layered with a rich Brandy Buttercream. Finished with gingerbread men and hearts. **\$15.95**

ALL THESE ITEMS ARE **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

SPECIALS IN EFFECT FROM THURSDAY TO CLOSING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30



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