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Grade 7 and 8 students warm up their pipes before singing at the 32nd annual Ukrainian Christmas Concert and Tea at East Selkirk Middle School last Wednesday night. The middle school teamed up with Happy Thought School students to perform various Christmas carols, songs and share stories. For more coverage of the event, see page 7.

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Ground breaks on new development in Selkirk

Condominium community will be ideal for seniors, Johannson says

By Dave Baxter

Ground has officially broke on a new housing development in Selkirk and builders believe its location will makes it ideal for the city's senior population.

Last Tuesday sod was turned at an empty lot on Manitoba Avenue that will be home to The Brookstone, a new bungalow condominium community.

Developer Marvin Benson said the development will accept younger people, but said the concept makes it ideal for seniors.

"This is really an age-in-place concept," said Benson, who added jobs like snow shovelling and lawn care would not be the responsibility of those who live in the units.

Benson believes the development will allow more of Selkirk's aging population to stay within city limits.

"The older you get the more you don't want to relocate to somewhere you are not familiar with, so when you are here and used to going to places like the library or the Walmart, this allows you to stay here and keep those same routines," he said.

The development, which will sit right next to the Gaynor Family Regional Library, will be made up of 49 housing units, with both two and three bedroom units available, and each unit will have a full basement.

Benson admitted there have been some delays getting the project off the ground, but said they were "normal delays that come with a project of this magnitude."

He also thinks now is a perfect time to get construction underway.

"Selkirk has had a growth spurt for the past three or four years, and when you are developing it's all about timing," he said.

Mayor Larry Johannson said the development is close to plenty of retail and health care.

"With this we're appealing to the biggest demographic out there, which is the baby boomers," Johannson said.



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Pictured from left to right: Lorne West of R&B Homes, Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson, developer Marvin Benson, Judy Moyer of Century 21, and Richard Ballegeer of R&B Homes officially broke ground last Tuesday to mark the beginning of construction of The Breakstone, a condominium community being built along Manitoba Avenue.

"They want to be close to the retail but also close to quality health care, and they are going to have it here with the new hospital and the MRI." Benson said construction should start early next month and the development will be built in phases over time.

Santa Claus spreads some holiday cheer



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL Santa Claus was spotted at Eveline Street and Eaton Avenue last Thursday spreading Christmas cheer in Selkirk.





Comp students take audiences to 'Almost, Maine'



RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL ABOVE: Comp students Mats Hanson and Marshall Carter act in a scene of "Almost, Maine" at the Comp's theatre last Wednesday night. The theatre production is a series of vignettes about love in a town called Almost.





ABOVE: Amanda Allardice and Sam Harrison perform in a scene from "Almost, Maine" at the Comp last Wednesday night. BELOW: Breann Rislund performs during the Comp's theatre production last Thursday. Shows wrapped up last Friday inside the local high school's theatre.



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Foundation helps fund school's skating program

By Dave Baxter

A generous donation from the Selkirk and District Community Foundation means kids in a local skating club will now be using top-notch gear when they hit the ice.

Rhonda Hopkins is a kindergarten teacher at Robert Smith School in

Selkirk and also runs the school's skating program, which sees kids from all grades skate at Selkirk Arena once a week.

Hopkins said the program does wonders for the kids who participate.

"That is their release time to just get away

from the school, to have fun, to skate, and to just blow off steam," Hopkins said.

She said the club is popular because it welcomes all skill levels.

"We have some kids that play organized hockey, and some that have never been on skates in their life, and if kids want to learn something specific I teach them, and they teach each other," she said. "We have some



Hopkins said she often sees older kids working to help the younger ones, so the group teaches mentoring skills as well.

The school provides equipment like skates and helmets, but they have been relying on equipment that has been donated.

Hopkins said they felt they needed to get some more high-quality equipment because it would help the kids perform better, and make them safer on the ice.

The school applied for a grant to the Selkirk and District Community Foundation for new equipment and the foundation has now given them \$4,475 for helmets, jerseys and skates that the kids can use.

The school will now purchase new equipment from Keystone Source For Sports in Selkirk, and last Wednesday workers from Keystone were at the school personally fitting kids for the



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Cody Waterman of Selkirk Source For Sports fits kindergarten student Kasey with new gear that will be used during Robert Smith School's skating club.

new equipment.

Rhonda said the skates and helmets will make kids safer on the ice, while matching jerseys will make them feel like they are "part of a team." "This is great," Hopkins said."I can't say how much we appreciate this."



"I CAN'T SAY HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THIS."

Ship's removal 'a labour of love,' SaskSteel says

By Dave Baxter

For Ben Hoosier and his crew, taking apart the historic MS Lord Selkirk II was so much more than just another job.

"What we really learned early on is how much people really cared about this ship," said Hoosier, the owner of SaskSteel, the Saskatchewan based company tasked with disassembling the rotting ship that had sat abandoned in the Selkirk Slough since 1990.

SaskSteel started the job of decommissioning the MS Lord Selkirk II on Sept. 1, and Hoosier said because he quickly realized people's attachment to it, he decided to light it up one last time.

"We lit up the ship on Sept. 20 and we had only been there for 20 days, but we knew it was an important thing to do to let people see it lit up one last time," he said.

The Lord Selkirk is the first vessel that SaskSteel has ever worked on making it a "very special job" for them, Hoosier said.

"We got attached to is as well," he said. "It became our ship, so it turned into a labour of love."

The job was officially completed on



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Pictured from left to right: City of Selkirk Coun. April Hourie, SaskSteel owner Ben Hoosier, Coun. Ken Beerman, Conservation Minister Tom Nevakshonoff, Coun. Kelly Cook, Selkirk MLA Greg Dewar, Coun. John Buffie, Mayor Larry Johannson, Coun. Doug Poirier and Coun. Darlene Swiderski gathered last Tuesday to present Hoosier with a letter of completion for the decommissioning of the MS Lord Selkirk II.

Dec. 4, and Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson presented a letter of completion to Hoosier at a gathering at the Selkirk council building on Dec 15.

Hoosier said the job stayed on-time and on-budget.

"This is a huge success story for us," he said.

The former cruise ship sailed from

1969 until 1990 when it was abandoned by its owner in the Selkirk Slough.

The rotting remains of the ship were visible from a number of Selkirk homes, and in the heavily used Selkirk Park. In 2012 it caught fire due to suspected arson, and suffered extensive damage. Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson fought for years to have it removed, and in the summer a deal was worked out for the city and province to split the cost of decommissioning the ship. Johannson praised Hoosier for the work he and his team did, and the way they respected the ship's history.

"You got the job and then you became a part of our community," Johannson said to Hoosier. "The community itself was so interested. I'm sure you had daily visitors out there, and I know that you took time when people would stop and ask questions."

The lighting of the ship on Sept. 20 was not something Johannson expected when the job was awarded.

"Lighting that ship up that night, that was something that truly touched everybody's heart," he said. "It didn't have to be done but you did it."

Selkirk MLA and Finance Minister Greg Dewar and Conservation Minister Tom Nevakshonoff joined Johannson and a number of Selkirk city councillors at the presentation of the letter of completion last Tuesday.

The total cost of the decommissioning was \$400,000 with the city and province splitting the cost of the work.



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Feds commit funding to build Freedom Road

All three levels of gov't to fund \$30M project to construct all-season road

Staff

Families living on Shoal Lake First Nation are now one step closer to gaining all-season road access to Winnipeg.

The Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett announced last Thursday that the Government of Canada will be an equal partner with the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg to ensure Shoal Lake No. 40 First Nation constructs Freedom Road.

Bennett said Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada will match the Province of Manitoba's and the City of Winnipeg's commitments to fund one-third of the estimated \$30-million project to construct an approximately 24-kilometre all-season road from Shoal Lake No. 40 First Nation to the Trans-Canada Highway in Manitoba. The announcement was made at a meeting of the Shoal Lake No. 40 Tripartite Agreement Committee at the Manitoba Legislative Building in Winnipeg.

"Partnering with the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg to help Shoal Lake No. 40 First Nation build Freedom Road is both long overdue and the right thing to do. When completed, Freedom Road will provide the First Nation's residents with increased mobility and help unlock economic opportunities for the

community," Bennett said in a release.

It has been a long battle for the First Nation which has needed a permanent all-weather road to provide the community with secure and constant access to essential services including emergency medical services and waste collection.

Shoal Lake was cut off from the mainland in 1917 when a nearby channel was cut in order to bring drinking water to the City of Winnipeg.

The First Nation community that straddles the Ontario-Manitoba border and has an on-reserve population of about 290 people.

Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Eric Robinson introduced proposed legislation late last month which would expand the mandate of the Manitoba East Side Road Authority (ESRA) to include building Freedom Road.

"Today is a historic day for the families of Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. By taking on this construction project we will dramatically change the way of living for people living there," Robinson said in a release. "It's not just about all-season road access, it's about jobs and opportunities and everything that goes with that. From clean drinking water, cheaper transportation costs and better access to social services – this road would be a new beginning for Shoal Lake 40."



RECORD FILE PHOTO BY CHRISTIE MCLEOD

Former chief of Shoal Lake First Nation Stewart Redsky walks along a dike that separates the water that flows to Winnipeg and Shoal Lake. All three levels of government have now agreed to fund the estimated \$30 million project to construct a 24-kilometre all-season road from the First Nation to the Trans-Canada Highway in Manitoba.

Shoal Lake Chief Erwin Redsky said it's "been a long struggle for our First Nation."

"Our imposed 'isolation' has finally become an internationally recognized issue," Redsky said. "It's deeply satisfying that the government of Manitoba is committing funding and enabling the delivery agency to bring our road into reality."

A detailed design of the project is currently underway and anticipated

to be completed in the winter of 2016, Robinson said. Now that funding agreements from all other levels of government have been made, construction could start as early as this winter season, he added.

Community Benefits Agreements and open tendering will be part of this project to ensure Shoal Lake residents benefit from start to finish, Robinson added.





RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL Carson Gray and other students perform during the 32nd annual Ukrainian Christmas Concert and Tea at East Selkirk Middle School last Thursday.









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Ice shacks already dotting the Red River

Seasons' Greetings and Happy New Year my friends.

This year I'll be combining my Christmas and New Years' columns into one as we finish off the year with a bang and a week off.

So, dear friends this little collection of fishing stories will have to do until the first week of January.

I was out on the ice at Breezy Point a few days ago and believe me it was like a tent city with portable ice shacks dotting the Red River for miles. Everywhere guys were pulling sleighs which held their fishing gear as they looked for a good fishing spot. Others sat on folding chairs short rods by their sides their voices carrying far distances as they called out to other anglers in the still, calm, cloudy morning. I parked my truck on the riverbank like everyone else and as I walked out to the anglers I realized some of the guys knew me so I shouted out,"Has anybody caught anything or have a fishing story?"

One chap in a chair simply and silently raised his hand and pointed to a large portable. I waved "thanks" and approached the tent. Those inside must have heard me because they called out saying they had a story as they asked me in. New friends Trent Adams, with his buddies Kevin Hicks and Sarah Fortier went right into an experience where when ice fishing at Paterson Lake Trent saw his rod violently disappear down the hole with a plunk and a splash. It was his favorite rod. Luckily angling neighbors seeing the situation came over with their underwater camera. It didn't take long to find the rod resting on the bottom so Trent got busy with his auger and after five or six holes he snagged his lost pal and as he was bringing it up, the fish a small pickerel slipped the hook and got away.

Not far from Trent's shack I met Brandon Smith and Tyler Weiss. Weiss

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RECORD PHOTO BY ARNIE WEIDL Tyler Weiss with a Master Angler sized walleye caught off Breezy Point recently.

had just caught and released a giant pickerel, a picture of which he was kind enough to send along for us to admire. Thanks Tyler.

Brandon said last week he couldn't wait to go ice fishing any longer so he went up to Grand Rapids and on seven to 10 inches of ice he did some "sight fishing". He cut a 4' square hole in the ice and with the portable tent over it he could see 10' down in the clear water as the pickerel and tullibee played or struck his bait.

I was talking to Joan and Frank Thorkelson who live by Shoal Lake and they said the ice is 9 to 12 inches thick there so they are going to pull their shack onto east Shoal this weekend. They also said many anglers who have been going out with sleighs and gear have not been catching much in the last few days.

I drove over to Balsam Bay last week and as I was coming up to the lake which had open water right up to the pier I saw a lady in a dark sweat suit walking a fine looking Husky. I stopped beside her and introduced

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myself asking if she had a fishing story. This fairly tall, fit, gal had a soft oval face that was accented by small eye-glasses. She had a becoming way of looking at her surroundings as she openly exchanged small talk in a gentle lilting voice. She spoke fondly of a time last winter on the ice when her granddaughter fishing with the family caught three fish while everyone else came home empty-handed.

Before I close this time I would like to thank a fantastic person by the name of Mick Walsh who has just become the manager of Canadian Tire in Selkirk. Mick donated a portable fishing shack and discounted an ice auger to the Manitoba Ice Fishing Association for the winter's raffle. Thank you Mick you're the best!

Well, good friends, have a holiday great and please stop by in January. Bye for now.



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RM took steps to avoid conflicts of interest: West St. Paul mayor

By Dave Baxter

West St. Paul's mayor says he and council took steps to stop multiple conflicts of interest that a report by the Manitoba Ombudsman have brought to light.

The Ombudsman launched an investigation after receiving six anonymous complaints between September 2013 and April 2014 making similar conflict of interest allegations against former West St. Paul Coun. Dan Garcea, who works for a company owned by his brother John Garcea.

The Ombudsman also received a letter in Sept. of 2014 from a lawyer alleging Garcea breached conflict of interest rules.

An Ombudsman report released on Dec. 3, shows more than 20 conflicts of interests regarding Garcea and the awarding of \$3 million in contracts for construction of the RM's new fire hall to companies owned by Garcea's brother, who is the head of the Garcea Group of Companies.

The report states that both Garcea and his brother John sat on an ad-hoc fire hall committee made up of councillors, the mayor, members of the fire department and volunteer citizens, while at the same time John was bidding on the project.

Mayor Bruce Henley said he worked to make sure strict terms of reference were put in place for the committee and anyone that sat on the committee had to agree to the terms of reference.

He said the terms of reference made it clear that anyone that was going to bid on the fire hall project would be disqualified from being on the committee, but said it's ultimately the responsibility of individuals to step down if they don't meet the terms of reference.

"So we felt we had a good mechanism in place that would insure that anyone thinking of bidding would remove themselves from the committee," Henley said.

Henley said he and council do not have any way of knowing who is bidding on a project, but said anyone that was should have known to remove themselves from the committee.

"If you know you're going to be bidding on this than you should not be part of the committee, and that was clearly put out in our terms of reference.

"On council we don't learn who has bid until administration brings the report forward as to who the bidders are and what the numbers are, so the onus is on the individuals to come clean and ethically follow the terms of reference."

Henley said that in the last term of council the municipality also put a code of conduct in place that, if followed, should have prevented any conflicts of interest.

"It's really a second level above the Municipal Act to remind elected officials that you have an obligation to insure that you fully understand the office and your responsibilities."

The Ombudsman report also shows that in Sept. of 2012, Henley sent an email to members of the ad hoc committee expressing his concerns regarding the fairness of the tendering process developed by the ad hoc committee for the fire hall project.

The email was read into the record at a November 2012 council meeting, and discussed in a closed session of the council meeting.

Henley said that moving forward he expects all elected officials sitting on the current council to act ethically and police themselves.

"We can have all the conversations in the world on council, but ultimately I can not declare a conflict of interest on behalf of another member of council," he said. "It's that person that has to come forward and declare it."

Loon Straits man dies after crash with backhoe near St. Clements

By Austin Grabish

A Loon Straits man has died after getting into a crash with a backhoe on Highway 59 near St. Clements.

The 66-year-old man died last Tuesday in hospital following the crash.

RCMP say their initial investigation shows the man's vehicle was travelling north on the highway near the junction of Highway 12 when it rearended the backhoe, which was travelling in the same direction.

Witnesses told police the backhoe had the required operating lights on at the time of the crash.

A traffic analyst is assisting Selkirk RCMP with an investigation into the incident.

Police don't believe alcohol was a factor in the crash.

Shoppers raises \$2K for Nova House



RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

The Shoppers Drug Mart Grow Women's Health campaign helped raise \$2,000 for Selkirk's new Nova House location. Pictured from left to right: Shoppers owner Robin Oliver, Nova House executive director Anna Pazdzierski and the local campaign's organizer Corale Walde gather at Selkirk's Shoppers location on Dec. 10. The Grow Women's Health, formerly Tree of Life, has helped raise more than \$29 million across Canada since 2002 with all of the proceeds going towards local women's health initiatives.



TRC unveils final report on residential school era

Findings 'recognize our role in the reconciliation process,' Selinger says

Staff

The Truth and Reconcillation Commission is being commended for it's final report on the dark legacy of the residential school system in Canada.

"We respect the findings of the commission's report and recognize our role in the reconciliation process. This report provides a blueprint for Canadians and is an important starting point for the healing process that will lead to a new relationship with Indigenous people," Premier Greg Selinger said in a release last week."It is an honour that Manitoba is home to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation." More than 150,000 Indigenous children went through the residential school system and as a result, for more than 100 years parents were not allowed to raise their own children, resulting in horrible consequences for communities and families, Selinger said. The intergenerational effects continue today, as residential school survivors struggle to raise their families with cultural traditions that were taken away from them, he added.

After more than six years, more than two million words and six volumes, the TRC has compiled a comprehensive history of residential schools where more than 3,200 deaths occurred.

"Combined with the recently announced inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, Canada now has a unique opportunity to forge a new nation-tonation relationship with the Indigenous people of this country," Premier Selinger said.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau also issued a statement to media after receiving the TRC's report last Tuesday.

"The Indian residential school system, one of the darkest chapters in Canadian history, has had a profoundly lasting and damaging impact on Indigenous culture, heritage, and language," Trudeau stated. "This is a time of real and positive change. We know what is needed is a total renewal of the relationship between Canada and Indigenous peoples. We have a plan to move towards a nationto-nation relationship based on recognition, rights, respect, cooperation and partnership, and we are already making it happen."

This fall, Manitoba introduced proposed legislation that would ensure all Manitoba students and teachers would learn about the histories and cultures of Indigenous people, the legacy of residential schools and the significance of treaties in the present day.

Currently plans are underway for Manitoba to host the second national roundtable on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, the premier said. In his discussions with the other premiers, Premier Selinger undertook to have Manitoba host these meetings.

Bezan demands gov't implement tariffs for COOL

Staff

Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman MP James Bezan is demanding the Government of Canada immediately impose more than \$1 billion in retaliatory tariffs against the United States following the World Trade Organization's (WTO) latest decision on the U.S. Country of Origin Labelling (COOL) policy.

COOL was implemented by the USDA in 2009 and ruled an unfair trade barrier by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2011, according to Bezan's release. The U.S. proceeded to appeal the WTO ruling, and the



JAMES BEZAN

WTO once again ruled in favour of Canada. In May, for the fourth time,

the WTO has ruled against the United States' COOL policy, reaffirming Canada's long-standing position that these measures are protectionist and discriminate against Canada. This decision in May was final, without the possibility of further appeal.

"Hog and cattle producers throughout Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman have been hurt by this regressive American protectionist policy that flies in the spirit of free trade," Bezan stated in a release on Dec. 14. "COOL increases food processing costs, impedes the economic principles of free enterprise, reduces the competitiveness of the North American meat industry, lowers returns to livestock producers on both sides of the border and does nothing to improve consumer awareness."

"The World Trade Organization has

finally ruled that Canada can retaliate against the blatantly protectionist US COOL policy."

Bezan added any delay in enforcing retaliatory measures "would be considered a betrayal to our livestock sector."

"In light of this ruling, I am calling on the Liberal government to quickly follow through on our Conservative government's commitments to institute the tariffs against the USA and force Congress to repeal COOL immediately. I expect that the Ministers of Agriculture and International Trade will press Cabinet to do what is in the best interest of Canadian farm families."

The WTO decision allows the Government of Canada to implement punitive tariffs on select American products.





Sewer battle rages on for St. Andrews councillor

Joy Sul continues her fight against Pruden Ave. sewer plan

Bv Dave Baxter

A St. Andrews councillor continues to fight against the same council she sits on because she believes unfair treatment will end up costing her tens of thousands of dollars.

Coun. Joy Sul has represented Ward 4 on St. Andrews council since being elected in the fall of 2014, but before the election she was engaged in a battle with the municipality over a sewer system that will serve homes on Pruden Avenue and two homes on River Road.

A sewer line will run down Pruden Avenue, and the municipality's plan is to charge homeowners per metre based on their frontage.

Sul and her husband Murray Borkowsky live along River Road with their frontage on River Road being about 28 metres, but the municipality plans to charge the couple for the frontage on the side of their yard which runs down Pruden Avenue, and the frontage on that side is about 64 metres.

According to a bylaw, the cost to each property owner is \$444.82 per metre of frontage, so Sul will be hit with a bill of about \$28,000.

Keith Lenton, a lawyer who is representing Sul and her husband, said the couple will also be hit with an approximately \$20,000 fee for hooking into the system, so they are looking at paying almost \$50,000 for the service.

Last Tuesday, Lenton spoke to council asking them to consider changing the bylaw so they could change the way people will be charged.

The bylaw has already passed and Lenton said his address to council was likely the last chance to have them reconsider.

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"We are still pleading with council to do this differently," Lenton said. "This is their last attempt to fight how council will have residents deal with the sewer line.

"Council is always free to amend its bylaws, and we are asking they do so in this case because the taxation methodology is unfair."

Lenton said he believes the fair way to charge people would be per parcel of land and not based on frontage. He added the current way the municipality is planning to charge Sul is" unduly harsh to her and her family."

Lenton said it is rare for municipalities to charge for these kinds of services based on frontage.

"Most of the time it is a charge per parcel," he said. "Every case I have looked at almost all of them have been per parcel."

If the municipality was to charge property owners per parcel, Lenton said Sul's bill would be around \$13,000 plus the \$20,000 connection fee, so Sul would be paying far less, and would not be opposed to the plan.

The proposed charges to existing property owners will allow developers and future residents to eventually take advantage of the same system while paying far less, Lenton said.

"There are many other developers and residents that will connect for relatively cheap," Lenton said.

An appeal by Sul was heard by the Municipal Board in 2014, but the board sided with the municipality's plan.

Sul reclused herself from the council chamber while Lenton spoke on Tuesday because of the perceived conflict of interest, but her husband Murray Borkowsky was in the council chamber while he spoke.





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RM of St. Andrews Coun. Joy Sul, pictured above, continues her fight against the Pruden Avenue sewer plan during a council meeting last Tuesday.

Borkowsky said he is still holding out hope that council will "do the right thing" and charge people based on parcel of land.

"Because they still haven't billed it out so they could still make their changes," Borkowsky said.

He added he doesn't understand why some will pay far more than others for

what is essentially the same service. "Each house basically creates the

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- breast health concerns
- stress or anxiety

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same amount of sewage, so everyone should pay the same amount for the service."

12 The Selkirk Record Thursday, December 24, 2015 **Peguis First Nation** Feds investigating alleged election corruption

By Austin Grabish

Federal officials are investigating allegations of corruption, vote-buying and harassment following Peguis First Nation's historic March election.

Glenn Hudson, former chief of Peguis First Nation, has started an online petition demanding Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett take action on an election appeal he filed back in May.

In a sworn affidavit, Hudson alleges numerous voters were harassed and turned away from polls during the March election, which ended with a nail-biting 62-vote difference between him and Peguis's first-ever female Chief Cindy Spence.

Hudson alleges there was a "lack of rigour" and oversight with the handling of ballot boxes, "lax security" at polling stations located off-reserve in Winnipeg and Selkirk, and interference by Spence and her scrutineers at polls.

"All of these irregularities and conduct, when combined, raise serious concerns about integrity of the electoral process," Hudson wrote.

Spence has denied any wrongdoing and has vowed to do whatever it takes to defend her win.

"If I have to defend it I obviously will," she said.



PHOTO FILE PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH

Former Peguis First Nation Chief Glenn Hudson wants the federal government to overturn spring election results amidst allegations of corruption and vote-buying. But the band's new chief, Cindy Spence says she'll defend her nail-biting win, and any allegations of wrongdoing.

In the days after the election, Hudson requested a re-count, but the federal government, which is responsible for First Nations elections has remained tight-lipped on the request. "They've stated they're aware of the appeal, and looking at addressing it very shortly," Hudson said."Ultimately a decision will have to be made on whether to grant a reelection or not. We just want clarity on where in the hell we are in this entire process.

"Either we do have a re-election or

we don't, but they just need to make a decision."

Hudson has posted several cellphone videos online, which he alleges shows wrongdoing.

In one video reviewed by the Selkirk Record, a ballot box appears to be removed from a Winnipeg polling station without any security personnel.

Indigenous and Northern Affairs spokeswoman Michelle Perron said her department takes allegations of wrongdoing during an election "very seriously."

She confirmed her department is investigating Hudson's appeal, and said an independent third party is being appointed to investigate the allegations.

Perron said if election rules or 'corrupt practice' is found to have happened, the March election may be overturned.

Hudson has filed election appeals with the feds before, and in some cases has faced off with rival chiefs and councillors.

When Spence was elected chief in March, she ended a nearly eight-year rein he had as leader of the community.

Peguis is Manitoba's largest First Nation and is located roughly 145 kilometres north of Winnipeg.

Tanning bed ban for youth to come into effect Jan. 1

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Amendments to the Public Health Act aimed at banning the use of ultraviolet tanning equipment by children

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fective as a complete ban to protect children's health, our government decided to take action," Healthy Liv-



ing Minister Deanne Crothers said in a release on Dec. 16. "Amendments to the Public Health Act and the Tanning Regulation will soon be in effect and send a clear message that we are prepared to take a strong stance on any issues that affect children's health and safety."

Ultraviolet (UV) rays are known to cause skin cancer, skin damage and premature skin aging. Tanning equipment such as tanning beds, booths and lamps emit UV rays.

Crothers said that following the amendment of the Public Health Act and the Tanning Regulation, operators of commercial tanning operations will be required to ban children and youth under the age of 18 from using ultraviolet tanning equipment, prohibit the advertising or marketing of the use of UV tanning equipment to children and youth as well as update the warning signs on their premises with new signs reflecting the ban on the use of the tanning equipment by children and youth.

2016 Provincial Election Liberals promise two-year rent freeze if elected

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By Austin Grabish

The provincial Liberals are hoping to sway renters by promising a two-year rent freeze if elected in the upcoming provincial election.

Manitoba Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari said if her party is elected in April, it will freeze rent for all current tenants in the province for two years beginning in January 2017.

Bokhari said too many landlords are being granted the right to raise rent above provincially legislated rental amounts through a special exemption process.

"Right now, too many Manitobans are struggling with this," Bokhari said. "Every year their rent's going up. We need to start thinking about how many Manitobans are spending monev out of their food budget for rent, and just give everyone a break."

Bokhari said freezing rent shouldn't be too much for landlords to do.

"I think landlords will understand that it's not a forever long-term thing. It's two years. It gives us time to figure it out," she said.

But soon after making the announcement last Wednesday, she caught the ire of the Professional Property Managers Association. The association's

president Frank Koch-Schulte told The Canadian Press Bokhari's announcement was ill-

informed since the rental industry is already tightly controlled and landlords have increasing utility costs to pay.

government's current regulations allow landlords to apply to raise rent above normal guidelines, so property owners can recoup investment costs they've incurred after renovating properties for tenants.

"The Liberal plan would rip up the protections we've put in place for Manitoba renters," the spokesman added.

In Selkirk, the lack of affordable housing has been a nagging issue for years.

But the issue won't be fixed with a rent freeze,

said Tristan Dreilich, a mental health resource development with the Canadian Mental Health Association.

"The main problem is that the hous-A provincial spokesperson said the ing stock isn't there, so even if you do

a rent freeze, it's definitely not going to address the affordability issue as a whole," Dreilich said.

In 2012, the Interlake Affordable Housing Coalition was created to address a report that said Selkirk needed nearly 200 more affordable homes.

Dreilich said the coalition has been working with Make Poverty History to address the issue, but not much's changed.

"It's definitely a complicated issue," he said.

Tory MLA and deputy critic for housing Ian Wishart questioned Bokhari's announcement, saying Manitoba already has some of the tightest controlled rent in North America.

"I'm not sure that it sends the right message out there to the marketplace," he said.

City reminds residents to follow snow clearing policy

Staff

Now that Manitoba's white Christmas has officially arrived, the City of Selkirk would like to remind motorists to follow their snow clearing policy this winter.

As part of the policy, residents with vehicles may not be parked on city streets for more than 24 hours at a time. This is especially important during snow removal operations.

Vehicles parked on city streets during this period may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

The city also wishes to remind residents it is prohibited for any person to pile snow from their property or driveway onto a city street which may injure a person or be a hazard to vehicle traffic.

Residents who wish to remove snow from their property and driveway are responsible for having the snow hauled away. Those wishing to haul snow from their property may contact the city's operations department to request access to the city's snow disposal site.

Residents are also reminded that placing extension cords on any sidewalk can interfere with the city's snow removal equipment.

The City of Selkirk Snow Clearing Policy also states private driveways will not be cleared of snow deposited by the City's equipment.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF SELKIRK The City of Selkirk would like to remind residents to follow the city's snow clearing policy by not parking on streets for more than 24 hours during snow removal operations.





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2016 Provincial Election Selkirk's Stefan Jones named Liberal candidate

By Brandon Logan

The provincial election may still be months away, but the Manitoba Liberal Party has wasted no time naming their local candidate.

Selkirk resident Stefan Jones, who worked at the steel mill for more than 30 years before retiring in 2010, has been tasked with the job of defeating the 20-plus year and counting Selkirk MLA and current Minister of Finance Greg Dewar.

While he admitted his political background is relatively inexperienced, Jones has been a staple in the community working with the mill in supervisor and instructor roles following his retirement, teaching high school in Pine Falls, volunteering time with the local canoe and kayak club, safe grads and the annual Terry Fox run to name a few.

Jones said he's always followed provincial politics and, after he heard a call for candidates, he decided to throw his hat in the ring.

"After the federal election, everything picked up steam from there," he said, adding he met Liberal leader Rana Bokhari in earlier this month



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Selkirk resident Stefan Jones, pictured above, has been named the provincial Liberal candidate for the upcoming provincial election. The provincial election is slated for April 19, 2016.

following the legislative assembly in Winnipeg.

When it comes to polling numbers, for months it has appeared the Tory's will be the NDP's main challenger come April 19, 2016.

However, Jones believes Manitoba's Liberals may have gained momentum from the success they had at the national level during the federal election.

"I absolutely believe we (have mo-

mentum)," he said. "It's been picking up steam everyday we've been involved."

Jones didn't lay out any details regarding his platform last week, but said he believes the time for change in Manitoba is now and, like the federal election, the Liberals are the right party to step up to the plate.

Entrenched in the Selkirk riding, Jones said he understands unseating Dewar won't be an easy task.

"Greg's been in for over 20 years ... he's very well known," he said." That's my biggest challenge."

With four-plus months until the election, Jones is getting prepped to start campaigning.

To date, he's met with Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson and council, the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Lord Selkirk School Division board of trustees.

After a short break during the holidays, Jones said he plans to hit the new year running by going door-todoor throughout the riding.

"I'm looking forward to meeting everybody in the riding and listening to the people."

Video contest aims to promote entrepreneurs with disabilities

By Jeff Ward

Community Futures is celebrating the success of entrepreneurs with disabilities by holding a video con-

test, where participants can win up to \$1,000.

The Just Watch ME! video contest is open to any entrepreneur who either has a self-identified disability or ongoing health conditions and who are operating a business in either rural Manitoba or Saskatchewan. Anyone

interested in the contest needs to submit a two to three minute video about their business and upload it to the contest website, justwatchmecontest. ca by Jan. 20, 2016. Last year's winner was, Sydney Deneka, who runs Kozy Kritters by Sydney out of Beausejour. Deneka sells handmade blankets for babies and pets and suffers from a rare genetic disorder called, Coffin Siris syndrome, which effects her hearing, vision, communication, social and cognitive functioning. However, none of this has stopped.

"The video contest was a great experience. It helped spread the word about my blanket business. I have a new workroom thanks to the \$1,000 prize money I won and a new website. My community has supported me and everyone knows what I do for pets and babies," said a proud Deneka.

The deadline for submissions to the contest is Jan. 20 and the winners will be announced on Feb. 18.





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Lundar Health Centre renovations are set to begin this month to make way for more co-ordinated primary health-care services for the community and surrounding areas.

"Modernizing this clinic will help primary health-care providers work together to provide co-ordinated health services," Health Minister Sharon Blady stated in a release on Dec. 14. "This renovation will ensure primary care services in the community remain available so people can access the care they need close to home."

The tender released in October has been awarded to Parkwest Projects Ltd. of Winnipeg, Blady added.

The 33-year-old facility includes a 20-bed personal care home and a 23-suite elderly persons housing complex that will not be affected by the renovations. The primary health care centre will incorporate space previously used as a dental office to offer three more clinic rooms and two consultation rooms to accommodate a range of services.

The new spaces will offer chronic disease prevention services, mental health care, public health and home care services, with an enhanced focus on promoting good health and preventing disease, Blady said.

"This new clinical environment will benefit patients and staff while improving the delivery of care in Lundar. Improved efficiencies will let care providers accommodate more clients in rooms designed to ensure patient confidentiality," said Ron Van Denakker, chief executive officer, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. "We are also looking ahead to see where we may need to evolve to enhance our service delivery based on the needs of Lundar residents."

In the future, the Lundar Health Centre is expected to become part of the My Health Team initiative, which is a team of health-care providers working across primary care offices, the regional health authority and community organizations to provide accessible and co-ordinated primary care.

Blady said renovations are expected to be complete by the fall of 2016.



Liquor, lotteries unveils lower markups for small producers

Staff

As of April 1, 2016, craft breweries, craft distilleries, and cottage wineries will have more flexibility to be able to reinvest in and grow their businesses with the introduction of lower markups for small producers.

"As a new brewery in Manitoba, these changes will make starting up so much easier," said Tyler Birch, owner of Barn Hammer Brewing."We will have more freedom to keep our beer interesting and still thrive."

Initiated as part of the Province's Supporting Manitoba Craft Brewing Strategy, and developed in consultation with craft brewers from across Canada, the new markup structure means these small producers will now have the flexibility to keep a greater portion of the revenue from sales of their products or to price it competitively and grow their market share. The new markup structure is designed to facilitate the establishment and growth of local craft producers and applies not only to craft breweries but also to small craft-style distillers and cottage wineries.

Ron Lemieux, Minister responsible for Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries also announced last week the creation of a new provincial working group to encourage the establishment of craftstyle distillers in Manitoba.

"The craft brewing strategy has been successful in supporting the local beer industry and we want to ensure our local craft distillers get support as well," Lemieux said.

Since launching the Supporting Manitoba Craft Brewing Strategy in December 2014, a number of successful initiatives have been implemented. They include the establishment of the Manitoba Brew Hub website (manitobabrewhub.ca), a one-stopshop website designed to provide all the information needed to start a craft brewery/distillery in Manitoba; amendments to the Small Business Venture Capital Tax Credit Program to ensure eligibility for brewpubs; the expansion of Growler Bars; the licensing of tasting rooms and featuring local craft beers at the recent Grey Cup Festival.

MPI raises over \$4K for foundation



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL presents their annual cheque to the

Manitoba Public Insurance presents their annual cheque to the Selkirk and District Community Foundation of \$4,565.61 earlier this month. Pictured from left to right: MPI Interlake Regional Manager Carmel Cullen, Oksana Topolnitska, Kevin Bohm and Kelly Lewis of the Selkirk and District Community Foundation.



Homeless shelter gears up for busy season

By Dave Baxter

More than a year after opening its doors to the homeless, the St. Francis Place Shelter continues to help people who need a place to stay and are now gearing up for a busy holiday season.

The homeless shelter in Selkirk opened in November 2014 and is now seeing a steady stream of visitors almost every night.

"We've had 622 visitors so far in 2015," St. Francis Place Shelter founder Rene Gauthier said. "That's an average of two a night."

The need for the shelter, which can take in a maximum of six people per night, was originally met with skepticism by some, Gauthier said.

"There were some who said there would be no need for it, but we knew this place was needed."

The shelter sits directly behind Selkirk's fire hall, and there were some who worried it could pose a danger to the people who live in the neighbourhood.

"People were worried about what it was going to do to the community," Gauthier said. "But we have not had any issues with the neighbours.



RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER

St. Francis Place Shelter founder Rene Gauthier has decorated the shelter for the holidays, and expects to stay busy during Christmas and into the New Year.

"It's clean, and if people show up drunk or on drugs they can't come in." Gauthier has told people who have shown up drunk that if they get clean they can come back, and that has even helped one client face his addiction.

"They have to clean up their act, and one guy told me he hasn't had booze

for two months."

Gauthier knows some have a stereotypical vision of what a homeless person is, but he said there are wideranging issues that can lead people to the shelter, including mental health issues and addictions.

Others stay at the shelter because

they are waiting for their own place, Gauthier said.

"The main issue we have here is people that can't find housing," he said."We have people on waiting lists, and they are coming here, and if they weren't here they would be out on the streets somewhere."

Gauthier knows people will be coming during the holidays and right over Christmas, so the shelter is decorated.

"This place is a real house and not an institution, and they feel that when they come in here," Gauthier said. "I put my Christmas decorations up at home, and this is a home so we put them up here too."

It's been a mild winter so far but bitterly cold temperatures could still set in, so Gauthier said the shelter is more important than ever at this time of year.

"Yes this place could save a life, and last year during the worst of the winter we were at our max every night."

The St. Francis Place Shelter opens its doors to those who need it every night at 7 p.m. and the doors close at 9 p.m. with lights out at 10 p.m.

Thousands of births spur population growth in Manitoba

Staff

Manitoba saw the nation's secondstrongest population growth of any province over the last year, according to population and third-quarter 2015 migration estimates released today by Statistics Canada.

As of Oct. 1, Statistics Canada estimated Manitoba's population at 1,298,591, an annual increase of 13,992, or 1.09 per cent. Manitoba was tied with Saskatchewan for the second highest 12-month growth rate behind Alberta.

The Canada-wide average increase was 0.85 per cent over the same period.

"This population growth over the last 12 months is the fifth largest on record for our province," Labour and Immigration Minister Erna Braun stated in a release on Dec. 16. "These numbers show there's never been a better time to live in Manitoba."

This marks the seventh straight year Manitoba's population growth rate has been higher than one per cent and means Manitoba's population has grown by an estimated 60,384 over the last four years, according to Statistics Canada.

The numbers also show Manitobans gave birth to 16,597 babies between September 2014 and October 2015, time period in 22 years.

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in "Memory of Lil Snider"

create good jobs for Manitobans," Braun said. "Our growing population

the highest number of births over that structure, keep utility rates low and is evidence that our hard work is paying off."



Library's urban prairie earns conservation award

By Lindsey Enns

The Gaynor Family Library's outdoor urban prairie has earned a 2015 Provincial Conservation Award.

Ken Kuryliw, director of library services, was presented with the award during the Manitoba Conservation Districts annual conference in Brandon on Dec. 8.

Kuryliw said their urban prairie, which is three-in-a-half acres of tall grass prairie located at the back of the library, was created as a pilot project to showcase how site drainage could be handled in a natural and environmentally friendly way.

"We wanted to be a showcase for developers that you could do this and it's actually cost us less than using actual construction methods," he said, adding it could help save Lake Winnipeg."You can handle the water on site,



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Gaynor Family Library's outdoor urban prairie, which is three-in-ahalf acres of tall grass prairie located behind the library, has earned a 2015 Provincial Conservation Award.

filter it through natural plants before it pollutes the lake."

The prairie grasses also provide nice outdoor views from inside the library, Kuryliw added.

"It's a beautiful view and of course it will continue to grow," he said. "There are over 50 varieties of natural grasses and plants so over the years they'll be wonderful plants ... and we'll have lovely flowers you'll be able to enjoy and walk through."

Kuryliw said they plan to add an outdoor classroom to the space next year. He said they hope to have it finished by May 2016. They've also received a Manitoba Tourism grant to install professional signage around it.

"It will be one of the main tourist destinations in Selkirk." he said. adding the outdoor classroom will help the library build upon their relationships with local schools. "It's an opportunity for school kids ... to gather and it will provide some shelter from above like a gazebo."

Daerwood celebrates Christmas



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RECORD PHOTO BY JANET SOKALSKI Students gear up to perform during Daerwood School's Christmas concert on Dec. 15.



All ready for Santa Claus



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Walter Whyte School students perform during their Christmas concert on Dec. 9 inside the school's gymnasium.





Merry Marshmallow Sticks



Ingredients White, Red, Green and Dark Cocoa Candy Melts candy Large Marshmallows Holiday Confetti, Nonpareils and Colored Sugars Preparation

In Disposable Dipping Container or bowl, melt Candy Melts candy

separately following package instructions. Dip marshmallows in melted candy and place on cooling grid positioned over parchment-lined cookie sheet. If desired, sprinkle with sugars and sprinkles. Chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set.

Using candy decorating bag or disposable decorating bag, drizzle melted candy or pipe outlines, if desired; immediately sprinkle with sugars or nonpareils. Attach confetti with dots of melted candy. Chill 2 to 3 minutes or until set.

With point of sharp knife, carefully cut through candy on the marshmallow where stick will be inserted. Insert three marshmallows onto each Colored Lollipop Stick, securing with melted candy. Source

Wilton Enterprises

Sweet Snowmen Cookies

over parchment-lined cookie sheet. Spoon melted candy over top surface of cookie; chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set. Turn cookies over, candy side down, on cooling grid. Completely cover cookies with melted candy; chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set. Repeat, if needed, to completely cover cookie.

To decorate snowmen, melt Candy Melts candy following package instructions as needed. Using red, green and white candy in candy or disposable decorating bag, pipe hats, ear muff band and scarves, adding colored sugar trim to candy before it sets. For ball cap, cut a Candy Melt candy wafer in half; attach with melted candy. Attach sprinkles for buttons, ear muffs and decorative accents using dots of melted candy. Using melted black candy and decorating bag, pipe facial features. Using melted orange candy and decorating bag, pipe nose. Source Wilton Enterprises

Fast and Festive Christmas Cookies

Ingredients

Green, Red, White, Light and Dark Cocoa Candy Melts Candy Assorted purchased ready-to-eat

cookies

Holiday Confetti, Nonpareils, Holly Mix, Colored Sugars and Sprinkles Preparation

In Disposable Dipping Container or bowl, melt Candy Melts candy separately following package instructions. Partially or completely

Eggnog Ugly Sweater Cake

Ingredients 1 package (16.5 ounces) yellow cake mix

2/3 cup eggnog 1/3 cup vegetable oil 3 eggs

1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg Buttercream Icing

Icing Colors: Juniper Green, Christmas Red

Holly Mix and Candy Cane Sprinkles

Preparation

Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray Ugly Sweater Cake Pan with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, beat cake mix, eggnog, oil, eggs and nutmeg with electric mixer at low speed 30 seconds. Scrape bottom and sides of bowl; beat at medium speed 2 minutes. Pour batter into prepared pan, spreading to even thickness.

Bake 39-42 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Cool in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool completely on grid.

With spatula, ice cooled cake. Using

tip 233 and green icing, pipe tree on cake. Using tip 46 and red icing, pipe outline neckline, sleeve cuffs and bottom sweater band. Attach sprinkles. Serves 10-12 Source Wilton

dip cookies in melted candy. Place cookies on cooling grid positioned over parchment-lined cookie sheet. If desired, sprinkle with sugars and sprinkles. Chill 5 to 10 minutes or until set.

Notes, Tips & Suggestions

Additional decorating ideas:

Drizzle with melted candy in a contrasting color. Chill 3 to 5 minutes or until set.

Attach sprinkles with dots of melted candy. Chill 3 to 5 minutes or until set. Pipe melted candy bows and other decorations.









Ingredients White, Red, Green, Black and Orange Candy Melts Candy Peanut butter sandwich cookies Holiday Confetti, Holiday and Snowflake Mix Sprinkles **Cinnamon Drops** Black Sugar Pearls Silver Pearlized Sugar Preparation

Melt white Candy Melts candy following package instructions. Place cookies on cooling grid positioned



STARS, Ornge air team up to reduce snowmobile risks

Staff

STARS and Ornge air ambulance services are partnering up to raise awareness of snowmobile safety in an effort to reduce snowmobile related injuries and fatalities across Canada this winter.

The partnership marks the first time two air ambulance services in Canada have jointly promoted safe riding.

Since 2013, Ornge has transported more than 140 patients related to snowmobile trauma. During this same time period, STARS responded to 46 snowmobile related emergencies.

"STARS and Ornge share a common goal of saving lives across Canada," STARS president and CEO Andrea Robertson said in a release earlier this month. "By partnering together we want to increase safety for Canadians who use snowmobiles for work and recreation."

STARS and Ornge encourage riders to obtain safety training and drive sober.

"Ornge responds to hundreds of snowmobile and recreational vehicle trauma," said Dr. Andrew McCallum, president and CEO of Ornge."One is too many. Through our partnership with STARS, we want to emphasize the importance of making informed and safe decisions while enjoying the trails this winter season."

To arrive home safely, snowmobilers are encouraged to:

• Know the scenario, and expect the unexpected.

• Spread out to avoid collisions.

• Be vigilant and remain situationally aware.

• Stay on the trail and keep to the right.

• Pack an emergency kit to prepare for emergency situations.

• Drive sober.

• Ride within your abilities and recognize potential hidden hazards including barbed wire fences, railway tracks, steep drops and avalanche areas.

• Be mindful of changing weather conditions, thin ice and poor visibility.

• Wear appropriate safety gear.

• Avoid riding in unfamiliar areas at night.

• Take precautions to protect against hypothermia, frostbite and snow blindness.

• Take extra care when carrying passengers and only use snowmobiles designed for that purpose and carry one passenger at a time.

• Let someone knows where you will be, and when you expect to return.

• Avoid riding alone.

• Carry GPS, an emergency beacon,



RECORD PHOTO BY GRANT GREGORY

STARS and Ornge air ambulance services are partnering up this winter in an effort to reduce snowmobile related injuries and fatalities across Canada.

avalanche airbag (where appropriate), radio, first aid kit, tow rope, saws, extra clothing and rations.

• Maintain equipment in good working order.

• Take a safety course.

The Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS) is a non-profit helicopter emergency medical service (EMS) that provides rapid and specialized medical care and transportation for critically ill and injured patients.

STARS has flown more than 30,000 missions since it began in 1985, and

operates 24-hours a day with 11 helicopters at six bases in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, and Grande Prairie.

Ornge, a not-for-profit organization, co-ordinates all aspects of Ontario's air ambulance system, the critical care land transport program, paediatric transport program and the authorization of air and land ambulance transfers between hospitals.

Ornge performs more than 18,000 patient transports in Ontario each vear.

Province pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

By Patricia Barrett

The province intends to implement a cap and trade system to reduce Manitoba's greenhouse gas emissions over the next 15 years.

Premier Greg Selinger unveiled the government's Tomorrow Now, Manitoba's Green Plan earlier this month at the University of Winnipeg's Richardson College for the Environment and Science.

Flanked by the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, Tom Nevakshonoff, and MLA for The Pas, Amanda Lathlin, the Premier said the province will reduce its 22 megatons of emissions by a third come 2030.

By 2050, he said the province will reduce those emissions by half and be "carbon-neutral" by 2080.

He said the impacts of climate change that are costing the province billions of dollars have prompted a move forward.

"We've seen major floods. Every year we're seeing more forest fires... we actually had a drought one summer," Selinger said. "And all of those weather events are becoming more severe and more intense and more frequent."

The cap and trade system will ostensibly reduce greenhouse gas emissions which scientists say affect climate systems.

Cap and trade is a system that sets a cap or limit on greenhouse gas emissions and creates a market whereby heavy greenhouse gas emitters can purchase emission credits from companies emitting below the cap. Because that incurs a cost, heavy emitters have an incentive to reduce their emissions.

Some of province's largest greenhouse gas emitters include those in the agriculture sector.

"Some of the industries, such as the ag industry that showed up today – they want to be part of the solution," Selinger said."We're keeping our delegation small and focused on doing practical things over there."



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The Pas MLA Amanda Lathlin, Premier Greg Selinger and Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, Tom Nevakshonoff at the province's climate change announcement last Thursday at the University of Winnipeg.



Clarkson to represent Canada at World Ringette Championships

Staff

For many elite athletes, the holidays are a chance to come back home. For Amy Clarkson, however, she will

be far, far away from her home in St. Andrews.

Clarkson is one of five Manitobans that have been selected to represent



Canada at the World Ringette Championships in Helsinki, Finland from Dec. 27 to Jan. 4.

Clarkson is a member of Canada's Senior team. The other four local athletes - Ryann Bannerman (St. Vital), Sam Renooy (Oakbank), Talia Gallant (Maples) and Keyona Tomiuk (Oakbank) – are on the U21 squad.

In addition to training for the national team since May, these girls have been extremely active in the local coaching/instructing scene and can be found behind many U12 and

U14 ringette team benches throughout Manitoba's rinks.

Two past playing members of the national program (also from Manitoba) will join Team Canada as "Legacy" coaches. They are Danielle Hildebrand and Andrea Ferguson.

The Legacy coach is a new position this season and is an integral part of the coaching staff. They bring a wealth of knowledge and excellence to the team as experienced coaches as well as former Team Canada players.

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Kubic playing like a Giant in Vancouver goal

By Brian Bowman

Ryan Kubic had one of those stretches that a goalie can only dream about.

The St. Andrews product went 205 minutes and 11 seconds without allowing a goal recently for the Vancouver Giants of the Western Hockey League. He is the first Giants' goaltender to get three straight shutouts in the regular season.

Kubic's streak ended 9:57 into the first period in Everett when he was finally beaten by the Silvertips' Matt Fonteyne. That shutout streak has been a rare highlight for Vancouver, which was 10-19-2-2 through its first 33 games, this season.

With an injury to veteran goalie Daniel Wapple, Kubic, a rookie, was given an opportunity to start and he took full advantage.

At press time, Kubic was 5-9-1 with a 3.12 goals-against average and a .898 save percentage this season. The Selkirk Steelers hold his Manitoba Junior Hockey League rights.



RECORD PHOTO COURTESY OF CJ RELKE/VANCOUVER GIANTS Ryan Kubic makes a save during a recent Western Hockey League game with the Vancouver Giants.

JV Royals girls' busy on basketball court

By Brian Bowman

It's never a good sign when a team has had more games than practices.

But that's been the case with the Selkirk Royals junior varsity girls' basketball team this season.

With just a single practice under their belts, the JV squad had already played six games – compiling a 2-4 record – heading into last week's Sisler tournament.

"It's a work in progress," said Royals' head coach Sue Gilmour last week. "It's still early in the season and, hopefully, everything will start to fall

into place."

Gilmour really likes the talent level on this year's Royals' team.

"We have a lot of athleticism," she said. "We're a very, very athletic group. We have a couple of girls that play club basketball in the city."

The Royals have been very competitive in all of their games. Selkirk lost 28-27 to Oak Park, and with the exception of a Garden City game (a 62-43 loss on Dec. 15), all of their losses have been within 10 points.

Kelysian Warmington led Selkirk in scoring against Garden City with 13

points while Renee Partyka had eight. Selkirk opened its season with wins over Maples Collegiate (49-36) and Kelvin (33-31).

The Royals have plenty of ball handlers on this year's team, said Gilmour, which obviously makes it easier to move the ball up the court. Selkirk also has some players that can hit shots from the outside although that part of their game has been inconsistent so far this season.

"That's something that we're going to be working on throughout the season," Gilmour said. "We're getting the opportunities but we're just not finishing...and I hope that changes by the end of the year."

Gilmour will have the rare opportunity to work with these girls for the next three seasons. She will be taking over the Royals' varsity girls' program next year as Trish Hallson steps down.

"Instead of a one-year plan, I'm kind of looking at a three-year plan," Gilmour explained. "We're working on the basic fundamentals (right now) so that we can build on them through the three years."





Royals defeat Kodiaks in shootout win

By Brian Bowman

After three straight league losses to start December, the Selkirk Royals decided to give themselves an early Christmas gift.

The Royals snapped that mini losing streak with a solid 3-2 shootout victory over the River East Kodiaks in Winnipeg High School Hockey League action Dec. 15 at Gateway Arena.

Auzzie Loewen and Harley Hoydalo scored for Selkirk in the shootout.

Rhett Schrofel and Phil Crupi scored for the Royals during regulation time, which was controlled mostly by Selkirk. Dane Coubrough (power play) and JJ Davis (shorthanded) replied for River East. Brady Hrymak posted the win in goal.

"That was a big win," said Royals' head coach Shayne Fredborg."We had some competitive games before this, so we deserved some points. This is a big boost for the boys going into the break."

Selkirk wrapped up play before the holiday break last Thursday with a game against Garden City. No score from that game was available at press time.

Heading into that Garden City matchup, Selkirk had 10 wins and 34 points this season. That placed the Royals third in the ultra-competitive Platinum Promotions Division, behind only St. Paul's and Oak Park.

"If you would have told me that we would be here at the start of the year, I wouldn't have believed it," Fredborg said of the Royals' third-place standing. "The boys have really pulled together as a team and have been able to win a lot of close hockey games because they believe in each other and they play a sound, fundamental game."

The Royals have been very good in their defensive end this season. Selkirk has allowed just 31 goals through 16 games, which is the fourth lowest total in the 11-team division.

"Defensively, they have really surprised me," Fredborg said. "We lost a couple of key pieces on defence, we have a whole new defensive group, and we have two new goalies. But everyone has bought into our defensive system and are helping out down

"THOSE TWO GUYS ARE THE BACKBONE TO OUR TEAM."



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER Royals' captain Harley Hoydalo has nine goals and 19 assists so far this season in the Winnipeg High School Hockey League's Platinum Promotions Division.

low and in the shooting lanes.

"They are really making it hard for the opposition to score."

A couple of Selkirk players, however, have had no problem scoring goals this season. Loewen (13 goals, 16 assists) and Hoydalo (nine goals, 18 assists) were second and third, respectively, in Platinum Promotions Division scoring.

"They have been phenomenal for us this year," Fredborg praised. "Those two guys are the backbone to our team."

Selkirk won't resume league play until Jan. 7 when it hosts St. Paul's in East Selkirk. Game time is 3:45 p.m.





Fishermen fly past Falcons

By Brian Bowman

Corbin Pasternak and Milan Horanski each scored twice to lead the Selkirk Fishermen to a 7-0 victory over the Lundar Falcons in Keystone Junior Hockey League action on Dec. 15 at the Selkirk Rec Complex.

Selkirk, which completely dominated the game, took a 2-0 first-period lead on goals from Drayton Mendrun and Pasternak.

The Fishermen increased their lead to 3-0 after 40 minutes as Jeremy Thomas tallied and then broke the game wide open with four goals in the third.

Karl Fey, Pasternak and Horanski each scored power-play goals and then Horanski tallied with just a second left on the clock.

Griffin Steeves finished the game with three assists while Michael Smiley and Auzzie Loewen each had two helpers.

Selkirk outshot Lundar 53-20 as Jordan Liske posted the shutout.

The Fishermen hosted the Cross Lake Islanders last Sunday but no score was available at press time.

Heading into that game, Selkirk was in first place in the South Division standings with a 15-4-0-2 record and 34 points. That was six points ahead of the second-place St. Malo Warriors.

Selkirk won't resume play again until Jan. 10 when it hosts Lundar. Game time is 2:30 p.m. The Fishermen's Milan Horanski scored twice to lead Selkirk to a 7-0 victory over the Lundar Falcons on Dec. 15.

Penner named Payworks coach of the month



SUBMITTED PHOTO Ryan Penner

Staff

The Selkirk Royals' Ryan Penner and Riley Kemp of Cartwright Collegiate have been selected as the Payworks High School Coaches of the Month for November.

Penner recently guided the Royals to the 2015 junior varsity boys' provincial volleyball championship. This was his second provincial championship in three years as head coach of the Royals' junior varsity boys' squad. He has been coaching for 10 years at various levels, from assistant coach of the University of Manitoba women's volleyball team to the head coach of the Royals' junior varsity teams.

Penner is an elementary physical education teacher at St. Andrews School. "Ryan has given up countless hours coaching the sports of volleyball and basketball at Lord Selkirk Regional to continue a tradition of excellence that he experienced himself as an athlete," said a media release.

"He brings a high level of energy

to his coaching and displays an advanced technical and strategic grasp of the game. His team has performed well all season, winning numerous tournaments, and triumphing in the KPAC championship to advance to the provincial playoffs.







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- 30. Minor
- 31. Propel a boat

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