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Digging out

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John Fryza was hard at work shoveling snow in front of the Army Navy and Airforce Veterans Unit building along Clandeboye Avenue in Selkirk last Thursday morning. Selkirk and most of southern Manitoba were hit with heavy snowfall and low temperatures following the first major snowstorm of the season. For a story, see page 7.

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Blaze destroys Hawthorn Estates in St. Clements

Owners plan to rebuild popular wedding venue

By Lindsey Enns

A St. Clements couple says they are devastated after the 1940s era barn they spent years transforming into a picturesque wedding venue burnt to the ground last Friday morning.

Hawthorn Estates owners Robert and Tammy Belanger say they were woken up around 6 a.m. on Friday by a vehicle honking in their driveway.

Robert said when he looked out the window, all he could see were flames coming from the barn.

"It's like a sick feeling in my stomach," Robert said while standing outside on his property last Friday afternoon. "It's like a nightmare."

He added three fire crews from Brokenhead, East Selkirk and Narol showed up to help battle the blaze, which started sometime during the night, but it was already too late.

"It was already gone, it was already engulfed, they couldn't save it," Robert said.

The couple sent an email to several couples last Friday morning informing them the barn had been destroyed by fire and that they would be getting their deposits back.

Jeff Ward and his fiancée Carly Brown were one of the couples who had booked their wedding there for October 2018.

"We were really looking forward to having our wedding there," Ward said. "It's such a gorgeous piece of land and



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ABOVE: Nothing could be salvaged after a fire last Friday morning destroyed Hawthorn Estates, pictured above right and bottom left, during a wedding held earlier this year. BELOW: Hawthorn Estates owner Robert Belanger, pictured below far left, and an Office of the Fire Commissioner member sort through what was left of the 1940s era barn last Friday afternoon. The cause of the blaze is still being investigated.



the owners have been so great and accommodating.

"I suppose the silver lining here is ... we have time on our side."

Robert and Tammy bought their home in 2000 and then later purchased the historic barn from their neighbours across the street. After moving the barn on to their property close to their home in 2006, they spent two years fixing it up and transforming it into what became a popular and well-known wedding destination.

"We've had hundreds of weddings

since we opened three years ago and there were hundreds more to come cause they were booked for the next two years," Robert said. "Hawthorn Estates was so well-known in the province. Everything we did here was top shelf. All the vendors and photographers knew our place."

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LOVE JOY PEACE

Thieves target homes being built in West St. Paul

By Dave Baxter

A West St. Paul councillor says anyone building a new home in the RM should be on high alert after thieves targeted a number of homes under construction, including the one he is currently building.

"I'm building a new house right now, and the house was broken into and a bunch of stuff was stolen," West St. Paul councillor Peter Campbell said on Monday.

Campbell's new house is being built at the Legend Estates development in West St. Paul off of Pipeline Road, approximately one kilometer north of the Perimeter Highway.

He said his new home was broken into in August and again in October of this year.

"General building supplies, electrical supplies, wires, and electrical boxes were all taken from the house," Campbell said. "They basically took anything valuable that wasn't bolted down."

He added he recently had a situation where he went to his new home and found strangers walking around in the house.

Campbell also said he knows of other residents in the area who have dealt with theft at houses under construction this year.

"There are other people out there for sure," he said. "One of the neighbours down the street had his place targeted as well."

CTV News reported that Sylvester Gajdamowicz, who is currently building a home in West St. Paul in the same area near Pipeline Road and Grassmere Road, had his home broken into in November and a \$13,000 trailer was stolen.

Gajdamowicz's new home was also broken into again last Thursday and thieves made off with the front end of his bobcat worth about \$3,000 and they also attempted to steal another

trailer but were unsuccessful.

Campbell said he has since put security cameras at his construction site, and he suggests others do the same if they have the means.

He also wants anyone building a home in West St. Paul to get to know the neighbours who live around the new home.

"Get your neighbours engaged in helping out," he said "They live there and they are there all the time so have them keep an eye out for you."

"They can be that extra set of eyes and ears when you are not around."

West St. Paul Mayor Bruce Henley said he and council are aware of recent thefts at homes under construction, and he said they are working with both local RCMP and the West St. Paul Citizens on Patrol program to try and find solutions.

"We're aware of it and it's not uncommon that thieves target homes under construction," Henley said. "It's an ongoing problem and a concern for home builders, for developers and for residents because they know that nobody is around and they know there are often materials available."

"It seems that as of late West St. Paul is a target because we have a lot of new homes under construction."

Henley said RCMP have told him that thieves often travel in vehicles with stolen license plates, so just getting a licence plate does not always help police.

"Of course we want to get a license plate but also get a good description of the vehicle and take a picture if possible," Henley said. "And if you see something suspicious call it in right away and don't wait."

RCMP spokesperson Tara Seel said although RCMP know of a number of recent thefts in West St. Paul she said property crimes are actually down in West St. Paul so far this year.

"We did a review of crimes related to

property (this includes break and enters, theft, mischief damage to property) over the past three years," Seel said via email on Monday.

Seel said their review showed that from Sept. 1 to Dec. 12 in West St. Paul there were 51 cases of property crime in 2014 while in the same time period there were 53 in 2015, and 33 in 2016.

"The numbers are down considerably," Seel said via email. "However any amount of crime is concerning to local law enforcement."

"There is a lot of new construction in the area which can be attractive to thieves."

Seel said RCMP need the public's assistance to help stop theft and property crime both in urban and rural areas of Manitoba.

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Hep C treatment centre coming to Brokenhead

Chief says centre will help educate community members

By Dave Baxter

A hepatitis C treatment centre coming to Brokenhead Ojibway Nation will be able to help those living with the disease and work to prevent others from contracting it, according to the community's chief.

Although an opening date is still up in the air, Chief Jim Bear says they are doing their part to iron out the details and hope to open sometime in late 2017.

Bear said the centre will have multiple goals, as it will work to assist



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ABOVE LEFT: Brokenhead Ojibway Nation Chief Jim Bear speaks during a hepatitis C education symposium in his community on Nov. 29. Bear says the Brokenhead Grocery Pharmacy and Medical Clinic will soon offer a full service hepatitis C treatment centre. ABOVE RIGHT: Liver Care Canada registered nurse Benoit Desjardins gave a presentation on Nov. 29 at the hepatitis C education symposium in Brokenhead Ojibway Nation to show how a FibroScan machine tests for the disease and tests for the progression of the disease in patients.

those living with hepatitis C, and will also test community members for the virus so they can receive treatment as quickly as possible if needed.

He also wants the centre to be a place where community members can learn ways to prevent contracting the virus.

"We have to look at prevention and education," Bear said. "We will work with staff to work on prevention, intervention and education as well as treatment and care."

According to the Canadian Liver Foundation, hepatitis C is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis C virus, which attacks the liver.

Many who become infected with hepatitis C never feel sick and go on to recover completely, while others with the disease can get a brief, acute illness that can lead to fatigue, loss of appetite and yellowing of the skin.

If a person's body is not able to fight off the virus, they can develop chronic hepatitis, which can lead to

cirrhosis, liver failure and even liver cancer later in life.

Hepatitis C can be transmitted when the blood of someone carrying the virus gets into the bloodstream of an uninfected person.

During a hepatitis C education symposium in BON on Nov. 29, Bear announced that a full hepatitis C treatment centre will be opening at the Brokenhead Grocery Pharmacy and Medical Clinic, which sits across from the South Beach Casino and Resort on Hwy. 59.

During the symposium health care professionals from across Canada, BON community members and others listened to presentations and spoke with one another about ways to treat, test for, and prevent hepatitis C in BON and in other First Nations communities.

According to CATIE, a Canadian source for HIV and hepatitis C information, seven to 10 out of every 100 Indigenous Peoples living in Canada has hepatitis C.

Benoit Desjardins, a registered nurse with Liver Care Canada travelled from Ottawa to be at the symposium Nov. 29, and show how a FibroScan machine can quickly test for the disease and test for the progression of the virus in patients.

He said some of the social issues that can be prevalent in First Nations communities can lead to high numbers of First Nations community members contracting hepatitis C.

"Alcohol and drug abuse are often more rampant in some First Nations communities," Desjardins said. "The virus is passed through the transfer of blood, but if you are drinking or using drugs you are more likely to take part in risky behaviors that could lead to hepatitis C."

"It could be through the sharing of drug needles, or even by blood that has been left on equipment used to take drugs."

Desjardins said early detection of hepatitis C is crucial to help fight and stop the spread of the disease.

"You may have taken part in a lot of risky behaviours in the last 20 years and then one day you find out you have Hep C," he said. "Often people have no idea how they got it."

The Canadian Liver Foundation calls hepatitis C "a silent disease" because often no symptoms appear until a person's liver is already severely damaged.

According to hepatitiseducation.ca of the nearly 300,000 people in Canada living with hepatitis C, 75 per cent had no symptoms when they first contracted it, 50 per cent currently don't know they have the disease, and 25 per cent will get liver disease if not treated.

Bear said their new hepatitis C treatment centre will offer community members the opportunity to get tested for the virus in BON, rather than having to travel to larger centres such as Selkirk or Winnipeg.

"It will be a place where people will come to get tested, get help and get education," he said.



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Refugee family ready for first Christmas in Canada

By Lindsey Enns

Colourful lights have been hung, the tree has been decorated and plans have been set for the Ramadan family to celebrate their first Christmas in Canada.

Dozens of volunteers from multiple churches make up the Red River Churches Refugee Team (RRCRT), which helped bring the refugee family to Selkirk in late July.

The family includes mother Ache and her three sons Yaya, Habib, Awad and daughter Saidha. Yaya is also joined by his wife Zara and their baby girl Maisoune.

Before coming to Canada, the family spent 11 years living in a refugee camp in Sudan.

The family now lives in a house in Selkirk which has been filled with donations from community members who have warmly welcomed them to the city.

Last Friday evening the family was busy decorating a small Christmas tree with donated lights and ornaments from Selkirk Walmart.

"We're excited," Yaya Ramadan said with a smile about celebrating Christmas.

The family also experienced their first major snowfall earlier this month.

Yaya said they're finding the weather to be "very cold."

"I don't really like the snow but this is the first time," he said.

Some of the family members have also taken up a part time job this winter shovelling snow.

"I like it, it's good, it's fun," Yaya said. "We want to work more."

The family is still working on their English and have been taking lessons



The Ramadan family was busy decorating their tree and home for Christmas last Friday evening. The refugee family from Sudan who came to Selkirk in late July will celebrate their first Christmas in Canada later this month.

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in Winnipeg since September. Wilma Nicol, a volunteer with the RRCRT, said the family will be heading to her house for Christmas celebrations on

Christmas Day. Another volunteer will host the family on Boxing Day and then the Selkirk United Church is hosting a special celebration for them on Jan. 1.

Since all of the family members don't officially have birth dates, they

will celebrate their first birthdays in Canada all on the same day. Nicol said they are making sure they will have birthday presents to open.

She added the amount of donations the family

has received from the community has been overwhelming.

"If we didn't have things donated we'd have to buy them," she said.

As for things they are currently in need of, Nicol said they are looking to gather some pairs of skates, some sleds and hockey sticks. They are also looking for more volunteers to drive the family around. For more information, visit rrcrteam.com.

She added although warm winter clothing has been donated to the family, they don't always wear it because they aren't used to the cold.

"So they have to learn about that a little bit still," Nicol said with a smile.

Nicol said the team also plans to bring another refugee family to Selkirk sometime next year.

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Battling the storm

City crews spend days cleaning up after first major snowfall of the season

By Dave Baxter

The first major snowstorm of the season fell on southern Manitoba last week forcing local schools to shut their doors, and City of Selkirk crews to spend days digging out the city.

"This snowfall was kind of unique because it just kept on coming," the city's director of operations Dan McDermid said. "The snow started last Monday night and carried right through till Wednesday, so the biggest challenge was that it was such a prolonged event."

McDermid said he estimates about 30 centimetres of snow fell in Selkirk between Dec. 5 and Dec. 7, and that forced snow removal crews to work "around the clock" to get the streets cleaned up.

"We had multiple guys starting at different hours to battle the storm because this snow kept coming," he said.

McDermid added the city was forced to plough some streets in the city as many as three times during the storm last week.

Anyone driving down Main Street or Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk last week may have noticed massive piles of snow along the sides of the roads with pylons surrounding them.

McDermid said those piles were used as a temporary solution before the city could haul that snow to their snow disposal site.

"We did that because of the amount of the snow," he said. "We had split the crews by that point so we could not get it all taken away while still trying

to maintain the streets."

City workers started hauling those piles away last Friday and were still busy taking the snow away on Monday, according to McDermid.

McDermid said it has been years since he has seen snow come down the way it did last week in Selkirk.

"It's been three or four years since I have seen snow like this," he said.

On Monday, McDermid could not yet say what it cost the city to dig out last week, and that he wouldn't know until later this week.

"It definitely has an effect on the budget, but we anticipate events like this."

All 15 schools in the Lord Selkirk School Division (LSSD) were closed on Dec. 6 and 7 due to the storm.

LSSD Supt. Scott Kwasnitza said about 75 per cent of the division's approximately 4,200 student's use school bus services to get to school on a daily basis.

"In the division, if the buses aren't running the schools are closed to students," Kwasnitza said. "With the conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday the buses could not run."

He added that both students and staff across the division were not required to show up at schools in the division last Tuesday and Wednesday.

"If it's too dangerous for staff to drive to school then we close the schools for staff as well," he said. "We just felt it was too dangerous for our buses and also for our staff to get to school."



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ABOVE: City crews were spotted out on the streets for days clearing snow after the season's first major snowfall last week. The city estimates that 30 centimetres of snow fell in Selkirk last week. BOTTOM: A giant pile of snow sits in front of Three 6 Tea along Main Street last week.

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Sharing the catch of the day

Hi guys and gals.

Man, talk about mowing the lawn one week and cranking up your snowmobile in a ice storm not long after.

On the bright side maybe we'll be able to go from open water fishing to ice fishing in a really short time. Ron Iverson of Balmoral, his brother Dale Iverson of Stonewall along with his buddy Wes Hurd of Gunton, who I met on the Red riverbank upstream of Selkirk a few weeks ago shared this sentiment. They were joking and teasing each other when I walked up to them and it never stopped until I was out of earshot later back in "old red". I asked Ron who was closest as we introduced ourselves, if he had caught anything, "not a darn thing," he responded, "my brother keeps on catching; I'm just here to look good."

Wes, chimed in, "yea, we pushed our way close to Dale making him move further downstream thinking we might get lucky too. That didn't work." As Wes and I shot the breeze for a bit we couldn't see Dale for the underbrush but we could hear him periodically breaking out in a happy growl over the sound of water splashing, which meant he had landed another fish.

"It's easy to get "ticked off" with Dale," Ron remarked, "he's always lucky and he's always a little smug about it."

Later, when I was about to leave our new friends I asked the guys to hold up some fish so I could take a picture of them. Dale, with a slight smirk offered, "sure, I guess we can use some of my fish."

Unfortunately there are times when I have to make a choice about which stories I will write which also means it gets very interesting when I meet someone who has offered a story but couldn't find it in our papers or on the internet. So it happened that I found myself some three weeks ago standing



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Pictured from left to right: Ron Iverson, Wes Hurd, and Dale Iverson with some of Dales' catch along the Red River.

in front of two guys, Stefan Stevens, and his son Warren from Stonewall on the Hnaua pier who with accusing looks pointed out, "we checked the Selkirk Record and the Stonewall Teulon Tribune and couldn't find our story."

I searched my mind trying to remember where I had met these fellows. Then it hit me.

Two tall guys with half-length beards and trappers caps on the ice last winter off Chalet Beach. They had been so gracious taking the time to talk to me even though they had been fishing on the ice all day and wanted to be on their way home. Here on the Hnaua pier I apologized for having to make a choice between Stefans' story and others and gentleman that he was offered another story where not long ago he was boat fishing on the Red and caught a huge sturgeon.

It literally dragged him and the boat upstream right up to the Lockport locks where he had to cut his line for fear of hitting the concrete lock divider.

Being an open water angler at Balsam Bay is not that easy anymore but that doesn't stop our anglers. Last year one could fish over the metal water barrier but now a newly placed

rock water break is the only place to cast from and you better be part mountain goat. King Cob of Winnipeg, a not that tall, round faced chap with long straight brown hair thought he was one two weeks ago.

I stopped there to see who was catching what and when I met King he couldn't wait to tell me how he ventured out onto the rock barrier and got soaking wet. He had caught an eating sized pickerel and balancing on the rocks strung it and continued fishing. A few minutes later he noticed his caught fish slip the string but become corralled in a hollow of rocks with shallow water. King sprang to action sprinting from one rock to another down to the waters' edge to reclaim his fish. He should have remembered that wet rocks are slippery. Up went his feet and down King splashed into the water right up to his waist. To his credit he didn't lose sight of his objective, rolling to one side he reached over and grasped his fish holding it high as others on the rocks cheered his victory.

Well, with this cold our waterways are making two or three centimeters of ice cover a day; terrific.

See you next week friends.

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RCMP investigating after alleged break-in at YFC

Youth worker says nearly \$1K worth of items, cash were stolen

By Dave Baxter

Dion Peterson can't understand how anyone would want to steal from an organization that he says does so much good for local youth.

"I feel disappointed that someone would steal from a non-profit organization that is so willing to give to the kids in this community and try our best to accommodate any needs they have," Peterson, a youth worker for Youth For Christ Selkirk (YFC) said last Sunday. "Why would somebody steal from us?"

Dion said that last Saturday around 1:35 a.m. the YFC Selkirk building located at 426 Clandeboye Ave. was broken into and thieves allegedly made off with two Xbox 360 video game machines, a cash box, pool balls and some canteen items.

Dion estimates the value of the stolen goods and cash at around \$1,000.

RCMP confirmed they have been made aware of the incident and are investigating.

Dion said the robbery last weekend will make it more challenging for them to assist local youth and they are always accepting donations from residents, businesses and organizations.

"If people feel the need to help support YFC Selkirk any donations would be greatly appreciated, and yes it does affect us financially because the items stolen were used regularly and need to be replaced."

The centre accepts donations of cash, food and clothing and anyone that would like to make a donation or inquire about what kinds of dona-



RECORD FILE PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Students enjoy some lunch at the Selkirk Youth For Christ (YFC) building along Clandeboye Avenue in this November 2015 photo. A local YFC youth worker says around \$1,000 worth of items were stolen from the building last Saturday morning.

tions are needed can call YFC Selkirk at 204-482-3435.

According to Dion, YFC offers "a safe comfortable environment where youth and teens are free to express themselves and have somebody to genuinely care and listen."

Youth who go to the centre can play video games, play pool and have lunch through their canteen lunch programs. They also offer junior high, alpha and high school drop in programs.

Dion, who is 24, added he joined YFC as a youth worker because he used to be a teenager who was "on the wrong path."

"I also grew up on the streets of Selkirk and understand how easy it is to follow the wrong path, and that's why I do what I do now, because YFC helped me turn away from a life of crime," he said.

Oak Hammock Marsh to host Christmas Bird Count

By Jennifer McFee

Bird enthusiasts will be flocking to Oak Hammock Marsh this weekend for the 117th annual Christmas Bird Count.

The event is one of more than 2,000 that will be held across North America between Dec. 14 and Jan. 5. Run in Canada by Bird Studies Canada and in the United States by the National Audubon Society, the annual count aims to help monitor North America's birds. Volunteers count birds that they see and hear within a circle that is a 24-kilometre diameter. Conservation biologists and naturalists use the data to monitor population trends and bird distribution. In total, more than 50,000 observers take part each year.

At Oak Hammock Marsh, this year's

bird count will take place on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by a lunch. Prizes will be awarded for most birds, most species, and other categories.

No experience is needed since more experienced participants will take newcomers under their wing.

"It helps to get a snapshot of what is around at this time of year. It's done all across North America during the same two-and-a-half-week time-frame. That way, we get an idea of where all of the birds in North America are and if there are any changes," said resident naturalist Paula Grief.

For more information, visit oakhammockmarsh.ca. Pre-registration is required.

In regards the alleged robbery, Dion said he can also understand there are different reasons and situations that can lead some to make bad decisions, and choose to commit crimes.

"It would be great to get what was stolen back and if people are willing to keep an eye open that would

be greatly appreciated," he said. "But more importantly to pray for the perpetrators that they find it in their heart to return the items because we would be willing to forgive and accept them into our program and do our best to meet their needs as well."

YFC Selkirk runs a junior and senior high drop in program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., an alpha program on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and a junior high free lunch program on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Monday morning Selkirk RCMP Cst. Jim Dao confirmed they have received a report about the incident and are investigating.

He said that as of Monday afternoon RCMP did not know how many suspects entered the building on Saturday morning, and they do not know the age or sex of any suspects.

Dao said the suspects allegedly gained entry through the east side door of the building.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call Selkirk RCMP at or contact Crime Stoppers at 204-786-TIPS (8477).

Holiday Schedule



December 15th	Christmas Greetings Edition
	Greeting Deadline – Mon., Dec. 5th, 4 pm Regular Paper Deadline – Mon., Dec. 12th, 4 pm
December 22nd	Boxing Week Edition
	Display Ads, Classified Ads or Announcements EARLY Deadline – Fri., Dec. 16th, 4 pm
December 29th	Edition
	Display Ads, Classified Ads or Announcements EARLY Deadline – Mon., Dec. 19th, 4 pm

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Offices will reopen Monday, January 2nd

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The barn had two levels which included an open ground floor for lounging with a bridal room, three bathrooms and a staging kitchen.

Original reclaimed wood from the barn was used throughout the interior to give it a rustic feel and large chandeliers hung from the ceiling.

On Sunday evening, Tammy and Robert emailed 20 of their clients to let them know that they plan to rebuild.

"It has now been 2 days since our tragic loss however the support that we have received and kind words have been amazing," the couple said via email.

They added they plan "to rebuild a venue that will be unique and one of a kind in a different way than our barn was." They said they are looking at being back up and running for January 2018.

"We will assure you that it will be

just as magical as the barn was for your special day," the couple said via email.

The cause of the fire is still being investigated and likely won't be known until sometime this week.

An Office of the Fire Commissioner member was seen on the property last Friday sifting through the rubble.

Robert said he wasn't sure if the cause of the fire was electrical or not.

"That's the first thing you think of ... but there was nothing left on," he said. "We're in here every night and every day we check it all the time.

"Making sure everything's fine, that there's enough heat so we have no idea."

Robert added it's difficult to put a price tag on what they lost in the fire.

"We had some vintage antiques in there ... worth thousands of dollars, just gone," he said.

Dog pound passes inspection following complaint, city says



SUBMITTED PHOTO

City of Selkirk director of protective service Dave Thorne, pictured left, and bylaw officer Jason Soltys care for a wayward dog at the Animal Retention Facility.

Submitted

The City of Selkirk's Animal Retention Facility has been the temporary home to 202 dogs since 2013 and has had a high success rate when it comes to re-homing dogs in its care.

Out of the 202 dogs that came to the facility, either because they're running at large or have been relinquished by their owners, only two have been euthanized and in both cases it was due to medical reasons.

David Thorne, the city's director of protective services, said the two bylaw officers responsible for the animals brought in to the facility go above and beyond to make sure they are well cared for.

"Caring for the animals at the facility is the first task of their day. They go let the dogs out first thing in the morning and make sure the outside runs and inside kennels are clean, and they check on the animals several times throughout the day," Thorne said. "They care about the welfare of the animals in our care."

That care was evident when a provincial Animal Protection Officer (APO) performed an unannounced inspection of the facility last month. The APO was responding to a complaint to the Provincial Chief Veterinary Officer that dogs at the Selkirk facility were living in unsanitary conditions.

The APO found no concerns with the treatment of four large-breed dogs and two cats that were housed at the facility during the initial unannounced inspection and a follow up with Thorne and a bylaw officer a day

later.

Thorne said he welcomed the inspection of the Animal Retention Facility.

"Our bylaw officers are meticulous about the cleanliness of the Retention Facility," Thorne said. "The standards laid out in the City's Bylaw and the Province's Animal Care Act are strictly adhered to."

The APO's report said the four dogs were in their own kennels, had food and fresh water as well as a dog bed to lie on. The APO learned that the bylaw officer who was looking after the dogs was actually on his day off, but still came in to care for them.

The APO's report said the dogs appeared to be "in good body condition" and they were "playful and seemed happy."

Both of Selkirk's bylaw officers received training from the Chief Provincial Veterinarian's Office in relation to animal protection in 2014.

The Selkirk facility works with the Winnipeg Humane Society and other Winnipeg area shelters to find homes for animals that are not claimed or have been relinquished.

The four dogs that were in the facility recently had been there for an extended period of time. The Winnipeg Humane Society and other shelters that Selkirk deals with were all experiencing high volumes of dogs and no one could take them in. For that reason, the city cared for the dogs for two and a half months.

Thorne said all dogs have now been rehomed.

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Silicon plant coming down



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LINDSEY ENNS**

Demolition crews could be seen working at the old Silicon Research Plant in East Selkirk near the junction of Highway 212 and Highway 204 last Friday morning. The federal and provincial governments first joined forces with Dow Corning Corporation of Midland, Michigan to build the \$26 million research and commercial development pilot plant in East Selkirk in December 1989. The plant was to be used to manufacture silicon products using a new commercial process at the time. However, the plant hasn't been up and running for many years and is now being torn down. According to the RM of St. Clements, the property the plant sits on is currently owned by Manitoba Hydro.

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- Selkirk Evangelical Lutheran – Box 65, Selkirk, Mb R1A 2B1
- Selkirk United – 202 McLean Avenue Selkirk, MB R1A 0T6
- Little Britain United – 5879 Hwy 9 Lockport, MB R1A 2P7
- Notre Dame Roman Catholic – 269 Jemima Avenue Selkirk, MB R1A 0P6
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Communities help raise \$40K during giving challenge

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Santa's helpers came a little early for the Selkirk and District Community Foundation (SDCF) this year.

The wonderful people of Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements kicked off the season of giving on Saturday, Nov. 19 in a big way by donating \$37,855 to the SDCF during Endow Manitoba's 24-Hour Giving Challenge. With a top up of \$2,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation, the day's grand total donated was \$39,855.

The Winnipeg Foundation offers \$1 for every \$5 donated to SDCF's Community Fund, to a maximum of \$2,000.

Kelly Lewis, chairperson of the SDCF, said once again people showed their giving spirit and their dedication to their home communities.

"We know people in Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements are proud of their communities and we know they are generous and caring, they prove it year in and year out," Lewis said. "And when the Foundation takes part in the 24-Hour Giving Challenge, we know our friends in the community are going to show up. They show up because they care and they want to contribute to all the good causes the Foundation supports. We can't thank them enough."

Lewis said they received donations from people outside of Selkirk, and even from outside the province, and she's thankful to those people as well. She said there are people who have either left the community or who have some connection here and their generosity doesn't go unnoticed.

The SDCF has participated in Endow Manitoba's 24-Hour Giving Challenge for all three years of its ex-



Selkirk and District Community Foundation board members Heather Hogg, pictured left, and Deann Lane, far right, were smiles with Jeanne and Dexter Harvey as they made a donation during the 24-Hour Giving Challenge at the Gaynor Family Regional Library on Nov. 19. With a top up of \$2,000 from the Winnipeg Foundation, the SDCF raised \$39,855 this year.

istence, and for the first two, communities raised the most money in the province. This year we the SDCF sits at No. 2, behind a tremendous display of generosity in Pinawa, where their foundation raised more than \$100,000.

Across the province, \$497,115 was raised, demonstrating that the people of Manitoba have retained their title as the most generous in Canada.

Lewis said it was a huge day, and the real winners are Manitobans who benefit from the work foundations across the province do to support groups and individuals.

The 24-Hour Giving Challenge was

once again held at the Gaynor Family Regional Library and Lewis said the library is a perfect location for the challenge. People enjoy the library and they like meeting up with others to socialize and enjoy a cup of coffee. It's a nice relaxed setting for those in a philanthropic mood, she said.

"We thank the Gaynor Family Regional Library once again for inviting us, and the public, into their warm and hospitable environment, to come together and raise not just money but community spirit," Lewis said. "The Library plays a key role in the success of the 24-Hour Giving Challenge."

"WE KNOW PEOPLE IN SELKIRK, ST. ANDREWS AND ST. CLEMENTS ARE PROUD OF THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WE KNOW THEY ARE GENEROUS AND CARING ..."

For more information contact the Selkirk & District community Foundation at 204-785-9755 or via email at selkirkfoundation@shaw.ca

The SDCF was founded in 1995. It has \$8.9 million in assets and provides grants to community organizations from the interest off the assets. Since inception the interest has allowed the SDCF to give over \$1.9 million to over 125 local non-profit organizations throughout Selkirk, St. Andrews and St. Clements.

The SDCF creates different ways for people to donate by offering a range of different funds that support everything from books for babies to furniture for palliative care patients. The SDCF also helps connect donors with community wishes and dreams by allowing families or organizations to create their own endowment funds dedicated to a specific service, issue or project they care about and want to support for a long time.

Most recently the SDCF granted nearly \$86,600 to 15 different organizations.

The foundation also plans to host another 24-Hour Giving Challenge sometime in November 2017.



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Local man helps missing senior find his way home

By Lindsey Enns

A local man's decision to drive to work in a winter storm last week could be the reason why an 82-year-old Winnipeg man will get to spend Christmas with his family.

Landon Navitka said he spotted a man walking down Highway 59, about 10 kilometres south of Victoria Beach, while on his way to work in Selkirk last Tuesday around 8:30 a.m.

"By the time I left ... it was fairly blistery almost white-out conditions," the Hillside Beach resident said. "And then I saw someone walking down the road.

"There was very limited visibility ... but as I got closer I realized he wasn't dressed appropriately for the weather."

Once he pulled over, Navitka said the man told him he was lost. He added the man "was covered in ice from head to toe."

"His face was frozen solid and he had his hands wrapped up pretty



tight in his pockets," he said. "He was not in very good shape.

"He was very disoriented."

Navitka then offered to drive him to a nearby gas station where they were able to contact police. Navitka was later told that the man was Charles McAulay who had been reported missing to Winnipeg Police last Monday night.

"I'M JUST HAPPY HE'S OK AND GETS TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH HIS FAMILY."

McAulay left his home near Kenaston Boulevard in Winnipeg last Monday afternoon to pick up his truck from a nearby car dealership and got turned around on the roughly 10 minute drive home, he told *CBC News* last week.

McAulay then lost his way and started driving north near Traverse Bay when he suddenly swerved off the road into a nearby ditch full of ice, snow and water. Once he was able to get out, he decided to start walking and look for help along the highway during a winter storm. He reportedly walked about five kilometres before Navitka stopped and picked him up.

Navitka said since that day several

of McAulay's family members have reached out to him to thank him for what he did and for helping bring their husband, father and grandfather home safely.

McAulay was taken to hospital to recuperate last Tuesday and was released last Thursday morning, Navitka said.

"They've all been very appreciative and he has relatives from all over the world from what I can see and they're all very happy to have him back," Navitka said, adding he was told McAulay will soon get to meet his 10th grandchild.

Navitka said he travels Highway 59 almost everyday and this wasn't the first time he's pulled over to help someone in need.

"I'm always willing to lend a hand," he said with a laugh. "I've changed a couple tires."

He said he's glad he pulled over and was able to help McAulay.

"There's never really a good ending to these types of stories," he said. "I'm just happy he's OK and gets to spend Christmas with his family."



Greetings of holiday cheer. Please drive safe this special season.

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Amateur wrestling Xmasmania show to make a stop in Teulon

By Natasha Tersigni

For wrestling fans in Teulon, Christmas is coming early this year.

This Friday, the well-known Manitoba wrestling promoter Tony Condello will be bringing his UCW Xmasmania show to Teulon. The event is a fundraiser for Teulon Collegiate's athletic program and will be held at the high school's gym on Dec. 16. Tickets for the event can be bought at the door for \$25 for adults and \$20 for youth. Doors open at 6 p.m. and wrestlers take to the mat starting at 7:30 p.m.

The show promises to be a night of exciting wrestling thanks to a full line-up. The star of the night will be the seven-foot-tall Andreas, who is the cousin of the late WWF star Andre the Giant. Other amateur wrestlers taking to the ring for the show include Deer Heaven, Coach, Massive and Angelina.

The unique fundraiser event is a first for the high school.



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From Mayor & Council

Merry Christmas and happy holidays!

We have had a very busy year and are working toward continuing to grow all areas of the municipality and move some larger projects forward.

We are working hard to improve our communication with you by combining good old fashioned listening with new technology and best practices.

In fact, we are considered to be a communications leader in this new way of governing in the RMs of Manitoba and we just won a national award for it.

How?

- A new cell-phone friendly website with easy-to-find information
- Your Feedback web pages where you can have your say on a project
- Over 1500 email addresses so we can send you timely information quickly and inexpensively
- Local interest Facebook posts

Read more on our new website at: rmofstclements.com

Recreation Update

We learned that 68% of residents are unsatisfied with the RM's current recreation options and that 65% would like recreation money to be spent half on outdoor amenities and half on a building. *

We are responding to your input!

We hired a **Recreation Manager named Dave Harcus** to assist community recreation groups with organization, planning, programming and funding.

1. We are reviving the **Kirkness outdoor rink** this winter, which will be back in action for the first time in ten years. Dave and community volunteers have worked feverishly to get it up and running in record time. Read more at rmofstclements.com/kirkness-rink.
2. Rec Manager Dave, 23 volunteers and a consultant are working on **south St. Clements recreation facility** recommendations to present to Council this winter.

*South St. Clements Recreation Survey of 308 people in April 2016. Survey Report at rmofstclements.com/south-st-clements-recreation

Henderson Sewer Moves Ahead

The Henderson sewer project has been moving steadily along. Our goal is to have the capacity to hook up all homes in the area by 2020. Hook up schedule will be based on neighbourhood request.

As of March 2016, 66 homes are serviced by the Lockport Treatment Plant or will soon be. The Lockport plant isn't big enough to service the whole area so we studied several alternatives including:

- Connecting to St. Andrew's pipeline to Winnipeg
- Connecting with the East St. Paul treatment plant
- Expanding the Lockport plant
- Using one of two possible lagoons in the RM of St. Clements

We will compare factors like cost, timeline, complexity, potential for future hookups and environmental impact to make the best choice for the future.

Find background and updates at rmofstclements.com/henderson-sewer-project.



Let's Talk Trash Update & Survey Results

We need to change how we handle garbage and now is the time. Why?

1. We have one of the lowest recycling rates in the province and the majority of you want to do better.
2. Costly upgrades to existing facilities for safety and environmental reasons are looming.

A big thank you to the 466 people who took the time to fill out our *Let's Talk Trash* survey in November of 2016.

All respondents were entered to win an iPad. Find out who won on our website.

What we learned:

- **67%** of you want to **reduce** the amount of recyclables and organic material that gets thrown into the landfill, even if it costs more (but not much more)
- The majority of you want **recycling to be easier**
- You support **curbside garbage and recycling pick up** south of Highway #4

We have come up with some options based on your input and we'd like to know what you think. Go to rmofstclements.com/lets-talk-trash.

Survey report also available here.

Holiday Office Hours Municipal and Public Works

- Closed from Monday, December 26 to Friday, December 30
- For emergencies we have a 24 hour answering service. Call 204-482-3300.

Landfill and Transfer Station Winter Hours

Questions? Contact the Landfill Office at 204-766-2388 or toll-free at 1-866-205-8914
 Want a map? Go to our website at rmofstclements.com/landfill-transfer-stations

Check hours at a glance on our new Home page rmofstclements.com

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Libau Landfill	Closed	Closed	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm
Dunning Transfer Station	9 am – 5 pm	11 am – 5 pm	11 am – 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Clark Transfer Station	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm
Grand Marais Transfer Station	9 am – 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am – 5 pm	Closed
Gull Lake Transfer Station	Closed	11 am – 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 am – 5 pm

CHRISTMAS HOURS	Sat, Dec 24	Sun, Dec 25	Mon, Dec 26	Tue, Dec 27	Wed, Dec 28	Thur, Dec 29	Fri, Dec 30	Sat, Dec 31	Sun, Jan 1
Libau Landfill	9 am - 1 pm	Closed	Closed	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 1 pm	Closed
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Anglers go head-to-head with fisheries envoy

By Patricia Barrett

Gimli and area fishers wrangled with a mediation company that was hired by the provincial government to tout the benefits of the open market it intends to cast fishers into next year.

If any of the 40 or so fishers were in favour of the Conservatives' plan to opt out of the federally run Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, they did not make a public declaration during a two-and-a-half-hour meeting on Dec. 1 at the Waterfront Centre when fisheries envoys Gerry Friesen and Perry Mohr from Signature Mediation took to the floor.

But those concerned about fish companies negatively affecting fishers' wages and small fishers' ability to sustain a viable operation certainly made their voices heard.

"Fifty years ago our fishermen were living in tin shacks and had a hard time paying their hydro bills," said long-time Lake Winnipeg fisher Brent Matechuk, referring to the gouging of fishers by fish companies before the advent of Freshwater in 1969 and the stabilisation of the industry. "Us guys under the FFMC are now living in half-million-dollar houses and we don't have any trouble paying our hydro bills. That's the difference. And that history proves my point."

It became clear that the envoys did not come to consult with fishers per se, but to break down opposition to the government's plan.

After an hour and a half of heated debate, Mohr admitted they were hired guns required to tell the province what it wants to hear:

"We've been given a job," said Mohr. "And I'll be honest with you...when I got hired, one the people that hired me, I said to him, 'What if I come back to you and tell you this is the worst idea in the world?' He said, 'That's not a viable option because the province has already made the decision.'"

How much the government is paying Signature Mediation to conduct meetings with fishers across the province



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LEFT: Lake Winnipeg fisher Kris Isfeld went head-to-head with fishery envoy Perry Mohr over dozens of points. RIGHT: What was billed as a consultation turned out to be a promotion of the Conservative government's plan to opt-out of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation after fisheries envoy Perry Mohr said he was hired to deliver what the government wants to hear.

is unknown. A spokesperson for Sustainable Development said that may be "proprietary information" and provided nothing further by press time.

It's unclear what percentage of Manitoba's commercial fishers had asked the government to cut ties with Freshwater or whether the government had considered holding a referendum before announcing its intent to opt-out next year.

Kris Isfeld, fisher and spokesperson for Lake Winnipeg fishers, questioned Mohr's upbeat forecast (job creation, better prices than FFMC's, etc.) for fishers in an open market system, catching him off guard a number of times with fishery questions to which Mohr had no answer.

"Please research pre-1970," said Isfeld.

Lake Winnipeg fisher Ray Isfeld voiced his opinion on what the provincial opt-out could mean to fishers' wages if private companies get the upper hand and drive Freshwater out of the game.

"So the Freshwater board will say it's \$2.00 a pound for pickerel," he said.

"The private guys come and pay \$2.50. Freshwater board goes belly up. The private guys come in and they pay \$1.50."

Mohr's personal success transitioning his Manitoba Pork Marketing company to the open market was discounted by fishers. He and fellow envoy Gerry Friesen used to work in the hog industry at the time the then Conservative government enacted a change in legislation (1996) that saw the industry move from single-desk marketing to dual marketing.

Isfeld asked Mohr how many Manitoba pork producers there were in 1994 before dual-marketing and how many remain today.

Mohr said there was a decline.

According to the Census of Agriculture, hog farms steadily declined between 2006 and 2011, from 1,188 to 590. Mostly small farms were affected.

A 2015 Manitoba Pig and Pork Industry study prepared for the University of Manitoba shows that number has declined to 550.

Mohr said based on the numbers of phone calls [unspecified] he has re-

ceived from the Gimli region, there is "a tremendous amount of optimism."

Isfeld disagreed, saying fishers are "very split" on the viability of the open market. "You guys are saying, 'Here's the potential plus side. Is the next part of your presentation about the potential negatives?'"

Mohr agreed there may be some downsides to open marketing such as "additional costs to the system" and "some inefficiencies," but that there will be no shortage of companies wanting to buy their fish.

"If FFMC was paying you guys the best price in the world," said Mohr, "I don't think all of these buyers would be coming in here looking at this as an opportunity."

Isfeld asked Mohr how he knows what the best price in the world is because "you just said there is no known price out there for pickerel or for whitefish."

Mohr said a politician told him that fish prices will increase. At the same time, he said fishers' wages are of no concern to fish companies, only their own profits.

"Two or three times is what one of the politicians told us that you guys are going to get paid," said Mohr. "I heard the same thing in the hog industry and my knee-jerk reaction to that is, 'If it's too good to be true, it probably is.'There are people...looking at the Manitoba situation as an opportunity to come in and make money. All of these companies that are going to build here...are in it to make money. They're not looking at this to make the fishers more money. At the end of the day that might be one of the side effects, but they're in it to make money for themselves."

Lake Winnipeg fisher Chris Kristjanson broached the issue of potential regulatory changes to fishers' quotas.

"I really want to hear more what the province says that they want to do with the rules and regulations of my quota," he said. "I want to know now what my quotas, my family's quotas and my kids' quotas are worth, and what they're going to be worth on the decisions that the province makes."

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Coding program helps students strengthen their skills

By Lindsey Enns

Local students are getting the chance to strengthen their math and problem solving skills among others thanks to a new computer coding program at Happy Thought School.

Grade 4 teacher Danielle Brodeur helped introduce the program to a small group of interested students last year and now more of them are jumping on board.

"I'm trying to get as many kids exposed to this as possible," Brodeur said while standing inside her classroom on Nov. 30. "I hope to see it in more schools and more classes."

Coding, which is what creates com-

puter software, apps and websites, helps students work on various skills including measurement, angles, reading, writing, teamwork, problem solving and critical thinking, Brodeur said.

"With our future everything is going towards technology and we aren't really teaching (students) computer programming or any of those skills so I thought I'd expose them to it now," she said. "Once they have been using code.org and finished the hour of code they can transfer those skills ... they can make their own games, videos or programs."

On Nov. 30, a large group of students

from grades three and four were busy solving problems and creating their own computer games on laptops, while others attempted to move a circular blue robot the size of a baseball up a makeshift ramp made out of cardboard.



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Grade 3 Happy Thought School students pictured from left to right, William Waterman, Fiona Bailey and Lucas Diserowe use an iPad to move a circular robot up a makeshift ramp made of cardboard during a computer coding exercise at their school on Nov. 30.

"This new robot has gotten them very excited," Brodeur said. "Now they are being able to see those skills put into a real life situation and it's all hands-on."

Grade 3 student Blake Hallock, who was busy creating his own computer game, said he's really been enjoying learning more about computer coding.

"It's just really, really fun," Hallock said with a smile. "It's just really cool."

Brodeur said she didn't know anything about coding until she visited code.org two years ago. Although she said there's a bit of a

"learning curve," she is now trying to keep up with her students and figure it out along the way with them.

Brodeur, who has been teaching for six years, says technology is continuing to evolve and play an even greater role in the classroom.

"We use technology in every subject now and that's been changing over the years," she said, adding students are now being provided with more tablets than laptops as they have a better battery life and are more accessible.

Brodeur said although some students struggle in certain subject areas, this coding program has helped build their confidence.

"They are good at something and I think it's something that they'll continue with after school."

She added in the future she believes coding will be available at every school division wide.

"I think schools will be teaching computer programming at an early age," she said. "I think that robotics are going to have a key place in schools as well."

"The possibilities are really endless and I don't even fully understand all the jobs that could be available to them in the future."

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Mohr said if he came to this meeting to find that out, he's at the "wrong meeting." But in his opinion, quotas would likely increase in value.

Kristjansson said he'd "pass on that optimism."

Other issues such as the provincial role in price reporting, sales tracking, dealer licenses, quota monitoring, index netting, export permits and eco-certification gave rise to more heated debate, but no answers as to what will happen.

Speaking with *Express* before the meeting got underway, Hecla fisher Ivan Grimolfson said without FFMC and its packing plant in Riverton, which shoulders the cost of distributing fishers' catches, he would likely have to fold his nets for good.

"I'm not going to run all the way to St. Laurent or some place to sell my fish," said Grimolfson. "I'm not going to run all over Winnipeg and try to sell it."

The envoys are to present recommendations to

the province in the spring. The government said it will withdraw from FFMC in August, but did not confirm a date.

One fisher expressed concern about when the province will indicate a withdrawal date to which Mohr responded that without one, potential investors will not "start looking at this."

Former NDP Interlake MLA Clif Evans, who has attended several envoy meetings across the Interlake and sat in on Gimli's meeting, said, "The feds have not heard from the province on a set date for opt-out. All they talk about is August 17 or 18. There's nothing in writing from the province."

Evans was optimistic about Freshwater's ability to support Manitoba fishers once the province opts out.

"Right now they're [Freshwater] in the process of talking with fishers and others to set up contracts... to sign on with Freshwater."

Evans said the envoys' meeting in Fisher River

Dec. 2 was not a happy affair when the *Express* contacted him a few days later. Former Chief Lorne Cochrane had allegedly said he didn't consider the meeting a "consultation" and that any changes to their fishery have to be considered within their treaty rights.

Former NDP Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship Tom Nevakshonoff, who has attended a number of envoy meetings, said he fears that the demise of the quota system in is the works and that northern fishers will suffer the most.

"They're [the Conservatives] setting up the fishery for a corporate takeover," said Nevakshonoff by phone. "The quota system was designed to maintain a core quota in communities."

Nevakshonoff said cabinet can change quota regulations "with the stroke of a pen."

"My greatest fear is that quotas will be posted on the open market," he said. "I think it's a conscious strategy by the Pallister government."



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Portage pounds Selkirk at MJHL Showcase

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Steelers are a tough team to figure out.

Just two days after knocking off the Steinbach Pistons, the No. 6-ranked team in Junior "A" hockey in Canada, Selkirk had a stinker in a disappointing 7-2 loss to the Portage Terriers Monday as part of the MJHL Showcase at the MTS Iceplex.

"It was not a good effort," said Steelers' head coach Dustin Hughes Tuesday morning. "It was a disappointing game. We didn't have any push back after the first period, which is a little disappointing."

Portage's Chase Brakel scored the lone first-period goal while short-handed and then the Terriers went up 4-1 after 40 minutes.

Selkirk's Nathan Halvorsen scored early in the second period, assisted by Adam Withers and Ezra Hall, to tie the score at 1-1.

But Portage received goals from Jordan Thomson, Jeremy Leipsic, on the power play, and James McIsaac later in the second period to go up by three goals.

The Terriers' Ryan Sokoloski then made it 5-1 early in the third with a power-play goal. Portage had the man advantage after Ryan Pruden was called for goaltender interference.

The Terriers increased their lead to 6-1 just over three minutes later as Ty Enns tallied before Hall replied for the Steelers at 15:49.

Portage's Takato Cox then closed out the game's scoring at 18:13.

Slipping past Steinbach

On Saturday, Selkirk had a great effort in the 2-1 home victory over the Pistons.

The Steelers' Shannon McFadden scored the only goal of the first period

and then Taylor Fisher made it 2-0 on the power play early in the third.

Steinbach finally solved Selkirk goaltender Hayden Dola as Jordan Bochinski scored with the man advantage at 17:28 of the final period.

Dola was very good in the game, making 33 saves for his 11th win of the season.

Pistons pump Steelers

Selkirk started the weekend slowly, though, with a 5-0 loss Friday to the Pistons in Steinbach.

In the first period, Steinbach took a 3-0 lead on goals by Bochinski, Mackenzie Graham, and Landon Plett. All three goals came within a 4:21 span midway in the frame.

The Pistons then increased their lead to 5-0 as Joseph Leonidas and Tyler Anderson scored late in the second period.

Roman Bengert made 36 saves and was named the game's first star. Selkirk was 0-for-6 on the power play while Steinbach was 0-for-3.

The Steelers played their second game as part of the MJHL Showcase Tuesday evening against Dauphin at the MTS Iceplex but no score was available at press time.

Selkirk, now 18-10-1 and tied for fifth place with Virden (each with 37 points), will play three road games in three nights this weekend. The Steelers will be in Neepawa Friday, Swan Valley on Saturday, and Dauphin Sunday.

Although all three teams are below Selkirk in the standings, none of these games are guaranteed wins.

"It has been shown this year, at times, maybe a team hasn't accumulated as many wins as others but anyone beat another on any given night," Hughes said.



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Steelers' forward Cole McCartan controls the puck while being hounded by a Pistons' player during MJHL action Saturday in Selkirk. Selkirk upset the league-leading Pistons 2-1.

Selkirk will then wrap up game action before the Christmas break with a home game Tuesday against OCN. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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Locals lead Predators to tournament win

By Brian Bowman

An early-season trip to a tournament is always a great way to get a team to bond together.

And that experience gets even better if a team wins that same tournament.

It's fair to say the Northeast Predators Bantam girls' hockey team is a whole lot closer after they won an eight-team Grand Forks U15A tournament last weekend.

Northeast earned top spot after defeating the Lake of the Woods Canucks from Kenora 4-2 in the final on Sunday afternoon.

"The girls were beyond excited," said Predators' coach Korey Park. "The weekend was tons of fun. Our girls enjoyed playing against the Americans, who play a different style of game, for sure."

The winners took a quick 2-0 lead just four minutes into the game and then added two more goals in the third.

Katie Gascoigne led the Predators with two goals.

Northeast started the tournament with a 4-3 win over the Assiniboine Park Rangers from Winnipeg and



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The Northeast Predators won an eight-team tournament in Grand Forks, N.D. last weekend.

then blanked the Bismarck Capitals 2-0. The Predators made it three wins in a row with a 4-0 shutout victory over the Grand Forks Phantoms.

Northeast was very good on the defensive end, allowing just five goals in four games.

"Defensive-wise, everyone stepped up big time," Park stressed. "And I can't commend our goalies enough. They stood on their heads and kept us in every single game."

The Predators' team is made up of players from Selkirk, St Andrews, East Selkirk and the northeast part of Winnipeg. Four players are from the Tri-S area, according to Park.

"From a coaching perspective, it's tough (at the start of the season) to get them to gel," Park said. "It's kind of the reason that we took a bus to Grand Forks even though it's not that far. It's unbelievable the way the team gelled together on that bus, for sure."

In league play, Northeast has been very competitive this season on their way to a solid 9-4 record and sole possession of third place. The Predators have been competitive in every game that they have played this season.

"There have been no blowouts for, or against," Park said. "We have a very young team, for sure, with 10 13 year olds on our team and the rest are 14 year olds."

Selkirk sends North Winnipeg an early Xmas gift

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Fishermen sent the North Winnipeg Satelites an early Christmas present on Sunday.

But it was a gift that North Winnipeg would like to exchange.

Selkirk was all over North Winnipeg, cruising to a lopsided 8-1 victory – while outshooting the visitors 44-20 – in KJHL action at the Selkirk Rec Complex.

The Fishermen, which held period leads of 3-0 and 4-1, received a great three-goal and an assist effort from Coel Forsyth. Talon Kelly and Milan Horanski each had a goal and an assist while Auzzie Loewen, Griffin Steeves and Connor Spratt also tallied.

Harley Hoydalo, Dawson Courchene, and Dane Derewianchuk each had two assists.

Travis Schalk made 19 saves for the win. The Fishermen were 4-for-6 on the power play while the Satelites were 0-for-3.

The Fishermen had a rough start to the weekend, though, with a 5-1 home

loss to the St. Malo Warriors.

Tyrel Bueckert and Jared Hunter scored first-period goals for St. Malo and then the Warriors went up 4-0 after 40 minutes as Jordy Hill and Riley Hunter, on the power play, tallied.

Gordie Longbottom, assisted by Courchene, and Hill then traded third-period goals.

Selkirk outshot St. Malo 36-29. Both teams had just two power-play opportunities.

The Fishermen, now 14-6 and in second place in the South Division standings, will wrap up play in 2016 with a pair of home games this weekend.

Selkirk will host the last-place Norway House North Stars on Saturday (7:30 p.m.) and then the Lundar Falcons will visit the Rec Complex Sunday (2:30 p.m.).

Selkirk won't play another game until Jan. 6 when it visits the Warriors in St. Malo. St. Malo currently is a point ahead of Selkirk in the division standings with a game in hand heading into this week's action.



RECORD FILE PHOTO

The Fishermen's Milan Horanski had a goal and an assist during Selkirk's 8-1 win over the North Winnipeg Satelites.

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Bourque headlines 'Hockey Night in Selkirk Dinner'



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Ray Bourque will be the guest speaker at the Selkirk Steelers' 19th annual 'Hockey Night in Selkirk Dinner' in February.

Staff

One of the all-time great NHL defencemen – Ray Bourque – will be the guest speaker for the Selkirk Steelers' 19th annual "Hockey Night in Selkirk Dinner" to be held Feb. 21 at the Selkirk Recreation Complex banquet hall.

Bourque played 22 NHL seasons and holds the all-time records for most goals, assists and points for a defenceman. He was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004, which was his first year of eligibility.

Bourque was drafted by the Boston Bruins eighth overall in 1979. In his first year, Bourque was named rookie of the year, a first-team all-star and

scored 65 points (which was a record for rookies at the time).

During his time with Boston, he would win five Norris Trophies as the league's top defenceman. Bourque was later traded to the Colorado Avalanche for a chance to win a Stanley Cup. In 2001, Bourque finally won the Stanley Cup in his last NHL game.

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Dakota defeats Selkirk in hockey

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals have had better weeks.

The Royals had their Dec. 6 WSHSL game against River East postponed due to last week's snowstorm and then were defeated 5-1 by the Dakota Lancers last Thursday in Winnipeg.

Adam Gillespie put the home side up 1-0 in the first period and then Dakota went up by two goals as Braeden Ness scored in the second period.

The third period saw Dakota's Kyle Lang and Selkirk's Evan Beardard trade goals before the Lancers' Dustin Maihot and Joe Zander closed out the game's scoring.

Selkirk hosted Sturgeon Heights this past Tuesday and then played Kelvin yesterday but no scores were available at press time.

The Royals will battle the St. John's Ravenscourt Eagles on Monday (6:15 p.m.) at Dutton Arena and then will host Oak Park today (3:45 p.m.) in East Selkirk.

Today's game will be the Royals' final one for 2016. Selkirk was in sole possession of fifth place in the Winnipeg Free Press Division standings heading into this week's games.

In girls' action, Selkirk was dumped 9-2 by Dakota last Friday. The Lancers scored four first-period goals, added one in the second, and then scored four more in the third.

Sonya Neale (three), Sarah Parsons (two), Morgan Sloan (two), Kelsie Sloan, and Risa Shatford scored for

the winners. Courtney Sorokopud-Jones and Cienna Palmer replied for Selkirk.

Kinnon Lycan and Jazmyn-Rae Desjarlais drew assists on Selkirk's goals.

The Royals will play the Westwood Warriors today (4:30 p.m.) at the Keith Bodley Arena in Winnipeg.

Selkirk will then visit the Jeanne Sauve Olympiens Friday (4 p.m.) at the Dakota Community Centre before hosting the Oak Park Raiders on Monday (4 p.m.) in East Selkirk.

The next three games are very important ones for the Royals, who occupy sole possession of fourth place with 15 points, as they look to stay in the upper echelon of the CTV Division standings.

At press time, Selkirk was just a single point ahead of Dakota and Jeanne Sauve.

"The standings are really close this year so every game matters," said Royals' head coach Noah Cain in an email. "We can't afford to let any points slip away on us. We want a high seed for the playoffs (and) we want to play at home."

Cain feels Selkirk can make a lengthy playoff push this season.

"I believe we have a good enough team to make a run this year," he said confidently. "It will be a matter of working hard, peaking at the right time, and staying disciplined. If we can keep our momentum going right up to Christmas break it would be huge for us."

Manitoba Hockey Standings

MANITOBA JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Steinbach Pistons	31	25	5	1	51	127	59
OCN Blizzard	31	21	7	3	45	101	70
Winkler Flyers	31	22	9	0	44	117	71
Portage Terriers	30	21	9	0	42	132	95
Selkirk Steelers	29	18	10	1	37	97	90
Verden Oil Capitals	32	16	11	5	37	83	88
Winnipeg Blues	31	14	13	4	32	104	98
Swan Valley Stampeters	28	11	14	3	25	84	106
Dauphin Kings	31	7	19	5	19	72	119
Neepawa Natives	29	8	21	0	16	74	122
Waywayseccappo Wolverines	31	4	24	3	11	77	150

KEYSTONE HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Central Division	16	11	5	0	22	113	84
Peguis Juniors	17	10	7	0	20	101	69
Arborg Ice Dawgs	14	6	8	0	12	94	101
Fisher River Hawks	14	6	8	0	12	94	101
South Division	19	14	4	1	29	133	74
St. Malo Warriors	20	14	6	0	28	109	37
Selkirk Fishermen	17	6	11	0	12	67	89
Lundar Falcons	16	5	10	1	11	59	88
North Division	14	11	3	0	22	133	78
OCN Storm	16	6	9	1	13	84	83
Cross Lake Islanders	17	0	17	0	0	31	221

MANITOBA MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Pembina Valley Twisters	22	14	5	3	31	100	67
St. James Canucks	24	15	8	1	31	83	76
Charleswood Hawks	21	13	4	4	30	73	54
Stonewall Jets	20	14	6	0	28	94	66
Raiders Jr. Hockey Club	23	13	8	2	28	100	67
St. Vital Victorias	24	11	10	3	25	91	101
Transcona Railer Express	23	11	12	0	22	83	89
St. Boniface Riels	23	9	10	4	22	75	90
Fl. Gary/Ft. Rouge Twins	23	9	11	3	21	81	97
River East Royal Knights	23	4	19	0	8	54	127

AAA MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Yellowhead	26	17	4	1	39	113	74
Wild	24	18	4	0	38	128	48
Central Plains	27	17	9	1	35	115	91

BRANDON	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Thrashers	23	14	6	1	34	100	62
Pembina Valley	25	14	10	0	29	89	72
Southwest	23	13	10	0	26	79	86
Eastman	25	11	12	2	24	82	80
Kenora	27	10	13	0	24	79	117
Parkland	25	8	15	1	18	74	121
Interlake	23	6	15	0	14	59	109
Norman	28	5	22	0	11	71	182

AAA CITY MIDGET HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Winnipeg Monarchs	19	18	1	0	36	115	51
Winnipeg Sharks	16	11	5	0	22	69	52
Winnipeg Warriors	18	10	6	1	22	86	71
Winnipeg Hawks	19	8	8	1	19	77	71
Eastman Selects	17	2	12	2	7	47	80
Interlake Lightning	19	3	16	0	6	49	118

AAA BANTAM HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Winnipeg Monarchs	19	15	4	0	30	111	30
Winnipeg Warriors	19	11	7	0	23	83	58
Winnipeg Hawks	16	9	4	1	21	96	45
Eastman Selects	15	10	5	0	20	73	46
Winnipeg Sharks	18	6	10	1	14	43	65
Interlake Lightning	15	0	14	1	1	35	120

MANITOBA HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
Platinum Promotions Division	15	14	0	0	44	81	17
St. Paul's 1	14	9	2	1	32	52	31
Dakota	12	8	2	0	28	65	28
Vincent Massey	14	5	5	2	21	38	45
River East	11	4	3	2	16	31	27
Lord Selkirk	13	5	8	0	15	35	36
Kelvin	14	3	9	0	12	28	56
Sturgeon Heights	14	3	11	0	9	24	68
SJR1	15	2	13	0	6	25	71
Oak Park	15	2	13	0	6	25	71

WINNIPEG WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY LEAGUE	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	GF	GA
CTV Division	13	8	2	0	20	34	19
Vincent Massey Trojans	13	7	2	1	20	41	23
Shaftesbury Titans	14	8	4	0	19	45	35
St. Mary's Flames	12	5	4	1	15	32	32
Selkirk Royals	15	5	8	0	14	47	43
Dakota Lancers	12	5	4	2	14	24	25
Jeanne Sauve Olympiens	11	2	7	1	6	25	41
Westwood Warriors	14	2	11	0	5	26	56
Oak Park Raiders	14	2	11	0	5	26	56

*STATS AS OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Dear leads Bisons to win over Wesmen

Staff

The No. 3 University of Manitoba Bisons men's volleyball team defeated the University of Winnipeg Wesmen in the 26th-annual Duckworth Challenge 3-0 by scores of 25-14, 25-19, and 25-21 last Thursday at the Investors Group Athletic Centre.

With the victory, Manitoba improved its record to 11-1 in conference play. The Wesmen, meanwhile, fell to 4-8 in the Canada West division standings.

Devren Dear, a St. Andrews' product and former Selkirk Royal, was a co-

leader on the Bisons with 11 kills. Five of Dear's kills came in the opening set and he also finished the match with five digs.

Mikael Clegg, another former Royal, led the Wesmen with 23 assists. He was also a co-leader in blocks, with two, for the University of Winnipeg.

The Bisons' men's volleyball roster also includes Josh Crellin while Jaden Prive is a member of the Wesmen lineup. Both players are also former Royal stars.



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

Devren Dear was a co-leader for the Bisons with 11 kills against the Wesmen last Thursday. The former Selkirk Royal also had five digs in the Bisons' 3-0 victory.



Volleyball excellence

RECORD SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Selkirk Royals were well represented at the 2016 "AAAA" Graduating All-Star volleyball games last Saturday in Winnipeg.

Bailey Purse and Maegan Balagus represented the Selkirk Royals in the girls' game while Jack Mandryk, left, and Owen Schwartz took part in the boys' game.

Flyers split pair of high-scoring games

By Brian Bowman

The Stonewall Flyers were part of a couple high-scoring games last week.

Stonewall lost 7-6 to Altona last Thursday but rebounded the very next night to hand the Warren Mercs a 7-6 overtime loss in SEMHL play.

In the Mercs' win, Stonewall trailed 6-4 late in the third period before Scott Thomas and Matt Varnes tied the score. Varnes finished the game with four points.

Jeremy Pachkowsky then netted the game winner in OT, assisted by Damian Wallack.

Codi Lashiewicz scored for the Flyers in the second period and then Patrick Sheldon, Pachkowsky, and Dylan Kuczek, on the power play, scored in the third.

The two teams combined for eight goals in the wild third period.

Trent Genyk (two), Dylan Hykawy, Cliff Ketchen, Kyle Luschinski, and Brendan Luschinski scored for the Mercs. Bryn Lindsay had three assists.

Brett Fewchuk made 37 saves for the win.

Against Altona, it was the Maroons that scored a pair of late goals for the comeback win.

Brent Toews scored to tie the game at 6-6 at 15:25 of the third period and then Tyler Dittmer scored the game winner just 2:25 later. Dittmer finished the game with two goals and four points.

Jon Froese, Caleb Suderman, Nolan Martens, and Cody Fehr also scored for Altona. Sheldon (two), Blair Hawes, Pachkowsky, Varnes, and Ryan Elliot replied for Stonewall.

Justin Harris made 45 saves in the loss.

With the split last week, Stonewall is now 3-6 and has six points to sit in a tie for sixth place with Morden in the seven-team league.

The Flyers will visit third-place Carman (5-3) this Saturday for an 8 p.m. game.

Warren, meanwhile, hosted Portage this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time. The Mercs will then host Altona on Saturday (8 p.m.).



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The Mercs' Trent Genyk scored twice during his team's 7-6 overtime loss to the Flyers in SEMHL play last Saturday.

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DAYS ON MARKET

2015	2016
Average: 43	Average: 42

NUMBER OF HOMES SOLD

2015	2016
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ACTIVE LISTINGS: 43

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SOLD PRICE

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DAYS ON MARKET

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-Sincerely,
Kurt Petersen

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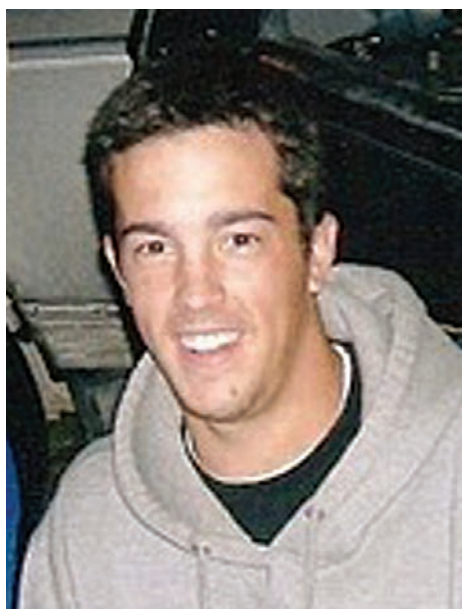
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IN MEMORIAM



Kyle Flett
December 17, 2006

Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure;
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.
As the last ten years depart,
You live forever in our hearts.
(Merry Christmas our Special Angel)
Love always and never forgotten.
-Mom, Dad, Kerri, Kyle,
Khloe and Kamryn xoxoxo

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IN MEMORIAM



Juliette Hope Wilkinson
September 3, 2012 - December 16, 2013

There are no explanations,
And we wonder every day;
Just why the good Lord chose,
To take our little one away.
For though you meant the world to us,
Your time on earth was brief;
And now it seems there is no end,
To all the pain and grief.
But even though you came to us,
For just a little while;
The memories you left behind,
So often make us smile.
This Christmas just as always,
Special thoughts will keep you near;
And though we cry to think of you,
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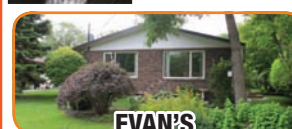
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Adam Fontaine
December 14, 2002

I loved you yesterday,
I love you still;
I always have,
And I always will.
Miss you.

-Nan Audrey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM



Tom Bosko

July 15, 1948 – December 18, 2007

Close in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.

-Juanita and family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM



Saylor Isabel Funk

September 10, 2000 – December 19, 2006

Merry Christmas Saylor – My Star in Heaven

I am sending a dove to heaven,
With a parcel on its wings;
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses,
Wrapped up in a million hugs;
To say how much I miss you,
And to send you all my love.
Love you forever little girl.

-Dad, Gram, Pa,
and Praznik family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM



Olivia Lauren Sparks

December 19, 1984 - December 12, 2015

If you knew her, you adored her.
Her spark and spirit lit up our lives.
She is dearly missed by family and friends.
"Isn't she lovely"

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IN MEMORIAM

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In loving memory of our
three sons and brothers;

Kelly, July 29, 1963 - July 25, 2004
Darrell, November 26, 1961 - August 12, 2012
and

Timothy, June 30, 1966 - January 31, 2015

Merry Christmas! You are all so missed.
Christmas is not the same. We know you are
all watching over us and celebrating Christmas
with Jesus and our dear relatives, especially,
Aunt Margaret, January 10, 1941 – September
8, 2016. How beautiful!

God has each of you in his keeping.
We have you all in our hearts.

-Love Dad, Mom,
and brother Sheldon

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IN MEMORIAM



Marilyn Partridge

September 15, 1956 – December 21, 2012

It's been four years since you left us.
It seems like yesterday.
You may be gone from our sight,
But not gone from our hearts.
Love you, miss you.

-Tom, Blaine, Melissa, Brad, Kyla, Hope,
Brady, Richard, Kelly, Paige and Matty

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IN MEMORIAM



Adam Fontaine

December 14, 2002

In Loving Memory to
My Wonderful Son

Of all the special gifts in life,
However great or small;
To have you as my son,
Was the greatest gift of all.
A special time, a special face,
A special son, I can't replace.
With an aching heart, I whisper low,
I miss you son, and love you so.

-Love Mom, Dad, Brittanie Mae,
Gordie and King

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORIAM



Juliette Hope Wilkinson

September 3, 2012 – December 16, 2013

My Sweet Juliette:
If I could have a wish come true,
A dream that would come to pass,
I would ask to spend a day with you,
And pray that it would last.
I would run to you and hold you close,
We would laugh and smile again,
I would listen so intently,
As you told me how you've been.
When time was up, I would hold you tight,
Not wanting to let go,
You would smile and tell me 'see you soon',
And somehow I would know.
That while it's very hard to wait,
One day the time will come,
I will join you there forevermore,
When I too am called Home.
My wish may go un granted,
But it always will be true...
I would trade many of my tomorrows
For one yesterday with you.
I am so thankful for the time we shared,
Thank you for you sending your brother Evan,
This Christmas I have but one wish,
That I could borrow you from Heaven!
You are always loved, remembered, and cher-
ished.
Merry Christmas in Heaven, Sweet Juliette.

-Love Mommy

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OBITUARY

Helene Frieda Wanag

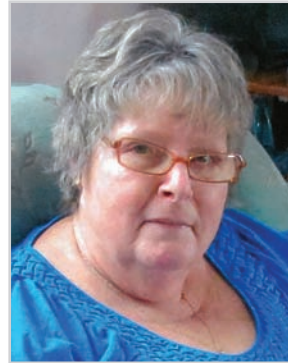
Peacefully, on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Betel Home in Selkirk, MB., Helene Wanag, aged 100 years of Libau, Mb., beloved wife of the late Arthur passed away. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of her life will be held in mid January. Full obituary to follow in Saturday, January 7, 2017 edition of the Free Press.



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OBITUARY

Thelma Helen Harrison (nee Schofield) April 21, 1953 – December 13, 2016



It is with great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, on December 13, 2016 at the St. Boniface Hospital at the age of 63. Thelma was born and raised in Clandeboye, Manitoba. She married her husband Murray Harrison in 1975 and together raised five children. Thelma enjoyed volunteering at the House of Economy thrift shop in Selkirk. She loved plants and had a real green thumb for African violets. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends and no matter what would put on coffee and have homemade dainties for anyone who stopped by.

Thelma leaves her husband of 41 years to cherish her memory along with their five children, Bryan (Angie) Harrison, Kim Brandson, Lynn (Rob) Szalai, Kenneth Harrison and Christina (Ryan) Harrison. She also leaves 10 grandchildren Mandy (Blair) Brandson, Nathan Brandson, Alex Harrison, Micheal and Sean Szalai, Savana Harrison, Peyton and Atley Lee, Khloe Waytiuk, Dominick Harrison and one great-grandson Odin Anderson.

Thelma was predeceased by her parents Helen and Arthur Schofield; brother Samuel Schofield; sister Evelyn Sprowl; and in-laws Mary and John Harrison.

A memorial service to celebrate Thelma's life will take place on Monday, December 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel, Selkirk, Manitoba. Interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to a charity of your choice.



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> MEAL IDEAS

Cranberry Granola Bars



- 1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped and pitted medjool dates
- 1 cup (250 mL) orange juice
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) soy or nut butter
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1 tsp (5 mL) cinnamon
- 2 cups (500 mL) large flake oats
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) wheat germ
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) ground flaxseed
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) dried cranberries or raisins

Directions
In a small saucepan, combine dates and orange juice. Bring to a gentle simmer over medium heat for about 5 minutes or until very soft. Add soy butter, vanilla and cinnamon and stir until smooth.

In a large bowl, combine oats, wheat germ, flaxseed and cranberries. Pour over date mixture and stir to combine. Spread into a parchment paper lined 8 inch (1.5 L) baking pan and press down evenly.

Bake in a 350 F (180 C) oven for about 25 minutes or until golden and firm to the touch. Let cool before cutting into bars.

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OBITUARY

Helga Lillian McDonald

December 18, 1924 – December 8, 2016



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our dear Mother and Grandma on December 8, 2016 at the age of 91. Surrounded by her family, Helga peacefully entered into the loving arms of Jesus and her husband, Victor, who predeceased her in June of 2011. Left to cherish her memory are her three daughters Geri McDonald (Ellis Shippam), Esther Ann Boutin, and Denise Mlodzinski (Ken); her nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, Todd Davies, Justin, Christian and Kyla; Kent Davies; Casey Davies, Alexandra and Samantha; Georgi Ann Wiens (Ivo), Lovissa and Estelle; Gyula Vandor (Lelia), Jessyca and Jordan; Cindy King (Trevor), Jared, Maddie and Harrison; Lovita Penner (Thomas), Myla and Titus; Adam Mlodzinski (Jacquie), Timothy and James; and Renise Mlodzinski. Also, left to

miss her is her sister Gwen Popowich and brothers Billy, Jon (Bonnie), Victor, and Peter (Luella) Bell, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Born on December 18, 1924, Helga was the second oldest daughter of Ernest and Lovisa Bell. She is predeceased by her parents, two sisters (Sigga and Margaret), four brothers (Hannes, Oli, Kristin, and Eggert), and grandson (Marc Boutin).

Helga was the 3rd surviving child of 14 raised on Hecla Island. At a very young age, Helga developed a strong and capable work-ethic through extremely difficult conditions and in caring for her younger siblings. She was devoted to her family and demonstrated an immeasurable loyalty to those who were entrusted to her. After leaving the island for Selkirk at the age of 17, she worked as a waitress at Cal's Coffee Shop, where she met the love of her life – Victor – whom she married on June 3, 1944. In mid 1945, she became a fulltime homemaker while raising her family and, along with Victor, created a warm and loving environment for her three daughters. During these years, she honed her inherent talents for baking, cooking, sewing, painting, decorating, gardening, and caregiving. She could do anything she put her mind to, sometimes needing a little help from her husband. Spending time with her brothers and sisters playing music, singing, and dancing, was one of the greatest joys of her life. She also received incredible fulfillment from serving as a nurse's aide for 15 years at the Selkirk General Hospital.

With her usual hands-on approach, her devotion to her family continued onto her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After Dad's passing, Mom's health started to decline, showing signs of dementia. This resulted in almost four years in a personal care facility, after family was no longer able to care for her needs at home. Our lives and many others have been profoundly touched by this incredible woman, right until the very end of her life.

We would like to thank the dedicated staff and caregivers at The Betel for their love and devotion to our Mom. Their kindness and compassionate care spilled over onto us during this difficult time. We will be forever grateful.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Helga's name may be made to The Selkirk Betel Home Foundation Entertainment Program (212 Manchester Avenue, Selkirk, MB R1A 0B6) to help put a smile on another resident's face.

A service celebrating her life will be held at Good Shepherd Church, Selkirk, MB (just south of the Rolling Mills) on Sunday, December 18, at 2:30 p.m. Thank you to Gilbart Funeral Home and John Dent for their prompt and personal attention given to us at this time. Private interment at Cloverdale Cemetery will take place at a later date.



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Pictures with Santa

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Santa Claus cuddles up with Loki Potter during Pictures with Santa at Pet Valu in Selkirk on Dec. 3. The two-day event helped raise hundreds of dollars in donations for local animal charities. For another photo from the event, see Page 8.

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Comp hosts picture perfect Help-Portrait event

Staff

A photo may seem like such a simple thing, but for Danielle Lillie and the dozens of others that came out to the fifth annual Help-Portrait event at the Comp last Saturday, those photos mean so much more.

Lillie brought her two boys to the afternoon event at the Comp.

"I myself am a single mom and it's just stuff like this that can be pretty pricey," Lillie said. "It is literally just the three of us, so Christmas and family gatherings are really important to me."

Help-Portrait is a day where photographers, hairstylists and makeup artists of all skill sets come together to volunteer and photograph individuals and families in need for free.

Comp students from the school's global issues class have been hosting their own Help-Portrait for Selkirk since 2012.

This was Lillie's first time at Help-Portrait. She found out about it on Facebook and said she was impressed and grateful for the event.

"It looked really great," she said of her photo with her two boys.

That photo and about a hundred others will be printed and delivered for free before Christmas by Sunova Credit Union.

Mercede Schindler was one of two photographers who volunteered to take pictures last Saturday. She was tasked with taking photos of families and children with Santa.



RECORD PHOTO

The Ramadan family, who moved to Selkirk in late July after living in a refugee camp for the past 11 years in Sudan, had their family photos taken in Canada for the very first time during the Help-Portrait event at the Comp last Saturday. For another photo from the event, see page 14.

"I thought this would be a really good opportunity to practice my photography skills and to give back to the community," said Schindler, a 2014 Comp grad said. "It's cool to come back and give to the community."

Last Saturday was also a special day

for the Ramadan family who moved to Selkirk in late July from Chad.

Last Saturday was the first time they had family photos taken in Canada.

Before coming to Canada, the family spent 11 years living in a refugee camp in Sudan.

The Red River Churches Refugee Team, a group of volunteers from more than 17 local churches raised money to help bring the family to Canada, and the group is now helping support them while they adjust to life in Selkirk.

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Annual Record Christmas story winners

1st Place

A Case of Hot Chocolate Fever

It was Christmas Eve and everyone was in bed. The clock ticked towards midnight but I couldn't sleep there was a click, clack of heeled boots on my roof. A moment later someone knocked on my bedroom door. I opened the door with caution and found Mrs. Claus on the other side.

"Santa is sick!" she cried, "I need you to help me deliver gifts."

"Ok," I replied and hopped on her sleigh.

As we took off, I found some parts to make a gift launcher. The gifts were flying right down into the chimneys, but it overloaded and broke. I had to fix it somehow.

Back at the North Pole the elves were taking care of Santa, he had a case of Hot Chocolate Fever (too much hot chocolate and cookies). The only cure is to eat sugar-free cookies.

"Oh NO!" Santa cried, "I don't want to!!"

I fixed the launcher with some ground up candy cane and raw cookie dough mixed together, oh and a little Christmas spirit. Mrs. Claus and I delivered all the gifts and presents to the children of the world and returned to

the North Pole. The elves were chasing down Santa Claus with a box of sugar-free cookies.

"Mrs. Claus we need your help desperately, he won't eat the cookies!" yelled the tallest elf.

After an hour, Mrs. Claus convinced Santa to eat the cookies and soon after Santa was feeling better. I had to leave now, so Mrs. Claus flew me home on the sleigh.

"Thank you very much," she commented.

"Merry Christmas Mrs. Claus!" I belated.

"Merry Christmas Hayden," she answered.

I laid the parcel under the tree and went to bed, but I couldn't sleep again.

By Hayden C

Grade 6

Daerwood School

Christmas Eve

It was Christmas Eve and everyone was in bed. The clock ticked towards midnight but I couldn't sleep with so many thoughts in my head. Then I heard a jingly sound like a choir full of bells. Followed with a jolly ho ho ho and happy little elves. I heard a clatter on the roof like Prancers gentle hooves. I knew exactly what was happening with all these helpful clues.

I jumped out of bed with the slightest little leap. I tiptoed down the stairs with care-

free feet. Then I saw the presents laid down carefully. Then I saw the merry man standing by the tree. His beard so white, his nose so red, his eyes so full of glee. Then I said to myself, "Could it really be?" With one snap he was gone and I was back in bed. I woke up the next morning and scratched my little head. "Was I really sleeping? No, it couldn't have been. Did it really happen or was it just a dream?"

I ran downstairs and couldn't believe what I seen. Everything looked the same as it did in my very realistic dream. I looked out the window and saw hoofprints in the snow. What happened last night I didn't really know. What I saw next made me really blink. Santa flying in his sleigh, gave me a wink and he kept flying very far. When I looked back, it was a star. I still don't know what happened that day, but I'll believe in Santa no matter what you say.

By Dana-Lee

Age 11

Grade 7

Christmas Eve Surprise

It was Christmas Eve and everyone was in bed. The clock ticked towards midnight but I couldn't sleep. In my bed I lay staring up at the ceiling wait-

ing for Christmas to come! I kept looking at my alarm clock to see how many more hours there were until Christmas morning. "I can't wait this long! I have to get up and see what's under the Christmas tree!" I thought to myself.

Anxiously, but quietly, I hopped out of my bed and tiptoed down the stairs. I peeked around the corner and couldn't believe my eyes! There in the living room was a man all dressed in red. He was as wide as a doorway. A bushy, white beard hung down from his face and his cheeks were rosy red from the cold winter weather. The man was Santa! I was about to scream because of how excited I was to see Santa, but luckily I put my hand over my mouth and stopped myself.

"Delicious cookies!" Santa whispered. "He approved of my tasty gingerbread man cookies," I smiled to myself.

Santa took five fancily wrapped boxes out of his large, red sack and placed them carefully under the Christmas tree. Then in a blink of my eye, I realized that Santa was gone back up the chimney on to the next house.

Silently, I snuck back up the stairs and into my bedroom. I sat on my bed and took my journal and pen out of my drawer and wrote about my crazy Christmas Eve. This was a night that I'll never forget!

By Madilyn

Age 10

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Letters to Santa

Daerwood School Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
I like a Barbie dream house.
I like a skateboard.
Love, Susan

Dear Santa,
I like a monster high Barbie.
Love, Camilo

Dear Santa,
I like a Barbie dream house.
I like a yoyo.
Love, Sara G.

Dear Santa,
I like a Barbie Dream house.
Love, Allie W.

Dear Santa,
I like an American girl doll.
Love, Asha

Dear Santa,
I like dollies and ponies.
Love, Ryli

Dear Santa,
I like dolls.
Love, Anne

Dear Santa,
I like playdough.
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
I like pajamas.
I like books.

I like owl eggs.
Love, Kierra

Dear Santa,
I like you.
I like playdough.
Love, Sara K.

Dear Santa,
I like toy cars.
Love, Bryan

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas trees.
Love, Christian

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a Barbie hover-board remote control doll?
Love, Allie D.

Dear Santa,
Can you bring me a Barbie doll that flies and has a remote control?
Love, Oriel

Dear Santa,
I would like a box of chocolates for Ms Voth.
Love, Delaney

Dear Santa,
I love you, Darian

Daerwood School Grade 1

Dear Santa,
You are super duper awesome.
I will leave you some cookies and



RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER

Mapleton School students got the chance to sing, dance and show off their holiday spirit at the school's Christmas Concert on Dec. 8. Students at the grade K-6 school dawned colourful outfits and performed both singing and dancing performances of Christmas classics during their afternoon performance. For another photo, see page 13.

milk.
Love, Conar

Dear Santa,
How do you do?
We are decorating the school.
Love, Mercedes

Dear Santa,
How are your toy soldiers?
How are your gingerbread cookies?
Love, Coen

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
Love, L.J.

Dear Santa,
I will leave cookies and milk.

Love, Richard

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I will give you cookies. I have been good.
Love, Liam

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I like playing.
Love, Kohen

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I will give you cookies.
Love, Cassie

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Dear Santa,
How are you? How does your Christmas tree look?
I sent my letter to you. I hope you like it.
I will leave you cookies and eight cherries for your reindeer.
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
Love, Kali

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus?
I am good.
You are the best.
Love, Griffin

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am good. Are you good or bad or so-so?
Am I bad or not? I am going to put my Christmas tree up and is your deers okay?
Thank you for reading.
Love, Coltan

Daerwood School Grade 2

Dear Santa my name is Alicia and For Christmas I Would look a lot of Shopkins and Skates For Christmas and I Would like a Stufe to. I have Ben a little bad and good and this Christmas love Alicia

Dear santa, My name is Jennifer. Merry Christmas santa I hop that you have a very good Christmas and we wille give you some and good cookes and milk I have been bad and good to. I love you santa I hop that you have a very good Merry Christmas to can I have an grocery gang to Santa please Love Jennifer

Dear santa, My name is Mason I am



RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER

Bob and Elly Garrett threw on their Santa hats and enjoyed a Christmas feast at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen inside Selkirk's Memorial Hall on Dec. 8. The local soup kitchen, which serves thousands of meals to those in need every year, served up a full turkey dinner plus coffee and cake for dessert.

good boy. I would like Lego. Love Mason

Dear Santa, My name is Rayne-lee I have been a good girl this year. for Christmas I would like my life doll stuff and new skate's and some doll's and some game's. I hope that everybody has a good Christmas. Love, Rayne-Lee

dear santa, I am Olivia this year I have bien a very good girl well, I may have made a few mistakes for Christmas this year I would like some orbeeze I hope you give everyone I know a very magical Christmas I will give you cookies with hot chocolate with marshmellos and may I have a curtin pole for my bed and a stair case and a twirly slide to get down I hope you got my letter. Yours truly, Olivia

Dear Santa, My name is Trinity. I have been a good girl this year. How are you? I would like a wheel barrow,

you santa. love Jade.

Dear santa My name Is amelia. This yer I have bein a good girl. I ded mes up a liitl bet. Ples let me no wat cookes you lik. Ples breing me an amrkin girl. p.s let roudof no that he is so cyot. love amelia

Dear Santa, How are you doing, I was a really good this year. for Christmas I would like a po-go stick please, also I would like a bean-bag-chair. Can you please get dominos for my sister Kenzie Love, Erik PS please say hi to the elves and reindeer.

Dear santa Can you please get me a toy a merican doll on chrtmas. I was a good girl. can you please say hello to the Rander. love jorja.

Dear Santa, I hope you are doing well at the north a good girl my name is Claire I hope you can get me and my family what they would like. I would like A Hatchmal and a zoomer kittle a plush craft kittle. Zoomer hedgehog. Ps tell cupid that she is so cut Love Claire.

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Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year.

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Dear Santa, My name is Trevin. I have been a good boy. Mostly I try my best to be good. I want a hat and a book. Please say hi to the reindeer. From Trevin

DEAR Santa, May I have a robot t-rex. Maybe a scary movie. I would really like a lego Dragon set too. I hope you have a Good Christmas. From Dejay.

Dear santa My name is wyatt. I op you have a vare gd Time. I have been a good boy. My sister have sen rudoltphs nos. you arn a good prsin. Yoar elvs are vare good my fanul are watin for a good chrimas Love wyatt

École Bonaventure Grade 3

Dear Santa I am going to tell you one thing about myself. I love Christmas and I am so exited! What is your favorite drink? I wish that I can have a pet and my parents don't mind that. I get one for Christmas. I would like an elf on the shelf for Christmas please. I feel so exited for Christmas! From

Mackenzie

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! I am Rowan. Santa! How many elves do you have? I wish you would come every season. For Christmas can you give me a nerf gun? I feel good about Christmas.

Happy Thought School Kindergarten

Dear Santa, my name is Kaiden and I am 5 yrs. old. I have tried to be good this year so I hope you leave me some presents! What I want for Christmas is a play gun, a romote controlled car and a fox stuffy. I am looking forward to Christmas because you and your reindeer fly overhead. I hope your reindeer, the elves and yourself are feeling well for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies! Merry Christmas Santa! Love Kaiden

Dear Santa, my name is Annika. I am 5 yrs. old and I am in kindergarten at Happy Thought. How are you and the elfs. I am really excited because Christmas is coming soon. I will give carats and apil slices to Rudolph and

the reindeer. I wood like a barby doll and a cook and learn kitchen, and a stufy bare and a toy octopus that can speack. And a toy snowflak, and a toy elsa doll. Say hi to Miss Closs and Rudolph for me. Love Annika!

Dear Santa, My name is Ava. I am five years old. How are you? I am fine. May parents say I have bin good. For X-mas I would like...real adult make-up. I would also like a makeup table, with a stool. I also want make-up brushes. I also want video games. This is the last I want.. earrings. Love from Ava. P.S. I will give you milk & cookies.

Dear Santa, my name is Mathieu. I go to happy Thought School. I am 5 yrs. old. My favourite part about Christmas is putting my Christmas tree and putting ornaments on my Christmas tree. I would like ninja lego, barbies, a present for my Mom. I love you Santa. Dear Mathieu.

Dear Santa, My name is Emery. I am 5 yrs. old and I am in kindergarten at happy Thought School. How are the Rreideer doing? I have been very good

this year. I am very excited that Christmas is here. I want a Barbie doll. I will leave you milk and cookies on a white stool in the ding room. I promise to stay very good. Love Emery.

Dear Santa, my name is Nathaniel. I am 5 yrs. old. I go to kindergarten at Happy Thought School. How are you doing at the North Pole. I am doing just fine. I hope the reindeer are doing good. I am very excited for Christmas. Christmas is my favourite holiday! For Christmas I would like a drone, a nerf gun, and some star wars lego. I hope you can get me those things. Iv'e been a really good boy by helping my mom and dad. Say hi to Rudolph and the elves for me. Love Nathaniel.

Dear Santa, My name is Isabelle, for Christmas I want a Barbie drem house and a soda maker. I am 5 yrs. old. I have been very good this year. I all ways lisen to my mom and my dad. Santa I hope your elfs are working very hard and how is Rudolph doing. Santa what is your favourite color. How is miss Claus doing. I will leave you some cookies and milk. From Isabelle.

Dear Santa, my name is Kacey. I am 5 yrs. old and I am in kindergarten in happy thought school. Can you tell the elvs and Mrs. Clause that I was realy good and that I said hi. I would love sparkily boats and a sparkily scooter and a new book and a new pair of gases. I am looking forward for Christmas because I can hear my favourite Christmas songs. I will sing you a song. Dashing thru the snow on a one hores open sleigh, over the hills we go laughing all the way. Bell and bout tails ring making spirits bright . Oh what fun it is to laugh and sing our sleighing songs tonight. Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to ride in our one horse sliagh. Hay! Merry Christmas, Love Kacey.

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Healthy habits, stress reduction tips for the holidays

Get some fresh air and exercise, IERHA suggests

Submitted

Overwhelmed by the holidays? Are you ready for Christmas? The Interlake-Eastern Regional Healthy Authority (IERHA) has some tips and tricks to ensure everyone has a happy holiday.

Some people love the rush of the holiday bustle. It fills them with energy and joy. Others find it more troubling or have feelings of stress and anxiety or loss. But you have the power to let go of the struggle to get everything done. You can slow down, simplify and regain your values.

Share your feelings with loved ones. Be clear about your capabilities when it comes to the holiday rush and ask for help when you need it. Learning to say "no" can reduce feelings of frustration and resentment. Polite "I" statements can help frame a problem in the positive. Reducing activities by planning one thing at a time is less overwhelming. Start a journal to help process your feelings. Or regain an attitude of gratitude by starting a list of things you're thankful for.

Adjust your expectations. If you're too stressed to hold a party this year, let someone else do it. Let go of 'all or nothing' thinking and perfectionism. People won't even notice a little dust or dirt on the floor with a couple of decorations and good company. If you start to fret ask yourself, "Will this matter in five years?"

Values: What does the season mean to you? Peace, joy, love, generosity, sacredness, forgiveness ... When your holiday plans align with your values, that's authenticity. What did you like in years past? What didn't bring you joy? Let go of "should;" choose which events to attend and which to say "no" to, graciously. You can start your own inexpensive holiday traditions like camping in the basement, board game nights, or singing songs before dinner. You can also spend time with your family or friends while volunteering. Whether helping at a food bank, delivering hampers, or visiting an animal shelter, volunteering is a win-win situation.

Relax. Whether you're out shopping



or preparing a meal, breathe deeply, slow down and be true to yourself. Offer someone a place in line or help with their groceries. Smile. It'll make you and the people around you feel better. Take a break. Make a point of being in the present. Notice the little positives – a baby's laugh, a friend's smile, the smell of cinnamon, frosty air, rosy cheeks, the jingle of a bell ... It's the little things that add up and make the day meaningful. Schedule yourself some 'me' time. Meditate, pray, use progressive muscle relaxation, do yoga or listen to guided imagery. For those tech-savvy folks, there are numerous mindfulness apps, like Calm in the Storm by Klinik.

Regular healthy habits and stress reduction tips work for the holiday season as well. Grandma was right – go outside and get some fresh air and exercise. Exercise is one of the best stress relievers there is. Go for a walk, go sledding, or make snow angels, snow forts and snowmen. Remember to laugh and have fun. When you're back inside breathe deeply and enjoy the moment. Too cold to go outside? Turn up the dance tunes and get everyone involved. Then slow down the music and stretch it out.

A packed social calendar leads to increased stress when it affects our sleep. We all know too little sleep leaves us feeling irritable. Dimming the lights and turning off the screens (TV, laptops and phones) an hour before bed encourages relaxation and a better sleep. Most of us know having caffeine in the evening can keep us awake; for a list of food sources of caffeine see Dietitians of Canada. Alcohol can also disrupt sleep cycles.

of your time by delegating half the shopping and chores.

During the holidays there is pressure to splurge. Make a menu, a list, and a budget, and stick to it like glue to avoid the January money blues. Financial experts often suggest shopping without your credit cards. If you take only the amount of cash needed, you won't be tempted to buy extras. Sticking diligently to the list ultimately makes life less cluttered. If you want to take your planning a step further, open a savings account in January and make small deposits all year long for the following December.

Menu planning virtually eliminates last minute guessing and extra shopping. We often underestimate the amount of food that goes to waste, but if you plan your meals you can easily use up your leftovers. Having a cookie swap, with friends or coworkers, increases variety and saves time for everyone. Why not preorder? Many stores will take orders for turkey or other holiday treats and have them ready for pick up. And if you pre-book that massage or schedule some 'me time,' you'll thank yourself later!

Decorating is a great example of when less is more. It's also a great time to involve the kids.

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Dear Santa, My name is Jayson. I am 5 years old. I am in kindergarten at Happy thought School. How are the elves doing at the north pole. I was a good boy this year. This year for Christmas I would like a Turbo man and a Slappy doll. I will leave you cookies, milk and pepsie. From Jayson!

Dear Santa, My name is Taylor. I am 5 yrs. old. I am in kindergarten at Happy thought School. I am exited for Christmas because we open presents as a family. I was a very good girl this year. I would like it if you could bring me a box of crayons for Christmas, and I would like it if you can also bring me a colouring book. Can you say "hi" to Mrs. Clause and the elves for me? I hope you can visit me on Christmas! I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love Taylor.

Dear Santa, My name is Destiny. I am 5 yrs. old. How are you Santa? For Christmas I will like Draklora doll, Clowdinal doll, a pink cat stuffy, a quenn stuffy. I hope the elf are feeling good. I am being good. How are you



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL
Axl Mitchell tells Santa he's been a good boy this year during Pictures with Santa at Pet Valu in Selkirk on Dec. 3. The two-day event helped raise donations for local animal charities.

doing. I will leav you some cookis and milk. Love, Destiny.

Dear Santa, my name is Devin. I am in kindergarten at Happy Thought

you are my Best Friend! I don't want much just a bunny hot wheels cars, lego set and stuffies. How are your elves on the shelf doing. I love you, Santa. Love Devin.

Dear Santa, my name is Carter. I am 5 yrs. old. I hope your elves are being good. I want a lego train for Chistmas please. I am in Happy Thought school in kindergarten this year. I was veary good. I have been very good to my Mom and Dad. I am really excited for Chistmas. I want some turtle toys this year. I hope the elves are working hard. I hope your rainerd are being good. I hope the toys are getting made. I love you Santa. I hope your slay is ready for lefed off. From Carter.

Dear Santa, my name is Brielle. I am 5 yrs. old. I am in kindergarten at Hap-py Thought School. I was really good this year. I am so exited for Christmas because I'm getting presents. I would like a strawbry kiss pillow, dractielora doll, all charters from frozn and princess. I hope your elevs are working hard in your shop. I am gonna leave you some cookies and milk. I hope to see you next year. Love Brielle.

Dear Santa, my name is Rhianne. I am 5 yrs. old. I am in kindergarten in happy Thought School. I would love an elsa castle also Barbies please and thank you. I like Christmas because I get to stay home. I have been a verry good girl this year. I hope you visit. I will of course leave you cookies and milk. I hope you have a great Christmas, Love Rhianne. I love you Santa!!

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LSSD winter concert season officially underway



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The Lord Selkirk School Division (LSSD) Junior Symphonic Band performs during the Lord Selkirk Regional Performing Arts "A Winter Concert" inside The Comp's gymnasium on Nov. 30. The concert also included performances by the Grade 10 Concert Band, The Senior Concert Band and The Senior Symphonic Band all lead by music teachers Michael Brandon and Kenley Kirstofferson. The Comp also hosted the Winter Choral Concert on Dec. 1. Schools across the division are hosting Christmas concerts until Dec. 21.

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Dear Santa, My name is Lilly. I am in kindergarten at Happy Thought School. I am five years old. My favourite part of Christmas is Santa!! I also like putting up my Christmas tree. I asked my mom and my daddy to put it up in the middle of my living room. For Christmas I would like two Monster High Dolls their names are: Catty Meower and Twilight Cwhip they are both cats. I also want a new Clowdeen wolf, a Jennifire Dracalura. I would like a Barbie Doll house with some Barbies a toy horsey and a Frozen doll. I love you Santa, love Lilly.

Dear Santa, my name is Keystin. I am 5 yrs. old. I'm in kindergarten at happy thought School. I was a good boy this year. Say Hi to Mrs. Clause for me. I am so excited for Christmas! I would really like it if you could bring me a train and a train track. I will leave you some cookies and milk and some carrots for the reindeer. Have a safe trip on Christmas eve. From Keystin!

Dear Santa, my name is Noah. I am 5 yrs. old. I like you Santa. I hope you and your elves are doing well. Im not asking for much. I wold like lego, bike, nerf gun, hot wheel cars but a hot wheel truck and a star wars toys. This year I have been good. Love Noah

Dear Santa, I am 5 yrs. old and my name is Rebecca. I am in kingardan.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Volunteers were all smiles as they geared up to cut a special cake during the Christmas feast at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen inside Selkirk's Memorial Hall on Dec. 8.

Santa how ar you Santa? Santa what are you doing. I like you bekas you are giving my prasens. And I am helping mom in the holiday. I want a barbe and lego for girls and the last thing I want is a cat. And I will liv you milk and cookies. Santa have a good new year. Love Rebecca

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I'm 5 yrs. old and my name is Logan. Santa how is Rudolph doing?

I want a action figure, I also want a lightsaber and a robot dinosure truck. How are you doing Santa, I also want a costume and a robot and I want spy glases and a spiderman arm that shoots out spider webs and raindeer that moves by itself and can it be Rudolph. And that is all I want. I will leave you cookies and milk. Hope you have fun. Love Logan

Dear Santa, my name is Ty. I am 6 yrs. old and I am in kindergartenat happy thought School. How are you Santa are you busy getting ready for Christmas. I have been a very good boy this year. I would like to have a bat guy on the bus and a super batman house. Have a merry Christmas. Love Ty

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Julia. I am 5 yrs. old. For Crismas I want a camper with dols in it and a bike. And that is all I want. Here is some queshtins are you bize at the North Pol are the elfs bize to. How are you doing, are you good. I have been a good girl. Love Julia

Dear Santa, my name is Dylan. I am 5 yrs. old and I want a fishing box and I want a back pack and I want mimions and I want a Ford truck and I want a puppy. I hope you come to my house? Love Dylan

Dear Santa, my name is Jono. I am 5 yrs. old. How are you. I am really exited because Christmas is coming soon. I was a really good boy this year. I try to help my mom clean the house when ever I can. This year I want a new hot wheels garage. Love Jono

Dear Santa, my name is Tianna. I am 5 yrs. old and I am in kindergarten at happy Thought School I was a very good girl this year. For Christmas I would like an Elsa carriage and some Lego. I hope you come to my house! Love Tianna

Dear Santa, my name is Penny. I am 5 yrs. old. I have been a very good girl. I am happy that Christmas is coming. I want a Rudolf toy and a Christmas tree toy. I like that Christmas is coming. I would also like monster high dolls. And a unicorn that shoots fake magic out of its horn. What kind of cookies do you like? I would also like a toy green light saver. Love Penny

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Dear Santa, my name is Arthur. I am 5 yrs. old. How are you doing? What kind of cookies do you like? I need to listen to my mom and dad. I will try to be very good. Some of the things I want for Christmas are: a RC car that can drive in the snow. A Star Wars fishing rod, and a RC plane that has floats. If you could manage to get everything I wanted I would be very happy. How is your 8 reindeer? And how are your elves doing? How is Mrs Claus doing. Love Arthur

Dear Santa, my name is Sophia. I am 5 yrs. old. I'm in Happy thought School. I love Christmas. I would like a Pikachu and a chrmander. How are you Santa? I like to draw. I hope rode-off is ok! Love Sophia

Dear Santa, my name is James. I am 5 and I am in kindergarten and I go to happy thought School. I am excited for Christmas are you excited to? How are your elves doing? I have been a very good boy this year. I would like 3 things this year, a stuffed giraffe, some hotwheels and a remote control truk. Merry Christmas Santa. I'll leave you some cookies! Love James

Dear Santa, my name is Violet. I am 5 yrs. old. I have been very good this year. How are you doing Santa. How is Rudolph doing. This is what I want, dinosarr, a big gummy worm, gemy's, rander toy, toy horse, dragon sky lander, sabertoth tiger, monster high doll, big shax stufey and candy. Love Violet

Dear Santa, my name is Rylen. I am 5 yrs. old. I was a very good boy. I help my mom and my brother and my Dad.



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Volunteers serve up a Christmas dinner with all the fixings during lunch hour at the Gordon Howard Seniors Centre on Dec. 9. Dozens packed the centre for their annual Christmas dinner event.

I want a ghost buster car. It is lego also I want cloes and I want a small nref gun and a toy car and Lego Dimanson Lego set. Love Rylen

Dear Santa, my name is Griffin. I am in kindegarden. I am really exited because Christmas is coming. I was a really good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is glow in the dark socks. I also want a robot dinosaur. I want my own tv. I want a new controller for Xbox. I also want the biggest nerf gun ever. I want a crossbow, sky londen giant with giant sky landers. How are you Santa. Love Griffin

Dear Santa, my name is Kali and I am in kindergarden. How are you Santa. How is rudof. He is my favirot rain derr. What is his favirot snack. I

was a very good girl this year. I want a silaphone, bells and a bulle ball. How are the elves doing. Are they busy making toys. Bye santa. Have a Merry Crismas and a happy New Year. Love Kali

Dear Santa, I am Joshua. I am five. How do you get in all of the chimines? Can you pleas get me Shopkins and a Hatchabull. Have a safe flight! Joshua

Dear Santa, How are your raindeer doing? My name is Jaxon. I am 5 year. Can I please have for Christmas an X box, a video game and a broad game. Can I also have a few different types of toys. Thank you Santa. From Jaxon

Dear Santa, my name is Liam. I am 5 years old. I have a brother named Owen he is in Grade 4. Can I please have Lego. Thank you. From Liam

Dear Santa, I am Jazzlyn. My favorite color is purple. Can I please have a Monster High doll and can I also have a Barbie doll and a toy cheetah. How many raindeer do you have? Have a nice Christmas! From Jazzlyn

Dear Santa, my name is Hudson. How do you make toy chractrs. May I have a toy truc. I will leve you cucese and milk. From Hudson

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Dear Santa, how are you? I am feeling grate! How are your reindeer? For Christmas can I please have an I pod and a DSI and to top it of can I please have a Moster High Doll. From Katey

Dear Santa, My name is Torin. I have two dogs Louie and Abby. I am five. I would please like a stormtroper with a jet pack and a starwars lego set with cilo ren and a surprise present. How are your reindeer doing? I will leave you some milk and cookies. From Torin

Dear Santa, I'm Logan. How does the slay move? I want you to pleas bring me a remote control car. Have a safe flit. From Logan

Dear Santa, Hi Santa my name is Levi. My favorite colre is red and blue. I would like a snowbord and skat bord, drt bike plece. How do the elves make the toys? Have a very mary Christmas Santa. From Levi

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Grace. I am 5 years old. How do you fit down



Students enjoyed a huge holiday feast at Walter Whyte School on Dec. 8, continuing a holiday tradition that has lasted for more than 25 years at the school in Grand Marais. The school's annual Christmas lunch saw Grade 2 student Jaylah Peterson, pictured left, and all of the school's students and staff, plus invited guests sit down and enjoy a full Christmas lunch of turkey, ham plus all the trimmings.



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the chimnes? Have a safe flight to peoples houses. From Grace

Dear Santa, I am Layla. I like pizzas. How do you go down the chimney? For Cris-tmas I would like a big Elsa stuufy. A big stuufy ceata. A big stuffy jag-ure. Have a safe trip. From Layla

Dear Santa, How are your randrse?

Plese can I have a rokitsipe. Plese can I have a toye rasecar. Plese can I have a bubgame mashene. Have a nice tripe. From Ryan

Dear Santa, My name is Caleigh! I am five years old. I live in East Selkirk. For Christmas I would like a Hatchimil, some modling clay and a new night light if you could get me those I would be very happy Santa! What's it like at the North Pole? Dirve safely and don't eat to much cookies or you will get cavities!!!! Love Caliegh

Dear Santa, My name is Ava. I live in East Selkirk. I am 5 years old. Please can I have a cat a dog and a elf. Are Elf's relel? Mack shur you do not eat

to much cookeis and have a safe trip. Love, Ava

Dear Santa, My name is Haley. I am five and I live in Canada. Can I please, please have a baby elsa, a xylophone and a princess doll. How meany raindeer do you have? Can you please give the people who are sick toys and medicine. Love from: Hayley

Dear Santa. My name is Lyla. I am 4 years old and I go to Happy Thought School. For Christmas I would like a book, some blocks and new pyjamas. How is Rudolph doing? I hope you deliver lot's of presents! Love, Lyla

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Dear Santa, My name is Sophie. I am 4 years old. Can I please have a stuffed zebra and microphone and stuffed reindeer. don't eat to much cookies but drink lots of milk. Love Sophie

Dear Santa, Hi my name is Falisha. I have 5 people in my family. My favorit animal is dog's and cat's. My favourit color is pink. For Christmas I would please like a gitar, a new pink shirt and a water bottle. What is your favourit coul'r? Have a great Christmas and a happy new year. Love, Falisha

Dear Santa, My name is Kennedy. I love to camp. Can I plesse have a cat and a dog and a microphone. Do you like to delifer presits. Have a safe trip I love you have fun driving your sleigh. Love, Kennedy!!

Dear Santa, my name is Taylynn. I am 4 years old. I would like it if you could bring me an elsa stuffy, an anna stuffy and an olaf stuffy. How many elves do you have? I hope you have a great Christmas. From: Taylynn

Dear Santa, my name is Fiona. I live in Selkirk. I am 5 years old. My favourit animal is a zebra. I would love a zebra stuffy, a giraffe toy and a elsa casile please and thank you. How many elves do you have? I hope you have a good Christmas. I love you Santa!!! Love, Fiona

Dear Santa, my name is Kailee. I live in Selkirk. I have 1 brother. A toy baby that sleeps and opens her eyes. I want a sctooer please and thank you. I want a toy doll that winse up and walks. I hope every child gets a present for Christmas. Love: Kailee

Dear Santa, my name is Brady. I live in Clandeboye. I have a cat named Jasper. For Christmas I would like an adult colouring book, more pencil crayons and a electric pencil sharpener. Hope you have a safe trip on Christmas eve. Love, Brady

Dear Santa, my name is Asher. I am 5 years old. For Christmas could you try to bring me at least 1 of these presents, Nintendo 3DS, imaginext guys and maybe a Luigi stuffy. I was wondering what kind of cookies you want next year? I hope you can stop by my house. From: Asher

Dear Santa, my name is Aiden. I live in East Selkirk. I am in Kindergarten at Happy Thought School. For Christmas I would like a remote control he-



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Mapleton School students got the chance to sing, dance and show off their holiday spirit at the school's Christmas Concert on Dec. 8.

licopter, lego, toy cars. I would like to know how the elf's and reindeer are. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas!!! Love, Aiden

Dear Santa, my name is Willie. I live in East Selkirk. I hav 1 brother and 1 sister. I wuld like a toy camper and a Hot weels tractor I wuld like a R.C. car too. I wuld like to no how meny elvs yo hav. Hope you have a good ride. Love, Willie

Dear Santa, my name is Jackson. I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like a book, lego and a race car set. How are your raindeer and elves doing. I hope you have a safe trip. From Jackson

Happy Thought School
Grade 2

Dear Santa, I want kids and parents to get food on Christmas. I would like a Hatchimals and homeless people to get homes on Christmas. The End. By Ainsley

Dear Santa, Please could I have an Xbox a Ipod a Phone and a new computer please. I would like a few more things please. Please could I have some things to make the Earth a better place. By Dylan

Dear Santa, When the world is poor and sad and some people are homeless, people need stuff to survive. So we need some helpers around the world that are full of money so that they can buy stuff for people that are homeless. The end. From Royce

Dear Santa, Bring people that don't have any presents. Bring them toys and clothes and books and shoes and socks and hat and skipants and snow boots and snow jacket and mitts. From Joela

Dear Santa, These are the things I want for Christmas: for everyone to have a safe place to learn and live and, and for everyone to be peaceful. Love from Sophie

Dear Santa, For Christmas I want to make the world a better place to be! For everyone to stop wars! I hope that happens this Christmas. PS your the best From: Emma

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Dear Santa, I want the creepy clowns to stop. I want the world to be a peaceful place. From Trevor

Dear Santa, can you please get me an x box and I really want some figures. Can you please get me some cars and some new dinosaurs and a new quad and a new dirt bike? Love Ryder

Dear Santa, I want people to have everything they need. I want wars to stop. I want people to be happy I want everyone to have toys. Some kids don't have toys. From Dannika

Dear Santa, build a wall to keep war from happening because the soldiers are dying. I want to stop the army from fighting because they are getting hurt. And I don't want the soldiers to get hurt. From Callie

Dear Santa, I want a ipad, smelly marker, boy Dolls and lots of paper so I can make books. What I want for the Earth is more tree, cars to stop making bad air and also homeless people to have money and homes. Please please Santa! love Zoe

Ruth Hooker School Grades 3 and 4

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what want for Christmas. I want an Xbox One, a hover board and an I phone too. I have been a good girl and I am kind in my class and at school. Please bring me something for Christmas. Your friend, Giselle

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like My Life doll and a phone. I would also like a Monster High. I have been a good girl. Please bring me some stuff for Christmas. Your friend, Olivia

Dear Santa Claus, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas, I would like some clothes, shoes and hair ties. I'd also like an iPod and a puppy. I have been a good girl. I have helped my gramma and my mom. Do you think I deserve what I'm asking for? From, Serenity

Dear Santa, I am telling you what I



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Students share a laugh while performing some live music during the Help-Portrait event at the Comp last Saturday.

want for Christmas. I would like a toy Angry bird, a remote control BB Eight and one pet kitten. I have been a good boy. Please bring me something for Christmas. Javien

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas I would like a Sew Cool set, tic tacs candy and Lego. I have been a good girl. I have been helpful to everyone I do my best at school and at home so please bring me something I want for Christmas. Your friend, Kaitlin

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like some cool teddy bears and toy guns, an Xbox1 with games and I want Jenga. I have been good. I clean up for my mom and I watch my baby. Please bring me something that I want for Christmas. Your friend, Jeremiah

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like Batman Three and the Batman car. I have been a good boy. I help

my mom babysit Toby and I always do my best for Math. Please bring me something that I asked for. Thank you. From, Kennedy

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like an I-pod, new shoes, and a piano. I have been a good student and I do my best to help students follow the golden rules. Please bring me what I went for Christmas, Form your friend, Chavelle

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like an Xbox game and a Minecraft game. I have been a good boy. I help my mom cook and clean and tickle my baby brother Nicolas. Please bring me something for Christmas. Your friend, Justin

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a DS, maybe a real life pet, and a monster high doll. I have been a good girl this year. I have been helping my mom with chores. Has Mrs. Claus and the reindeer been good? Do you think that I should get headphones? Love, Shyanne

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And he whistled, and shouted, and called it by name; "On, Steiger!"

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Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like an iPod and a skateboard. I have been a good boy. Love, Paxton

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like some dresses please and some New kitties and puppies. I would also like a new xbox360 with Mine-craft two. I have been a good girl. I helped my mom wash the floors and I also helped my brother Johnny learn how to ride his bike. I love Christmas! Please bring me something that I want for Christmas. From, Summer Rayne

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like some new video games, a Monster High doll and a book. I have been a very good girl and I help my grandma. Please bring me something I would like for Christmas. From, Summer M.

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a hover board, please. I would like an

Iphone too. I have been a good boy. I have tried hard at school and I have listened to my Mom and Dad. Please bring me something for Christmas! Your friend, Mason

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a real baby bunny, candy, jewelry, new skates and some new clothing. I have been a good girl all year. I help my mom dry the dishes, I play with my little brother, I try my best in school and I'm nice to all of my friends. I think I deserve a thing that I asked for. From your friend, Montana

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a Lego set and a toy cat. I have been a good boy. I try hard at school. Do you think I deserve what I want? Your friend, Jayden

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a stuffed animal bunny, and a stuffed animal cat please. I'd like some jewelry please. I have been a good girl. I work hard at school.

I've been kind to everyone. I help my Aunty and grandma watch my little cousin. Do you think I deserve what I

asked for? Your Friend, Chelsea

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Dear Santa
You are nice. Would you like carrots and milk for Mrs. Clause? I have been helping my mom do the dishes and laundry. Could you please bring me a toy cat and numnums lip gloss. I love Christmas, presents and snow.
Your friend, Zyrah Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? My name is Brooklynn. How long does it take you to put all those presents in every ones houses around the world? Your bag is so tiny for that many presents! You beard looks really nice. You must have millions of elves! It must be Freezing cold in the North pole, It is snowing now in Selkirk! Do you think I deserve any presents? I can't wait for Christmas!
Sincerely, Brooklynn Grade 4

Dear Mr. Claus,
You have been good to me these many years! Do you know any of my

family that are good? For Christmas I would like a BIG math book and that is all! Do you have any friends? I have 5 friends. I remember last year you give me Shopkins in little rapping. It looked cute and some were from my sister!
Signed Ruby Grade 3

Dear Santa
How are you? You must be busy making presents? I want you to let me know where you live. I bet your suit is warm! Please don't put me on the naughty list because I don't like getting no presents!. Please get Pokémon sun and moon ill play them all the time, there the newest Pokémon games and I want a stuffed unicorn. Bye Santa clause.
From Anthony Grade 3

Dear Santa
How are you reyin Dar ? Are you bise ? My name is nielson. How old are you 100 ? was I gaod? Can I have some toys please. And I cant wait for Christmas.
Talk to you soon, Nielson Grade 4

Dear Santa
Is it cold in the North Pole? How many elves and reindeer do you have? It has been a long time since I saw you. Is it always Christmas and winter in the North Pole? When did you meet Mrs. Clause? I have been working really hard on my reading. Our class read for 15 minutes last week and our teacher gave us donuts as a reward. Can you please give me a pair of black shoes, a beanie boo and a paint set.
From your friend, Journee Grade 3

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? You've been so nice to me! I love getting presents from you! Also how is Rudolph? Tell him I said hi! Ok? I love spending time with my family on Christmas! I've been really good, I help my mom clean the house and do the laundry. And I also go to bed when my mom tells me to. Can you please give me Lego friends , a tablet charger and, a BIG stuffy. Please?
Yours truly, Jalyn Grade 4
Dear Santa,

It is good to talk to you again. I missed you. How are you and Mrs. Clause. Are your reindeers ready to fly ? You must be busy I was just wondering if I can have a necklace with my name on it please and art supplies. I will really appreciate it.
From your friend, MADISON Grade 4

Dear Santa,
I liked the gifts you got me last year. Do you have any pets other than the reindeer? Can you please get me a wii and a necklace.
From you friend Jenetta Grade 4

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling?
I know you have not heard from me for awhile. Do you have a big beard and a big reindeer? Your magical reindeer Rudolf is great like you. Please send me a box of Pokémon cards and a box of chocolate because I am not on the naughty list.
Your friend, Aishveer Grade 4

Dear Santa,
How are you feeling? I know you haven't heard from me for a while. I can't wait for Christmas. Do you like chocolate chip cookies because I like chocolate chip cookies. I like unicorns. You are the best!
Love Abby Grade 4

dear santa,
how are you and mrs claus doing have you started to bake and decorate gingerbread man and houses yet? I love to eat gingerbread cookies. i have been working very hard at home and at school. I would really like some dolls house, a Barbie and maybe some eye-shadow and lipstick. I promise to leave you some milk and cookies when you visit my house. I hope you have a safe trip back to the North Pole.
Love your friend Ijayah Grade 3

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Dear Santa,
How are feeling I heard that you have been working hard this year. I have not heard from you since last year. How old are your elves? I think I am on the good list because I have been good this year. I help with the dishes and help my mom clean the house. Please can you bring me something for Christmas? I would like a big stuffed animal and other presents too but I am still thinking about them.

Your friend, Saige Grade 3

Dear santay,
how old are you? how big ar you? Due you like your elves doing All the werke? Can I please have a ps4 and gta5 for my Ps4?

from Taylor. Grade 4

Dear Santa
How are you? How is Mrs. Clause and the elves? I am eight years old. I have very good and at night I help my mom tuck Levi into bed. My brothers Levi and Justice have been good too. May I please have a PS4 for Christmas? I hope you have a safe trip back to your house.

Love, Peyton Grade 3

Hi Santa,
How are you? My name is Pearlie, do you remember me? Do you think I could sit on your lap because my teacher doesn't let me sit on her lap! I have been helping out at home by putting my baby sister to sleep for mommy. Can you please bring me a toy from the movie Frozen. I hope you can make it to my house for Christmas. Bye, bye.

Love your friend, Pearlie Grade 4

Dear santa
how are you I know it has been awhile since you have heard from me. I am looking forward to Christmas and Christmas holidays. lots of love your friend, August Grade 4

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a Lego set and a toy cat. I have been a good boy. I try hard at school. Do you think I deserve what I want? Your friend, Jayden

Dear Santa, I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas this year. I would like a stuffed animal bunny, and a stuffed animal cat please. I'd like some jewelery please. I have been a good girl. I work hard at school. I've been kind to everyone. I help my Aunty and grandma

watch my little cousin. Do you think I deserve what I asked for? Your Friend, Chelsea

Individual Letters

Dear Santa, My name is Sariah age 6, for Christmas this year I really hope to get a Barbie house. I've been a good girl

this year. And will keep trying. Thank you Santa merry Christmas to you and all your helpers at the north pole.

Dear Santa, My name is Jaya McConnell and I am 3 years old. I go to daycare at Happy Thought School. For Christmas I would love a doll house. Can

you please bring my Daddy a Batman shirt? What are your reindeer's names and do you own a watch? On Christmas Eve I will leave you a snack of carrots, broccoli, milk, water and pop. Your Friend, Jaya

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Dear Santa, I hope you're having a good time at the workshop. I've been nice to my brother. I wish for a walkie talkie. See you next winter. Bye Santa. Max Enns, Grade 5. St. Clements

Dear Santa, My name is Aiden Mc-Connell and I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I would love a remote control helicopter. For my sister Jaya, can you please bring a doll house? What are your reindeer's names? On Christmas Eve I will leave you milk, crackers and gummies. For you reindeer I will leave water and carrots. Your Friend, Aiden

Dear Santa, Hi how are you and Mrs. Clause? How is Rudolph and the elves? For Christmas I would like pyjamas please. I would like a dog bag please. I would like a catbag. I would like grumpy-cat slippers I would like a wolf blanket please. And a pinky bean bag please. From Hannah

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We wish you a
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