



RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS Pictured from left to right: Lyra Budden, Kalina Starr, Coen Medwid and Liam Teitsma try their best to hold onto Santa Claus, otherwise known as Brad Hirst, during a swim with Santa event at the Selkirk Community Pool last Saturday.

Ombudsman takes aim at West St. Paul

Ex-councillor was in conflict of interest more than 20 times: Report By Dave Baxter

An anonymous source has led to a damning report by the Manitoba Ombudsman, that shows former West St. Paul councillor Dan Garcea was in a conflict of interest more than 20 times when it came to debates or votes directly impacting a company owned by his brother.

But Garcea said he believes not all the negative attention should be focused on him, and there is plenty of blame to go around in the RM.

The report says the Ombudsman received an anonymous letter on Sept. 24, 2013 alleging that a councillor from the RM of West St. Paul had been in an ongoing conflict of interest situation.

The Ombudsman investigated, and the report, which was released on Dec. 3, shows numerous conflicts of interest regarding Garcea and the awarding of \$3 million in contracts for construction of the RM's new fire hall to companies owned by Garcea's brother John, who is the head of the Garcea Group of Companies.

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Selkirk RCMP donate boots to help out homeless



RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER St. Francis Place Shelter founder René Gauthier holds up a pair of boots donated to the shelter by Selkirk RCMP Cst. Leif Svendsen last week.

By Dave Baxter

Selkirk RCMP are putting boots on the ground to help the community's less fortunate stay warm this winter

Last year Selkirk RCMP Cst. Leif Svendsen showed up at the St. Francis Place Shelter with about 10 used pairs of winter boots on Christmas Eve.

The Selkirk based homeless shelter offers those with no place to stay the opportunity to stay overnight and sleep in a bed, but people who stay there often have no place to stay during the cold winter days.

Svendsen told St. Francis Place Shelter founder René Gauthier he could give the boots to anyone who showed up and needed a warm pair of boots for the winter.

Gauthier said RCMP officers typically use a pair of boots for about a year-and-a-half and then get new ones. Svendsen realized the used boots shouldn't go to waste, and he collected as many as he could.

"They are good boots," Gauthier said. "They are in really good shape, and they are really good quality boots, so we were happy to have boots here for the guys and gals."

Last year Gauthier gave out the boots at both the shelter, and also at the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen which he also chairs.

Svendsen decided to donate boots again this winter and has already donated about 20 pairs.

Gauthier said Svendsen's generous idea is now spreading to RCMP detachments throughout Manitoba.

"Now other RCMP stations are try-

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thing in their communities," Gauthier said."So he has influenced other detachments to say 'hey this is a good idea to use these boots for the people that really need them.""

ing to get involved and do the same munity who have old boots or other warm winter clothes they don't need anymore will consider donating them to the shelter.

"People really need things like boots, mitts, toques and scarves."

Gauthier hopes others in the com-



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Dozens help raise awareness at 11th annual Community Vigil Walk

By Brandon Logan

Well over 50 men, women and children made the walk from the Selkirk Friendship Centre to city hall during the 11th annual Community Vigil Walk.

The walk, which is put on by the Selkirk and District Business and Professional Women's Club with help from the friendship centre and Nova House, raises awareness for missing and murdered women and remembers the 14 women killed during the Montreal Massacre in 1989.

This year's walk, which was held last

Tuesday night, was even more somber following the recent murders of Camille Runke and Selena Keeper. It's suspected Runke's husband Kevin shot her, while Keeper's ex-boyfriend Ray William Everett has been charged with second-degree murder in her death.

"Every day and every hour there's one in three women being violated," the walk's organizer Elaine Elliott said. "We've got to keep reminding people that we've got to do something about this violence.

"If we keep it in people's minds,

hopefully we won't have to do these walks anymore."

Elliott said awareness is the only way to stop violence. She said she was pleased to see so many people from all walks of life take part in this year's walk.

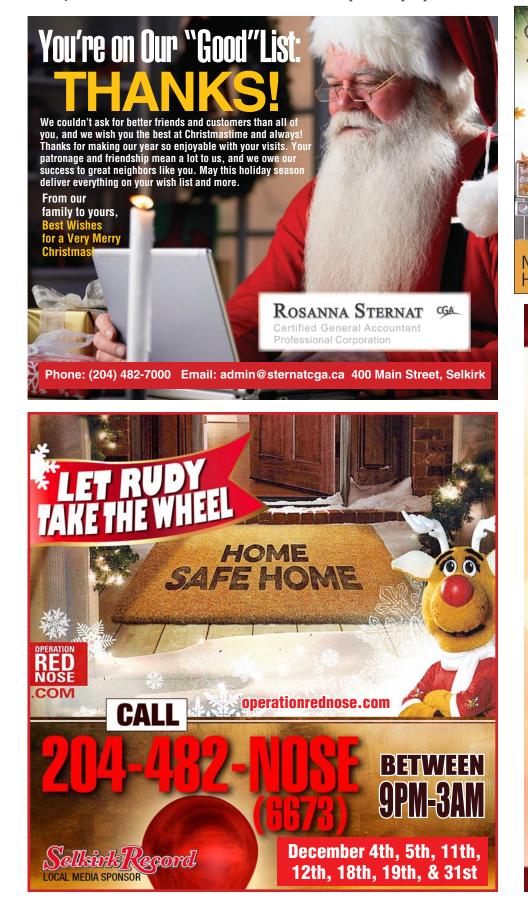
"We need men and women to walk together in this walk, it can't just be women," she said.

The group left the friendship centre last Tuesday around 6:30 p.m., walked up Morris Avenue to Main Street and from Main Street to Eaton Avenue to city hall for a speech and discussion

about domestic violence.

Selkirk MLA and Minister of Finance Greg Dewar, along with Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson joined walkers for the trek to city hall and for the speeches.

This year's walk also fell on a landmark day for those who have been calling for an inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Liberal government announced the first phase of their two-phase national inquiry was officially being launched.





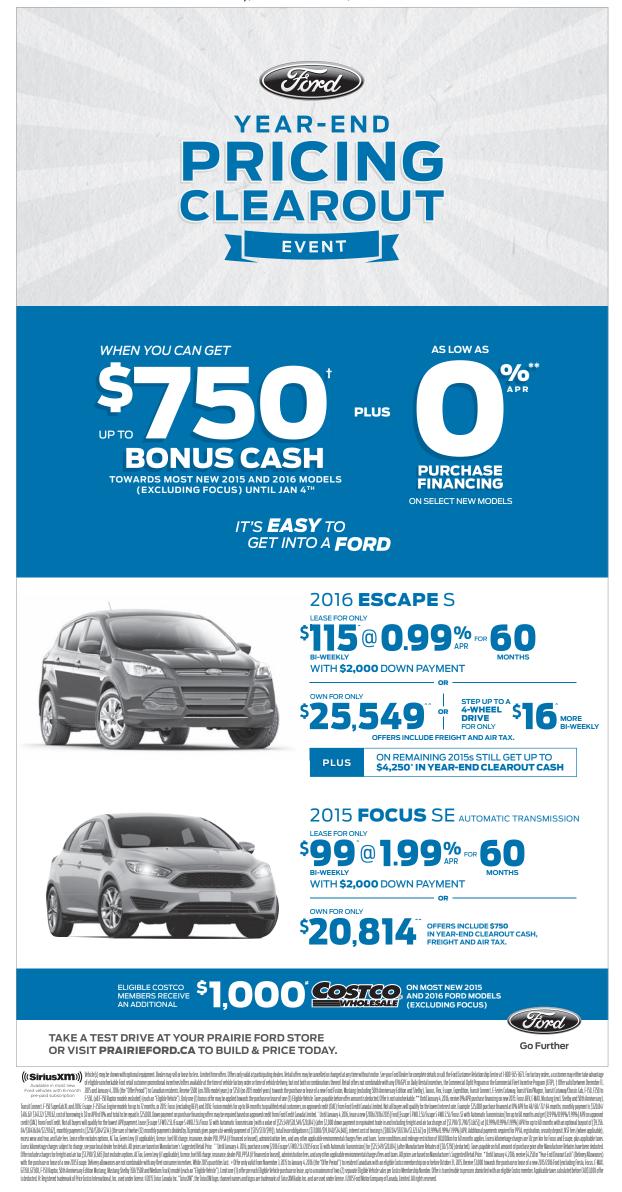
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Pool hosts movie night



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL Jordann Wright and her daughter Grace Summers get ready to enjoy the first ever movie night at Selkirk Community Pool last Friday night. The pool went with a Christmas theme and played the movie "Elf."



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> 'COUNCIL HAS TO POLICE ITSELF,' FROM PG. 1

Garcea, who works for his brother's company sat on West St. Paul council for three terms. He ran for mayor in 2014 but lost to incumbent Bruce Henley.

The report shows that Garcea did not excuse himself from votes and debates regarding the fire hall project, and also shows that both he and his brother John sat on a committee created to guide the fire hall project, while John was bidding on the project.

"Manitoba Ombudsman concluded that the RM did not provide a fair tendering process for the Fire Hall project," the report states. "Secondly, we determined that the councillor in question failed to follow the statutory requirements and RM policy regarding conflicts of interest, and did not adhere to procedural fairness principles."

The report also claims other members of council did not do enough to prevent numerous conflicts of interest.

"The RM council, in our view, did not meet its obligation to ensure council members followed legislative provisions and RM policy regarding conflicts of interest," the report states.

The fire hall committee that Garcea and his brother sat on was made up of a combination of councillors, the mayor, members of the fire department, as well as volunteers.

Garcea said having him and his brother on the committee is not a reason for people to assume they guided the project in any specific direction.

"I was just one person on there," Garcea said."So it could look that way, but I absolutely didn't steer anything in any way."

Garcea claims the mayor never expressed any concerns about the fact he or his brother sat on the committee.

To date, no one has stepped forward to say who brought the anonymous tips to the Ombudsman.

"That is concerning," Garcea said."It would have been nice to have people to come in and talk and the RM could hear about their concerns and address them, but I was told there was nobody that you can address because it's anonymous."

The report makes four detailed recommendations to the RM that could help them avoid similar situations in the future.

Garcea said he doesn't believe he had power to sway votes in a certain way because he is only one vote on council.

"I had never in any of this process or ever while sitting on council had that much power or influence other than my one vote," he said. "It's been very frustrating looking at the report showing the RM's responsibility towards all this, and some are trying to point the finger right at me, but this report is not about me, it's to investigate the RM as a whole."

The report also claims Garcea physically held down former West St. Paul councillor Giorgio Busceti's hand during a vote in council so he couldn't vote.

Garcea denies the allegation and Busceti refused to comment.

West St. Paul Mayor Bruce Henley said he has never seen a report of this magnitude regarding conflicts of interest in municipal politics.

"It's unheard of," Henley said. "Hopefully people are paying attention because it can happen anywhere." Henley said he didn't want to comment any further.

West St. Paul CAO Brent Olynyk said municipal councillors have to take responsibility for their own actions and for the actions of other councillors.

"Council has to police itself and they have conflict of interest guidelines, and they have to make sure other councillors are reminded they should be following guidelines. So the responsibility is on the councillor to make sure they are doing the proper things, and a lot of these thing are what I would call common sense."

Olynyk also believes a lack of resources can allow issues in rural municipalities to fall under the radar.

"The RM's don't have a lot of resources for training and the province needs to take a bigger role to make sure councillors have the tools in their small communities to make the right decisions."

Olynyk said West St. Paul is now moving forward with changes based on the recommendations in the report.

In a prepared statement, the RM said they are moving forward with nine steps to satisfy the recommendations made in the Ombudsman report.

The Manitoba Ombudsman is an independent office of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, and is not part of any government department or agency.





RECORD FILE PHOTO BY AUSTIN GRABISH

A recently released report by the Manitoba Ombudsman shows former West St. Paul councillor Dan Garcea was in a conflict of interest more than 20 times when it came to debates or votes directly impacting a company owned by his brother. The Ombudsman investigated numerous conflicts of interest regarding Garcea and the awarding of \$3 million in contracts for construction of the RM's new fire hall, pictured above.

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Thin ice conditions on Cooks Creek and the Red River in East Selkirk

In accordance with its operating licence, Manitoba Hydro's Selkirk Generating Station may be operating on an intermittent basis throughout the winter season. This will result in thin ice conditions on Cooks Creek.

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Anglers anxious to get on the ice

Hi gang. A couple of weeks ago I had to run a family member into the Gimli Hospital on a bit of an emergency and while waiting I went to the cafeteria for coffee.

Across from my table I noticed a large fellow sitting with two ladies. His shoulders were wide on a slim body, graying hair escaped from a worn "Jets" cap and his face slightly pale had chiseled features with dark prominent eyebrows. He spoke quietly with sentences that ran into each other. As he talked to the girls I distinctly heard the words "Shoal Lake". That was enough for me, with a half finished cup of coffee in hand I rose, walked over and introduced myself asking if he had fished there.

He nodded up and down and with a modest expression invited me to sit with him saying he had a story about Shoal Lake.

"I've lived on the southeast side of Shoal all my life", new friend Brian McCulley said.

Now retired and living in Siglavik he recounted how years ago there were few fish in Shoal then gradually locals began noticing suckers, then perch, then jackfish in the ditches and later in deeper lake spots. He remembered an "old timer" telling him there were deep holes in the northeast end of the lake where the jacks could survive the winter.

Brian remarked that as the water level of the lake lately has risen the perch and jacks have increased in great numbers and so have the anglers trying to catch them.

I sat silently letting Brian go on, then a smile came over his face as he remembered one time long ago he and his wife were coming home from shopping and as they drove along their road that had wide ditches with shallow water in them, two boys



SUBMITTED PHOTO Sergeg Reichert with some of his perch catch at Gull Lake

maybe 10 years old with bare feet and rolled up pant legs were splashing along in the ditch in the hot summer sun. One of them had a poplar branch the small end of which he held over his shoulder and on the other end a stub branch had a 3' jackfish hooked by the gills. He was dragging it through the shallow water and grass on the way home.

Brian looked at me saying the sight of that boy has stayed with him all these years as a reminder of the joys of country living.

Brians' mood then became lively exclaiming that he was waiting for the "water to get hard" for ice fishing off Willow and Crow Islands, which is close to his new home. I mentioned last week that we should be cautious going on the ice to fish but the truth is we're doing it now, so I too was downstream of Sugar Island where anglers sat on upside-down pails bringing little more than their rods and bait to fish with.

Two such buddies were Jessie Delima and Neal Nati from Winnipeg. They were catching lots of saugers and pickerel through 6" of ice. While I was there I counted maybe 20 or 30 guys and gals nursing holes in the warm overcast afternoon their trucks parked by the shore on Gary Polinuks', Selkirk Airs' property.

As in years past let me thank you again Gary for letting us cross your land to fish. I got over to Gull Lake by Stead last week and as I approached the landing to the ice I saw well out in the middle of the lake two people armed with only pails, rods and a small drill minding their holes. I left my truck and after a fairly long stifflegged walk over the glare ice I made it to them learning that our new angling friends were Sergeg Reichert and his wife Anna from Steinbach.

In the bright, cool day I asked Sergeg how the perch were biting. He held some up saying he and his wife like to come here early in the winter season because they know this lake freezes up fast and there are always a lot of perch.

Well, after Gull Lake, I think I'm going to go get some strap-on foot picks so I don't fall

and crack my head on the ice like I did a few years ago. Bye for now.



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'Vulgar' online comments lands man \$90K fine

Despite penalty, former LSSD student 'likely' to post again, judge warns

By Austin Grabish

A former student has been ordered to pay \$90,000 in damages to the Lord Selkirk School Division along with two of its staffers after making allegedly defamatory statements online.

But the provincial judge who handed down the ruling on Dec. 3 says he won't be surprised if the fine isn't enough to deter Peter Warnock from posting online again.

The LSSD, teacher Russell Goossen, and education director Brian Johnston took legal action against Warnock after malicious statements about the trio began appearing on the Internet earlier this year.

The statements were posted on online blogs and are in regards to the Lord Selkirk Adult Learning Program, which Warnock is a former student of. In his 16-page decision, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Vic Toews ruled the statements were "blatantly false," and were made without any factual basis.

"Allegations of bullying, cheating, criminality and racism are very serious, especially in the context of a school and its administrators and teaching staff,"Toews wrote.

The *Selkirk Re*cord is not republishing the statements due to their nature, but in his judgment, Toews describes the postings as "vulgar."

"It is sufficient to say that the use of that language only serves to intensify

Ceremony helps welcome 40 new Canadians to Manitoba

Staff

Forty new Canadians are starting their new lives in Manitoba following a citizenship ceremony last week in Winnipeg at the Canadian Musuem for Human Rights.

"As Manitoba prepares to welcome hundreds of Syrian refugees, hosting this citizenship ceremony at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights is a fitting location that reflects our government's commitment to multiculturalism," Multiculturalism and Literacy Minister Flor Marcelino said last Thursday. "As Manitobans, we're proud to build an inclusive and vibrant province that values a range of different traditions, experiences and ideas, while offering a safe haven to those who need it."

Last Thursday's ceremony marked the final step in attaining Canadian citizenship. Each new Canadian swore an oath of citizenship and the Peaceful Village Program performed.

Marcelino presented the new citizens with a citizenship certificate during the ceremony and they each received a welcome package, which included a 2016 multi-faith calendar and a copy of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"Newcomers help us enrich the multicultural fabric of our province," said Minister Marcelino. "Immigrants and refugees have helped make Manitoba the province it is today. Our society and our economy continue to benefit from the new citizens we welcome every year."

In 2014, 16,223 newcomers arrived in the province. Today in Manitoba, 148 different languages are spoken by people from 150 different countries. Close to 250 ethnocultural organizations contribute to the diversity and vibrancy of the province's communities. Each year, approximately 4,500 newcomers are sworn in as Canadian citizens in Manitoba. plaintiffs by the defendant," he said. Toews awarded Goossen, Johnston, and the division \$30,000 each in dam-

ages. Warnock was representing himself in court, but skipped a Dec. 1 hearing, and just days before he was due in court, Toews said Warnock had posted more malicious statements online.

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In his ruling, Toews warns further damages could be awarded if Warnock continues to make defamatory statements online, and fails to remove the current postings. But the judge admits he's not confident Warnock will comply with his ruling.

"It is my opinion that it is very likely that the defendant will continue to publish defamatory statements despite the finding that he is liable to the plaintiffs for damages,"Toews said.

As of Monday afternoon, several of the statements remained on online blogs.

LSSD Supt. Scott Kwasnitza declined a request for comment.

The *Record* was unable to reach Warnock by Monday's press deadline.

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For a healthier home environment in Manitoba, it's necessary to manage your home humidity levels within the lower range of 20-35 per cent during the coldest winter weather. The level you are able to maintain will depend on the quality of windows, insulation and air leakage rates in the home. Ventilation also plays an important role.

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- seal and weather-strip your home to reduce air leakage. Cold, dry air from outdoors soaks up humidity. Reducing drafts also improves comfort, lowers your heating bills and may even reduce or eliminate the need for a humidifier
- don't over-ventilate. Operating an exhaust fan or HRV more than necessary can dry out your home and increase your energy costs
- use a portable humidifier or furnace humidifier (on a forced-air heating system) only after all sealing and weather stripping attempts have been made.



Selkirk's new hospital taking shape

\$120M health centre to open in spring 2017

By Lindsey Enns

Selkirk's new \$120 million hospital will house an expanded emergency department, cancer care program, and an MRI machine when it opens its doors in spring 2017.

Now with its exterior 90 per cent complete, the hospital's main entrance features a 22-foot high glass wall encased in locally sourced tyndall stone.

Although it may not look like much now, landscaping the green space surrounding the hospital, located at 120 Easton Drive, is about 50 per cent complete.

"There will be bridges over ... water retention areas," said Gary Dandeneau, Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority regional director of capital planning and facilities management. "Lots of trees, shrubbery ... lots of exterior lighting."

Dandeneau led a group of roughly 30 health officials, community members, media, provincial and local dignitaries through a tour and update of the new Selkirk Regional Health Centre last Wednesday.

Following the tour, Health Minister Sharon Blady said she's "really impressed" with how the new hospital is coming together.

"It's really phenomenal to see that wonderful balance of that technology and investments ... but also knowing the spaces are being constructed in a way that's really patient centered and a way that accommodates families," Blady said.

Having an MRI scanning machine in



RECORD PHOTOS LINDSEY ENNS

Health Minister Sharon Blady, pictured centre, Selkirk Mayor Larry Johannson and Selkirk MLA and Finance Minister Greg Dewar are led through a tour and update of Selkirk's new hospital last Wednesday morning. The new hospital is set to open in spring 2017.

Hospital facts and features

The new 180,750 square foot Selkirk Regional Health Centre being built along Eaton Avenue will include:

• 65 acute care beds including 45 medical, eight surgical, eight family planning, and four ICU/SCU beds.

• An emergency department service in excess of 29,000 (projected) patients per year with two trauma rooms, 13 exam and treatment rooms, one isolation room, and four minor treatment rooms.

• Three operating theatres, each

Selkirk is also going to benefit the entire Interlake and Eastman region, she added.

"It'll bring that service out to folks in a way that hasn't been seen before," she said. "It's going to help us address wait time issues and ... it's really gowith at 600 square feet, and two endoscopy suites.

• A full diagnostic imaging department with digital imaging for CT, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, mammography, general radiology, and MRI diagnostic scanning.

• An ambulatory care outpatient clinic, and a integrated same day surgery and PACU department.

• An eight bed hemodialysis unit adjacent to a nine stretcher Cancer Care chemotherapy unit.

- Information provided by the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority

ing to help this be a complete health centre for the folks in Selkirk."

The overall cost of the new hospital, which includes building, equipment, furnishings and landscaping, has now increased to \$120 million from its original \$111 million price tag. Selkirk MLA and Finance Minister Greg Dewar said the province has agreed to cover the entire cost.

"It was regrettable in some ways that we had to make this kind of investment, because the current hospital has reached its end of life after only 30 years," Dewar said.

In 2007, the province promised to build a new hospital in Selkirk after a report found the city's current hospital was in such bad shape it needed to be completely re-built.

Construction began in 2012, but was then halted for nearly two years due to a lawsuit filed against the RHA after it cancelled the hospital's tender.

Following last week's tour, Dewar admitted there was an "issue" with the tender.

"But the bottom line is the hospital is proceeding and it will open in 2017," he said.

As for funding for the hospital's new MRI, Dewar said for the most part the community's fundraising portion is complete.

"If there's a shortfall, it's relatively small," he said.

In May, the *Selkirk Record* reported the RHA was facing a \$133,000 funding shortfall for the MRI machine.

An RHA spokeswoman at the time said of the community's \$340,000 required contribution, just over \$207,000 had been raised.

Premier Greg Selinger promised \$4 million in funding for the MRI if the NDP was re-elected during the 2011 provincial election. However, the community would have to pay 10 per cent of the machine's total \$3.4 million cost.

The cost of the MRI, adding to the hospital's size and number of beds is what led to the hospital's overall cost increase, Dewar said.

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Photo of the old Pearson Block on Eveline Street south of Manitoba Avenue complete with some original hand printed identification.

Pearson Parkway - Frederick James Pearson and Henrietta Massey were married in Manchester, England in 1875. They came to Canada the following year. They spent one year in Montreal then moved to East Selkirk. Later they built a butcher shop and then they built a large hall on Eveline Street. Person Hall soon became the gathering place for the people of Selkirk. Public meetings, church suppers, piano recitals and many other functions were held in the spacious building. The Pearsons were members of Christ Church and involved in the life of the town and Mr. Pearson was a member of the Selkirk Hunt Club. The Pearsons raised their large family in Selkirk. Their second son, Percy, worked on the Wolverine and the Keenora and he was Captain of the Bradbury and various other Lake Winnipeg boats which harboured in Selkirk.

Pearson Parkway in the Creekside Development was named to honour this family for its contribution to Selkirk.

The Selkirk Heritage Corner, brought to you by the Selkirk Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee & The Selkirk Record

Relief, then more grief for Tina Fontaine's family

Suspect charged in teen's murder on the same day late girl's cousin gets stabbed in Selkirk

By Austin Grabish

Thelma Favel's emotions couldn't have been running any higher last Friday.

Her 17-year-old grandson was stabbed during the early morning hours near McLean Avenue and Main Street in Selkirk. Police say the boy sustained serious injuries from the stabbing.

Then, just several hours later, she got a call from a Winnipeg police detective who informed her officers had taken the man believed to be responsible for killing her 15-year-old great niece, Tina Fontaine, into custody.

niece, Tina Fontaine, into custody. "It's still surreal," Favel said during an interview with the *Record* on Monday."It's just the idea of him being captured and in jail where he belongs."

Winnipeg police have charged Raymond Joseph Cormier, 53, with second-degree murder in relation to Fontaine's death.

Favel said news of an arrest brought a spur of mixed motions.

"I'm just so happy that it's almost to

an end, but it's going to take a while before we can get it to court," she said.

"I guess you can call it bittersweet, because I was so happy that they found the person that did this to Tina, but then I started thinking of the other women, all the other families that are still waiting for answers and still not getting anything."

Favel had raised Tina since she was four years old and she cherishes memories she has of her late great niece.

"I can't just pick one favourite memory of her, because everything about her was my favourite," she said. "She was awesome with kids.

"She loved to babysit, to bake especially at Christmas time her blueberry muffins and homemade gravy."

On Monday, Favel said her grandson had been released from hospital, and was back home in Selkirk.

"He's doing a lot better," she said. "He did have surgery and that was just to repair the wound on his arm."

Tina's murder galvanized the country after her body was found wrapped



PHOTOS COURTESY OF WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE AND FACEBOOK ABOVE LEFT: Tina Fontaine's body was found wrapped in plastic after it was dumped in the Red River in Winnipeg last summer. ABOVE RIGHT: Raymond Joseph Cormier, 53, who's been charged in relation to Tina's death.

in plastic with rocks and then thrown into the Red River in Winnipeg last summer.

The slain teen quickly became a symbol for all missing and murdered indigenous Canadian women during a national outcry over her murder.

Then there was anger when details emerged that Fontaine, who had gone missing from the care of child and family services, made contact with Winnipeg police the last day she was seen alive.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Bert Paquet says no charges have been laid in relation to last Friday's stabbing in Selkirk.

He said the two youth involved in the incident are both being investigated for assault.

Cormier was arrested last Friday by police in Vancouver, and has since been detained by Winnipeg police. He was due in court on Tuesday.

City of Selkirk holiday garbage, recycling pickup schedule changes

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Please make note of the following changes to the Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Schedule for the City of Selkirk during the holidays.

Christmas Eve Day, Dec. 24, 2015 – Recycling collection as usual, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2015 - No solid waste collection, Dec. 28, 2015 – Friday's

and Monday's solid waste collection, New Year's Eve Day, Dec. 31, 2015 – Recycling collection as usual, New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 - No solid waste collection, Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 – Friday's and Monday's solid waste collection. The city's waste transfer station will be closed

on Dec. 25, 26 and on Jan. 1, 2016.



Notice of Environment Act Proposal

Conservation and Water Stewardship has received a proposal pursuant to The Environment Act regarding the following operation and invites public participation in the review process:

CITY OF SELKIRK - SELKIRK SUPPLEMENTAL GROUNDWATER SUPPLY - FILE: 5806.00

An Environment Act Proposal has been filed by the City of Selkirk for a supplemental groundwater supply for the City's water treatment and distribution system. The proposal involves the development of two wells in NW 14-14-4E near the junction of McRae Road and Meadowdale Road in the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews, and a pipeline connection following road rights-of-way to the City's water treatment plant. The new wells are proposed to supply up to 1,800 dam3 of water annually, capable of meeting all of the City's estimated requirements. It is proposed to blend water from the existing and proposed supply wells, with 75% of the water initially supplied from the new wells, and the eventual proportion to be determined dependent on recovery in the existing wellfield. Construction of the supplemental supply system is proposed for 2016, with operation immediately following construction.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation either for or against the proposal should contact the Department, in writing or by E-mail (bruce.webb@gov.mb.ca), not later than JANUARY 14, 2016 Further information is available from the Public Registries located at: Legislative Library, 200 Vaughan St., Winnipeg; Millennium Public Library, 4th Floor, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; Online Registry: http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal/ registries/index.html or by contacting Bruce Webb, Environmental Engineer at 204-945-7021.

Information submitted in response to this proposal is considered public information and will be made available to the proponent and placed on the public registry established in accordance with Section 17 of *The Environment Act*.

Environmental Approvals Branch Conservation and Water Stewardship 123 Main Street, Suite 160 Winnipeg MB R3C 1A5 Toll Free: 1-800-282-8069 Ext. 7021 Fax: (204) 945-5229 Website: www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/eal

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MMIW inquiry: Outcomes are key, advocates say

By Dave Baxter

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is making good on his election promise to hold a national inquiry into missing and murdered indigenous women, but some in the local community say the inquiry will only be a success if it leads to real and meaningful change.

Nova House executive director Anna Pazdzierski works directly with women who are victims of abuse, and has said in the past she believes the money for a inquiry would be better spent on programs, education and resources for Indigenous people and communities.

Now that an inquiry has been launched she believes those affected must be its focal point.

"The inquiry will only be effective if families who have lost loved ones are a major part of the process," Pazdzierski said. "If the families have input and if the people from the community are directing it as they have been promised, than hopefully they will get the information they need."

Pazdzierski has been calling for more resources and education for indigenous people and communities, and hopes those resources come out of the inquiry.

"Well I certainly hope the inquiry shows that there needs to be more resources."

If no change comes from the inquiry than there is no reason for it to take place, Pazdzierski said.

"I don't want them to do an inquiry and then stick it on a shelf and nobody looks at it again," she said."We've had a lot of inquiries where a few people get wealthy during the inquiry and nothing ever

comes out if it.

"It's a lack of resources, it's poverty, it's homelessness, it's addictions. It's all these things we need to work on." Pazdzierski also wants people to believing stop that missing and murdered cases are less important based on a person's behaviour or cultural background.

"It's 2015," Pazdzierski said. "It should not matter what a woman is wearing, where she is, or what she is doing."

Selkirk Friendship Centre executive director Robin Nishibata agrees the inquiry will only be a success if it leads to real change and real answers for those who have lost loved ones.

"An inquiry is welcome and long overdue, but it's hard to know how effective it will be," Nishibata said." This is a very complex issue. Besides finding peace and closure for the families of these girls and women, we also have to find an answer to eliminate violence toward aboriginal women and girls."

Nishibata sees long-standing issues that can lead to violence against Indigenous women.

"Aboriginal women are significantly disadvantaged particularly with regard to access to housing, education and employment."

To stop violence against indigenous women, Nishibata believes education starting at a young age is key.

"There are resources for women when they are already in a violent situation, but we need to be more proactive and teach women and girls how to avoid those violent situations."

She added children who grow up with violence in their home can see it as normal.

"It's that vicious, vicious cycle that has to be broken."

> OLD HOSPITAL TO BE DEMOLISHED, FROM PG. 10

"This is about doing it right and ... making smart, strategic forward looking investments and I think this building really encapsulates that," Blady said, adding the hospital will bring new employment to the area. "It's the whole package.

"It's economic growth and development and stronger health care."

Dandeneau said one of the neat features of the new two-level hospital is that in its maternity wing, labour, delivery and recovery will all be done in one room. He added the hospital's wall to window ratio is very high, making for plenty of natural light and scenic views for patients.

A large cafeteria will provide meals for their patients and Dandeneau said they are looking into outsourcing new vendors to welcome into the space.

Although most of the hospital's interior isn't much to look at right now, with more than 200 workers on site each day, Dandeneau said they pan to have the building completely closed in by Friday.

Dewar said once the new hospital opens in spring 2017, the old one will be demolished and the land, which is owned by the province, will likely be turned into green space for the time being.

"At one time there was a consideration to use it for housing, but it is on the grounds on the Selkirk Mental Health Hospital so they're very sensitive as to what they want to see on those grounds," Dewar said.

Progressive Conservative health critic Myrna Driedger said the NDP used last week's hospital tour and update as a photo-op leading up to the next provincial election in April.

"A photo-op right now is just a desperate way to remind people that they're doing something," Driedger said. "They've taken forever to do it and along the way they've broken their promises to the people of Selkirk."



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New Nova House building set to rise this winter

Project back on track after facing delays, executive director says

By Dave Baxter

After years of pushing for a new building, Nova House will finally start to see their new facility rise from the ground this winter.

"We will be starting construction in February dependant on the weather," said Nova House executive director Anna Pazdzierski. "We are about six months behind, but we think we are on track now, and we are confident we will break ground in February."

A number of factors led to delays in construction of the new building, Pazdzierski said.

"We had to make sure Manitoba Housing was happy with the construction plans, and we were delayed by a public hearing because we were originally told we didn't have to have one," she said. "But we had our hearing and we are good to go. Everything is approved."

Pazdzierski said the new building, which is going up near the railroad tracks along Clandeboye Avenue, has been met with opposition from a small group who live in the area where it will be built, but they are working to alleviate their concerns.

"Yes, we had opposition from people who live in the neighbourhood, but we hope we answered those concerns, and if not we strongly encourage them to talk to us," she said. "Their concerns are fair, and we need to keep communication open."

However, personal safety should not be a concern for people that live in the area near the building, Pazdzierski said.

"In the last six years we have had 61 police responses, but there were only six where Nova House called them, and the rest were either them doing a drive-by, or they were bringing women to the shelter," she said. "We've never seen any violence, any guns, any threats."

Pazdzierski wants people in the area to know how closely they work with local law enforcement.

"We assured them we work closely with the police, and if we think there is a possibility of something like that we certainly let the police now."

The budget for the new building is approximately \$2.4 million with Nova House receiving \$1 million from Manitoba Housing, \$500,000 from Jim and Betty Anne Gaynor, and the land and services from the City of Selkirk.

Nova House offers shelter and services to women dealing with abuse, and last January it was announced that a brand new Nova House building was slated to begin construction. Nova House has had to fundraise or



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Dozens of community members packed a city council meeting in Selkirk on Nov. 16 for a public hearing regarding Selkirk's new Nova House building. After facing months of delays, construction of the new building will being this winter with plans of completing it by this time next year.

apply for grants to make up the remainder.

"We've got most of the remainder, but still need a bit more for furnishings," Pazdzierski said.

The new building will be a huge benefit to those who work there and to those who use the services, she added.

"We have always needed a newer building. We will have an accessible washroom, space for storage, an area that is a decent size for kids to play in, and a kitchen we can do some teaching in so we can talk more about nutrition."

The building will have the same number of rooms as the old one, but

the rooms will be larger so they can better accommodate people with larger families, she said.

The building will also allow Nova House to do more activities with the people that are staying there.

"There is room to do more group things without moving to a different building, so it opens us up to plan more activities that ultimately will benefit the clients," she said. "I believe there will just be an overall better feeling throughout the building."

Construction of the new building is expected to take about 32 weeks, and Pazdzierski said depending on different variables it should be up and running before next Christmas.

Lions Club raises \$2K for local family

By Lindsey Enns

Seven-year-old Hayden Young is no



stranger to missing school.

Young's mother Jill said her son missed 42 days of school last year and was late more

> than 50 days. "This year I don't think Hayden's had two weeks of school since it started," Jill said. "He's probably been in the hospital since last year about 40 days."

Earlier this year Young was diagnosed with Lymphamgiechtasia, a rare disease in which the lymph vessels supplying the lining of the small intestine are blocked resulting in his body not being



Members of the Selkirk and District Lions Club present Jill and Ryan Young and their seven-year-old son Hayden with a cheque for \$2,000 last Thursday evening in Selkirk.

able to process fats.

"Some days are really good some days are really horrible," Jill said, adding they have been in and out of Children's Hospital for the past three weeks. "It's very heavy on our pocket book. There's been lots of community support."

As a way of helping them cover some of their costs, the Selkirk and District Lions Club have banded together to help raise \$2,000 for the Selkirk family. Club members gathered in Selkirk last Thursday to present the family with a cheque.

"It's just a drop in the bucket but I guess every bit counts," Lions Club member Ken Donaldson said, adding they raised the funds through various projects.

Despite being on a restricted diet, Jill said her and her husband Ryan try to help Hayden lead a normal life.

"He still goes out and plays hockey when he can," she said. "We're hoping he's home for Christmas."

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Selkirk Biz names incoming president

Brett Mitchell to take on new role in 2016

By Lindsey Enns

As Selkirk Biz's new president, Brett Mitchell says he plans to enhance networking opportunities for local and surrounding area businesses. Mitchell, who is currently part owner of the *Selkirk Record*, said he would like to show more businesses the importance of being out and about in the communities they serve.

"I'd like to try to ... get more people out to realize what those opportunities can do for them in business," he said, adding the local chamber's membership has now grown to include nearly 220 members."The reason why that is ... is because we do things that businesses want to be apart of."



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Former Selkirk mayor Bud Oliver receives an honourary Selkirk Biz membership alongside the organization's executive director Sheri Skalesky during the local chamber's annual general meeting last Wednesday at Benjamins Gourmet Foods. Brett Mitchell was also named the chamber's incoming president during the event.

Mitchell, who was originally part of the local chamber in the early 90's and was on the committee that helped build Selkirk Biz's brand, was named the organization's incoming president during their annual general meeting last Wednesday at Benjamins Gourmet Foods.

"It's a great time for him to move into that leadership position because he's got a good sense of what our organization does and what we'd like to do," Selkirk Biz executive director Sheri Skalesky said, adding their board has now grown to include 27 members. "Every year comes with changes and you always look at that as positives.

"You always have new faces at the table that bring different skills and different perspectives which is great to see."

As for his new role, Mitchell said he would like to continue building on the

success of Black Friday. The retail event celebrated its fourth year late last month and involved more than 45 businesses in Selkirk and area.

"It's become a tourist attraction," Mitchell said. "People are coming from far and wide.

"And chambers from across the province have heard about it."

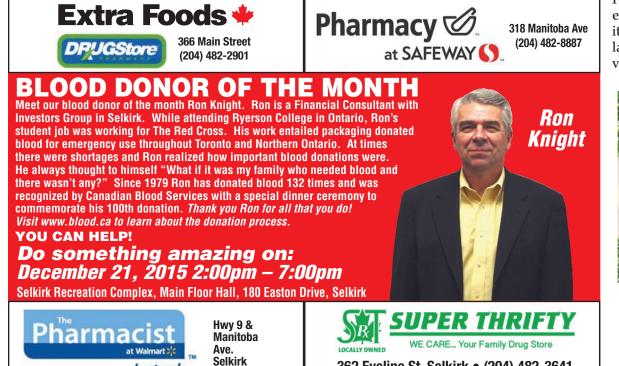
Mitchell said he would also like to continue building up their website, selkirkbiz.ca, and a new committee will focus on boosting the organization's social media presence.

"We need to really come of age when it comes to social media," he said. "There is a committee that is getting going and that really needs to ramp up and really be our busiest committee next year."

Mitchell will officially take over for outgoing Selkirk Biz president Michael Klassen in January 2016. Klassen took over for past president Cyndi Typliski in 2014.

Mitchell said he hopes to be able to build on all the great work past presidents did.

"These people put in place a lot of great things we certainly want to maintain and not let them fall away," he said. Continued on page 23



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Hamper drive helps out local family

By Lindsey Enns

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The Selkirk Christmas Hamper Drive has inspired Jeremy Montour to lend a helping hand.

He said this time next year he hopes to give back to the local campaign that has helped his family out for the past two

years. While receiving his family's hamper last Thursday, Montour said without it his family wouldn't be having a C h r i s t m a s dinner.

"It relieves some of the burden, some of the stress, because then don't we have to worry havabout ing enough to cook dinner and everything because it's provided," Montour said. "It's hard with five kids, there's seven of us, so we're able to provide for everybody with a helping hand."



RECORD PHOTO BY LINDSEY ENNS

Selkirk Christmas Hamper Drive volunteers Anne Feakes and her husband Gordon, not pictured, deliver a hamper to Jeremy Montour and his family last Thursday at their home in Selkirk. This year volunteers will deliver 360 hampers by Friday.

With five children aged 10 months to 15, Montour's wife Sonya said they were "very excited" to learn they would be receiving a hamper again this year.

"It helps us out lots," she said.

The couple said they plan to host both their families for a big Christmas dinner on Dec. 25.

"It will be a normal family Christmas dinner with everything," Montour said with a smile. "We got five little ones and there will be extra."

Along with all the fixings for a Christmas dinner, the family's hamper also included a sack full of presents for their children.

This year's hamper drive kicked off on Nov. 16 and hampers were already being packed and delivered late last week. This year volunteers will be delivering 360 hampers to more than 1,000 individuals, according to hamper co-ordinator Karen Lorenz. Last year they delivered around 350.

"With all the support we've had, it's been amazing," Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen chair René Gauthier said. "People have brought food over, companies were involved and schools."

Although they were able to stock their headquarters' shelves in the end with food and toys, Gauthier said donations came in a littler later this year than expected.

"With no snow on the ground ... they were slower coming in," he said, adding next year they hope to start advertising and collecting donations sooner.

Gauthier said all hampers will be delivered by Friday.

As for Montour, he said he plans to help deliver some hampers of his own next year.

"I volunteer at the food bank," he said, adding it's his way of giving back to the community. "I like to give back myself."

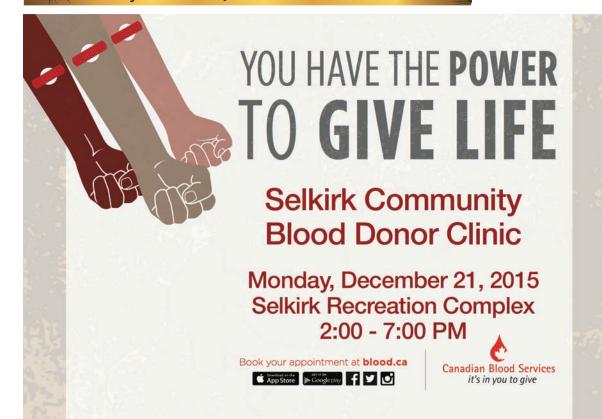
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Permits to cut down Christmas trees at designated sites in eastern Manitoba are now available online at the Manitoba Forestry Association's website.

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"By partnering with the Manitoba Forestry Association, we're now able to offer online permits to cut Christmas trees in eastern Manitoba," Conservation and Water Stewardship Minister Tom Nevakshonoff stated in a release on Dec. 10. "For many people, cutting down their own Christmas tree is a special holiday tradition. This change will make it easier for people who want to do so at our designated sites."

The designated Christmas tree cutting areas are at a site approximately 12 kilometres east of Richer and north of the Trans-Canada Highway and a second site southwest of Milner Ridge off PR 435.

After purchasing a permit for \$5 plus GST, Manitobans can cut a coniferous tree up to three metres high and the limit is one tree per household. Special conditions for the permit include: • cutting shall be confined to the

area stated on the permit, • the tree shall not be sold or bar-

tered,

• the permit shall be retained by the person in possession of the tree,

• the permit shall be produced for inspection on request by a conservation officer, and

• the permit expires on Dec. 31 in the year it is issued.

Manitobans who purchase a permit online with the Manitoba Forestry Association will receive a receipt that is the equivalent of the normal permit issued by the province.

"We are happy to work with the province to make their Christmas tree permits more accessible. This initiative fits well with our other forestry education and tree planting program," said Patricia Pohrebniuk, executive director, Manitoba Forestry Association. "The association has always promoted the growing and use of 'real' Christmas trees and encourages the public to consider Manitoba's private Christmas Tree Growers Association as well."

Permits are also available in all district offices and in Winnipeg at 200 Saulteaux Cres. or 1007 Century St. For more information, including maps of designated cutting areas and links to purchase permits, visit gov.mb.ca/ conservation/forestry/timber-admin/ xmas.html





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Message from the Mayor and Council

AFTER A WARM AND WONDERFUL AUTUMN, WE preserves the open, semi-rural character that happily enter into the most festive time of year. On behalf of the St. Clements Mayor, Council, CAO and staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and our very best for 2016.

Over the past year, Council has continued to focus on the priorities that residents have told us are most important. In plain terms, this has meant investments that improve municipal services and quality of life for today's St. Clements families, while ensuring that the RM can anticipate and meet residents' long-term needs as our municipality continues to grow.

In 2015, we increased spending on road renewal, improved waste water services to protect our land and water, and planned to ensure that future development in our RM

defines our community.

Council is committed to ensuring St. Clements will be a great place to call home for generations to come, and we have an ambitious agenda for 2016. The year ahead is shaping up to be a busy one as we strive to further improve local services from waste management to new recreation options.

Through the coming year Council will also continue to listen – and act – on the feedback we receive from residents. Delivering new ways for citizens to stay in touch with the RM and provide input remains a top priority for Council and the administration. More and more people are signing up for the RM's email updates to receive the latest news, and we continue to expand our presence

on Facebook. You can sign up for e-updates right on our website, <u>www.rmofstclements.com</u>, and we continue to welcome your emails and phone calls. You can always reach us with questions and feedback at 204-482-3300.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing holiday season.

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services as regular **curbside pickup of garbage** and recyclables. Initial research suggests that costs to the RM to provide curbside pickup would not be significantly higher than current operating and maintenance costs for the transfer stations. An effective, modern waste-management strategy is essential to the long-term health of our growing community, and we look forward to providing further updates in the months ahead.

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During the 2015-16 Holiday Season

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- Under the plan, investments are focused in five areas: Roads and transportation, protective services, recreation and tourism, waste and wastewater, and the environment.

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Strengthening our community

Join the discussion online

The RM is committed to keeping residents up to date on new municipal projects and initiatives. We also invite citizens to share their perspective about municipal issues on our Facebook page. Look forward to receiving updates about the following RM priorities over the coming year, and then join the conversation online and via email.

New options for solid waste. In 2016, we will examine options to improve solid waste collection in our municipality. A consultant will prepare a solid waste master plan, which will identify new ways to improve waste services while continuing to reduce our RM's environmental footprint. The RM will evaluate the possibility of such

Improving community safety. Following feedback from residents, Council is exploring options to improve community safety with respect to bylaws **governing firearms** use within the RM. In 2016, Council will draft a bylaw to balance the use of firearms with the need for public safety in portions of the RM near residential areas and in areas of greater public use such as

Henderson sewer line. The RM continues to explore opportunities to expand local sewagetreatment capacity that would allow interested homeowners to connect. Watch for an update in early 2016.

New south-end recreation options. The RM continues to move forward with residents to bring new recreation and active living options to the southern portion of the municipality. Stay tuned for details of a public meeting to be held in February where next steps will be discussed.

Be a part of these conversations! Sign up for email updates or 'like' us on Facebook to learn about issues that affect you! You can sign up right on the RM website, <u>www.rmofstclements.com</u>, and you'll be automatically entered into a draw for a prize pack including St. Clements apparel and a Tim Hortons gift card.

We're Listening: Tax Payment Survey Results

We currently don't accept credit card payments due to a 1.5% service fee per transaction. We asked 254 people:

1. Should we accept credit card payments?



2. Are you willing to pay a service fee of 1.5% for your transaction?



Based on these results the RM will consider introducing a credit card payment option in 2016. See full survey at rmofstclements.com>Resident Info>Feedback

Snow clearing

During the winter, the RM of St. Clements works hard to keep roads clear of snow for residents and visitors. Please be patient as crews clear roads based on priority; the most-travelled roads and school bus routes are cleared first.

Snow Plow Safety

- Maintain a distance of at least 50 feet from the rear of a snow plow so the driver can see you
- Avoid passing or driving beside plows as this can create whiteout conditions in front of the plow
- Avoid parking on roads or at the end of your driveway when plows are clearing your road
- Do not push snow onto or across roads or into ditches
- Snow clearing operators are unable to lift plows for driveways
- Do not install signs, markers, fencing, decorations or mailboxes too close to roadways, as snow plows could damage them.
- When a snow plow is approaching, teach children to stay off the road and snowbanks adjacent to the road.
- Consider assisting your elderly and/or disabled neighbours with snow removal

Green Corner Moving towards sustainability

Zero Waste Study

The RM of St. Clements, the RM of St. Andrews and Selkirk are looking for volunteer families to participate in a three month zero-waste study. What is zerowaste? It is an ethical, economical, efficient, way of living sustainably.

There is an information and sign up session on Saturday, January 23, 2016 between 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Selkirk and District _earning Centre, 511 Robinson Street, Selkirk, Manitoba. Call Justine at 204-482-2111 to register.

Participants chosen from this info session will begin training on January 30, 2015. Find out more at <u>rmofstclements.com>Resident</u> Info> Going Green

Do you know that we have comingled recycling?

This means that that your recycling doesn't have to be sorted, except for glass. Drop it off at any transfer station or the landfill, free of charge.

Iear loyal readers,

We work very hard throughout the year to keep you informed with the news that matters most to you. Local information is of significant importance because it concerns the various subjects that affect you as well as the projects of the people we have elected, our school, town and municipal council, the local economy and the businesses in our area.

As your local newspaper, it is our mission to connect people through stories to build stronger communities. We will keep you informed and we are very proud to be the local resource for news and information in this community. We sincerely thank you for making our newspaper what it is today. Your loyalty means the world to us.



We wish you a Joyful Christmas and a New Year filled with much happiness!

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Liberty Tax warns of phone scam targeting Interlake region

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Liberty Tax would like local taxpayers to know a phone scam targeting them is still ongoing.

"We have had several calls from our clients who have been very upset about being told that they have filed fraudulent tax returns," Liberty Tax Selkirk branch manager Jane Wunnemann said, adding this month alone they have had about six calls about this scam and she believes they are now targeting the Interlake region. "They are being told that they owe \$3,000 to \$5,000 in penalties and interest.

"The callers have very heavy accents and are claiming to have employee ID numbers. If you owe Revenue Canada they would send you out a notice of reassessment explaining why you would have a bill."

Wunnemann added the only people Revnue Canada calls are those who own their own businesses and owe are large sum of money.

"Please let it be known that Revenue Canada only contacts you by mail," she said.

Wunnemann advises anyone who receives these types of calls to get their names and numbers if possible and report it to RCMP or Revenue Canada.

> OLIVER RECEIVES HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP, FROM PG. 16

"Black Friday is amazing for all of the business community and a big success every time."

Former Selkirk mayor Bud Oliver was also presented with an honourary Selkirk Biz membership during last Wednesday's meeting.

"I was very surprised when it happened," Oliver said. "To receive that kind of recognition is always very humbling from an organization like the Selkirk Biz. They've had a long history in this community ... and continue to do great work."

Oliver, who served as Selkirk's mayor for 19 years from 1983 to 2002, said he's helped out with Selkirk Biz's elections for nearly nine years.

"It's a small duty but it's an important one for them and I'm always happy to do that."

Skalesky said Oliver has been a big help over the last several years.

"Bud has been so gracious and accommodating," she said. "He's always so eager to help us."

Selkirk Biz, which was established nearly three years ago, includes members in West St. Paul, St. Clements, St. Andrews and Selkirk.

The local chamber will host their first meeting of 2016 on Jan. 14.







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Cheerios Christmas Trees



Prosciutto wrapped stuffed dates



Makes 10 servings

Bringing a little taste of Italy and the Middle East to start your holidays off with a delicious twist. These are a great starter or a treat to bring to a holiday party. They are simple to make but very impressive.

Ingredients 10 whole Medjool dates



2 tbsp (25 mL) soft goat cheese 2 tsp (10 mL) fresh rosemary, finely chopped

3(1.4 oz / 40 g) paper thin slices of prosciutto (Italian ham)

Directions Preheat oven to 350° F (180° C). Cut each date in half, length-wise, for a total of 20 halves. Remove the pit.

In a small bowl mix the goat cheese with the rosemary. Fill each date half with ¼ tsp (1 mL) of the goat cheese mixture.

Cut prosciutto in long thin ribbons, about 1/3 of an inch (1 cm) wide. Wrap 1 ribbon around each date and place in an oven proof dish. Makeahead: prepared dates can be made 1 day in advance and stored in the fridge. Heat just before serving.

Bake for 20 minutes just to warm. Serve. Use extra fresh rosemary to garnish the plate.

Description For more recipes, visit www. generalmills.com.

Ingredients

6 cups Honey Nut Cheerios cereal 6 tablespoons butter or margarine 4 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows Betty Crocker green gel food color Betty Crocker red cinnamon decors or sliced gumdrops

Preparation

Line cookie sheet with waxed paper. Pour cereal into 4-quart bowl. Set bowl aside.

Place butter and marshmallows in 3-quart saucepan. Heat over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth. Remove saucepan from heat.

Stir in food color until mixture is evenly colored. Pour marshmallow mixture over cereal and stir until cereal is evenly coated.

smoke. Carefully place beef into pan and brown on all sides until moisture cooks out and light brown film forms on bottom of pan. Reduce heat to medium. Drain meat of oil and fat.

Add onions and garlic, cooking until soft. Add chili powder, paprika and cumin. Cook until fragrant. Add reserved chopped chilies and rest of ingredients (except for cheese) and stir well with wooden spoon, scraping browned

bits off bottom of pot. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 hour,

occasionally stirring. To serve, place in bowl and sprinkle with grated cheese. Serves 10-12

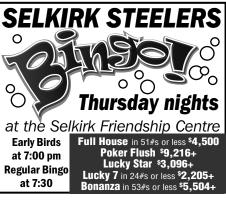
Lightly spray hands with cooking spray. For each tree, shape about 1/4 cup of cereal mixture into tree shape on cookie sheet.

Press candies into trees to decorate. Refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour. Store trees in loosely covered container.

Note: Personalize trees using decorator icing (from 4.25-ounce tube) and use as place cards. Use icing to add garland.

Preparation Time 45 minutes Total Time 1 hour, 45 minutes Serves 18







Description

Recipe created by Dirk Yeaton on murphygoodewinery.com

Ingredients

6 dried chili pods, seeds and stems removed

Salt and pepper, to taste 1 1/2 pounds top round cut into

cubes

1 1/2 pounds chuck steak cut into cubes

1 cup vegetable oil

Chili with Pepato Cheese

- 1 medium onion, chopped 3 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 ounces chili powder
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 3 tablespoons cumin
- 2 tablespoons oregano steeped in 1 cup of red wine
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar 1/2 teaspoon cocoa powder 2 cups beef broth
- 10 ounces stewed tomatoes 1/2 cup grated Pepato cheese
- Preparation Toast dried chilies over medium

heat for about 2 minutes. Add 2 cups of water and simmer for 10 minutes. Strain out chilies to cool, then chop and reserve.

Season meat liberally with salt. Heat oil over high heat in large, heavy bottom pot until it begins to

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Comp's latest drama production a lesson in love

'Almost, Maine' aims to bring out range of emotion from audiences

By Dave Baxter

The Comp's latest drama production is hoping to bring out a wide range of emotion from local audiences this week.

Last week drama students were busy preparing to put on "Almost, Maine," a play made up of a series of short vignettes that all focus on the theme of love.

"So it doesn't have a defined plot, but instead it's a series of vignettes about love in a town called Almost," Comp drama teacher Kris Diaz said. "It explores the ideas of love beginning, love ending, love changing, promises made, all those sorts of things."

The show may not have an overarching plot, but those who come to check it out should expect to be very entertained, and be able to relate to the themes in the production, Diaz said. "It still has a great flow and it's not disjointed in any way," she said. "The main theme is love and every person that watches will find characters or situations they understand and will say 'I've been there.'

"It's just all aspects of what can happen in love and relationships."

With the characters living in a small town the stories are "very real," Diaz said.

"The costumes are very rural community, and the set is very minimalistic."

Diaz added those who come to the play should expect to laugh and possibly cry.

"The sad parts are sad and the happy parts are happy, but there is also a lot of humour thrown in because sometimes you have to laugh before you cry," she said. "I think I'll put out some Kleenex boxes just in case, but there is lots of light parts and humour built into it."

Grade 12 student Sam Harrison is taking part in a Comp production for the very first time this year. Although he doesn't have any acting experience, he said the realness of the stories are making it easier for him to adapt to



RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER

Marshall Carter and Renae Coverdale rehearse a scene from "Almost, Maine," their latest drama production during a rehearsal last Thursday. Shows started Tuesday and run until Friday inside the Comp's theatre.

the challenge.

"It's a very powerful show," Harrison said. "And I'm hoping some adults will cry.

"It's people falling in love, falling out of love and everything in between." "Almost, Maine" shows started on Tuesday and will take place until Friday inside the Comp's theatre starting at 7 p.m. each night.

Tickets are available at the door with an adult ticket costing \$12, and tickets for Comp students available for \$10.

Women's shelter helps spread Christmas cheer

By Dave Baxter

Nova House staff are doing everything they can to make sure those who are forced to stay at the shelter over Christmas are still getting a serving of holiday spirit.

"We're just maintaining as many Christmas traditions as we can," Nova House executive director Anna Pazdzierski said.

Nova House offers shelter and services to women and families experiencing domestic abuse. Pazdzierski said every year there are people staying at the shelter at Christmas time, and often even on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

"So we have a Christmas dinner, we put gifts under the tree, the shelter is decorated and everyone gets a gift Christmas morning, and we do stockings for the little kids," she said. "It's just all the stuff that we hope they would be used to."

Pazdzierski said the shelter has been busy this month and she expects that trend to continue.

"For a few years we were empty at Christmas time, but the last seven years we've always had someone in the shelter over Christmas," she said.



RECORD PHOTO BY DAVE BAXTER

Nova House executive director Anna Pazdzierski holds up some of the gifts children can give to their mothers during the annual Nova House Christmas party last Thursday.

"For some women this is their first Christmas away from home.

"We encourage them to see what we're doing as a chance to have fun and celebrate Christmas." Pazdzierski added they encourage their clients to take part in community events over the holidays.

"We encourage people to go do things like get free family pictures

taken at the high school, and participate in anything that is happening in the community."

Those working at the shelter also spend time with the children staying there.

"We talk about Santa and what their good memories are about Christmas and winter, and we can arrange for kids to do things like tobogganing," she said. "It's very exciting when the kids can leave and go do something fun."

Last Thursday Nova House hosted a Christmas party for clients and their kids that included the chance for kids to get their pictures taken with Santa, presents for both women and children, a full Christmas meal, and a chance for kids to give a special Christmas gift to their moms.

Pazdzierski said Nova House workers put a whole lot of work into Christmas time, but it's always worth it.

"It's an awful lot of work, but it's fantastic and we get a whole lot of joy out of it."

Anyone experiencing abuse or anyone who knows someone experiencing abuse can call the toll-free Nova House crisis line at 1-877-977-0007.



Steelers split with Terriers, edged by Blizzard

By Brian Bowman

The weekend started great for the Selkirk Steelers but it sure didn't end very well.

Selkirk extended its win streak to four games after an impressive 6-4 home-ice win over the leagueleading Portage Terriers last Friday.

Selkirk exploded out of the gate with five goals in the first 18:11 of the contest.

Cole McCartan was exceptional with three of those goals while Dexter Kuczek and Jake Dudar also tallied.

Conner Barley scored Selkirk's other goal early in the third.

Shawn Bowles, Nick Henry, Tanner Aschenbrener and Ryan Hendrix replied for Portage.

Brett Friesen made 29 saves for the win.

But Portage rebounded nicely the following evening with a 7-2 home win over Selkirk.

Dallas Starodub scored a first-period power-play goal for the Steelers and then Dale Goodbrandson tallied in the second.

Defenceman Cody Lightfoot scored twice for Portage while Cody Haiskanen, Brad Bowles, Hendrix, Chase Brakel and Henry added singles.

Former Steelers' goaltender Nathan Park made 24 saves for the win.

On Sunday, the OCN Blizzard skated out of Selkirk with a 3-2 win.

Jeremy Dumont scored the game winner at 17:37 of the third period.

Selkirk had tied the score at 2-2 earlier in the period on goals by Chris Westlund and Starodub, again on the power play.

OCN's Logan Harland and Brady Keeper had netted power-play goals in the second period.

Selkirk, now 13-16-2, will play a home-and-home series with Steinbach this weekend. The Pistons will be here Friday and then the two teams will clash Saturday in Steinbach.

On Sunday, the Steelers will wrap up their schedule before the holiday break with an afternoon home game against the Blizzard. Game time is 2:30 p.m.

In individual news, Steelers' veteran forward Riley Derlago was named the Manitoba Liquor and Lot-



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Goaltender Brett Friesen was on his game making 29 saves and stoning former Steeler Adam Wowryk on this shot during Selkirk's 6-4 win at home last Friday.

teries Impact Player of the Month for November. ing with 12 goals and 30 points through 31 games. Derlago is currently third on the Steelers in scor-





Royals' hockey teams struggling to score goals

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals have had a tough time scoring goals recently – and it is resulting in some losses.

Selkirk scored just two goals in a pair of games last week – both losses – in Winnipeg High School Hockey League action.

The Royals were defeated 4-2 by the St. Paul's Crusaders at the MTS Iceplex on Dec. 8 and then Selkirk was blanked 3-0 by the Oak Park Raiders just three days later.

In the loss to St. Paul's, Harley Hoydalo scored a first-period goal for Selkirk while Auzzie Loewen tallied in the third.

Adam Stefanshyshyn led St. Paul's with three goals and an assist while Marques Brandon added a goal and an assist.

No Oak Park goal scorers were available at press time.

The Royals played River East this past Tuesday and then Selkirk will battle Garden City on Thursday at Seven Oaks Arena. Game time is

4:15 p.m.

Selkirk is now in third place in the Platinum Promotions Division with 10 wins and 32 points. The Royals trail only St. Paul's and Oak Park heading into this week's slate of games.

Spontside > OUTSIDE > OUTSIDE DOWN

In Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League play, the Royals were doubled 4-2 by the CHSC Huskies on Dec. 8.

Trailing 2-1 in the second period, the Huskies scored three unanswered goals.

Jenna Truthwaite and Cassidy Ilchena scored for Selkirk. Annaliese Meier led the Huskies with two goals and an assist while Sophie Macvicar-Stuart and Meghan Hodgins each added a goal and a helper.

Selkirk, now 10-5 and in third place in the Winnipeg Free Press Division standings, wrapped up its schedule before the holiday break with a road game against the Miles Mac Buckeyes yesterday at Gateway Arena in Winnipeg.

RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER The Royals' Jenna Truthwaite scored for Selkirk in her team's 4-2 loss to the CHSC Huskies on Dec. 8

Fishermen play Grinch against KJHL opponents

By Brian Bowman

It may be close to Christmas, but the Selkirk Fishermen are hardly in the giving mood.

Selkirk played the role of the Grinch last weekend with a pair of impressive road wins in Keystone Junior Hockey League action.

On Saturday, Selkirk stomped the St. Malo Warriors 8-2 and then the Fishermen edged the Arborg Ice Dawgs 6-5 on Sunday.

In Sunday's victory, Harley Hoydalo was the hero, scoring the game-winning goal with just eight seconds remaining in regulation time.

Arborg's Colton Davies had tied the score at 5-5 just 3:27 earlier.

Scott Thomas led Selkirk with a goal and two assists while Jeremy Pachkowsky, Corbin Pasternak, Dylan Painchaud-Niemi, and Milan Horanski also tallied. Davies, Derric Gulay, Clint Torfason, and Travis Kilbrei scored Arborg's other goals.

Riley Bannerman made 35 saves for the win. He now has an impressive 7-0-1 record with a 2.07 goals-against average and a .934 save percentage.

Against St. Malo, Selkirk jumped out to a commanding 7-0 lead after 40 minutes.

Pachkowsky had three of those goals while Painchaud-Niemi (two), Talon Kelly, Coel Forsyth, and Kale Ilchena also scored for Selkirk. Pachkowsky currently leads the Fishermen in scoring with 18 goals and 27 points through 18 games.

Robert Guimond and Jessi Freund scored St. Malo's goals just 26 seconds apart in the third period.

Jordan Liske made 35 saves for the win.

On Dec. 8, the Fishermen lost 3-2 on

the road in a shootout to the North Winnipeg Satelites.

Horanski was the lone Selkirk shooter to score in two Fishermen attempts. North Winnipeg scored on all three of their chances.

Selkirk trailed 2-0 in the third period but received goals from Karl Fey and Horanski to force the overtime. Horanski's marker came with just 11 seconds remaining in regulation time. Colin Yarchuk scored for North Winnipeg in the first period while Kyle Pache tallied in the second.

Selkirk hosted the Lundar Falcons this past Tuesday but no score was available at press time. The Fishermen will then wrap up play before the holiday break with a home game Sunday against the Cross Lake Islanders. Game time is 7:30 p.m.





Hopkins impressive at Skate Canada Challenge

By Brian Bowman

Lindsey Hopkins had a rare opportunity to perform on an elite stage at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton earlier this month.

And she fared really well on the ice. The talented Selkirk Skating Club member was very good in her long program, finishing with a score of 38. In total, she finished with 60 points in the novice women's division.

"I could have been higher," Hopkins said, noting this is her first year competing as a novice. "I got 67 points at sectionals. I could have done better but the judges and technical specialists at Challenge were a lot more difficult than at Sectionals.

"But it definitely was a good experience."

Hopkins said it was cool to see what all of the other skaters from different provinces could do in their routines.

"They have really set my standards high now," said Hopkins, who turned 15 this week. "Now, I can go practice newer things."

It was Hopkins' first time competing at the Skate Canada Challenge. She admitted that she was nervous performing on such a grand stage.

"But I knew I would be fine," she stressed. "It was cool to compete on the rinks there because the ice was really nice and I had a lot of support from my coach (Michelle Hume). She helped me with my nerves."



Selkirk Skating Club member Lindsey Hopkins represented Manitoba at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge earlier this month.

Hopkins qualified for the Skate Canada Challenge after performing extremely well at the Sectionals. She expects to also excel at the Manitoba Open in Arborg in February.

"I think I can (do real well there)," she predicted. "I'm working on more triples now. I'm going to put a few triples and a double axel in my program to see what the judges think of them." Hopkins, like many elite figure skaters, trains extensively over the course of a year. She is on the ice two hours a day, seven days a week, and also runs track with the Selkirk Royals and does ballet.

Hopkins skates three days a week at the Selkirk Rec Complex and another four in Hazelridge.

Hume feels it was a great accomplishment for Hopkins to qualify for the Skate Canada Challenge. She believes her young prodigy has a great future in figure skating.

"She's a tremendously hard worker," said Hume, who lives in Lockport and has been Hopkins' coach the past 10 years. "She also does a lot of off-ice training and, in the summer, she went and skated in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"She's just an awesome representative of the Selkirk Skating Club."

Royals hope to bounce back from major changes

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals varsity boys' basketball team has gone through plenty of adversity since the end of last season. Longtime varsity head coach Dean Goodbrandson will now coach the junior varsity boys' team while a pair of key players from last year made the decision to change schools. With no coach, and several other players electing not to return to the team this year, the season was in serious jeopardy.

That's when Jody Ford stepped in.

Ford is the Royals' new head coach and has had his hands full trying to quickly get this squad ready for this season. He was approached by a parent just a few weeks ago to coach the team.

"They were going to fold the program," Pond said. "They didn't have a coach."

The Royals have a coach now but are still in the process of deciding what their best lineup is and who plays best in what position.

Selkirk played its first KPAC game Dec. 9, losing 62-57 to the West Kildonan Wolverines. West Kildonan led 35-28 at the half.

"It was a good game," Ford said." The

kids are learning new systems and a lot of it is foreign to them at this point and time. They're learning how to play team basketball, which is something different for them.

"They played very well (against West Kildonan) but we just couldn't finish."

Power forward Braden Chartrand led Selkirk in scoring with 19 points while Owen Schwartz, an athletic post, added 14.

Selkirk doesn't have a pure scorer this season, so a lot of players are going to have to contribute. With a limited offence, the Royals are going to have to be very good on the defensive end to pull out victories.

"If we can't play defence, then we certainly will be in trouble," Pond admitted.

The Royals started their season with an 0-2 record at a Kildonan East tournament earlier this month. Selkirk lost games to St. James and MBCI.

Despite the slow start, Pond likes the group he has here in Selkirk.

"They're a good group of kids," he stressed. "And, at the end of the day, it's going to be a learning experience this year as we blend a 50/50 split of (Grade) 11s and 12s."

Men's curling championship returning to Selkirk

Local volunteers gearing up to host Viterra Men's Provincial Championship Feb. 10-14

By Brandon Logan

Manitoba's best curlers will be in Selkirk in the new year for the Viterra Provincial Men's Championship from Feb. 10-14.

While only four teams have qualified for the 32-team tournament, they are big names not only in Manitoba's curling scene, but nationally as well.

Reid Carruthers' foursome, who were the provincial champs last year, will be joined by Mike McEwen's rink, which has been in the provincial final five of the last six years, only to lose to the eventual champion.

"They've got some great followers behind them, so that's great," said Garry Dola, chairman for the tournament.

Joining those two veteran teams is Stonewall's Jared Kolomaya and Daley Peters.

As for the other 28 open spots, the remainder of the teams will qualify through regional playdowns later this month, Dola noted.

The last time the provincial men's championship was in Selkirk was in 2009. That year Charleswood Curling Club's Jeff Stoughton won his first of three straight championships.

Dola said Selkirk's support for the championship was immense that year and was a big factor in why the provincial tournament is returning in 2016.

"We've got a really good response from the rural areas," he said. "Being out here in the country, people are looking forward to an event like this." The response to requests for volun-

teers has been strong too, Dola added. However, there's still a need for more.

"We need maybe another 15 more volunteers to assist in some of the other events (throughout the week)," he said.

As for tickets, they are just beginning to go on sale to the public. Among

some of the options available are full week passes and single day passes.

He said there is one group in Selkirk that will have first dibs on tickets in hopes of growing the sport in future years.

"We're going to make them very available for all the junior curlers in Selkirk," Dola said, noting that includes both junior high and high school athletes. "We want them to come and see what curling's all about. These will be our curlers of the future."

For more information on ticket availability, prices and more visit selkirkcurlingclub.com or call 1-204-785-8300.

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I just want to thank everyone who called me on the passing of my twin brother, Eugene Laye. Calls from Edmonton, Victoria, Vancouver, Gimli, two calls from Ontario, Winnipeg and Killarney and many more from my friends in Selkirk and offers for rides which I may have needed and anything that they could do for me. For the plants and flowers which I received and also the donations on behalf of my brother to a charity of their choice. I'm still getting letters from charities being made. I also want to thank all for the many cards I received through the mail and at the funeral. I thank Ken Neuman for the kind words spoken of Eugene during his eulogy, to Pastor Vincent Soloman for the nice service and to Wes Gilbart for seeing that everything went right. To Cindy Laye for flying out three times during her father's stay in the hospital, four times including returning for the funeral. To Randy Laye who was so devoted to his father. Not only to visit him every day but sometimes twice in one day except when he was called to the far North to work under contract. Thank you one and all .

-Jeanette Cvr. twin sister of Eugene Lave

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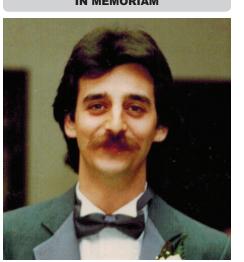
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Sayler Isabel Funk September 10, 2000 - December 19, 2006 Merry Xmas Sayler - My Star in Heaven I am sending a dove to heaven, With a parcel on its wings; Be careful when you open it, It's full of beautiful things. Inside are a million kisses, Wrapped 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 Sellink Regord Book Your Classified Ad Today - Call 785-1618 or Email lucy@selkirkrecord.ca

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It's hard losing someone who gives only love, Then goes back to heaven to her Father above. Remember her always, there's no other way, And know in your heart you'll be with her one day. But for now share the love and continue to say. Thank you God for our Angel who has gone away. Merry Christmas little Angel!

Don't forget to send your special wishes to your friends and family.

- Love, Daddy, Nannie and Papa, Aunty Rachel, Uncle Steve, Aunty Carrie, Kyra and Hunter

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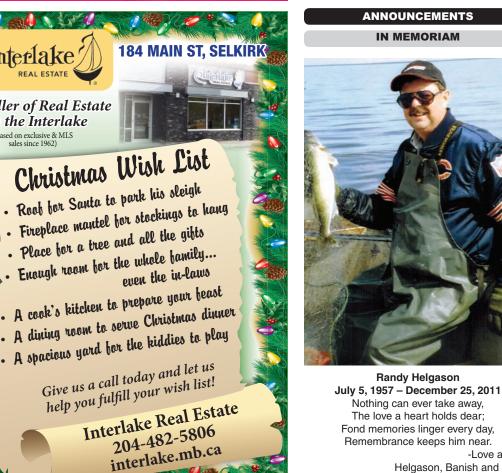
April 3, 2015 The Lord wanted a special angel, So he took my husband, Bill. It won't be Christmas without you dear. -Loving you and remembering you your wife Shirley

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Tom Bosko July 15, 1948 – December 18, 2007 We who loved you sadly miss you, As it dawns another year; In our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of you are always near. -Juanita and family



Remembrance keeps him near. -Love always. Helgason, Banish and Carter families



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Gordon Ray Anderson November 8, 2005 - December 14, 2012 We lost you so suddenly.

Three years since we held you in our arms. We miss your smile, your laugh, your giant personality.

Your big squeezes, your jokes, and your sweet honesty.

You are part of who we are and some day in eternity we will be reunited again.

Forever and always we love you

-Love Mom and Dad. Jamin, Neil, Tegan, Dallin, and your new twin sisters Lillie and Arielle

OBITUARY



Gerald (Gerry) William Wiebe September 21, 1945 - December 8, 2015

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts we announce the sudden passing of Gerry on December 8, 2015 at the Selkirk General Hospital. He will be deeply missed by his best friend, Joannie, for whom he was always there for, as well as her family who treasured him. Gerry also leaves his sister. Shelley, brothers Doug and Don as well as Jerry, Jason, Trevor, nieces and nephews and numerous relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his father and mother, Frank and Maryan Wiebe.

Gerry began his career at a very young age with A&W, working his way up to Inspector which required him to travel across Canadasomething he loved. Throughout his life Gerry was involved in

many business ventures until his health made it necessary for him to retire. He enjoyed golfing, RVing, boating, travelling and meeting people from all walks of life. In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a private celebration of his life with family and friends will take place at a later date. Flowers are gratefully declined.

Love you and miss you forever.

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IN MEMORIAM

Wazney In loving memory of our son, brother, and father **Darryl Garry Edward** January 13, 1964 - October 23, 2011

Dearest son, brother and dad It's been four years since you have gone, When thoughts go back as they often do. We treasure the memories we have of you. You are remembered and quietly kept. No words are needed, we shall never forget.

Merry Christmas Darryl!! -Lovingly remembered and very missed by Mom and Conn,

Carla, Darin and family, Scott, Mary Ann and family, Tyler and Brenden

Val Rolland Peacefully, on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at the Selkirk General Hospital, Val Rolland, aged 80

years, beloved wife of the late David, passed away. In keeping with her wishes cremation has taken place and a private graveside service will be held

OBITUARY

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OBITUARY

Olivia Lauren Sparks

December 19, 1984—December 12, 2015

In a moment of peace and quiet, alone with her mother at Riverview Health Centre, and with her family nearby, we lost our lovely Olivia. Olivia was born at St. Boniface Hospital and lived her life in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Olivia went to school at Ecole Bonaventure and was part of the French Immersion program, where she built many lifelong friendships. Olivia was warm and friendly, and able to build connections to people very quickly, and they were lasting ties. Many of her childhood friends stayed a part of her life through her teenage years and into adulthood.

She was a talented chef and baker and many people will remember the delicious creations she made to enhance their

occasions and celebrations. She studied in the Culinary Arts program, at Red River College, and loved to cook, but baking was where she shined. Her cakes and desserts were legendary for their taste, but also for their beauty. Olivia had an eye for elegantly presented food and the patience with a piping bag to make exquisite things happen.

Olivia struggled with Addison's disease, an adrenal deficiency, that robbed her of a lot of energy and comfort, since her diagnosis in 2004. She was forced to live her life by waiting to see how she would feel each day, before making plans. She showed strength and character and grit when she would push herself through some tough days in order to be there for family and friends. She had a personality that could light up a room and, when she was feeling well, she was an unstoppable force. She will be missed by her surviving family, including her mother Laurie Jervis (Brent Jervis); her father Brian Sparks (Jackie Sparks); her sisters, Victoria Sparks, Hayley Brigg (David Wenzel) and Davilyn Sparks; her brothers, Sean Jervis and David Jervis (Abigail); her nephew, Liam; her paternal grandmother, Jessie Sparks; her maternal grandfather, Irvin Olafson; many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins, and the love of her life, Christopher Dunning.

A service and reception will be held in Olivia's honour at Gilbart Funeral Home in Selkirk, Manitoba, on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a charity of your choice in Olivia's memory. Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements. Gilbart

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OBITUARY

B. Haynes Lee

September 4, 1963 - November 4, 2015 Haynes Lee, formerly of Little Britain, MB passed away peacefully surrounded by his mother and brothers at St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital, Kingston, ON following a brief illness.

Haynes was the youngest and loved son of Isobel Lee of Winnipeg, MB and the late Reverend Bernard Lee, former minister of the Little Britain United Church. He is survived by his mother and his four older brothers Jack (Deana), Eric and Kenneth, all of Winnipeg, and Norman of Prescott, ON; his nephews Thomas and Spencer, their mother, Sheila, of Spencerville, ON; and numerous cousins in England and New Zealand. Haynes' furry feline companion "Zeke" will miss him too.

Haynes was born in Norway House, MB and raised in Little Britain, MB where he delivered the Free Press for many years in the Lockport/Little Britain area. He attended high school in Thunder Bay, ON where he won the school's Gold Medal and numerous provincial mathematical contests. Following his 1986 graduation from Lakehead University with a degree in Electrical Engineering, Haynes pursued a long career as a research associate with the Royal Military College in Kingston, ON. His talent with mathematics, his hard work, and his soft and kind demeanor earned the respect and trust of his colleagues. They also knew him for the flocks of wild birds that he attracted on his daily walk to work and fed from his hand.

A memorial service was held in Kingston on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 with Reverend Elizabeth Boehm-Wilson of Glenburnie United Church officiating. Interment of Haynes's cremated remains will take place at the Little Britain United Church Cemetery at a later date.

The family extends sincere gratitude to the caregivers at Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario, Kingston General Hospital and St. Mary's of the Lake Hospital in Kingston for their exemplary care and compassion.

Donations may be made to the Cancer Centre of Southeastern Ontario or St. Mary's of the Lake Palliative Care of Kingston, or the Kingston Humane Society.

OBITUARY

Stanley Brown Loutit

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Stanley on December 4, 2015.

Stanley will be lovingly remembered by his children Kristal (Dave), Magnus (Melanie) and Glenn (Candace) and grandchildren Dakota, Andy, Alex, Macy, Dixie and Darren; sisters Sheila (Ken), Eleanor (Kurt) and Lois (Bob).

Stanley was predeceased in 2011 by his wife and soulmate of 36 years, Florence and his parents Leslie (1972) and Jane (1982). Stanley was born on February 7, 1943. He grew up in Lockport where he enjoyed playing various sports in the neighborhood with friends. He taught himself to play the guitar, fiddle and banjo and enjoyed many hours of entertainment in the neighborhood. He dedicated 50 years of work to Gerdau. He retired in 2014.

Stanley married the love of his life in 1974. They spent the first years of their marriage in Birds Hill and later moved to Clandeboye where they raised their children. Stanley was devoted to his wife and children. He was amazing, loving and highly respected by all that knew him.

A celebration of Stanley's life was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, Manitoba. Interment will follow the lunch in the Little Britain United Churchyard Cemetery.

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obituary Jerome (Jerry) Louis Gignac

Peacefully, on Thursday, December 10, 2015, at the Selkirk General Hospital, Jerry Gignac, aged 78 years, of Selkirk, MB, beloved husband of Mary, passed away.

In keeping with his wishes cremation has taken place and no formal service will be held. Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.

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OBITUARY

Gordon Still

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing, with family by his side, of James Gordon Still, father, grandfather, greatgrandfather, on December 9, 2015. Gordon was predeceased by his wife Jean of 65 years.

He is survived and will be sadly missed by his children Barry (Karen), Doug (Mary), Kathy (Ernie) and Susie (Ian); grandchildren Angie, Michelle, Laura, Brittany, Leah, Jim, Jessie, Daniel, Brendin and Chase; great-grandsons Bantam and Jory; brothers Everett (Pat) and Gary; sister Myrna; sisters-in-law Yvonne, Lorraine, Diane and Lylene as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Gordon was born on February 20, 1926 and was the oldest of the nine children of Jim and Bessie Still. He grew up in Old England and went to school in Mapleton where he met his wife Jean.

He served in the Royal Canadian Airforce on the air crew as an air gunner and later had numerous jobs. Most of his working life he was a taper/painter and his last 11 working years were spent as a paint instructor at Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

Gordon was a proud long time member of the Legion. He loved to tell stories, walking, nature, fishing, camping, gardening, making canes and playing crib. He loved spending time with his family and was always there to give a helping hand.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, December 17th 2015 at 11:00 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Church, 106 Sawchuk Dr., St. Andrew's (just south of the rolling mills) with Rev. Ken Pawluk officiating.

The family would like to say thank you to the staff of Tudor House and Selkirk Hospital for their special care of dad.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Clements Church, Mapleton. 1178 River Rd. St. Andrews, Manitoba, R1A 4A1.

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements. www.gilbartfuneralhome.com















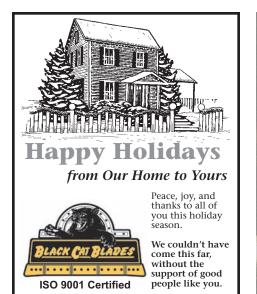
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Eight-year-old cousins Erika Bland, pictured left, and Alayah Carr get their picture taken with Santa Claus during the fourth annual Help-Portrait event at the Comp last Saturday. The event allows those who wouldn't normally have access to family portraits or pictures with Santa an opportunity to get them taken and developed for free. For more photos, see page 14.



R.M. of West St. Pau May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope, The spirit of Christmas which is peace, The heart of Christmas which is love. Happy Holidays from the Mayor, Council and Staff RM of West St. Paul www.weststpaul.com



Record Christmas stories winner



Saraffina The Cat Saves Christmas

Let me tell you the story of how my pet saved Christmas.... It was Christmas Eve and all of my family was in bed sleeping waiting for morning to come. The carrots for the reindeer and milk and cookies were on the kitchen table.

The whole house was quiet and nothing was stirring not even the hamster. Then Saraffina woke up to a BANG, and then she heard a soft muffled cry for help "Help me, I am stuck". Saraffina looked up from her comfy bed on the cat tree to see two black boots sticking out of the fireplace. Saraffina meowed so Santa would know she was there to help. Santa told the cat that this was the first house on his route that night and if he doesn't get out, there will be a lot of sad children in the world.

Seems that Santa ate too much of Mrs. Clauses baking that year.

Saraffina thought and thought till finally she had an idea.

She ran to the kitchen and pawed open the cupboard door and stuck her paws into the butter, she then ran back to the living room and greased up Santas big belly that was full of baking not jelly.

Santa slid out of the chimney, he thanked Saraffina, put presents under the tree, filled the stockings, ate his goodies and grabbed the carrots for his reindeer.

WHOOSH- up the chimney he went with ease, and flew off to deliver presents to all the good children in the world.

In the morning everyone woke up, without a clue of what went just hours before. My sister and I looked at our stockings and opened our gifts. While mom and dad went to the kitchen to cook breakfast. When we all sat down to eat, mom put the butter on the table and dad said "What happened to the butter?"

At that moment, Saraffina walked into the living room with a twinkle in her eye, jumped back up on the cat tree, curled up and went back to sleep. She had a long night saving Christmas single pawed. The End

Dheklin M (age 10)



Jazz and The Reindeer

Let me tell you the story of how my dog saved Christmas! One day my dog Jazz and I were going for a walk in Selkirk Park and we found a deer. Jazz went up to him and sniffed him. All of a sudden Mr. Deer started talking. He scared us so much we had no clue what he was saying so we asked him."Mr. Deer how can you talk?"

He said, "First of all I'm one of Santa's reindeer, Dasher". "Really?" I said.

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> JAZZ AND THE REINDEER, FROM PG. 2

"Then why are you here in Selkirk park?"

"Well," he said, "Santa had come here to buy us some carrots and he flew back to the North Pole without me. Now I don't know what to do."

"We could help you Dasher!"

"Really??" He said. "That would be great!""

"But Dasher why can't you just fly back to the North Pole by yourself"?

"Well, because I get all my powers to fly from Santa's Sleigh and from the beliefs of all the kids".

"Wait!" Said Jazz.

"WHAT Jazz you can talk to"? I said. "Yes of course all dogs can talk, but

I don't know how you can hear me". "Well". Said Dasher. "It's all about Christmas spirit"!

"Wow that's awesome". Okay so get back to what you where saying.

"I was saying your mom and dad always say when your bad that they will call Santa and tell him you're being bad so why don't we just call Santa and ask him to come back"?

"Good idea. Let's go call"! On the way there they saw a red sleigh and heard people calling Dasher. We went to see, and it was Santa!!

"Oh HoHoHo. I missed you Dasher! Good thing we found you. Well, we better get back to the North Pole". Said Santa.

"Bye"! We said. And that's the story of how my dog saved Christmas! By Talia C

Grade 6



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All The Toys Are Gone

"The toys are all gone!" cried the elves. Santa came out of his room wondering what all the yelling was about. He asked what was wrong and the elves screamed, "ALL OF THE TOYS ARE GONE!!"

Santa started to worry, he tried to think who would take all of them since everyone would get some this year. Santa gathered up all of the elves and said, "I need you guys to search everywhere for those presents!" The elves jumped up and ran to look for the presents.

Santa decided to look at the video surveillance, where he saw a person dressed in black. Santa called some elves into the room. The elves got there, they were watching the video trying to figure out who it was, but they didn't have a clue. It took a while to find out who the present thief was, but they finally knew who it was. It was Mrs. Claus! Santa and the elves, even all of the reindeer were shocked it was her. Santa asked Mrs. Claus why she took all of the presents. She said, "Nobody gets me anything for Christmas anymore, I just want some gifts so I can feel like I belong". Santa felt bad for Mrs. Claus. After Santa got the presents back, he dressed up in his suit, packed his sleigh, and delivered all of his presents to the children.

It took Santa awhile to come back but he did, he had something for Mrs. Claus. He took out a little box from behind his back and gave it to her. She opened it. It was a diamond reindeer necklace. She said, "I love it, thank you Santa." Santa was glad she was happy. By Tyra Grade 6

How My Pet Saved Christmas

How My Pet Saved Christmas

Let me tell you the story of how my pet saved Christmas. My dog's name is Mater and his favorite holiday was, of course, Christmas! One Christmas Eve Mater realized that Santa had not come to their house yet, he was starting to get worried. He decided that he would go outside to check on Santa. When he went outside he saw San-

ta's sleigh in the street tipped on its side. Mater ran up to the sleigh to see if Santa was okay. When Mater reached Santa, Santa told him "I lost a reindeer in the woods" Santa then asked mater if he would be able to go look for the reindeer. Mater said yes, even though he was terrified of the dark scary woods. With lots of courage Mater ran into the woods to look for the lost reindeer. About halfway through the woods Mater heard the reindeer calling for help. The reindeer had his antler caught on a tree branch. The reindeer asked Mater if he could help him get untangled. Mater climbed to the top of the tree where the reindeer was caught and he was able to break the branch. The reindeer thanked him and asked if he knew where Santa was. Mater replied "yes, follow me." Mater and the reindeer started to run out of the woods when a packed of wolves started to chase them. The reindeer then picked mater up and flew out of the woods and back to where Santa was with the sleigh. "Thank you said Santa" Mater went back inside and went to bed.

ANDTHAT'S HOW MY PET SAVED CHRISTMAS!

By Ethan W (age 10)

Merry Christmas and

From Stig and staff at

Frontier Realty

best wishes in the New Year.





Christmas comes early at The Shops of St. Andrews

Local business a popular destination for trees, decorations

By Brandon Logan

Christmas starts in September at The Shops of St. Andrews.

The well-known St. Andrews business is a destination for anyone in the rural municipality or Interlake region when it comes to Christmas trees and decorations.

Once the many trees, Santa Claus', angels and other household decorations go up in the store, Dawn Swirsky said business increases exponentially.

"We've sold probably between 150 to 200 trees," she said, noting those include both man-made ones and the live balsam firs, which are located in the store's greenhouse.

Swirsky said locals and out of town customers always come back yearafter-year because they tend to shy away from items sold a big box stores.

One family in particular, she said, has come back for a tree for 14 straight years. Each year the family's daughters, who are now young adults, dress up in their best Christmas clothing



RECORD PHOTO BY BRANDON LOGAN

The Shops of St. Andrews is a popular destination for anyone in the rural municipality or Interlake region when it comes to Christmas trees and decorations.

and hats and make a fun day out of it. The main reason for the aforementioned family and many others return each Christmas season, Swirsky said, is because the limited amounts of unique items are much more important to them then ed trees and ornaments at national stores.

"We don't like to have the same thing as the mass marketers, so we try to have something specific, unique and, even with that, we try to – if they're very unique – have one or two," she explained. "We won't carry 20 of the same angel, we'll have one, maybe two of the same angel and bring in various different ones."

And there's not just Christmas specific items sold at their store.

Swirsky said many of the items could be used after Christmas, including their wreaths, which they throw in with the purchase of a tree.

In a trend that's relatively new, she added that families are beginning to add more and more trees to their Christmas set ups at home.

Long gone are the days of setting up one, big tree. Swirsky said people now have as many as three Christmas trees set up around their homes, mixing both real and man-made ones together.

"A lot of homes now have two, maybe 3 trees, so they'll have smaller tree near entrance and maybe one in dining room," she explained. "Then they'll have main tree. Some people like their man made trees pre-lit because it's easy to put up. A lot of other people like the fresh scent of the evergreens."

With Christmas just around the corner, Swirsky said some more snow would cap off what's been a great season.







Holidays can increase feelings of loneliness among isolated adults

Staff

The upcoming holiday season is a time for families and friends. But there are some community members who don't have loved ones to spend the holidays with, making December a lonely time of year.

Increasing age is associated with an increase in the proportion of individuals reporting loneliness. According to the Profile of Manitoba Seniors (2010) Manitobans age 75 and over were about 1.5 times more likely than those age 65 to 74 to report feelings of loneliness. Women aged 75 and over were the most likely to report feelings of loneliness at 46.3 per cent.

Seniors resource councils work to identify these individuals and partner them with home visitors who volunteer their time during the week to visit and chat with people who are isolated.

According the senior resource council co-ordinator, Barb Mankewich of Teulon Senior Resource, you can't underestimate the value of friendship on health and well-being.

"Winter time and the holiday season are especially hard for seniors due to ice, cold or snow making it extremely difficult for them to get out or preventing families from coming out to see them," Mankewich said. "Lack of sunshine, fresh air and exercise also adds to the winter blues.

"We encourage family to be aware of this and take the time to call as often as possible and contact your local Senior Resource Office to make arrangements for a friendly visit or phone call to your loved one."

Darcy Freudenberg, resource co-ordinator with the South Interlake Seniors Resource Council Inc. says the benefits of companionship are obvious and immediate.

"Visiting a senior provides them with moments of happiness in the present and something to look forward to in the immediate future," Freudenberg said.

While the benefits of companionship are well known, seniors resource councils are finding that it's becoming more and more difficult to find people who are looking to volunteer some time in social visits with people in need.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please contact your local community resource coordinator.

Gimli Seniors Resource Council 204-642-7297

Lundar Seniors Resource Council 204-762-5378

Riverton Seniors Resource Program 204-378-3103

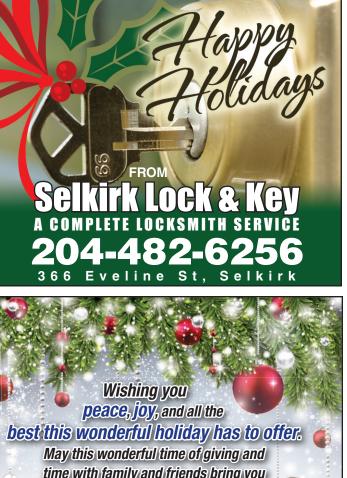
Selkirk & District Resource Council Inc. 204-785-2737

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Dear Santa

For Christmas can you give all the kids in the hospital a toy for me? Can you please get e a Christmas lego book? for me please. Can you get me a lot of lego? Please and thank you. Can you get me a puppet time theater? Can you get me a police car? Can you get me a toy tank? For Christmas can you get my reading buddy a PS4 with Black ops 3.

- from Larson / Quinton

Dear Santa,

My name is Tanner. I am 5 years old. I wish for my cat to have a little toy. For Christmas I want a toy robot. For Christmas I want a toy firetruck. For Christmas I want suff kola. For Christmas I want a toy ape and a dumptruck. have a vary marry christmas Santa. hope you have a gready day delfering all of the presents santa.

- Love: Tanner

Dear Santa

My name is Autumn. I am 5 years old. I have 1 sister, I have 2 dogs and 6 cats. My favorite color is yellow and pink. How are you doing? What's your favorite color? Do you have any pets? For Christmas I want a flute and a



new lunchkit because my other one is broken. Make sure to give toys to the people in the hospital. - Love Autumn

Dear Santa

My name is Luana. I have a dog and cat and a brother and a sister. I need a new blanket to give to the poor. I hope that all of the kids get presents on Christmas. I yell that I sed hi

- from Luana

Dear Santa,

I hop your reindeer are safe. I am Xavier. I have a brother named Ben. I have 2 dogs and 2 cats. for Christmas I want paw patroller. I also want a bat cave and a lego Joker land. - From: Xavier

Dear Santa,

My name is Mason. Can I please have a Hulk Stuffy, Also make sure all of the sick kids in the hospital get presents too. I would like new shirts please. May I please have minoin stuff to. I would like spiderman game board please.

- from Mason.

To: Santa

Dear Santa,

my name is Emmy. I live in Lockport with my dad Sheldon, my brothers Theron and Gavin. I have been good all year. For Christmas I want a picnic basket with toy fruits. I also would like a puppet theater and puppets. I would like you to give food to peole who don't have food.

- With Love, Emmy

Dear Santa,

How are you? My name is Liam. I live in East Selkirk. I have a sister. I need a pair of shoes. Can you get me a new stuffed animal? Can you also get



me some cars and a float. Can you get my grandpa a new phone. Also can you please get me a hot rod suit. - From Liam

Dear Santa,

My name is Evan. I have two dogs. I have one brother. I would like a robot, a small toy dinasaur, an Avenger toy, and a papa troll. I would like my dog to have a toy. I live in East Selkirk. - from Evan

Der Santa

Will you please say hi to Mrs. Claus for me. Will you please give Elijah an extra present. I want a toy tractor. I want to get a new cars movie. I want a new game please. Can you give another present to Larson? I'll give you an extra cookie.

- from William

Dear Santa,

How are you. My name is Alex. This Christmas I want a new cart UF Stickers. Can you gift my Dog a new Bone and can you please get me lots of Stickers. Maybe I please have a new Piloo with lat's of Stickers on it Please. and can I have some new Chocolate please and maybe I please have some new pelo sheet with lats of Stickers. and can I please have lots of Stickers. - From Alex

Sear Santa

How are you doing? I am Jessa. I am 4 years old. For Christmas I would like an Elsa doll, a pink skirt with feathers on it and a cat sweater with a tail in the back. I wish Rita would get a Zoomer Kitty. I would like to ask you what you wanted for Christmas? I hope you get what you want! I would also like cat mittens.

- Sincerely Jessa

Dear Santa,

My name is Olivia, I live in Selkirk, Can I have a Zoomer Kitty for Christmas. What is your favourite color? Can you please ask Mrs. Claus how she is doing? I am also five years old. And how are you doing? Can I have a pet fish? Can I have a cupcake eraser? Can I have a My Little Pony puzzle for Christmas?

- from: Olivia



Dear Santa,

My name is Elijah, I hope you have a great night. What I want for Christmas is Dinasor and a Dragan and a remote control car and a jacket. - from Elijah

Dear Santa.

My name is Lyla. How are you doing? I would love a new gogo and extra batteries. I would like some Buble guppy toys. I have a wish for poor people, for them to have nice clothes. I would also like a new lunch bag. I would also like more Fur-real friends. - Love Lyla

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? My name is Jasper. For Christmas I want the venom spiderman movie and rechro movie. For Christmas I want Santa to have cookies. For Christmas I want timbits. For Christmas I want Miss Remilard to have fun sledding at Christmas. Have a merry Christmas Santa Claus. - From Jasper

> With thanks for your trust, your confidence means

> > everything to us. Best Wishes

DAVID L. MOORE

& ASSOCIATE

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Dear Santa,

My name is Rita. I want my family to get a cat. I want Jessale to get a cat. Do you like snow Santa? I want one toy train. I want a Stofy bus. - From Rita

Dear Santa,

How are you? My name is Keelyn. I live in East Selkirk. Can you give my dog Moka a new bone please can you also give him a new ball. For x-mas can you get me a blue pony with lots of colours on it and some barbie clothes. Hope you have a marry x-mas,

- from Keelyn

Dear Santa

My name is Matthew. I am 5. I wish for my dad to have a race car. I would like to have a new race car. A new toy plane. A new toy train and train track. A new toy dinosaur. Marry Christmas, Santa

- From Matthew

Dear Santa Claus

How are you doing? For Christmas I want more pencils, markers and crayons. For Chirstmas I want Highelnes shoes that are black. Mine name is Danika. I am 5 years old.

- love: Danika

Dear Santa,

My name is Jerry and I like snow. I also like snowmobiling and sledding. Can you please bring me a snowmobile and my owe christmas tree. What do you feed the reindeer? Have a safe trip!

- Love Jerry

Dear Santa,

My name is Tennyson. I have 1 cat and 2 dogs. What are you reindeers name. Can I please have a hot wheels car? Can I also have a little kitten? I hope you have a safe trip all around the world!

- Love Tennyson

Dear Santa

My name is Carson. I am 5 years old. I would like a video game please, a video game remote and something to play it on. What do the reindeer eat? Have a safe ride!

- Love Carson

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Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year

from the Mayor, Council & Staff of the RM of St. Clements



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Dear Santa

Hi my name is Airynn. I live in East Selkirk. I have two cats. I am five years old. I would like a lala loopsy and a rider doll please. Have a safe trip. - Love Airynn

Dear Santa,

My name is Soraya. I have a dog named Shadow. I have a brother named Bryson, I would like a a big Play-doh set, an orange teddy bear with an orange bow. How do you get around the whole world in 1 night? Have fun delivering presents! - Love, Soraya

Dear Santa

My name is McKenna. I live in East Selkirk and I'm 5 years old. My hobby is doing art. For christmas I'd like pull out drawers and I'd like my drawers full of art stuff please. Santa, I like you reindeer.

Love: McKenna

Dear Santa

My name is Alyssa. My favorite colours are light blue and shiny gold. I'm 5 and a half because my birthday is on Feburary 28th. In my family there is mommy, daddy, Kaitlin and Carter, I live in Selkirk, MB. For Christmas may I have an art set and paper to do it on! Does Mrs Claus ride with you? If she does I hope you have a safe trip and have a very Merry Christmas!

- Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,

My name is Stefanie. I am 5 years old. I have a pet. It's name is Chip. It is a dog. I would like Elsa jewlery and a cat doll please. Sanda do you like chocolate chip cookies? I wish you a very safe trip all around the world! - Love, Stefanie

Dear Santa,

My name is Tyson. I live in East Selkirk. I have 1 baby sister. What do you feed your reindeer? Will you see me at the christmas party? Do you button on your belly? (it was just a joke) I would like a monster truck and a box of Hot wheel cars please. Have a safe trip!

- Love Tyson

Dear Santa,

My name is Jase. I live in Selkirk. I have 2 sisters and 3 pets. I like playing sports. Can I please have a kitchen

and an alien stuffy. Is Mrs. Clause making lots of cookies for you? - Love Jase

Dear Santa,

My name is Dylan. I like watching hockey! I have lots of pets. I a 4 years old. Can I please have a lego swamp. May I please have a police set. I hope your reindeers are okay. - Love Dylan

Dear Santa,

Hello my name is Brady. At home I have three cats named Oliver, Keesaw and Dirtsee. I go to school at Happy Thought School. For Christmas I want a Star Wars toy and a camo teddy bear. I also wanted to ask how old you are? - Love Brady

Dear Santa

My name is Evie. I live in East Selkirk. I have two cats. For Christmas I would like a stuffed animal dog and a barbie please. Can you say hi for me to the reindeer. Have a safe ride! - Love Evie

Dear Santa,

My name is Jessica. I am five years old. I live in East Selkirk. Can I please have a barbie house and some barbie clothes too? Make sure you have a safe trip!

- Love Jessica

Dear Santa

Hi, my name is Cate. I am 5. My birthday is October 28th 2010. May I please have a unicorn that has a purple strawberry and may I please have a doctor kit. Santa Claus do you have to give every one a present?

Love Cate

Dear Santa

My name is Bryson. I live in East Selkirk. I am 5 years old. I have no brothers and 1 sister. For christmas I would like one trans former and a pillow. How many reindeer do you have? I wish you a very safe trip.

- Love Bryson



Dear Santa,

My name is Landen. I am 5 years old. I live in East Selkirk. I want a monster truck. I also want a spy watch. Santa, have a very very safe ride. - Love Landen

- Love Landen

Dear Santa,

My name is Alexis. I live in St. Clements. I have 1 brother and 1 sister. For Christmas I would like an Elsa Castle and Elsa pyjamas please! How many reindeers do you have? Have a fun and safe ride Santa!

- Love Alesis

Dear Santa

My name is Cali. I have a dog named Tiki and I am 5 years old. I would like a doll and a pink dress please. I would like to wish you a safe trip. - Love Cali

Dear Santa

My name is Isaac. I have a dog and his name is Hunter. I also have a cat and his name is Fritey. I want a monster truck and a space project. I hope you drive safe delivering presents. - Love Isaac

Dear Santa

My name is Carter! I have 2 dogs. Their names are Daisy and Jake. I am five. I would like a toy rifle and a lego super heros set please. How many reindeer to you have?

- Love Carter

Dear Santa

My name is Ryder. I am four years old. I live in East Selkirk. I would like some lego and a dinosaur. Do you have any crayons? Have a safe trip. - Love Ryder

Dear Santa,

I'm writing to you because I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a blue or pink Instax camera, The Vamps tickets, mac make up, Ariana Grande's perfume called Ari, a baby English bulldog, RoBlox cards and season four Shopkins.

I've been a really good girl all year. I try to clean my room as much as I can and I always do my best in school. I really hope you can get me these things. Sincerely, Kaylyn (9 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want an Eos lip balm, a laptop, an iPhone, an art set, a chemistry set and to meet O2L.

I deserve this because I was a good girl. I help my teacher, Ms. Boles. I help hand out things and I help people with math. I also help set up things like decorations and I get stuff for her. Please get these things for me for Christmas. That would make me happy. Thank you.

Love, Summer H. (9 yrs)





Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would really love a white InstaX camera, some bath bombs, Mac book air, nail tools, Essie nail polish and nail tools, ITunes and Roblox card, arts and crafts and glue on nails.

I have been good all year. I have helped clean up. Can you please get me these things. That would make me happy.

Sincerely, Sonnie (9 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would really love an IPad and a game called Headbands.

I have been a good girl all year. I have been working hard in school. It would make me extremely happy if you brought me what I want. Sincerely, Summer M. (8 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would like a toy car, a book from Toy Story II, an Xbox and a WIIU.

I have been a good boy all year. I help my mom with my brother and my sister. I do clean up. I pick up my toys and my clothes and put them in the laundry.

Love, Eric (9 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would love an Xbox one, an iPhone, books, a PS four, a laptop, Minecraft toys, Xbox points, four controllers and Minecraft Xbox one Edison.

I have been a good boy all year. I have helped my mom do dishes, clean the house and decorate the house. I would love if you bring something on my list.

Love, Dakota (9 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a dog and a real car.

I have been really good. I do my work at school. I listen to my mom and I do the dishes. I will be happy if you bring me dog for Christmas.

From, Chavelle (8 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want

for Christmas. I would like a monster high school please. I would like a new chapter book please and a Y-Flicker please. I would also like Zoomer Puppy please. I would like an Inside out movie please and a stuffed Baymax please. I would like a WiiU please, a Mario game please, I would like a just dance please and I would like a Fireboy and Watergirl please.

I have been a good girl. I help my dad with the dishes. If you get me what I want on my list, I'll be happy, thank you. Sincerely,

Chelsea (8 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I would really love a ps3 and a laptop and four controllers for xbox360. I would also like a ps4, a Ps1 and a Ps2 game station. Please try to bring me these things.

I have been a good boy all year. I help my mom do the dishes and I put the shoes away and I clean my room. I clean the living room too. It would really love it if you get me all this stuff. From your friend, Gavin

(8 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what want for Christmas. I would like a Wheeler and I want a ball and I want a toy gun.

I have been good all year. I always clean up my room when my mom tells me. I play with my dog and I write notes for my Kookum. Love, Giselle (8 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would really like a ps4, an I pad and \$10 000.

I have been a good boy. I have been cleaning my house and helping my mom. I would be really happy if I got these things.

From, Jeremy (9 yrs)

Dear Santa

I am writing this letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would really love I DO 3D, Yummy Nummies, Monster High Boo York Boo York Dolls, Monster High Boo York Boo York DvD, Zimmer Kitty, two Onesie, Pokémon cards, 1 Pokémon book and a Sew Cool sewing machine.

I have been a good girl all year. I help mom cook eggs. I have been doing my laundry too. I have been respectful at school. Please get me something on my list. Sincerely, Kaitlin M. (8 vrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to you to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would really love a ps4, laptop, some more Wii U, games, and an Xbox 1 and some games for it, and some wallpaper for my bedroom wall.

I've been good all year. I have been helping my parents and doing all of my chores and trying to behave with my little feisty sister, Olivia and my big brother, Ben which is all ways mean to me. I bet you can see that part all the time. It would make me happy if you bring me a new skateboard.

From your little Trouble maker, Lindsey Donald (9 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell what I want for Christmas. I would like a Zommer kitty, Mario Wii u, an I Pad, a deck of cards and a Diary of a Wimpey Kid chapter book.

I have been a good girl this year. I help my mom fold the clothes and I help my dad clean up the house. I would love if you brought me one of these things.

Sincerely, Montana (8 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I really want my Dad for Christmas. I also want my friends from Piney. We were best friends and I miss them a lot.

I try my very best to be good. I gave twenty dollars to a homeless person and I feed my cat. Bringing me something I want will make me very happy. From, Nash (9 yrs)

Dear Santa,

I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I would really love a ps4 and ps3 airsoft gun and a play gun.

I have been a good boy all year. I Continued on page 10





help my mom. I clean my room and the basement and sometimes I do the dishes. It would make me extremely happy if you bring me things that I ask for for Christmas.

Your friend, Radon (9 yrs)

Dear Santa, My name is Riley and I am 5 yrs. old. I am in kindergarten at Happy Thought School. I was a good boy this year. I promise to stay good. I am so excited because Christmas is coming. I want a little remote control monster truck and a monster truck that is not remote control. I want a dirt bike and lego and a remote control helicopter and video games. And that is what I really want, Say "Hello" to Mrs. Claus and all the elves. Please visit me. I can't wait till Christmas. Love Riley

Dear Santa, my name is Chelsea. I'm 5 yrs. old. I'm in kindergarten at Happy Thought School. I'm really really exited for Christmas. How is the elfs doing? I would like gg from monster high. Also I would leve you some milk and cookies. I would also like draculaura. I would like Chelsea Barbie doll. Santa you are the best. Love Chelsea.

Dear Santa, My name is Troy. I am 5 yrs. old. I am in kindergarten at Happy Thought School. I have been a good boy and for Christmas I would like transformers that change into dinosaurs. I also like chocolate candy. Love Troy.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are the elves doing? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I wish for a teddy bear, an RC airplane, an automatic cariankc car, a penguin that walks when you press the button on its heart, a baseball bat and ball and atv remote. Love Evynn.

Dear Santa, My name is James. I am five years old and I am in kindergarten at HappyThought School. How are the elves doing? How many presents do you deliver every year? I would like lego, Buzlight years toy, a remote control car, a fire truck, sled, a toy dirt bike, a drone Super Mario Kart Wii. I would be happy if you could get me these toys. Thank you Santa. Love James.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How are the elves? I am four years old. My favourite colour is green. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I am looking forward to Christmas. I have been a very good boy. I got a realy good report card. I'm following the classroom rules. I really want to meet you. I would love a lego set for Christmas. I would also like a new back pack. I would like a lego book. I would also like a car. I would also like a new shirt for Christmas. I want you to please come to my house on Christmas. I hope you have a safe ride to Canada.

Merry Christmas from Kole.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How's the elf? My name is Cole. I am 5 years old. I am in Happy Thought School in Kindergarten. I was a very good boy this year. I've got a very good report card. I am following all the classroom rules. I would like to have a Christmas boomerang, hockey machine and any lego. I would like to meet you. How are the reindeer? I would like to go to the North pole. How is roudolf? Is roudolf's nose still shiny? I promise to stay good. I love you Cole.

Dear Santa, My name is Lyra. I am 5 years old. I am in kindergarten and I love Santa and the elfs. I would really love Mario Video games if you can. I also love minty candy. I would like a stuffed playing turtle toy and I would really like it if the reindrs to come to my house on Christmas. And I would like a sled to slide down a hill, and I would really really love a pet turtle and I want a yoyo. I would love a real horse. I would like a hole bonch of pensols.

I love you Santa, Love Lyra.

Dear Santa, How are you doing? My name is Sergaj. I'm 5 yrs. old. I am in kindergarten at Happy thought School. How are the elf's? We have a elf on the smart board, his name is Snowflake. I was a good boy. I listened to my parints and my older sister. For Christmas I wish for popichrol's, lego, hot wheel cars, hot wheel dirt bikes,





toy train and a stuffy polar bear. I hope you could get me at least 1 or 2 of these stuff. I promise to stay good and one more thing may I have a candy? I hope so come soon. Love Sergaj

Dear Santa, Hi! I'm Ernie. I am 5 years old and I go to Happy thought School. By the way how are the elvs? I hope there doing good. I was a good girl this year. I hope I get some presents please. List of things I want for Christmas, dinosaur Adominous Rex, dinosour puppet and Rex raptor, Adominous Rex blanket and pillow, adominous Rex dinosaur colouring book, adominous Rex tilt for my room please. I promise you that I want all of these. Thank you.

Love Ernie.

Dear Santa my name is Simon. How is the work shop? How is Mrs. Claus,

is she doing good? I'm 5 years old and I go to Happy Thought School. How are the elvs? I would like if you could get me some lego for Christmas. For Christmas can you get me please a Christmas tree. I would like a toy truck. I would like a garbage truck. I would like a toy plane. Thank you. Love Simon.

Dear Santa, how are you? My name is Owen. I am 5 years old. I am in kindergarten at Happy Thought School. How are the elves doing and the rain deers? How is Miss Clause? I have been good this year. I have a friend his name is James. I would like for Christmas a loke stick , a toy kitchen. I want a toy car for Christmas. I would like a toy school bus. I would like a loke costum. I want a loke mask. I would like some books for Christmas. Super heros books. I love you Santa. Love Owen.

Dear Santa, My name is Mya and I am 5 years old. I go to Happy Thought School and I am in Kindergarten. I have been a good girl this year and I hope you will come to my house this year. For Christmas I would like Shopkins, Monster High toys and a kitty cat stuffie. I am going to leave you some chocolate chip cookies with a glass of milk. Love Mya.

Dear Santa, Hi I'm Calla. I am 5 years old and I go to Happy thought school. How are the elvs? By the way we have a elf on are smart board and he can fly. I was a good girl this year. List of things I want for Cristmas. Barbie pop up camper, Barbie car wash, and video games. Love Calla

Dear Santa, My name is Chance. I am 5 years old. I was a good boy this year. I go to Happy thought School. I am in kindergarten. For Christmas I would like lego toy please. I well leave you some candy and milk for a snack. Love Chance.

Dear Santa, My name is Corbin. I am 5 years old. How are you Santa? How are the elves, good or bad? How are you doing? How do the elfs make presents. I am so excited for Christmas. I am excited for presents. I would like to have mighty machine and grey truck. Thank you. I love you Santa. I love Christmas. Love Corbin.

Dear Santa my name is Sean. How is the work shop? How is Mrs. Claus is she doing good? I'm 5 years old and I go to Happy thought School. How are the elvs? I would like if you could get me some lego for Christmas. For Christmas could you get me a toy garbage truck. I would like a toy Air plane. I would like remote control monster truck. I would like a Christmas tree toy please. I would like a remote control Fire truck. Thank you. Love Sean.

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Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season and a New Year filled with Peace and Happiness.

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Dear Santa, how are you doing? How are the elves? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I wish for a pretty dress with pink polka dots, a Dora video game, a princess peach costume, a polar bear stuffed animal and RC Plane, 1 bow. Love Daylea

Dear Santa, My name is Jackson. I am 5 yrs. old and I am in Kindergarten at Happy Thought School. I have been a good boy this year. What is your favourite cookie? I will leave you some on Christmas Eve. Do you want a glass of milk too? I would really love to get a Nerf gun for Christmas. Have a safe trip on Christmas Eve. Say Hi to all your elves.

Love Jackson.

Dear Santa, my name is Kianna. I am 5 years old and I am in kindergarten. How are you doing? It must be hard work for all your elves making all those presents. This year can I please have Scooby Dooby Doo lego, a Barbie doll, a doll house, a Barbie car, lots of candy canes, Barbie games and Barbie movies.

Love Kianna.

Hello Santa,

I'd like a Elsa and Anna doll that sings.

From: Hailey W age 4

Dear Santa,

Katelyn and Easton would like a jeep like mine. Can you please bring a princess present for Ashley? Aiden would love a remote control monster truck. A pink present for mommy and a boy present for daddy. On Christmas Eve I will leave you fishie crackers and milk for a snack.

Merry Christmas! Love Jaya McConnell 2 years old

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like you to give a remote control dinosaur to Jackson because I think he would like it. Mommy needs a hockey stick to take shots on me in net. Jaya wants a princess hockey net. Daddy would like a remote control monster truck to drive on the grass in summer time. I would like to buy an Avenger chair and give it to someone who doesn't have one. On Christmas Eve I will leave carrots out for your reindeer and water to drink. What is your favourite colour? Merry Christmas! Love Aiden McConnell 4 years old

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a good time at the North Pole with your eggnog and your reindeer. I hope you are not getting cold. Santa, I hope for a bicycle. My little brother wants a car. Mommy wants a picture on her wall. Daddy wants a construction shirt. Tucker wants a bone. Santa, will you be at the mall? I helped my mom by cleaning a chair today.

Love, Max Enns, RM of St. Clements

Santa

My name is Liam and I am 6 years old. I've tried to be super good this year.

For Christmas I would like a karate robot.

I will leave you milk and lots of chocolate chip cookies.

I can't wait for Christmas! From Liam

Dear Santa,

My name is Katelyn and I am 8 years old. My brother wants a puppy to share with me. I think you should get him this because he always incudes me. Also can you get him a Leonardo toy? He really likes the turtles and because he lets me play ninja turtles with him. I would also like you to bring a scooter and two walkie talkies. My brother is kind to me and other members of my family so I think he should get some nice presents for Christmas. Thank you Santa.

From Katelyn, William S. Patterson School Grade 3

Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus, my name is Jaden Blais. I'm 8 years old. I'm in grade 3. I play soccer. I have been a good boy. I use my manners. I help my teacher if she needs help. Love Jaden

Dear Santa, I hope your jacket is warm. I would like the new x-wing fighter from the new Star Wars movie, please. Thanks Santa and Merry Christmas.

From Hudson K., Mapleton St. Andrews

Dear Santa, you are a fun guy! How old are your reindeer. I love the colors that you wear. What is your phone number? Is Rudolfs nose really red. I want a Kitty zoomer and puppet pet. Can I have a stuffed animal Rudolf ples. Rudolf is so cute! I love Rudolf. Love Ashley.

Dear Santa, when I think about you, it makes me smile. We are happy you are doing this. Do you know you're my number 1 present giver? The suit is nice, my favorite color is red. Can you write me a note back please? Can I get a Nerf Gun zoomer and Nerf modulis? I hope you have fun and like Christmas. From Dustin.

Dear Santa, you are a jolly man. How do your reindeer fly? Is rudolfs nose really red? For Christmas I would like Biscuit the furreal friend and Perfect Petss Golden Retriever. And how old are you? How long does it take you to go around the world. I hope you have a good Christmas. And what is your phone number? Is it cold in the North Pole?

Love Payton.

Dear Santa, Santa I really love you so so much. Is Rudolf really real? How can your reindeer fly? Is it cold where you live? Santa, I would really love this toy. It is a Zoomer Kitty and a camera too! I really would love to know what you do when you're bored. I love you so, so, so much. Thank you for listening to my letter.

Love Chelsea.

Dear Santa, your reindeer are so nice to fly you there. What is your favorite color. What I would like for Christmas is some big pieces of blank paper? I will leave some cookies and carrots for you and the reindeer too. How many elves do you have. How many reindeer do you have? What is your phone number Santa? From Alysha





Seniors centre celebrates Christmas

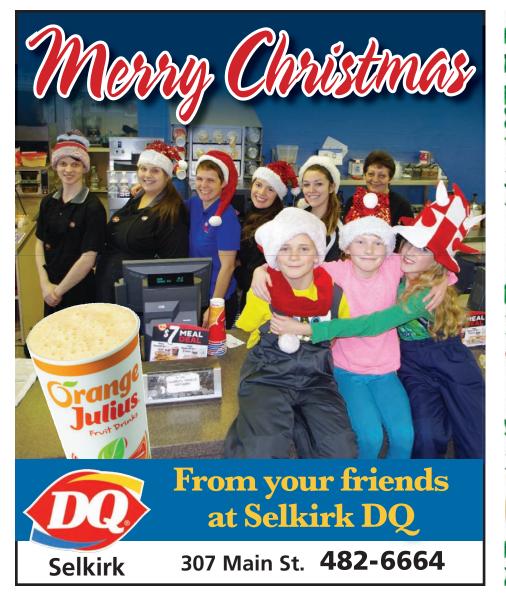


RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL Lee Hanson serves up a turkey dinner during a Christmas party at the Gordon Howard Seniors Centre last Friday night. The event featured plenty of dancing and live entertainment. And he whistled, and shouted, and called it by name; "On, Steiger!"



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Dear Santa, You are a fun guy, and you make great toys. Where do you keep your reindeer? I would like an adopt me dog. I hope I get an adopt me pet.

Love Emma

Dear Santa, you are so so fun. I really like Santa. I want Skylanders and a Wii and a PS4.

From Anostin.

Dear Santa, you are a fun guy.; How do your reindeer flys. What I want for Christmas is a zoomer kitty. I hope you have a safe flight. Is Rudolf nose red? How does your bag fit just right? How many elves do you have? How long does it take to deliver all the presents? How many days until Christmas. Love Jonnifor

Love Jennifer.

Dear Santa, You are a fun guy. Can you write a note back?: Can you get me lots of Lego. I hope you have a safe flight.

From John Boychuk.

Dear Santa, I like your Christmas hat. How old are you Santa? I would like a Zoomer kitty for Christmas and 3d magic and 1oo pieces of paper with no lines. I hope you have a Happy Merry Christmas. You are nice guy. I really would like a zoomer puppy. Santa you are cool. How do your reindeer fly? What do your reindeer do in the summer? I would really really really like an Iphone 6 or mini I pod. When is your birthday Santa?

From Ava.

Dear Santa, How are you? You make

great toys. How do your reindeer fly? Are the elves making toys in the toy making room? I would like some paw patrol toys and a zoomer puppy. I hope you have a safe flight. I'll leave you some cookies and carrots for the reindeer outside. I have been a good girl.

Love Keira.

Dear Santa, You are a cool guy and fun guy. How far is it to the North pole and how do your reindeer fly. I want a remote control snowmobile and Lego. I hope you have a safe flite and see you soon. I will leave your reindeer carrots and leave you cookies and milk. What do your elves do? How do they make toys? It's cool how they make the toys. What is your special reindeer? Rudolf the red nose reindeer? How many reindeer to you have. I want your phone number. From Williem.

Dear Santa, You are a good man. You make the best presents. Do your elves go on retirement ever? Do you have a spaceship or a sleigh? I want for Christmas an aquarium, an ant hill, a bug home and a little a little landscape. I hope you have a great year. Love Mason L.

Dear Santa, I like the colors that you wear. How do your reindeer fly. I would like a 4 wheeler. Hope to see you soon. From Jonathan.

Dear Santa, You are a cool guy. You

are very friendly too. Where do your elves get the supplies. How do your reindeer fly. I would like lots of lego and new games, remote control boat and an Iphone. Can I have a remote lego car please. I hope you have a safe flight.

From Noah.

Dear Santa, I like the colors that you wear. What do you do with your reindeer in the summer? I would like some thick mittens and some animal stuffies. I hope you have a great Christmas and a safe ride. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Love Kaitlin.

Dear Santa, You are cool Santa. How many elves do you have? I would like a few things, Pokemon cards and ex cards and an air hog shuttle launcher. Check your flight.

From Mason B.

Dear Santa, you make fun toys. You are a good guy. How do your reindeer fly? How many elves do you have? I would like a FurReal friend. How long does it take to go all the way around the world. Love Abbey

Dear Santa, You are a nice guy. How do you make the toys? I want lego. I like your reindeers. From Marco.

Dear Santa, you make graet toys. How do your raindeer fly? What do your elves do? Do you like your job?I would like Disney Infinity and all characters for Xbox 360, a hot wheels set, Air hogs and a nerf gun. Do you have a toy making room? From Aaron. Dear Santa, this year I've been very good. I want Lego Dimensions for Christmas. How old are you. I am 7 years old. Love Ryan.

Dear Santa, this year I was good. For Christmas I want Just Dance Wii and a tablet and Shopkins and smelly mark-









ers. I want a kitten and Ever after high dolls. My name is Kyra Jayne Lazaruk and I am 7 years old. Love Kyra

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. This year I have been a good boy. I want an Xbox one with games and two controllers. I want the game Tororia. I want a PSP with black ops3 with games and a controller. Love Riley.

Dear Santa, This year I've been really good. For Christmas I would like a tablet and Ipod and a few surprises. How many elf's do you have? What is your phone number. May name is Lauren . I am 7 years old. Love Lauren.

Dear Santa, I've been a good boy. I want X Box and hot wheels. I am 6 and I am having my Birthday and my name is Jasper.

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Love Jasper.

Dear Santa, this year I want Lego and a new friend. I really really really want it. I want Minecraft and I want a new luck day. I am 7 years old and are you.

Love Braxton.

Dear Santa, Please can you bring a Lego Star Fighter and a Tri fighter and my very own phone. Love Roger.

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. Can I please have Just Dance Wii. Can I please have a 100000 dollars. Can I please have a ipad. I really try my best at school. Can I please have makeup. Can I please have jewelry. Can I please have more dresses. I am 7 years old. Love Valery.

Love valely

Dear Santa, please can I have an ipod and a new game. Can I please have a game cube Minecraft. How old are you? What kind of toys do you have? Please can I have a Minecraft guy. I am 7 years old. Love William

Dear Santa, this year I have been good. Please can I get a Just Dance Wii. Can I please get a PS. I am 7 years old.

Love Fiona.

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Dear Santa, this year I have been making my bed. For Christmas I would like Minecraft books. I would also like some Lego. I am 7 years old. Love Ross.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl. I would like Heath Burs and Claude Wolf and Catinoir from Boo York and Abby. I am 7 years old. Love Journey.

Dear Santa, I am 7 years old. Please get me a Barbie. Please get me a Stuffie sheep. Please get me a teddybear. Please get me a lolla loopsy. Please get me a stuffed Santa. I have been a good girl. You are a handsome man. Love Georgia.

Dear Santa, This year I want \$\$. This year I have been so good. I want lego and an I pod and an I phone. I am 7 years old. Love Lucas.

Dear Santa, what I want for Christmas is a I pad. I want a sun halo and lots of lego sets, and a remote control. I have been good and I am 6 years old. Love Estyn

Dear Santa, this Christmas I have been good. Can I please have a cat. Can I please have money. Can I please have Christmas cards. I am 7 years old.

Love Kate.

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 again soon.

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GOOD FYEAR #1 in Tire

Dear Santa, I have been working hard at school. What I want for Christmas is Lego friends and more Stuffees Daisy, Toddett and Rosaiena. I am 7 years old. Love Ariez.

Dear Santa, this year I was a very good kid. Can I please have Shopkins for Christmas and Calico critters. And make up and new music cds. I am 7 years old. My name is Jersie. Love Jersie.

Dear Santa, for Christmas I would like a flying horse. A soft horse and a gecco. Some puppies and my dog wants treats. I love all your reindeer. I love you and lots of surprises. I am 7 years old. Love Aidan

Dear Santa, I will give you some really good cookies. I want a Zoomer Chomplingz. My name is Blake and I am 7 years old. Love Blake.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a dress-up outfit. Love Cassie

Dear Santa, I help my mom. Love Conar

Dear Santa, Please bring me crayons. Love L.j.

Dear Santa, Please bring me a tablet. Love Ruby

Dear Santa, Please bring me Anna and Elsa and a toy baby. Love Heavenly Dear Santa, I been so good. Please bring me a teddy bear. Love, Hannah

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Dear Santa, How are the reindeer? Love Keira

Dear Santa, I was very good. Love Dejay

Dear Santa, I am a good listener. Love Mason

Dear Santa, This year, I was a good boy. That is why I want a fire-tac bow. How are you Santa? I saw you in the parade. Love always, Arthur

Dear Santa, Please bring me a present. Love Bo

Dear Santa, I like presents. Love Trent

Dear Santa, Please bring me a present. Love, Kyle Dear Santa, Can you please bring me a Ninja Turtle? Love Daniel

Dear Santa, How is the weather at the North Pole? I like to play in the snow with my sister. How are the reindeer? Love Jennifer

Dear Santa, I'm on the good list. Love Zeb

Dear Santa,

I want a PC and Plushies for Christmas. My brother would like a nerf gun. Please. Please. Please. I have been very good this year. So has my brother. From Ethan

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. My name is Trinity. I go to Daerwood School. I am in grade one. For Christmas I would like a red toy car, Lego, and new ball. Thank you. Love Trinity

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Wishing all our valued customers health and happiness for the holiday season and an Optimal New Year.



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Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. How are the reindeer? Is Mrs Clause well? For Christmas, I would like a Science project., Lego hotel, Super Kitty. Nerf Bell. I think I was good. I go to Daerwood. I am in grade one. Thank you. Love Amelia

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am fine. How are the reindeer? How are the elves? Is Mrs Claus doing well? For Christmas I would like Zoomer, and Super Kitty and Lego Hotels and a little sled. I think I was good. I am in grade one. I go to Daerwood School. Thank you Love Claire

Dear Santa,

My name is Trevin. How are you? I am good. How are the elves? I go to Daerwood School. I am in grade one. For Christmas I would like a book and a Minecraft stuffy. Thank you. Love Trevin

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am well. I tried to do



my best all year. I am in grade one. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and Lego Hotel and Zoomer. Thank you Love Rayne-Lee

Dear Santa, How are you? I am doing good. How are the elves? Is Mrs. Clause doing

good? For Christmas I would like a Minecraft Lego set. I go to Daerwood School. I am in grade one. Thank you. Love Erik. I am 6. My name Is Erik

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. For my dog, I want a plastic bowl attached together. For my mom I want a pair of winter gloves. I want a Corvette. For my Dad I want a dirt bike. For my little nephew, I want a new bike with training wheels. Ho! Ho! Ho! From Cadence

Dear Santa,

I have been great this year. This morning I let my little sister pick a show, but I wanted to pick a show. This year I would like a tablet. My mom would really like a back massager. For Christmas my dad would like a hat. My little sister would like a doll and my dog would really like a toy. And my mom would like a necklace that says "mom" and my sister would like a tablet, too.

Happy Christmas Emily

Dear Santa,

I'm a nice glrl. But I want my family to have something so can you get my mom a coffee mug with a heart on it and my dad to have a pair of sunglasses and my brother can have a race track with remote control and some cars and last of all I want a chatster. How cold is the North Pole? What do you feed the reindeer? How many toys do you make in a year? Love Taylor

Dear Santa,

Can I have a toy for myself and presents for my sister too please and my auntie too and my Grandma? My grandma is going to have new boots and my sister is going to have a new toy too. My auntie is going to a new binder. Okay have a Merry Christmas From Grace

Dear Santa,

I 've been a good girl this year. I helped my mom with the dishes. My family want a new TV. I would like an American girl and an American girl camp set and a Zoomer Dinosaur. I want a Zoomer Kitty. I please would like Dog candy cane. Mrs Pay wants a Corvette.

Love Callie

Dear Santa,

I hope I am on the good list. I helped my mom by emptying the dish washer. And I helped my dad by washing the car. My mom would like kitchen supplies. My dad would like a Jets jersey. I would like an I-pad and a American girl please. And one of my sisters would like a stuffie that is a horse. And my other sister would like apps for her Ipod. And my brother would like a DS. Love Kelsey

Dear Santa,

My name is Elie. How are you? I am fine. How are the reindeer? I go to Daerwood School. I am in grade two. For Christmas I would like a helicopter. I think I was good. That's what I like please. Thank you. Love Elie

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am well. How many presents do you deliver in one night? For Christmas I would like a Lego Ninjago set, Jurasssic World Dinosaurs. I think I was good. I go to Daerwood School. Love Niko





Dear Santa,

Hi! How are you doing? How are your elves and reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? I have been a good girl. This year, I cleaned my cat's litter box. My mom would like 100 dollars. My dad would like a golf shirt. My dog would like a bone. I would like an American girl.

Love Paige

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am doing good. My name is Jhett. I go to Daerwood School. I am in grade two. For Christmas, I would like Hot Wheels and a Mine Craft Lego set. I was good. Thank you Jhett

Dear Santa,

How are you? I am Bronwen. I am doing good. How are the reindeer? I go to Daerwood School. I am in grade two. I would like a Minecraft Lego set. I would like a Jurassic World Lego and a nerf guns and Lego Ninjago. Thank you. Thank you Love, Bronwen



express our best wishes for a very

Happy New Year to

Merry Christmas and a

SUPER THRIFTY

each of you.

The North Po

Dear Santa,

How are you? My name is Owen. I go to Daerwood School. I am in grade two. I would like Terraria, a Minecraft stuffy and Lego Ninjago set. Thank you.

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Love Owen

Chère Père Noel,

Est-ce que je peux avoir un ipad? Ma maman veut une personne qui fait le lavage. Je veux une loom set. Comment va tes rennes? Avec Amour, Monique

Chère Père Noel,

Est-ce que Chipie va revenir cette Noel? Est-ce que tu connais mon lutin Chipie? Je veux un Call of Duty Black Cops 3. Je veux que tu donne à mon frère Noah Pokémon booster box. De votre ami, Dylan

Chère Père Noel,

Pourquoi est-ce que Rudolf n'a pas un nez noir? Est-ce que je peux avoir les Shopkins et Lego. Est-ce que mon ami Carter peut avoir Lego? De votre Ami, Quinn

Chère Père Noel, Je veux un jeu de video et un Mario chip. Comment est-ce que le nez du Rudolf èclaire? Est-ce que mon amie Selina peut avoir un Zoomer puppy? Avec Amour, Lauren

Chère Père Noel,

J'aime Mine craft. Est-ce que tu est le roi de le Pole Nord? Est-ce que je peux avoir mine craft sur le play station ou le Wii. Est-ce que ma sœur peut avoir le cowboy play set et 2 figures pour le cowboys place. Est-ce que je peux avoir un ipod avec messages et snapchat, Merci. De votre ami,

Riley

Chère Père Noel,

C'est quoi ta renne préféré? Je veux pour Noel un gros contenant plein de playdoh. Je veux pour Noel le jeu de Pie Face. Mon frère Sylas aimerait un pogo-stick. De votre ami, Seth





To all our members and friends

Best wishes for a healthy

and joyous season

We hope you will join us

at the Branch for the

New Years Social at 8 pm · Music by Whiskey Bent Band

Tickets and info available at the bar

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Chère Père Noel,

Quelles sont les noms des rennes? Est-ce que je peux avoir une poupée et un petit auto. Pour mon frère, donner un jeu de X-Box s'il vous plaît. De votre amie,

Selina

Dear Santa,

Santa I think I was a good little boy please bring me most of the stuff I want. Thank You. For Christmas I want a new hockey stick (Sherwood T120) with the new hockey stick I would dangle, snipe and celly!!! Another thing I want for Christmas is a Ps4 because there is a lot of cool games like NHL 16, Madden 16, NBA 2K16

Have a Very

Merry Christmas

Wishing you and your loved ones much peace,

harmony, joy and contentment this holiday season.

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and Call Of duty Black Ops 3! I am thinking about getting a computer and I would watch videos and play games on the computer. My dad has a cool computer and I want one like his (Mac book). For Christmas another thing I would possibly like would be a pet turtle. Turtles are really cool and they look awesome!!! If I got a turtle I would feed it so it stays healthy, not so it gets fat.

From Joel

Dear Santa,

My name is Ryleigh. You probably know me already, but this my list. Don't worry it's not long. Hopefully you like it. I'm not asking for much this year. I would like a new body suit because I am in gymnastics. Also I would like new clothes for school and pictures. Some new books so I could read over the holiday. Also if you can get socks for me and my family because we lose socks all the time. Thank you for every Christmas. You are the best with you and your elves and the rest of your crew, there would not be any Christmas thank you.

I wish you the best of luck, From Yours truly, Ryleigh

Chère Père Noel, Ma maman veut un lutin. Je veux un ipad et un Wii U. Quelles sont les noms des rennes? De votre amie, Samantha

Chère Père Noel,

Comment est-ce que le nez de Rudolf s'éclaire. Je veux du Lego et un map. Est-ce que maman peut avoir la Grande Roue de Lego? Avec Amour,

Carter

Chère Père Noel,

Qui est votre lutin préféré? C'est quoi votre nders et une X-Box. Pour ma maman donner un Fart Blaster. Avec Amour, Isaiah

Chère Père Noel,

Je veux un Shopkins avec une poupée. Comment ça va? J'aimerais que tu donnes à ma maman pour Noel des fleurs.

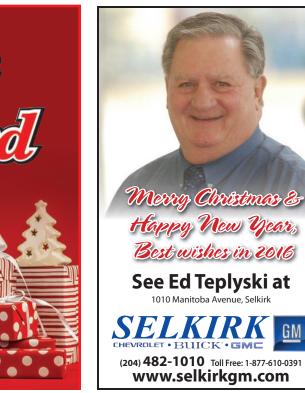
De ton amie, Nadya

Chère Père Noel,

C'est quand ton anniversaire? Je veux un X-Box et un jeu de Zombies. Mon petit frère aimerait Pokémon. Avec amour, Dominik

Chère Père Noel,

Est-ce que je peux avoir une poupée pour Noel et maman aimerait sa maison nettoyée aussi. Comment est-ce que le nez de Rudolph éclaire? Carson









Chère Père Noel,

Est-ce que je peux avoir un Lutin sur l'étagère? Est-ce que je peux manger un biscuit de maman Noel? J'aimerais que tu donnes à mon papa une barre de chocolat. De ton ami,

Vance

Chère Père Noel,

C'est quoi le nom de les lutins? Je veux, pour Noel, un fusil de nerf. Je veux pour Noel un X-Box. Pour ma famille j'aimerais un lutin sur l'étagère pour nettoyer ma maison. Avec Amour,

Evan

Dear Santa, My name is Annika. I am 7 years old.

I have long hair. For Christmas I would like Shopkins.

I would also like a mini Ipad. How is Rudolph and Mrs. Claus? Love Annika

Dear Santa, My name is Emily. I am 7 years old. I like school. I like my family. For Christmas I would like Shopkins. Santa how many Elves do you have? How many reindeer do you have? Love Emily

Dear Santa, My name is Gavin. I am 7 years old. I am in grade 2. I like to play star wars. For Christmas I would like an iPod. I would also like a computer. How old are you? How do you fly fast?

Love Gavin.

Dear Santa, my name is Shiloh. I am 7 years old. And I have 2 brothers and one step sister. For Christmas I would like a leap pad watch and a ipod. How are you? Do your elves wear green? Love Shiloh.

My name is Rogen. I am 7 years old. I am in grade 2 at William S. Patterson School. I like winter. For Christmas I would like the Lego Movie, and hobbit lego with Bilbo Baggins. How is Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? Drive safe.

Love Rogen

Dear Santa, my name is Logan. I am 7 years old and I like hockey and skating. For Christmas I would like another hockey stick and a couple of pucks. Questions for How do you make so much of presents? How do you fly so fast?

Love Logan

Dear Santa, my name is Colby. I am 7 years old. I like to skate and shoot pucks. For Christmas I would like Star Wars Yoda Response. I would also like goalie pads. Do you really have elves? How is Misses Claus doing? Love Colby

Dear Santa, My name is Sophia. I am 7 years old. I like gymnastics. I like skating. For Christmas I would like figure skates. I would also like Shopkins. Santa how old are you? Santa how do you get around so fast? Love Sophia

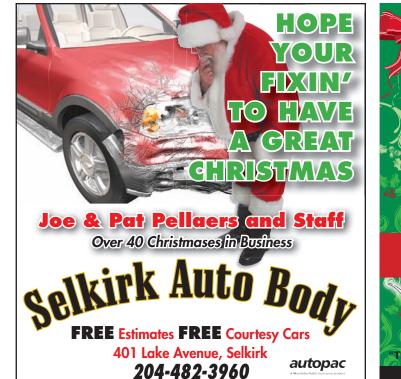
Dear Santa, My name is Lexi. I am 7 years old. I like Christmas. For Christmas I would like shopkins. I would also like computer. How old are you? How are the cookies from Mrs. Claus? Love Lexi

Dear Santa, My name is Aubrey. I am 7 years old. I love horse. I love animals. I would like an ipod and Shopkins. How do you make lego? Does Rudolph's nose sparkle? Love Aubrey

Dear Santa, my name is Austen. I am 6 years old. I like my family. For Christmas I would like Dirt biking equipment. I would also like some pucks. How do you get around the word so fast? Love Austen

Dear Santa, My name is Katie. I am 7 years old. I love Christmas and puppies. For Christmas I would like friends. I would also like Love. How old are you? Do reindeer fly? Love Katie Dear Santa, My name is Jessica. I am 7 years old. I like skating. For Christmas I would like skates. I would also like Shopkins. How old are you? How are the cookies that Mrs. Claus cooks? Love Jessica









Dear Santa, my name is Sarina. I am 7 years old. I like to skate. I like school. For Christmas I would like build a bear clothes. I would also like a monster high doll. How many reindeer do you have? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Love Sarina

Dear Santa, my name is Kevin. I like to hunt. For Christmas I would like a bow. I would also like a cross bow. How is Rudolph? How is Dasher and Dancer?

Love Kevin

Dear Santa, my name is Lucas. I am 7 years old. I like toys. I like to go sliding down a hill. For Christmas I would like a mini skido. Santa how do you make toys?

Love Lucas

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Love Kevin

Dear Santa, my name is Lucas. I am 7 years old. I like toys. I like to go sliding down a hill. For Christmas I would like a mini skido. Santa how do you make toys? Love Lucas

Dear Santa,

My name is Ethan and I am 8 years old. I have been wondering, how do your reindeer fly? For Christmas I would like you to bring my mom new oven mitts. I would like you to bring my dad a toy model truck because you brought me toys last year like Lego and now I would like you to bring my parents that stuff! Thanks Santa! Love, Ethan

Dear Santa,

My name is Ashley and I am 8 years old. I live in Clandeboye, MB and I go to WM. S. Patterson School. My mom would love a new pair of pajamas because she doesn't have a nice cozy pair. Could you bring her a new pair? She is an awesome mom and she takes really good care of me and my sister and dad. Love Ashley

Dear Santa,

My name is Brolan. I am 7 years old and I go to William S. Patterson School. I am in grade 3 and I LOVE dinosaurs! Do like dinosaurs? Are you happy today? For Christmas this year can you bring Mom and Dad a 64 dollar Gift card for Walmart? I would like them to have this because I love them very much and because they are caring and do a lot for me. Thank you Santa. From, Brolan

Dear Santa

My name is Eli and I am 8 years old. How are you? I would like you to give my sister some Shopkins for Christmas this year because she sees Julia and Ashley have Shopkins. I would like you to give Ms. Brooks a coffee machine because she is a great teacher this whole time to my class. I would also like to give MS. Keats a cat because she also had been a good teacher too. Have an amazing Christmas Love Eli

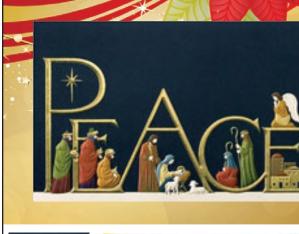
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May the Joy of Christmas

bring Peace & Happiness to all!







Dear Santa,

My name is Kylin and I am 8 years old. I'm a student from William Patterson School. For Christmas I would like you to bring my mom and Chris my step dad, a heated blanket because they are always cold. For dad and Stacey my step mom, I would also like if you could bring them a warm pair of pjs and slippers because I don't want their feet to be cold and I want them to be warm in the night. For Kayden my brother and Braxton my step sister I would like you to bring them new phone cases and candy because they love candy and they always have the same phone cases on. Thanks. Love Kylin

Dear Santa

How are your reindeer? How do your reindeer fly? My name is Hailey and I am 8 years old. I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. This year I want you to give presents to kids who don't have any. So they could have stuff to play with. Could you also get my mom a pair of onesis, because she does not have any and she really wants them. Can you also get my dad new tools because he needs new ones. Thank you for listening. From Hailey

Dear Santa,

My name is Julia. I go to William S co Patterson School. I am 8 years old is

and I'm in Grade 3. I would like if you would please bring my Mom a blender machine this year for Christmas. She really needs one because she makes a lot of good smoothies and milkshakes. They are tasty. My mom's name is Alison. Then I would like if you would bring Ava a pink scooter because Ava's other scooter is dirty and broken. Please. Love, Julia

Dear Santa

My name is Kadence. I live at 7 PARK Crescent. I am 8 years old and a grade 3 student at Wm. S. Patterson. Last year you got me a Wild Tummy Stuffer. Do you feed Rudolf after flight? Can you get my mom an Apple tablet? I would like you to bring her that because there is a new Walking Dead app and she really loves that show. My mom is really nice to me and she was born on Christmas Eve. So I think she deserves something nice for Christmas. Thank you for the stuff you bring. I hope you and MS. Claus have a great Christmas! Merry Christmas! Love Kadence

Dear Santa,

My name is Abby and I am 8 years old. How are your reindeer doing? I hope Rudolph's

nose is still glowing! What is your favorite kind of cookie? Who is your hardest working elf? How is Mrs. Claus? This Christmas I want you to bring a present to someone in the children's hospital. I want you to bring them toys like, Barbies, action figures and stuffies. I want them to be happy this Christmas. Thank you Santa. From, Abby

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Logan. I am 8 years old and I go to William S. Patterson School. For Christmas can you get my Cousin Sean a Big Ninjago Lego set? He likes Lego and he really likes Ninjago. Have a good night! Love, Logan

Dear Santa,

My name is Mya and I am 8 years old. I go to Wm. S. Patterson. School. I would like you to get a new phone for my Dad and for my Mom a new computer for Christmas! I want you to get them these things because they work hard and take me to places!

Love Your Friend, Mya

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? How are your reindeer? My name is Ava. I am 8 years old. I go to William S. Patterson School. I am in Gr.3. For Christmas, this year I would like you to bring my friend Julia a Shopkin because she really likes playing with them. Her favourite Shopkin is Lolly the Ring. She really would like a Shopkin birthday cake too. Thank you for helping make my friend really happy this year. From, Ava

Dear Santa,

How are you? How are your reindeer? How can your reindeer fly? My name is Hannah. I am 9 years old and I go to Wm. S. Patterson School. For Christmas this year, I want you to bring toys to kids who don't have any. I want them to be happy. Thank you Santa.

Love Hannah











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All The Toys Are Gone By: Will Daerwood School

Grade 6

"The toys are all gone!" cried the elves. When the elves went to make the toys in the workshop, they discovered all the toys were gone. The elves told Santa about the horrible news. Santa shouted, "Everyone look for the toys!"

They first looked in Selkirk where it's cold just like the North Pole. They could not find any toys so they decided to look in Winnipeg. They looked in the MTS Centre and the mall. They still could not find any of the toys. The elves told Santa and Santa was really sad because Christmas was the next day.

Later that night the elves went to check on the reindeer. They had found the presents in the shed with Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Santa asked, "Why would you take the toys?" Rudolph said, "Because the reindeer never let me join in any reindeer games." Santa and the elves took all the toys back and Santa delivered them all on Christmas Eve.

All The Toys Are Gone

"All the toys are gone." Cried the elves.

"Who took the toys"? Said Ella.

"I don't know Ella, but I do know that we have to find the toys because there is only 4 more days until Christmas." Said papa elf.

"Are we going to find Santa?" Said Ella.

"I guess we should find Santa but we don't know where he is." Said papa elf.

"What are we waiting for?" Said Ella.

At the same time the head elf came and yelled. "Why are you not working?"

Then papa elf came and said, "we are not working because all the toys are gone and we don't know where they are".

"Oh I got an idea." Said Ella.

"What is it Ella?" asked papa elf.

"Maybe we could ask Mrs. Claus."

"Ok let's go ask Mrs. Claus." Said papa elf.

"Oh you don't have to look for Santa because..." said the head elf.

"Well then do you know where Santa is?" Said papa elf. "I took all the toys." Said the head elf. Papa elf was surprised.

'The toys are by the sleigh." Said the head elf.

So then Christmas was saved and everybody was happy.

The end. By Francisca T

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