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Council strips St. Andrews mayor of her role

By Ligia Braidotti

It feels like a story is repeating itself. In the summer, Teulon's town council was abe to reduce much of Mayor Debbie Kozyra's role to just a title. For months, it seemed like the same was about to happen in St. Andrews, but Mayor Joy Sul and her thousands of supporters fought to the ground to hinder it to happen in their RM.

However, their fight ended on Dec. 16, after an emergency meeting held at the municipal office in Clandeboye. Despite majority of residents had poured out their dissatisfaction, a group of five male councillors, labelled "the group of five" by residents, voted to strip Sul of her powers. This means that, as of Dec. 16, Sul can no longer chair meetings or even be the spokesperson to the RM where she was elected mayor.

At the meeting, council voted for a new council chair, a new spokesperson for the RM, and a new signing authority. Out of the six councillors, five of which are men, only Coun. Kristin Hoebee voted in support of Sul.

"What I have been concerned for months now, is coming to fruition today. The methodical changing of the bylaws to strip the mayor of her du-



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Residents say Joy Sul's duties were reduced to only its title because of her gender.

ties," she said at the meeting.

Almost 100 people attended the meeting and waited anxiously as council made a decision. They applauded every time Sul spoke. But still, that didn't change majority of council's mind to keep Sul in her role.

Deputy Mayor John Preun was voted as the new chair and spokesperson for the RM and said that stripping Sul

away from her authority "had to happen in order for us to move on." He added now that Sul is no longer the chair of meetings and spokesperson for the RM, they will be able to move forward in a positive manner.

"We were having one issue alone, the wastewater issue, come up at every other meeting and we couldn't move past it, so we felt that taking

this direction would help free us from that," Preun continued.

For months, residents called out the councillors on their attitude toward the mayor, including submitting letters to the editor to voice their concerns and disgust for what was happening.

In response to the residents' dissatisfaction, Coun. Darryl Pohl said "We had false accusations to council members by residents and the mayor with gender discrimination because if you Continued on page 4







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don't agree with something, then it's gender discrimination."

St. Andrews resident Andrew Dolenuk said he was disappointed with the group of five.

"Their responses and discussions tonight allegedly proved that they have no respect for the (residents) of this community, and they allegedly refuse to accept the fact they are accountable to the taxpayers," he said.

"In fact, I sensed that they would allegedly even like to stifle any criticism of their behavior and not have anyone question them be it in regard to policy or finances," he explained.

Sul said she was already expecting this would happen anytime soon, and even apologized to residents for having to watch this debate go on for such a long time.

"My title cannot be taken away from me, however, majority of council can vote in favor of stripping me of all my power, as was recently done in Teulon. I have suspected this coup has been going on for a number of months," she commented.

"I apologize this is happening as residents de- a slam to the residents of St. serve so much better and because of these actions, Andrews," he said. we are not able to move the municipality forward as it should be."

Sul was elected by majority of St. Andrews residents in the last municipal election in October of their mistrust on Sul as gender-2018. She received more than 61 per cent of the based politics. votes.

Resident Lou Morissette also attended the sec- been reduced to its title, simiond and third reading of the procedural bylaw, and larly to what happened to Kosaid he still didn't understand council's rationale zyra in Teulon.



RECORD PHOTO BY LANA MEIER St. Andrews Mayor Joy Sul can no longer chair meetings nor be the spokesperson for the RM.

to strip Sul away from her role.

"We, the residents overwhelmingly voted in Mayor Sul as Mayor. So, in the final reflection, any lack of support or confidence in Mayor Sul is deemed

And despite male councillors stated this was not about gender, residents continue to see

But for now, Sul's role has

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West St. Paul works to keep wastewater service contract

City of Winnipeg said they could cancel contract with RMs

By Ligia Braidotti

The province's due date for reducing phosphorus emissions from wastewater could potentially end the City of Winnipeg's servicing contract with the RM of West St. Paul.

The province recently announced it would not give the City of Winnipeg the two-year extension to comply with its environmental action that required the city to remove phosphorus from the wastewater at the North End Water Pollution Control Centre that ends up in Lake Winnipeg by Dec. 31.

On Dec. 6, City of Winnipeg's Mayor Brian Bowman met with West St. Paul Mayor Cheryl Christian to discuss the impacts that the provincial requirements would have.

Christian said engineers from the City of Winnipeg are concerned this will result in additional raw sewage entering the river and Lake Winnipeg, and consequently Winnipeg will not be able to honour their wastewater agreement and accept wastewater from West St. Paul.



"West St. Paul has done our part to make sure that we are in compliance with provincial regulations. We have decommissioned non-complaint regional plants and we have a good partnership with the City of Winnipeg," she continued. "I'm hopeful there can be some resolution that does not result in a significant rate increase or service disruption for our residents. If proposed action is not adequately tested, not supported by engineers, results in more pollution of our river and lake and creates a disruption in this essential service for West St. Paul it is not a viable solution."

West St. Paul's wastewater and sewage infrastructure is connected to the City of Winnipeg's and has been addressing health issues in the community, including bacteria-contaminated water. In February of 2013 the RM of West St. Paul entered into a servicing agreement with the City of Winnipeg for wastewater. As of June 2015, the City of Winnipeg North End Treatment plant began to accept and treat wastewater from the RM. West St. Paul was the first rural municipality to connect to the City of Winnipeg's wastewater treatment system and has since become a model system for regional cooperation.

The project in West St. Paul is supported by various funding methods and grants through the federal and provincial governments along with the Manitoba Water Service Board and the community of West St. Paul. Connecting the wastewater to the City of Winnipeg was the most cost-effective way to treat wastewater from the RM.

"We have received millions of dollars in grants and funding to bring this service to our community. Existing residents continue to tie into this service and, as our community is growing, new developments are also connecting," Christian said.

The sewer system replaced several treatment plants that were out of compliance with the provincial regulations and it also provides sewer service to families and businesses that were subject to restriction on septic field modifications or construction under the Red River Corridor.

Christian, West St. Paul's Chief Administrative Officer Brent Olynyk, and Rosser Mayor Frances Smee met with Winnipeg's Mayor Brian Bowman and city engineers on Dec. 13 to discuss



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West St. Paul Mayor Cheryl Christian (left) met with City of Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman on Dec. 13 to discuss concerned regarding the North End Treatment Plant.

concerns regarding the North End Treatment Plant.

Bowman told Christian that without adequate testing, engineers for the City of Winnipeg are concerned the treatment process will be compromised, resulting in additional raw sewage entering the Red River. They also talked about whether or not their system could accept wastewater from West St. Paul and Rosser if this chemical was introduced and resulted in a"catastrophic failure" of their treatment process.

"According to the City of Winnipeg engineers, if the chemicals designed to reduce phosphorus are not properly tested it could compromise the treatment of sewer and result in raw sewage entering our river and Lake Winnipeg. We certainly want to see less pollution of our waterways not more," Christian added.

If the City of Winnipeg decided to suspend the servicing agreement and blocked wastewater service from West St. Paul, it would create a local state of emergency, Christian said.

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"Over 1,200 homes, multi-family units, businesses, the West St. Paul School and approximately 200 personal care beds are all receiving wastewater service in West St. Paul. This is an essential service."

However, the RM of West St. Paul, the RM of Rosser and the City of Winnipeg are working together to ensure the Red River and Lake Winnipeg are protected, and Christian added she is hopeful there can be a positive collaboration with the province as well, for the benefit of the communities affected by this.

"We have a positive partnership with the City of Winnipeg through this agreement and we will work to ensure that agreement is honoured. Our servicing agreement is mutually beneficially, provided an essential service to our community and additional revenue for the City of Winnipeg," Christian said.

Selkirk family all over the news



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

Selkirk's own Zebinski family has been featured in the news many times in the past. But his past summer, Tyler, Bob and Ida Zebinski's son played senior handball for the Springfield Braves and captured the title of the Manitoba provincials at the age of 44. Soon after with their son-in-law Paul LaPolice, who was the Winnipeg Bombers offensive co-ordinator, was featured winning the Grey Cup. Paul is married to their daughter Tina and have three children, 12-year-old Payton, nine-year old Joshee. and six-year-old Mallory. Shortly after, Tyler and Vanessa's son Jacoby was invited to the Children's Rehabilitation Centre to meet the Winnipeg Jets players. A highlight for Jacoby was meeting Jack Roslovic. Tyler and Vanessa have a set of twins, Jacoby and Addison. "A very happy birthday goes out to our son Tyler, who turns 45 on Christmas Eve, a wonderful Christmas present for us," Bob and Ida said.

RCMP reminds people of snowmobile safety

Submitted by RCMP

Every winter, RCMP officers are called upon to attend the scenes of tragic snowmobile collisions. Many lives are lost in Manitoba during accidents with snowmobiles.

With winter just beginning and snow falling in many parts of the province, snowmobilers are now heading out to the various trails and for some, that first ride of the season.

The RCMP is providing the following tips in the hopes of making everyone who rides a snowmobile safer so that they can get home to their friends and family:

- Know your abilities and ride within your limits. This will allow you to always be in control of your snowmobile.
- Use caution, be alert and slow down when operating on unfa-



miliar terrain. Always look ahead and be ready for hidden or unforeseen obstacles.

- Always ride in groups and let people know where you're going, the route you will be taking, and when you expect to return.
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It's amazing to me how tenacious anglers can be. Driving along the river roads beside the Red River from Lockport to the blue bridge downstream of Selkirk last week I could see anglers fishing on every little flat piece of ice available. A bit north of Sugar Island I

Welcome, fellow fishers.

thick the ice is here?"

came upon an aspiring fisher parked

on the side of the road taking his fish-

ing gear out of his car. I pulled over

behind him and getting out of my

truck called out, "Do you know how

"It's over a foot and a half," he point-

ed down the long snow covered grassy river bank slope to his ice shack that

sat close to others on the ice a couple

of car lengths off the bank. "Because

of the weak ice in so many places this

winter, there is a lot of talk about the

danger of dropping through," I said as

I approached handing him my card.

"Yeah, I have a bar with a narrow chis-

el shaped cutting end and I punch ice

"Are you from around here?" I asked.

"No, I'm from Lockport. I'm Thomas

today but the fishing has been pretty

good in the slough off the Red just past

Selkirk," he continued. As we stood on

the side of the road our backs to the

bitter wind, I listened to Thomas as

he spoke of current fishing concerns

and lots of guys went fishing in the

"Bay" but they were using sleighs or sleds," he said looking at me with in-

holes every twenty steps," he said.

Michelle Balharry



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Juba," he offered. "I'm fishing here

in a forceful distinct manner, his head nodding forward as he emphasized the points he was trying to make. "Those guys at Balsam Bay a while back should have known better than to take a big trailer out onto the ice so soon. Sure, winter hit early this year

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spotty with few anglers about,

the opposite was true as I drove

up to the shoreline at the Gimli

bay. There was an atmosphere

of light hearted hustle and

bustle with dozens of portable,

hard wall and old trailer ice

shacks scattered all over the ice

while more were being towed

on continuously. The day was

sun bathed, clear and cold as I

urged old red onto the ice just

north of the Lakeview Hotel. I

noticed a trio of anglers tailgat-

older chap's mustache. "We've

been here since early morning

be the father of the family said.

and were catching two at a time on

pickerel rigs but now we haven't had

a bite for hours," the elder I guessed to

'You guys out of Winnipeg?" I asked

"Yes, we fish on the ice here in the

winter and off the pier in summer. It's

our favorite place," the mother force-fully pointed out. "I'm Noli Porce and

this is my wife Flora and my son Den-

ny," the man added. We chatted for a

bit then I left them and walked over

to a hard wall shack where a very tall,

muscular young chap had just set his

wet auger on the tailgate of his truck

after having made some holes in his

shack. He stood out on the ice with me

as I asked if he had an interesting fish-

ing story for us. He smiled as if to say,

"I'm Daniel Stevens," he began,

"and my grandfather, Cliff Stevens

and great grandfather were ship Cap-

tains on Lake Winnipeg freighters

from the time of steam ships to diesel

driven craft. I was a young guy when

yes I do.

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ing maybe a half"click" out and made my way to them. "How's the fishing?" I inquired as I pulled up to them opening my truck door. Clad in snowmobile suits they were kneeling over their ice holes jigging short fishing rods. Frosty icicles showed on the

RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED Thomas Juba with a prize catch out of the slough by Selkirk.

> my grandfather was retired and like most of us here we loved to fish every chance we got. At that time he was a very big man but that didn't stop him from being creative when he took me ice fishing onto first ice. Grampa would give me a needle bar and send me ahead of him. He would tell me to chip out a hole and if the ice was three or four inches thick he would tell me to walk out another fifty steps and punch out another hole. When we got out to just a little north of where we are now, we would make bigger ice fishing holes, take our stuff out of our pails, turn the pails upside down to sit on and fish side by side all day. My gramps was a big man and a kind man," Daniel said in a hesitant and thoughtful manner."To this day I can remember like it was yesterday, sitting beside Grampa ice fishing in the open. It was the best time of my life," Daniel reflected quietly.

> Have a safe and wonderful holiday my fishing friends!

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"Yeah, with prevailing fall northwest winds in Manitoba, the ice on the south end of Lake Winnipeg can get pretty fractured and piled up," I said. While ice fishing on the Red was

tensity.

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Brian Bowman

Inclusion Selkirk renovations almost complete

By Katelyn Boulanger

Inclusion Selkirk have had a lot to celebrate in December starting the month by recognizing International Day for Persons with Disabilities on Dec. 5 and ending it with the projected completion of their renovation project.

Maria Freeman, the executive director of Inclusion Selkirk, says that International Day for Persons with Disabilities is a day to recognize that there are still many barriers for people in our community.

"For us, its just another day that we work with people that we support to look at what we can do to better our community and what we can do to support the people that we work with in the community to make sure that barriers are removed for them. So we spend time talking about those things," said Freeman.

"Our vision is an inclusive community so by working by and with the community to remove barriers and become included and engaged then it will mean that people with disabilities are less segregated from society and have an equal participation in society," she said. Inclusion Selkirk's renovation project does just this as their store and service area at 377 Eveline St., previous to this renovation, had limitations, which required some people to access services at their Jemima St. location.

"The whole idea was to become accessible. We were inaccessible before so we didn't have accessible washrooms and our laundry was in the basement. Some of the people we support have wheelchairs that are wider than our doorways. We've renovated both the store and now the back garage area into a usable space so that we can create an accessible skills division. We wanted to showcase for businesses how you can take the Manitoba Accessibilities act and how you can bring your business up to speed if you can to make your space accessible to people," said Freeman.

"It's still ongoing. Our store, is open but part of our inventory area is still under construction and the skills division is open. The storefront is open but not 100% complete," she said.

The renovation also included the former Community Threads store which has been renamed Wish Me to better reflect the store's offerings. Wish Me has a variety of giftware and artwork from local and Winnipeg artists.

"When I look at our storefront our whole mission, our vision, is to have an inclusive community. If we envision that then we have to make sure that the spaces that we operate are accessible to the whole community. We think as businesses are looking at what they have to do to when they become accessible they can visit our location, have a look at what we've done, and learn from our inclusive design what kinds of things you can take into account," Freeman explained.

Things that have been updated in all areas include wider doorways, lower counters, optional door openers, and more, which allow visitors to be more independent coming to the location.

"I think the one thing that people are normally shocked by is our large doors. We do 42 inch doors everywhere and that's because we've found that people that use scooters or wider wheelchairs [require the extra space]. We go above what's required because that means that there is no barrier to coming into the space. And, for stores trying to leave enough room between isles and leaving a lot of open space for people to access is another thing. If you're in a scooter and you're in a store that's really crowded you can't access a lot of places in that store," said Freeman.

Inclusion Selkirk hopes the renovation, which was able to start up because of provincial and federal grants, will be fully completed by Dec. 31.

"The next fundraiser we're doing would be our Valentines Bud, Spud, and Steak at the golf course. It's a great opportunity to take your date out and support a good cause and have a really reasonable dinner at a reasonable cost," said Freeman.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be put towards the cost of the renovation and tickets will be available in January at Wish Me and Riverside Grill.



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Province appoints new members to Regional Health Authority boards

Submitted

The province recently made appointments to the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority, Prairie Mountain Health and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority.

On Dec. 10, Health, Seniors and Active Living Minister Cameron Friesen announced that among new and promoted board members is Hermann Saxler from the IERHA.

The new appointments also include the elevation of Lee Jebb and Wayne McWhirter to the role of board chairs of PMH and the WRHA, respectively. Jebb is a former vice-president and senior executive with Cando Rail Services while McWhirter is a former partner and vice-president of Quality Management.

"Regional boards guide the provision of safe, quality care and how we move forward to ensure consistent, reliable health services across the province," said Friesen. "I look forward to working together with the new board members as our government continues to improve health care for all Manitobans."

The boards of regional health authorities are responsible for directing the management and affairs of the region to ensure the delivery and administration of health services.

These appointments are part of the Manitoba government's efforts to continue to refresh the agencies, boards and commissions of our province, ensuring Manitobans continue to be represented in these important positions by highly qualified and enthusiastic individuals, Friesen noted.



10 The Selkirk Record Thursday, December 19, 2019 Breast Check program coming to East St. Paul

By Katelyn Boulanger

CancerCare Manitoba will be headed to East St. Paul with their Mobile Mammogram Clinic from Jan. 6 to 10. The clinic is provided from a large RV, which is fitted with a waiting room, a changing room and mammography equipment, and will be parked outside of the East St. Paul Arena.

"Screening mammograms are actually able to find breast cancer early. They can find breast cancer about two to three years before it can be felt so that's why it's important to come for regular mammograms," said Laryssa Sawchuk, a Health Educator with CancerCare Manitoba.

Women aged 50 to 74 are invited to call ahead and make an appointment for their mammogram, which it is recommended they have repeated every two years.

"Women are encouraged to talk to their regular health care provider if they want to talk about their individual screening needs or if they want to talk about risks for breast cancer. If women have signs or symptoms of breast cancer, they aren't really eligible for our healthcare program and they should go to their regular healthcare provider for screening for that," explained Sawchuk.

In Manitoba about 900 people are diagnosed with breast cancer each year.

"The mammogram appointments take about 10 to 20 minutes. Basically what will happen is the technologist will ask the individual health questions and all of our technologists are female so that's something that we like to note. They will ask them health questions. They will ask the woman to change into one of our gowns and then they will perform the test. A mammogram is a breast x-ray so basically each breast will be positioned between two plastic plates and then they will be pressed together to flatten out the breast tissue through com-

CancerCare Manitoba's Mobile Mammogram Clinic which will be headed to East St. Paul Jan. 6 to 10.

pression and that's so that we can get a better image of the breast. That lasts not that long, only a few seconds, and then we will do two different angles of each breast and that's basically it," said Sawchuk.

If 1000 people are screened for breast cancer in this way, on average 56 will need to be sent for further testing and of those 56, on average, 6 people will receive a breast cancer diagnoses. Sawchuk emphasized that because of this, further testing can be quite normal and does not mean that there definitely is breast cancer.

"A lot of people set it aside and then decide to come later but we do recognize that it's an important thing to do for your health and most people after the fact feel good because they have peace of mind that they've been checked for breast cancer. That peace of mind is often valuable for individuals as well," Sawchuk said.

The test is also valuable in that it can detect a problem earlier than might be found otherwise which in the event that breast cancer is diagnosed would mean more treatment options are available and there is a better chance of a cure.

Sawchuk says that in addition to

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getting screened women should be aware of any changes to their breasts.

Breast cancer screening saves lives,

"They should know their breasts and if they see changes they should be talking to their healthcare provider about those changes because they could be symptoms of breast cancer. Often things like lumps aren't breast cancer but its good to get them investigated," she said.

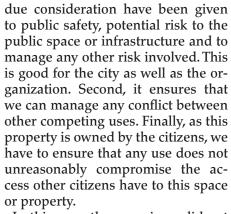
To make an appointment with the mobile mammography clinic people can call 1-855-95-CHECK. The vehicle is also accessible for those who use mobility aids with an accessiblity lift.

City of Selkirk responds to Chase the Chill incident

By Katelyn Boulanger

On Dec. 10, the City of Selkirk's Chief Administrative Officer Duane Nicol, sent the *Selkirk Record* an email responding to inquiries regarding Chase the Chill and the incident where a bylaw officer told organizers they needed a permit to hang scarves on trees at Queen's Park.

Nicol said: "The city has developed this protocol for the use of public space for events or public gatherings for a few important reasons. The first is to ensure that we are aware for the planned activity and can work with the organizers to ensure



In this case, the organizers did not make arrangements with us and our bylaw officer informed them and provided them with contact information where the proper arrangements can be made. We've been in contact with the group and we're looking forward to working with them to ensure the next Chase the Chill can go off without a hitch.

We work successfully with many groups throughout the year. From sidewalk sales to Indigenous Days, Community Vigil Walk to Holiday Alley."











RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER Students and their families were invited to a pancake breakfast at Ruth Hooker School on Dec. 16. They were treated to colouring, card making, holiday movies, lego, pancakes, and had an opportunity to tell Santa what they want for Christmas.





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Free Ride celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2020

By Katelyn Boulanger

Free Ride will be celebrating its fortieth anniversary as a band throughout 2020 and the first opportunity to see them will be at the South Beach Casino on New Year's Eve.

"We just wanted to tell everybody that, yep, this is our fortieth. A lot of people are very excited," said Wayne Hlady, one of the managers and drummer for Free Ride.

The band, which was founded in 1980, has a current line up of Wayne Hlady, Jerry Hlady, Craig Wallace, Doug Blampy, and Justin Seguin.

"We're a specialized tribute band. From day one, we've been a tribute band. We're a tribute to the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, fifties and sixties greaser bands," said Hlady.

The band originally came from Tyndall, Man., where they perfected their play style.

"We rehearsed at the Tyndall Hotel for six months prior and had our management and stuff and rehearsed in a banquet basement eight hours a day, six days a week with mirrors and videos of the Beatles and perfected everything like the Beatles did," he said.

The band prides itself on its authenticity wearing replicas of the Beatles' famous suits and carrying 14 guitars with them so that each act looks as authentic as possible.

"In our case it's everything, you're an actor, you're a musician. It's everything, especially for the Beatles, because they are kind of still known to be the biggest band on planet earth so everybody focuses on that too," said Hlady.

"We started out with the Beatles and fifties greaser show and then a few months later we met an Elvis guy and he became part of the band. The Elvis guy then also turned into a Mick Jag-

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ger character too and we've always been known for doing the Beatles, Elvis and the Rolling Stones," he explained.

Hlady can't attribute the bands longevity to any one particular reason.

"It was just our full-time interest in what we do. We've played tens of thousands of jobs," he said.

The band has travelled all over the world during these 40 years, but Hlady thought their most exciting event was playing for Hugh Hefner, the founder of Playboy magazine.

"We played for one of his private parties and that was in 1981 and then a few years later we toured Japan and we've been in Las Vegas, and Atlantic City," Hlady said.

Over the years, no two shows have been the same.

"Every crowd that we played for is completely different and these days we're playing for, we have fans who have followed us right from day one. We were very big at the beginning playing in all the bars and nightclubs. Now the people that come to see us have grown up with Free Ride and now their kids and their grandkids are following us. It's like the real Rolling Stones where there's so much history there," Hlady said.

The band plans to play as usual in August at the Selkirk waterfront, however, if you already have New Years plans they will be at Club Regent Casino Jan. 10. Tickets to this event are available at www1.ticketmaster.ca/ event/1100576186AC299A and more information about the band can be found at freerideband.ca





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Total Look Hair Salon & Day Spa wins national marketing competition

By Katelyn Boulanger

Selkirk's Total Look Hair Salon & Day Spa won a national competition for the best display and marketing of the brand Dermalogica's 2019 holiday line of products. Along with displays inside the salon, Total Look took the wing design on Dermalogica's 2019 holiday products and brought it to life on the front of their salon with a lifesized wing display.

"It was very exciting to be a part of it. Of course the whole salon was decorated from front to back and Demalogica is a product that we sell. It's one of our good sellers and we were promoting it and when we found out that the salon won we were very excited. It's a big deal," said Pat McKetchen, an employee at Total Look Hair Salon & Day Spa.

The 2019 Dermalogica product line's main theme was a set of wings designed by artist Kelsey Montague who is known for her inspired wing artwork.

"They decided to have this competition in Canada so that all of the Dermalogica accounts could compete for their marketing and displays and how they can display it. We did enter the competition and surprisingly out of all the salons across Canada we won," said Dianne Grocholski, owner of Total Look Hair Salon & Day Spa.

The salon was decorated inside and out with displays made of Dermalogica products in the main area as well as in those in treatment rooms and the aesthetics department. The main feature was the lifesized wing display which is meant to allow people to take stunning photos in front of.

"We've been carrying the Dermalogica skin care line in my salon for quite some time so we've been really active with the line with training as well. We were actually the first in the prairie provinces to become Dermalogica ex







SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dianne Grocholski, owner of Total Look Hair Salon & Day Spa in front of the Dermatologica wings on the front of her salon.

perts, to be classified as experts," said Grocholski.

Grocholski opened Total Look 18 years ago with one employee and has since expanded to include 20 employees. "We kind of brand ourselves as a one stop shop so that's kind of where the name came from Total Look Hair Salon & Day Spa so total look means from head to toe so





doing manicures, pedicures, facials, hair, lashes and of course we are now stemming out into a few new areas," Grocholski said.

They are also expanding into medical aesthetics specifically injectables with two healthcare professionals that will be offering the services at their location. In January they plan to begin offering mobile bridal services.

"It's always been my goal not to just be successful myself but to make sure that my team members reach their optimal level of success. So that they have the optimal tools, and the education, and the knowledge so that they can be the very best that they can be and offering the best service and that's really what we're all about," explained Grocholski.

She wants her salon to be the best that it can be and is very proud to have won the Dermalogica contest.

"The brand is really second to none as far as a product itself goes and the way that they stand behind their products, a 100 per cent guarantee. The education and training that comes with it you're only as good as the education and training you have to back up what you're using in your salon and spa and so to get the result you need great products so that's why we chose Dermalogica," said Grocholski.



Bealson S Readings

As we turn the page to another holiday season, we'd like to take a moment to thank you, our loyal readers, for your trust and support. We hope this Christmas delivers all the good news you've been hoping for and more. Happy Holidays!

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Grey Cup goes to WSP School







The Selkirk Record office will be Closed Dec 21st to Jan 5th, Reopening Jan 6th.







SUBMITTED PHOTOS The Grey Cup came to West St. Paul School with Winnipeg Blue Bomber and former Seven Oaks School Division student, Brady Oliveira on Dec. 10. Oliveira also took the chance to speak to students encouraging them to be a good person, work hard and do well in school. Brady also visited Garden City Collegiate, H. C. Avery and Forest Park School.

Spreading holiday cheer



RECORD PHOTOS SUBMITTED The Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School put together 15 hampers and sent them to the Selkirk Food Bank with help the from great student volunteers.

Setting the record straight

Food bank continues with hampers

By Ligia Braidotti

Hundreds of families were taken aback when they heard a rumor that the Selkirk Food Bank would not be doing their annual Christmas hamper this year.

"We are getting inundated with calls," Sig Banmann, chairman of the Selkirk Food Bank board, said.

On Dec. 11, CTV News published an article about the Big Hearts Christmas Hamper Program and mistakenly said the organizer, Kevin Christiansen, was delivering the hampers to fill in the gap because the Selkirk Food Bank was no longer doing hamper drives.

Banmann said their clients were calling him desperately on the next day. Contrary to what was published, the Selkirk Food Bank is delivering approximately 350 hampers this year, as they have been doing for the last five years. "We service Christmas Hampers to all of our clients," Banmann said, adding they work hard to make it happen. "They have to register in with us and then we do some follow up with other organizations to make sure there's no duplication."

"We never said we wouldn't be doing them."

The Selkirk Food Bank prepares two types of hampers, however, being a charitable organization, they count heavily on donations. Banmann said they receive a great amount of support from the community and this year will be delivering a turkey dinner to families or more than two, and ham dinner to singles and couples. All hampers include all the traditional Christmas dinner fixings.

On Dec. 12, the Selkirk Food Bank contacted CTV News to set the record straight and the mistake was corrected.

RCMP officers go beyond law enforcement



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL Pictured above: Shannon Bacon (right) from Hazelridge hands Constable Josh Knelson (left) from the Selkirk RCMP Detachment her donation to the Fill A Police Cruiser Christmas Drive. Constable Knelson and his partner staked out the Selkirk Safeway and collected food for 5 hours Monday Night. Food collected will go to the Big Hearts Hamper Drive. The new ownership and their staff would like to wish you all a

Merry Christmas

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Here comes Santa Claus





RECORD PHOTOS BY BRETT MITCHELL Santa came to offer a warm embrace on Dec. 16 at Robert Smith School's annual breakfast with Santa. Students and staff had a jolly time indulging in a delicious meal and enjoying the Christmas spirit.

Larters at St. Andrews Golf & Country Club









RCMP officer who died in crash will never be forgotten, **RCMP** says

Submitted

It was a sad day for all Manitobans, especially members of the RCMP, on Dec. 14.

RCMP and members of the community mourned as they said goodbye to Const. Allan Poapst who died in a crash on Dec. 13, while on-duty.

Manitoba RCMP's Assistant Commissioner Jane MacLatchy issued a statement that said Poapst was travelling westbound on the Perimeter Highway, east of Highway 7, when a pickup truck, travelling eastbound on the Perimeter, crossed the median and collided with Poapst's RCMP vehicle. He was pronouced deceased on scene. The driver and passenger in the pickup truck were transported to hospital with injuries.

"He was well liked by members across the Force and a massive Blue Bombers fan. He recently realized a dream when he attended the Grey Cup game in Calgary, and watched his beloved Blue Bombers win – bringing the Cup back to Winnipeg.

"Allan was also known for his passion for the Winnipeg Jets and all things hockey. He volunteered with the True North's Foundation - Jets Training Academy for youth and was an avid player and a key organizer in many police and fire hockey tournaments.

"To Allan's family, friends and loved



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED RCMP Const. Allan Poapst was five days short of celebrating its 13th year serving the Manitoba RCMP when he died on a crash on Dec. 13.

West St. Paul Recreation Committee meeting cancelled

Staff

The December 18, 2019 West St. Paul Recreation Committee Meeting has been cancelled. The next Recreation Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Janu-

ary 15, 2020 at 6:30pm.

Recreation Committee meetings are held at the Sunova Centre and are open to the public. Residents are invited to attend. ones, you have our deepest condolences and please know that your police family will always be there for you," MacLatchy said.

Poapst was a father of three teenage girls and was about to celebrate his 13th year serving with the RCMP. He graduated from Depot in 2006, and spent all of his service in Manitoba.

The RM of East St. Paul issued their condolences to the family and colleagues of Poapst.

"Today, I met with the East St. Paul RCMP detachment commander, Sergeant Tom Wallach, to personally extend our condolences on behalf of our residents. Although Cst. Poapst did not work out of our local detachment, many here knew him personally. To the RCMP members who work to keep our community safe, thank you for your service," East St. Paul Mayor Shelley Hart said.

The RCMP and the Winnipeg Police Service are working together on the investigation as to why and how the collision occured.

"Allan is gone but he will never be forgotten by the many officers who worked by his side and by the people of Manitoba who he so proudly served," MacLatchy stated.



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Landmark Planning & Design hosts open house

Planners show what 3828 Main St. could look like if rezoned



The slides from the open house will be sent to the RM of West St. Paul and be put up on their website

By Katelyn Boulanger

Landmark Planning & Design, a planning firm from Winnipeg, hosted an open house at the Sunova Centre to demonstrate what 3828 Main St. in West St. Paul's Middlechurch area could look like should the property be rezoned from a rural residential area (RR) to a multiple family dwelling zone (R3), Dec. 16.

"What we'd like to demonstrate is how that zone could look if that zoning is applied and the different development concepts but it's still pretty early in the game," said planner Andrei Freisen.

The planners came to the open house with two design concepts to show residents, which would fall under a multiple family dwelling zone. Both of these concepts included two 44 unit multifamily buildings, which would include elevators and indoor parking.

The purpose of the open house was to show what is possible for this property should the land be rezoned and, as of yet, the planners have not submitted any applications for rezoning.

"The property is currently zoned for a rural residential use. Rural residential areas are typical in rural areas where there aren't services available and the services that I'm speaking to are sewer and water. West St. Paul has changed in the last little bit so that they now have waste, water, and sewer running to the city of Winnipeg for treatment and they've brought in municipal water all the way from the Cartier Water Co-op but the proposal is to rezone from an RR zone to an R3 zone that would allow for multi-family development on the site," Freisen said.

Some other examples of properties that would fall into the category of multiple family dwelling include townhouses or low-rise multifamily dwellings.

"Middlechurch has been identified as a growth area in West St. Paul and there has been recent applications in those areas and especially along Main St. those areas have been designated for future development and especially with the extension of waste, water, sewer to that area it essentially opens that area up to the plans that are already in place," said Friesen.

As part of the open house, a comment sheet with questions for residents was distributed to those in attendance. This sheet allowed attendees to compare the two proposed concepts and comment on the proposed project.

"It's part of our process we always go to the community. We start early with thoughts and ideas and get feedback and that also helps us to demonstrate to council that we've done our due diligence in terms of a future development proposal," Friesen said

Middlechurch resident Jim Bell attended the open house and said that he will be following the process as it progresses.





RECORD PHOTOS BY KATELYN BOULANGER Planner Andrei Friesen speaking to residents at the open house for the discussion of future plans for 3828 Main St. Concept art of what 3828 Main st. could look like if rezoned.



"I felt like he was a good guy to talk to. Some of the suggestions that I thought of he said that's reasonable and I've thought of those myself and that kind of thing and he agrees that it should be transitionary but then he identified things that I never thought of," said Bell.

Though the planners proposed two designs, they are not currently committed to any one plan for the property.

"Committing to it would be filing an application with Red River Planning, actually making a rezoning application. A rezoning is just a zone for land for an appropriate use it doesn't mean that a building is imminent or development is imminent. Zoning provides you with your approval so that something could take place in the future," said Friesen.

The slides from the open house will be sent to the RM of West St. Paul and be put up on their website though, at this time, they do not endorse any particular development proposal or plan. If you have questions or concerns about this potential project contact Andrei Friesen at afriesen@landmarkplanning.ca





Yield: 8 cups

8 cups popped popcorn 1/2 cup milk chocolate chips cup white chocolate chips 1/2candy sprinkles

Line baking sheet with wax paper. Spread popcorn in thin layer on prepared pan.

Place chocolate chips in microwavesafe bowl. Microwave on medium 30 seconds: stir. If necessary, microwave in additional 10-second increments, stirring after each heating, until chips



- Yield: 18 balls
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce,
- slightly mashed
- 1 tablespoon grated orange peel
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice
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are melted and smooth. Drizzle over popcorn.

Place white chocolate chips in separate microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on medium 30 seconds; stir. If necessary, microwave in additional 10-second increments, stirring after each heating, until chips are melted and smooth. Drizzle over popcorn.

Sprinkle desired amount of candy sprinkles over warm chocolate-coated popcorn.

Allow chocolate drizzles to set until firm. Break popcorn into pieces. Note: Chocolate chips can be replaced with cut up chocolate bars.

Cranberry **Popcorn Balls**

1 teaspoon vinegar

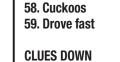
1/2 teaspoon salt 5 quarts unsalted, popped popcorn

butter In heavy saucepan, combine sugar,

cranberry sauce, grated orange peel, cranberry juice, corn syrup, vinegar and salt.

Bring to boil; lower heat and cook until temperature reaches 250 F on candy thermometer.

Slowly pour cranberry mixture onto hot popcorn; mix until well-coated. Let stand 5 minutes, or until mixture can easily be formed into balls. Butter hands and form into 3-inch balls.



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13. Japanese warrior 15. Pelvic areas

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26. Large wine cask

a coconut

31. French river

34. They make great neighbors

36. The sun does it

38. Used to store ashes

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54. Commercial flying

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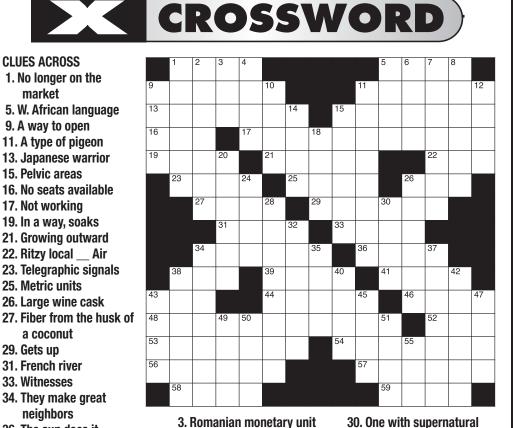
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- 12. One who speaks Gaelic
- 14. Private school in New York
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- 26. Male reproductive organs
- 28. State capital
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34. Jai alai arena

38. The ideal place

something

43. Distinctive smell

42. Made level

47. Got older

50. Travels to

32. Starts all over again

35. Star Wars antagonist

37. Freestanding structure

40. The extended location of

45. Greek goddess of discord

Please see classified section for Answers



Sportsærecreation INSIDE > OUTSIDE > UPSIDE DOWN Helm scores in Detroit's win over Winnipeg

Staff

The Detroit Red Wings have not had much to smile about this season.

But they were certainly smiling last Thursday.

The Red Wings snapped a 12-game winless streak with a 5-2 victory over the Winnipeg Jets last Thursday in Detroit.

St. Andrews' Darren Helm scored on a breakaway to give Detroit a 1-0 lead at 7:49 of the first period.

Jets' defenceman Nathan Beaulieu lost the puck and then collided into a linesman, preventing him from impeding Helm on a breakaway. Helm didn't miss, sniping his fifth goal of the season and giving the Wings a 1-0 lead.

Helm finished the game with 17 shifts for 12:53 of ice time, He was 2-for-2 in face-offs and was plus-1. Helm is now a team-best plus-4.

"Plus-minus isn't the end-all, be-all stat, I get that there's a lot of people

that are against it or whatever," said Red Wings' head coach Jeff Blashill on the team's website. "I understand why, I get it. But when you're a plus and there's some mega minuses and the whole team's minus, that says something. It means you're doing something right. It means when you go out on the ice, the impact you have has to have some positivity. I just think Helm's done a real good job...he competes very, very hard every night, his energy has been very, very high every night. What I think he's done a good job of is managing his game.

"He's managed the puck better, he's got pucks in behind. At the end of the day, he cares a ton. He's an extremely competitive person. This has been hard on all of us for sure but he's a guy that just keep showing up and working like crazy."

With the win over Winnipeg, the last-place Red Wings improved their record to 8-22-3.



RECORD PHOTO BY DETROIT RED WINGS

Detroit Red Wings' forward Darren Helm of St. Andrews scored on a breakaway to give his club a 1-0 lead against the Winnipeg Jets last Thursday. Detroit defeated Winnipeg 5-2, snapping a 12-game winless streak.

Selkirk clips Kelvin in girls' hockey

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Royals girls' hockey team have an extra reason to be cheerful this holiday season.

Selkirk heads into the holiday break on a winning note after doubling the Kelvin Clippers 4-2 in Winnipeg Women's High School Hockey League action Monday at the Rec Complex.

Selkirk snapped a 1-1 third-period tie with three goals.

After a scoreless first period, the Clippers' Samantha Tottle and the Royals' Camryn Horbaty traded goals in the middle frame.

Sierra Bondar and Horbaty scored early in the third to give Selkirk a 3-1 before Tottle and Trinity Grove tallied. Grove's goal came with 10 seconds

remaining in the game. Morgan Baker stopped 32 Kelvin

shots for the win.

Last Friday, Selkirk played to a 2-2 tie with the Vincent Massey Trojans at Century Arena.

Vincent Massey's Anna Brownridge scored a pair of first-period goals but Selkirk's Anna Sternat and Horbaty replied with third-period markers. Both Royals' players finished the game with two points.

Baker made a whopping 50 saves in the game.

On Dec. 10, Selkirk was shut out 1-0 by the Sanford Sabres.

Kate Kabernick scored the game's lone goal in the third period. Baker made 30 saves in the loss.

Selkirk will resume league play Jan. 6 when it hosts the St. Mary's Academy Flames. Game time is 4:15 p.m.

In Winnipeg High School Hockey League action, Selkirk defeated the Oak Park Raiders 2-1 last Thursday at the Rec Complex.

Mathew Donald scored the game winner in the third period. Selkirk's Mathew Brooks had tied the score at 1-1 with a second-period tally.

Oak Park's Ethan Berezowski opened the game's scoring in the first period. Jordan Takiwchuk earned the win in goal.

Selkirk, winners of three straight league games, will wrap up play for 2019 when they play the Shaftesbury Titans on Wednesday (4:30 p.m.) at Varsity View Arena.

Getting ready for the Games



RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED

The Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council's 19U Women's volleyball team has been practicing hard in preparation for the 2020 North American Indigenous Games in Halifax. The team is very thankful to the Lord Selkirk School Division for helping them host a couple practices and their support. Pictured back row, left to right, Tristan Dreilich (assistant coach), Tammy Mitchell, Brooke Kozielec, Ashleigh Williams, Ashanti Young, Shyla Folster, Dennita Cameron, and Chasity Wells (trainer). Front row Sahra McKenzie, Lynne Wallack, Janelle Daniels, Annikah Reimer, and Jayme Menzies (head coach). Missing from the photo are Devon Borody, Maddy Senecal, and Juliet Simpson-Hart.

Dolphins make waves at a pair of swim meets

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Dolphins were very busy last weekend.

Selkirk competed at the Prairie Winter Invitational in Winnipeg while also hosting a 12-and-under Carnival meet.

"It was busy and fun," said Dolphins' head coach Michelle Stamm. "I was actually at two different meets."

The Carnival meet is designed to encourage earlier racing in swimmers while providing them a fun environment. Besides racing, the kids were entertained by a great local magician.

"It was the first one held this year in the province and, even though the numbers were low, the kids and clubs that did come were very happy with the meet,"Stamm noted."It was a nice fun environment and the kids did great."

Nine Dolphins' swimmers also did very well at the Prairie Winter Invitational.

"Overall, the kids did great," Stamm

said. "Going into the meet, I wasn't sure because we hadn't many racing opportunities and for a lot of them, this was their first one of the year. But we were very successful and had finals every night and the kids all improved on their times. We probably had a 90 per cent improvement rate."

It was a pretty large meet, with clubs coming from as far as Vancouver and Oakville, Ont.

"It wasn't as big as normal but it is a qualifying (meet) so the kids had to have certain standards," Stamm said.

Stamm felt she could have had a couple of more swimmers participate at the meet. But this year has been kind of a weird one for swimming as the first two meets of the season were cancelled.

"We've had just one racing opportunity prior to (last) weekend and that was two weeks ago in Winnipeg," Stamm noted. "That really limited the amount of (swimmers) that could qualify for that meet."



Ashely Veitch was hard at work in the pool at the Selkirk Dolphins' 12 & under Carnival swim meet in Selkirk on Saturday.

The Dolphins will be taking a break for the holidays and will compete at a meet in Winnipeg in mid-January.

Selkirk is also looking at hosting another 12-and-under meet in February meet on March 21.

although that has yet to be approved by Swim Manitoba.

The provincials will take place in February and then Selkirk will host a meet on March 21.

RBC, MJHL announce Community Ambassador team

Staff

The MJHL and RBC recently announced the 2019-20 RBC-MJHL Community Ambassador Team.

This team - made up of one player from each MJHL team - recognizes players who are making a difference by giving back to their community.

Selkirk's representative is Steelers' goaltender Levi Mitchell. He accepted his award before the Steelers' home game against the Winnipeg Blues on Nov. 22.

Each player has displayed outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship both on and off the ice and a commitment to volunteerism. A donation will be made to each ambassador's local community from RBC. At the conclusion of the regular season, one RBC-MJHL Community Ambassador will be selected as the recipient of the RBC Community Award, which comes with a further donation in the player's name to their local community from RBC.

The MJHL wanted to thank all of the players who make a positive impact in the community. As a long-standing supporter of the MJHL, RBC believes this leadership deserves to be recognized.

"It is exciting to celebrate leaders in sport who are choosing to be leaders in their community," said RBC regional vice president Terry Burgess on the MJHL website."The RBC-MJHL Community Ambassador Award honours those players who go above and beyond in performing acts of good helping those in their community thrive."

The other MJHL representatives include Jackson Orr (Virden Oil Capitals), Logan Wotton (Waywayseecappo Wolverines), Cyrus Toth (OCN Blizzard), Brendan Arnold (Dauphin Kings), Reece Henry (Portage Terriers), Everett Bestland (Winkler Flyers), Declan Graham (Steinbach Pistons), Brayden Foreman (Winnipeg Blues), Benoit Mowbray (Neepawa Natives), and Leyson Coleman (Swan Valley Stampeders).



Levi Mitchell

Fishermen cruise to road win over Lundar

By Brian Bowman

The Selkirk Fishermen allowed the Lundar Falcons to take 40 shots on goal Saturday evening.

But Riley Bannerman was definitely up to the task, stopping 39 of those shots in a 6-1 Capital Region Junior Hockey League victory in Lundar.

Nico Morrow-Litke and Jordan Donald scored first-period goals for Selkirk and then the Fishermen went ahead 5-0 with tallies from Reece Tessier, Donald and Josh Poponick.

Donald had a great game, finishing with four points. He now has seven goals and 15 points in just 11 games to sit tied for third in team scoring.

Josh Wilkinson scored Lundar's lone goal late in the second period. Selkirk's Braeden Hummel then rounded out the scoring in the third.

Two of the Fishermen's goals came on the power play while another pair were scored while Selkirk was shorthanded.

Special teams were certainly the difference in the game. Lundar was 0-6 on the power play while Selkirk finished 2-for-6.

The Fishermen are currently in second place in the five-team league with 46 points, four back of the St. Malo Warriors. It's going to be quite the battle between Selkirk and St. Malo for top spot this season. Both teams

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have just one loss in regulation time. Selkirk will host the last-place North Winnipeg Satelites this Friday at 7:30 p.m. The Fishermen won't play again until Jan. 3 when they host the Arborg Ice Dawgs.



Forward

24 The Selkirk Record Thursday, December 19, 2019 Steelers' losing ways continue on the weekend

By Brian Bowman

Just when the Selkirk Steelers thought that their week couldn't get any worse...it got way, way worse on Sunday evening.

Selkirk lost its fourth game of the week after getting throttled 9-1 on home ice by the Steinbach Pistons.

It was Selkirk's sixth straight loss and 12th in its past 13 Manitoba Junior Hockey League games.

"Our first period, we actually thought we should have been ahead 2-0 instead of being behind 2-0," said Steelers' head coach Nick Lubimiv. "Then, once they got to three or four, we folded the tents and the rest is history, basically.

"The frustration is that we're putting one or two periods together but not three. In the last little bit here, we should have had a couple of more wins. Even with the Friday and Saturday losses, we felt we should have come away with something."

Hudson Chamberlin scored Selkirk's lone goal early in the third period.

Zach Purcell (two), Rylan Bettens, Troy Beauchemin, Kyle Bettens, Max Neill, Tanner Mole, Declan Graham, and Bryce Young replied for Steinbach.

Last Saturday, Selkirk lost 6-5 to the Swan Valley Stampeders at the Rec Complex. The Steelers played well for most of the game. "When we're bad, we're giving up one or two too many goals," Lubimiv said.

The Stampeders' Nathan Carl potted the game winner at 19:06 of the third period.

That goal came just 10 seconds after Blake Burr tied the score at 5-5 with his third goal of the game with Steelers' goaltender Austin Deboer pulled for an extra attacker.

Giving up a goal that quick simply cannot happen.

"When it rains, it pours for us right now," Lubimiv admitted. "They came back and got a weird one. It was a very tough way to lose, there's no denying that."

Trevor Schroder and John Jebamani (shorthanded) scored first-period goals for the Stampeders.

Selkirk's Sheldin Howard cut the lead in half with a goal at 1:34 of the middle frame.

But Swan Valley's Jackson Betcher replied with a goal just 14 seconds later.

Burr, with a pair, and Carter Barley also scored for Selkirk in the second while Schroder and Callum Fortin replied for Swan Valley.

On Friday, Selkirk was edged 3-2 by Swan Valley.

Caiden Gault and Burr scored firstperiod goals just 51 seconds apart for the Steelers but the Stampers replied with second-period markers from



RECORD PHOTO BY BRETT MITCHELL

The Steelers' Caiden Gault scored a first-period goal in Selkirk's 3-2 home loss to the Swan Valley Stampeders last Friday.

Parker Johnson, Schroder and Tommy Cardinal.

On Dec. 11, Selkirk were doubled 4-2 by the Pistons in Steinbach.

Young, on the power play, and Mole scored first-period goals for Steinbach.

Ty Naaykens made it 3-0 early in the third before Selkirk made the game interesting with goals from Howard and Barley.

Ryan Piwniuk assisted on both of

those goals.

But the Pistons iced the win with an empty-net goal from Mole with 19 seconds remaining in regulation time as Steelers' goalie Levi Mitchell was pulled for an extra attacker.

The Steelers wrapped up play before the holiday break with a road game this past Tuesday against the Dauphin Kings. No score was available at press time.

Raiders defeat Canucks, lose to Twisters

Staff

The Raiders Jr. Hockey Club gave the first-place Pembina Valley Twisters a real good battle on Sunday.

The Raiders played well in a 3-2 road loss in Manitoba Major Junior Hockey League action in Morris.

Pembina Valley trailed 2-1 in the third before the Twisters' Jeremie

Goderis, on the power play, and Elijah Carels scored just 2:09 apart midway in the period.

The Raiders' Jayce Kennedy and Carter Ives had tallied 37 seconds apart early in the third period.

Brendan Keck gave Pembina Valley a 1-0 lead just 2:41 into the game.

Dylan Francis made 30 saves in the

losing cause.

Last Friday, the Raiders blitzed the St. James Canucks 7-3.

Juliano Garcea, Ives, Kennedy, Nick Sharpe, Keiran Schioler, Riley Hall, and Chase Barkley scored for the Raiders.

Kennedy finished the game with five points.

Kieran Ursel, Chris Sass, and Ethan Unrah replied for St. James.

Francis stopped 30 Canucks' shots for the win.

The Raiders, now 10-10-3, will visit the St. Vital Victorias on Thursday and then will host the Transcona Railer Express Friday. Puck drop for both games is 7:30 p.m.



Thunder announce 2019 individual award winners



Karson Karish was the winner of the Charlie Cooke Leadership Award.



Josh Charison was selected as the Thunder's Most Valuable Player.

Staff

The Interlake Thunder recently held their annual awards banquet.

Here are the winners for the Midget team: Most Valuable Player - Josh Charison, Most Outstanding Offensive Player - Brady deLaroque, Most Outstanding Defensive Player - Tyson



Moosehorn's Chase Riddle accepts his Interlake Thunder Impact Player of the Year Award.



The team's Offensive Player of the Year was Brady deLaroque.

Wyryha, Most Outstanding Lineman -Jesse Preteau, Most Outstanding Special Teams Player - Bryant Case, Most Outstanding Rookie - Alex Luke, Thunder Impact Player of the Year - Chase Riddle, and Charlie Cooke Leadership Award - Karson Karish.

The Atom team award winners in-



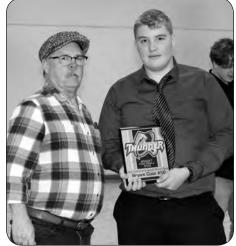
Stonewall's Alex Luke was named the team's Most Outstanding Rookie.



The Interlake Thunder's Midget Defensive Player of the Year was Tyson Wyryha.

cluded Most Outstanding Offensive Player - Trey Naherney, Most Outstanding Defensive Player - Josiah Governeau, Most Outstanding Lineman - Bernie Garson, and Thunder Impact Player of the Year - Jakob Samborski.

The Thunder junior girls' award



Bryant Case was selected as the Interlake Thunder's Most Outstanding Special Teams player.



Jesse Preteau was named the Thunder's Most Outstanding Lineman.

winners were Most Outstanding Offensive Player - Brielle Flett, Most Outstanding Defensive Player - Kira Hooper, Most Outstanding Lineman -Sophie Zielinski, and Thunder Impact Player - Aurora Remillard.

Selkirk Royals' basketball teams busy with tournament play

Staff

The Selkirk Royals varsity girls' basketball team finished with a 2-2 record at the Pembina Trails Bison Classic tournament.

The Royals started the tournament with a 77-28 loss to the talented Oak Park Raiders last Thursday. Sarah Boitson led the Royals with eight points.

Selkirk then dropped a 65-60 decision to the Shaftesbury Titans on Friday. Boitson had a very good game with 19 points while Annika Goodbrandson had nine.

Later Friday, the Royals beat the Garden City Fighting Gophers 49-46. Boitson led Selkirk with 14 points

while Goodbrandson added seven. On Saturday, Selkirk wrapped up tournament play with a convincing 60-43 win over the Boissevain Broncos.

Katelynn Visser paced the Royals' offensive attack with 17 points. Goodbrandson scored 13 points and Emma Benson had 12.

Selkirk's players of the game during the tournament were Sarah Boitson, Katelynn Visser, Nyla Hacault and Emma Benson.

"(Our) leading rebounder all weekend (was) Sarah Boitson," said Royals' head coach Sue Gilmour in an email. "She was dominant in the paint every game for us, both offensively and defensively."

Selkirk's varsity boys' basketball team, meanwhile, finished with a 2-3 record at a Brandon tournament last weekend.

The Royals lost to Roblin 74-72 in a game where Selkirk had balanced scoring. Tyrel Cook and Noah Ojala each scored 15 points while Alex Hourie had 11 and Owen Partyka 10

Selkirk suffered another close loss in a 58-57 defeat to Treherne. Ashton Henry led the Royals with 14 points and Tyrel Cook added 12.

Cook and Carlin Doak each scored 13 points in a 71-48 loss to Brandon's Vincent Massey Vikings.

In a dominating 73-52 win over Killarney, Doak poured in 17 points. Henry and Michael Winkler each had 10.

Selkirk also defeated Calvin Christian 68-55. Alex Hourie had 18 points while Henry (11) and Cook (10) were also in double digits.

In junior varsity girls' basketball action, the Royals were 0-3 at the Pembina Trails tournament.

Selkirk started action last Thursday with a 45-17 loss to the Sturgeon Heights Huskies.

The Royals were then defeated 41-7 by the College Jeanne Sauve Olympiens. Selkirk later lost 35-32 to the Teulon Collegiate Saints in the 15th-place game on Saturday.

In KPAC play, Selkirk lost 45-26 to the West Kildonan Wolverines on Dec. 10.

The Royals played the Maples Collegiate Marauders this past Tuesday but no score was available by press time.

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OBITUARY

Barry John Tepleski

Barry John Tepleski, a loving father and husband residing in Cowichan Bay, BC, passed away in his sleep on November 24, 2019 at the age of 61.

Barry is survived by his children, Nadia and Devin; his siblings, Doreen (Paul), Thomas (Anna), Lawrence (Lillian), Betty (Dan), Gord (Deb), and Jeani (Nick); and father-in-law (Bill Stutsky). He was predeceased by his wife, Velvet.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, December 29th in his hometown of Selkirk, MB (Selkirk Golf & Country Club at 1 p.m.) with a future celebration planned on Vancouver Island in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Rotary Club of Duncan, where Barry was a proud member. https://www. cowichanrotaryfoundation.com/donate/



OBITUARY

Russell Arthur Luining

On November 30, 2019, Russell passed from this life into the loving arms of his Lord and Saviour.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Azinta; and their children Tanis, JoAnn (Greg) and Fred; and grandchildren Ava, Elise, and Mirabel. He is also survived by his sister Alice; sisterin-law Doreen; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

A service in celebration of a life well-lived will be held on January 3, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. Bethel Chapel 200 Main Street, Selkirk, Manitoba.



OBITUARY **Pierre Rivard**

Peacefully, with his family by his side, at Red River Place in Selkirk, MB, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, Pierre Rivard, aged 80 years, beloved husband of Mary, passed away.

Youngest of 10 children, Pierre lost his mom at the age of 7. It wasn't the material things in life that were important to him, it was his family. He is survived by his loving wife Mary of 58 years; son Darren; daughter Therese (his Teteun) (Denis); grandchildren Justin (Samantha), Nicholas, Ryan, Nicole, Michelle and Chad; and great-grandchildren Liam and Landon. He also leaves to cherish his memory his family from back home in Quebec as well as his family in Manitoba and Alberta.

Pierre was a proud Canadian and he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for 24 years. After his retirement from the Air Force he began his second career at the Manitoba Centennial

Concert Hall as a power engineer, finally fully retiring in 1999. Pierre was also very active in sports, he played hockey for many years and he coached his son Darren in hockey and soccer as well. He was an avid swimmer, enjoyed boating and fishing, family trips, doing puzzles and playing cards especially crib and his greatest love was camping. He was gentle, had a happy demeanour, was very friendly and known for his contagious smile.

The family wishes to thank Drs. Rick and Brian Lindenschmidt, and all the wonderful staff at Red River Place. Thank you so much for being so kind to Pierre, you became like family and we will cherish vour friendship forever. We also want to make a special thank you to Auntie Bea and Uncle Ron for their love and support. Also to Gilbart Funeral Home for the assistance during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family interment will take place in the St. Clement's Columbarium.

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Gilbart Funeral Home. Selkirk in care of arrangements.





Irene McCombs

With family by her side, Irene McCombs passed away on December 9, 2019.

Irene was predeceased by her parents Steve and Gertrude Harris; her husband of 45 years Douglas McCombs in 1998; her daughter Shelley and grandson Douglas.

Left to cherish her memory are sons Randy (Rhonda), Kevin (Lesley); daughters Mary-Lou (Dennis), Judy (Larry) and Lauri (Roger); 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and four foster grandchildren. She also leaves her cousins Mildred and Gerome, and her brothers and sisters-in-law and their families.

We would like to thank Home Care and the Selkirk Regional Health Centre staff for the excellent care and support they gave to mom.

A special thank you to Uncle Jim and Auntie Jan for their love and support over the years and through this difficult time.

Funeral Service was held on Friday, December 13, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilbart Funeral Chapel in Selkirk, Manitoba.

OBITUARY

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 1379 Kenaston Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3P 2T5

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OBITUARY

Mary Joy Phillips

Peacefully, on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Betel Home in Selkirk, Mary Phillips, aged 83 vears of Selkirk. Manitoba, beloved wife of the late Art passed away.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and a private graveside service will be held. Condolences may be left on her tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

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OBITUARY

Mary Lovey Mannara Nee (Smolinski) November 1, 1930 - December 12, 2019

Passed away at Gimli Betel Home. She is survived by her children, Ray, Sherry, and Debra, as well as her two grandchildren. -Rest gentle soul.



Henry McDonald

at the Selkirk Regional Health Center, with his wife Sharon and friend Lvnn Clemons at his side.

(Ron) and Trevor (Kim); step-grandchildren Shantell, James, his favorite Kenny, Tyler (Brittany), Jamie (Lillie); step-greatgrandchildren Zoey and Aria; stepson-in-law Darren Grove; brothers Jim (Darlene) and Donald; sisters Myrtle, Thelma, Darlene (Ken) plus many nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-inlaw. He was predeceased by his parents, brothers, sisters and his special step-daughter Lori Grove.

life. He was a very humble pleasant and quiet man. Henry was

until he retired in 2013. After his retirement he enjoyed travelling to Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Mexico and to the USA to various casinos. He enjoyed sports, curling, golfing, playing pool and crib, doing Sudoku and crossword puzzles. He was member of the Royal Canadian Legion Br 42. He also loved his cats, especially Shadow.

Special thanks to Selkirk Regional Health Centre doctors and nurses for all the care and support they showed him, and to my friend Lyn Clemons for being there with me through this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the humane society.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family and close friend interment will take place in the St. Clements Columbarium.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARY

William (Bill) Anderson

Peacefully, on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Tudor House Personal Care Home, Bill Anderson, aged 88 years of Selkirk, MB passed away.

Celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Gilbart Reception Center, 309 Eveline St., Selkirk, MB.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society.

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OBITUARY

Peacefully, Henry passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2019

He is survived by the love of his life, Sharon; step-children Kim

Henry was born and raised in Selkirk and he lived there all his

happy with whatever was given to him. He worked as a truck driver



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St. Andrews School's grade three and four classes put on a Snow Biz Christmas Concert on Dec. 12. The show included catchy numbers like Catch My Drift, What're We Doin' Here and the Postal Worker March. Above: A student performing the Postal Worker March. Right: Students dancing and singing at the Snow Biz concert.







place it on him and fastened it with his little red button and took his wagon up the trail to the top of the mountain on the north of the town. But no one really knew what he was doing so close to Christmas. But this Christmas a little and if she could not last any longer, she would go home. So, she got her brown felt bag and filled it with extra clothing, food, water, and a box a matches for the long walk. As any 2 weeks before Christmas he got dressed and got in his wagon, so she got dressed and followed the wheel tracks. Then the wagon stopped, next to him was a little red cottage he tied up his horse like creature I did not really know what it was because the wagon covered it the whole time, then he stepped foot in the cottage and shut the door. I see from a distance the lights flick on I run toward the cottage and I hope he can not hear the snow crunching while I walk. As I peek through the window, I see him making what looks like hot chocolate, I think how much I want the hot chocolate the smell floats through the door seams and glides throughout the air. I am so intrigued that my head leans forward and bangs the glass window. I yell inside I run to the back of the house not knowing what I was doing. Thankfully he goes threw the front door and threatens to shoot me, I am so terrified. In the back I spot a little shed I walk over as quit as I could and see if it was unlocked thank goodness it was. The shed was more like a little house it had a bed a stove and a pantry stocked with food. 2 days passed and he packs up and heads for the trail again, so I

In a little town called Banksenburg a follow along. The half day of walking made me so tired, so little man lived on the second story of I leaped on the back of the wagon, and waited till we were his shoe shop. The man was not the nic- there. The last bit of the trip I fell asleep and woke up a little est with people, and his shoe shop was later after we arrived. I step of and walk to my left and in very inactive. He got about 10 people front of me is a big mail box, the little man that drove the that came to the shop a year but less wagon had a big bag and filled it with all the letters. A letthan half bought something. He was ter fell out and floated through the air and landed right in rarely seen around the town, he fre- front of me it was the letter that I made for Santa I grabbed quently came out of his shop other than it and stuffed it in my pocket and stuffed it in my pocket, I to buy groceries and shoe supplies. He turn left and there was a big bright colorful building stands spent his days in his shop making shoes in front of me. The little man walks inside with all the letall day long. But the special time of year ters, so I follow him in. He walks in a room and I see in the was coming and around the corner and crack of the door a big man with a white scruffy beard the boy you can just tell he hated that time little man then walks in another room and closes the door. of year. He would shut down his shop I walk in the room with all the letters in it, and could it and get his brown wool poncho and be was it really Santa sitting in front of me I stuttered as I asked where I should put the letter and he says right here. He then calls for a man named Christopher the little man that drove me here walked in but only thing he was dressed as an elf and had very pointed ears and curly tows. I was shocked I asked him if he had a shoe shop in banksenburg he looked embarrassed and I asked the guy next to me if he girl was concerned about the tiny man was Santa and he said yes. Santa told Christopher to take so she thought she would follow him me home, so he did. The ride was long, but I got home that day. I try going back a month later, but it was gone. But the little man still owned the shop and refused to talk to me. Till this day I kind of lose my memory of what happened. But I will not forget it happened.

> By Sadie Grade 6 Mapleton school





RECORD PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER Students at William S. Patterson School were treated to a pancake breakfast and a chance to see Santa Claus at the school's pancake breakfast Dec. 13.





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Holiday Yards of the Season Winners



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The Best Overall Theme was awarded to 220 Tait Street (left) for their Let It Snow theme. The Best Outdoor Light Display was awarded to 517 Manchester Avenue (right), both In Selkirk, for their incredible light and music display. Each winner won \$150 in Selkirk Biz Bucks donated by Red River North Tourism and a \$50 gift card donated by Selkirk Home Hardware.







2nd Place: Once upon a time in a mystical world of the North Pole!

The bravest explorer of them all... adventurer Elf Jolly! He was going to attempt going to the legendary Food Land! He set off on his adventure to Food Land in his gingerbread ship as he went through the frosting clouds, he saw something he never seen before. It was the Yeti Marauders the greatest hockey team! He couldn't help himself to go down, but he had to keep on his journey, after one hour he found the legendary Food Land!

He landed his ship on a candy cane mountain, soon as he stepped out of his ship he slipped on some frosting and went sliding down the mountain he crashed into a eggnog pond with Swedish fish swimming around in it, he drank some eggnog and continued on his journey. As he walked around, he found some Marshmallow Mountains! He walked up the sticky Mountains he was so hungry, so he grabbed a handful of marshmallows and devoured it.

When he reached the top, he found the Rowdy Snowmen they made hundred snowballs a second and they fired at him, he giggled as he dug some marshmallow out and hid himself underground. He was behind the Snowmen and then he dug out and covered their hands in sticky Marshmallow, but one snowman didn't have any marshmallow and he threw so many snowballs at him he went tumbling down the hill.

When he crashed into Christmas trees, he couldn't believe his eyes he found a city he read a sign saying, "Welcome to Peppermint Ville." But then he saw the frosting river he was so hungry and thirsty so he ran over to the river and he almost drank about a gallon of frosting, he was full and couldn't stop burping he walked towards the town and soon as he entered tons of people greeted him he felt welcomed.

But one specific person the mayor offered him a dinner at his house at 5pm it was only 3pm so he had to keep himself busy, he walked around looking at the details of the town he looked at his watch it was only 3:35pm he glanced over and it was a school kids were running out cheering that schools over. Some kids walked over to him and said, "Hello Mister""How are you?" but the meanest was "Hey ugly what are you doing here?" Jolly was surprised he thought everyone was supposed to be nice the kids ran away when the bully came. Then the kid's parents walked over, and the kid changed ENTIRELY he was shocked then Jolly said, "Excuse me, your son was being rude to me and some fellow kids."Then the parents asked him "Is this true? He replied, "No Mommy No Daddy"The parents turned to Jolly "How DARE YOU say that about our SON!"Then all the kids came out and said, "He bullies me""He hurts me." His parents looked disappointed the kid looked, sad Jolly didn't want to make him sad he only wanted him to learn his lesson.

It was 4:50pm he ran over to Mayors house the Mayor greeted him kindly and let him in, Jolly was starving he couldn't wait to eat. Then they sat down to eat, "So Jolly how did you get here""Well I landed my Gingerbread ship somewhere in the forest, I came here to Food Land cause I'm on a mission to find this place and explore it." the mayor looked confused "Food land?" "Yes" Jolly replied, "What's Food Land?" The Mayor said with confusion "Yes this is Food land this is just a city called Peppermint Ville" Jolly was so confused himself.

After that awkward conversation they ate the Mayors delicious dinner. The Mayor said, "I will look into this Food Land.""There's nothing to look into just go outside the entrance of the city." After they ate Jolly led the Mayor to the entrance they stepped out and the Mayor was shocked."I Never knew this was here!" The Mayor said in shock. "It was always here" Jolly said, "Well I have to go." The Mayor waved to Jolly as he left. Jolly was sad but he had to go. He went back home very sad he didn't want to leave. When he got back home, he told his boss and his family what happen, and it was only 2 days before Christmas



RECORD PHOTO BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI Ruth Hooker School students sing and dance at their Karaoke Christmas Concert.

and Jolly had a surprise.

When Christmas came, he sent an extremely special letter to the Mayor, Jolly couldn't wait to tell his kids. Jolly told said to his kids "WERE MOV-ING TO PEPPERMINT VILLE!" They squealed and cheered in excitement and in two days they were in Peppermint Ville and the Mayor invited Jolly to a surprise his wife gave him. It was a DNA test The Mayor inserted some of his spit and Jolly inserted some hair and in 5 days They got the results saying that The Mayor was his long-lost brother!

By Graysen Grade 6 Mapleton School





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Students at William S. Patterson School were treated to a pancake breakfast and a chance to see Santa Claus at the school's pancake breakfast Dec. 13. All students had a chance to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas, pull Christmas crackers, colour, and play Christmas Bingo.

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Ruth Hooker School hosted its Karaoke Christmas on Dec. 12, where, with the help of a DJ, students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 performed classic Christmas songs with a modern twist.







3rd Place: Christmas Child

One day in St. Grover. A girl named rose wasn't that wealthy. But she still went to school. When she was in school everyone would make fun of her and beat here her up. But when she got home she would cry because of the kids at school. Her mom would always say "Rose stop crying, there just being mean to you."

But her mom is now dead and she lives with here grandma.

To mom,

I am writing this to you because it has been 5 years. I am in Grade 7 now. I miss you so much, so does grandma. I love you and I hope you still love me. Dad doesn't come to talk to me anymore. Will you? So when you were in Grade 7, what did you do? Please give me a sign.

Love Rose.

"Rose, can you come down here?" Grandma said.

"Coming!" I went down.

"Rose, I have been thinking and you know how I'm very sick and I think it is time I go to the hospital for a couple weeks."

My heart broke. Weeks can turn into months.

"But..."

"Rose, dear. I can't stay here. It might be time to go."

"Grandma, I lost my mom and my dad... I can't lose you too."

"Rose, while I'm at the hospital you will be staying with another family."

"Grandma, I can't..." I ran to my room. I've been crying for a good twenty minutes now.

"Rose, can I come in?"

"Yes."

"Rose, if I pass away before Christmas I want you to look in a box with a humming bird on it. Open it on Christmas day."

"Grandma, don't say that."

"Rose, you are leaving today at 6 p.m. Pack your bags. Don't worry sweet pea, I will be always with you.

"No, grandma. I will always be with you," my eyes got a bit watery but I held it in.

"Grandma, can I ask you something?"

"Anything," Grandma said

"Well, it is a week until Christmas and if you die I'll have no one."

"Rose, I didn't tell you this but... my cancer came back," she started crying. I did too. It is now 6 p.m. and we are driving to the house. When we get there, I see a woman and three kids on the step. The kids look at the car and wave.

"Grandma, can I visit you?"

"Yes, you can. Please do."

We get down the drive way and the woman comes to the car door. I get sad and almost cry. My grandma gives me a look that says they look nice. Try to feel welcome.

"Hi, I am Karen and you are..."

and when they come close they don't look that bad.

Ok, that is Lizzy.

name. We go to the same..."

"School, I know you. Don't try to hide. You're Conner, right?" I just did that.

"Ya," his face blushed and mine did too.

"Rose, I love you bye," my grandma sounded sad and lonely. I gave her a hug and a kiss goodbye and she left. It is now 8 p.m. and I am laying in bed and thinking about grandma.

Dav 2

It has been two days since grandma left and that means five more days till Christmas and I still haven't herd from mom.

"Time to write to dad," I say.

To dad,

Hi. It is me, Rose, and I miss you. Grandma's cancer is back and she is in the hospital now. I am 'living' with another family. I miss you and mom, grandma said that she might pass. If she does, I will have no one. I remember when I was ten and you were still here. You had cancer and you just fought it so good until the day when me and grandma got the call that you died. You are in a better place now. I miss you and I love you.

Love Rose.

Day 5

Two more days till Christmas. The school day just ended and I'm outta here. I get on the bus. I sit down and watch the people pass me to get to there sets. A girl comes to sit with me.

"Hi, I'm Juliet and I'm in Grade 6," she says, with a great big smile on here face.

"Um... hi. Why are you siting here?" I say because I sit alone.

"Oh, is this your spot? Sorry it is my first day here and I don't know where



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Ecole Selkirk Junior High's grades seven to nine classes came together Dec. 11 for their Winter Band Concert.

to sit. I can move," I don't want to be rude but she seems nice.

"No, you can sit here. I mean no one else sits here with me. Oh, by the way, my name is Rose."

"Well, Rose it is two more days till Christmas and I hope I get a puppy!!"

"Hey, I want a puppy too." I say because I do. I get of the bus and run down the driveway, get in the house and go to my room. I get on my phone and open a photo of me, mom and dad. I cry like I do every night. Day 6

It is Christmas eve tonight and we are going to a Christmas party and I am not happy. It's 8 p.m., we are here and there is not a lot of people here. So I find a room and go on my phone. I go on TikTok and I make one. After that, I go down stairs and see Karen crying. I look at her and she looks at me, and I know what happened. I start crying and I run down the stairs into Karen's arms. Then I just realize that I have no one. My family is all dead. Christmas day

It is Christmas day, and in my bag is the box. I open it and see a photo of a baby. I see my mom holding it and my dad's hand on my mom's shoulder. I look on the back and it says "Dear Rose, hi, it is mom and dad. And the baby is you. I love our family and I hope you do too. We love you and happy sixteenth birthday. We hope you like your gift. Love, Mom and Dad.

By Juliet Grade 6 Mapleton School



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" Rose." The kids come to the car

"Hi, I am Lizzy, short for Elizabeth."

"um... I'm Sawyer."

"Mom, I don't want to tell her my



William Patterson School Letters from Mrs. Brook's Grades 3 and 4

Dear Santa

I am Emma and I am in grade 4. Please can you give my mom something nice. Can I please have some toys to play with? How many reindeer do you have to pull your sleigh? Thank you

Love your friend, Emma

Dear Santa,

My name is Chloe. Please give my brother a nerf gun. Also, I'd like another elf on the shelf. Could it please be a girl? Is it true that you have a reindeer named Rudolf?

Love your friend that believes in you, Chloe

Dear Santa,

My name is Bambi. I live in Petersfield and I go to WSP school. I would like you to give my friend Juliana Pokemon cards because she is on the nice list. I would like no weekends from school. How old are you? Are you real?

Love your friend, Bambi.

Dear Santa,

My name is Jake and I'm 9. When you come to our house there will be cookies for you to take home. Could you please give my mom a happy

Christmas? I would like a Lego set please. Your friend, Jake

Hello Santa,

My name is Alexa. I am 8 years old. This Christmas, can you give my friend Ella a picture frame with unicorns and a waterfall? I would like some squeezamals please. How old is Rudolf?

Thanks Santa. Love, Alexa

Dear Santa,

My name is Noah and I am in grade 4. I also go to WSP school and I am 9. Can you please give my dad a new coffee mug? I would like some Lego sets please. I want to know if you like dogs and if you have one? Love your dear friend, Noah

Dear Santa,

How do you travel so far? It is interesting. How big is your sleigh? How can your reindeer fly? Also, how many reindeer do you have? Could you please bring my mom a cow stuffy? For my dad, could you bring him a jets mug?



RECORD PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER William S. Patterson School student talks to Santa Claus.

Yours truly, Shane

Dear Santa Hi I'm Brjnn. I would like you to give Lila lots of squishies. I would also like some slime, stuffies and peace. Do

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you go shopping at the store or do you actually make the toys? P.S What your favourite cookies? Thank you Your jolly friend, Brjnn Continued on page 10



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Dear Santa,

Santa, how are you? I would like a Nintendo Switch please and I would like the movie, It Chapter Two and the movie Good Boys please. Could you give my friends, Shane a Wii U and Lucas a stuffed animal?

Love your dear friend, Zach

Dear Santa,

I'm Philip and I'm in grade 3. I want a Minecraft Xbox 360 disc or more toys. I love your toys. Please give my mon and dad a mini Eiffel tower made of iron.

Love your fun time friend, Philip

Dear Santa,

My name is Olivia. I would like you to give my mom a new purse for Christmas because hers is all dented. She is dying for it. I would like a new phone case because mine is all dented too, and I don't like mine anymore. Thank you.

Love your friend, Olivia

Dear Santa.

I am Michael. I go to W.S.P school and have a sister named Madigan. I would like you to give my cousin Castleton a pet rabbit that hops really fast and a dog with spots. I would like a Zoo York scooter and the whole nerf rival collection. I have question, why do you eat so many cookies? From,

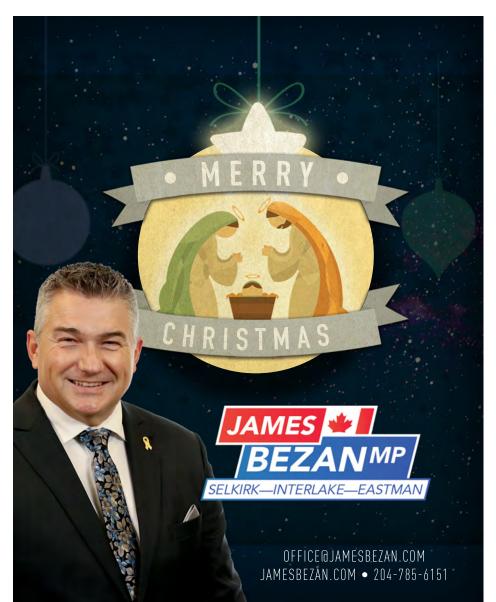
Michael

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Madison and I am in grade 4. I go to William S. Patterson School. It is the best! Can you give my teacher Ms. Brooks a quiet classroom for Christmas? I would like new dance shorts for Christmas please. How many elves do you have? I hope you have a good Christmas.

Your friend, Madison

Dear Santa



My name is Lucas. I live in Clandeboye with my mom, dad, baby sister and my big sister. I have a very nice family. I help my mom do dishes and help make supper sometimes. This year for Christmas

I want to get my baby sister some barbies. I would like a big remote control car. How are your Reindeer toing? I hope you have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your best friend,

Lucas

Dear Santa,

I am Logan and go to WSP school and I am in grade 3/4. I would like a light blue Lamborghini Aventador. Can you get Michael a Bugatti Chiron. I think he would be happy. Also, I would like some money. I have a question, are you rich? Do you have Lamborghini or a Bugatti. Your friend, Logan

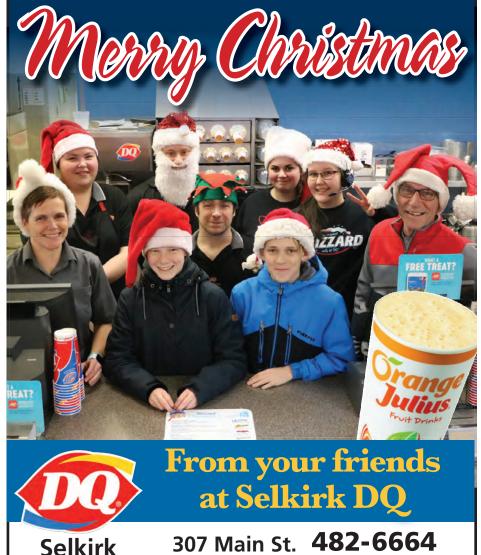
Dear Santa

My name is Lila and I live in Clandeboye and Selkirk. I would to give my friend Julia lots of chocolate. I would



RECORD PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER William S. Patterson School students have fun at the breakfast with Santa

like chocolate too with caramel inside! How is Mrs. Claus? Is she nice to you? Do all the elves behave? Your good friend, Lila







RECORD PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER Ecole Selkirk Junior High's grades seven to nine classes came together Dec. 11 for their Winter Band Concert. Lead by Mr. Werbicki and Mr. Kristofferson the 230 performers played 14 songs to a packed gymnasium.

Dear Santa,

How are you? This year I would like my family to have the BEST Christmas ever. Also, this year I would like a My Life doll please. How do you get down the chimney with your big tummy? I hope you have the BEST Christmas ever.

Love your sweet little child,

Juliana

Dear Santa

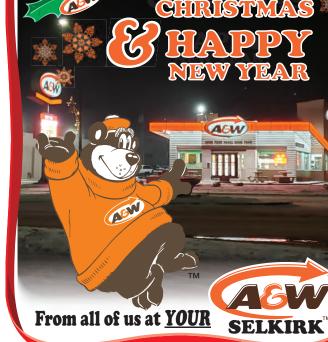
Hi! My name is Julia. I am nine years old and I go to William S. Patterson School. For Christmas I would like you to give my best friend Madison new dance shorts. I would like some gummies. Santa I am wondering how many elves you have. Thank you. Love your friend, Julia

Dear Santa,

I am Ella. Could you please give Alexa a wolf stuffed animal she loves wolves and I am sure she will love it. I would also like Alexa to have a bunch of fun. How old are you and is Ruldolf real? I would really love to know that. Love your friend, Ella.

Dear Santa,

My name is Danis and I am nine years old. All I want for Christmas is my mom to get a driver's license and a car. For me I would like an Xbox





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Mrs. Claus? Thank you for all this stuff. Your dear friend, Danis

and games. I got a question for you how old are you and

Dear Santa,

Hello Santa. How are you doing? Could you please give my friends, Michael and Logan some Pokemon cards? Could you bring my mom a new purse? I would like a transformer. Thank you.

Your friend,

Bentley

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Austyn. This Christmas I would like you to maybe give my friend Savanna a Barbie Doll and a baby doll. For Christmas, I would like a polaroid camera and lots of filters.

I have a question for you. How do you stay alive when all you eat is cookies?

Your friend,

Austyn



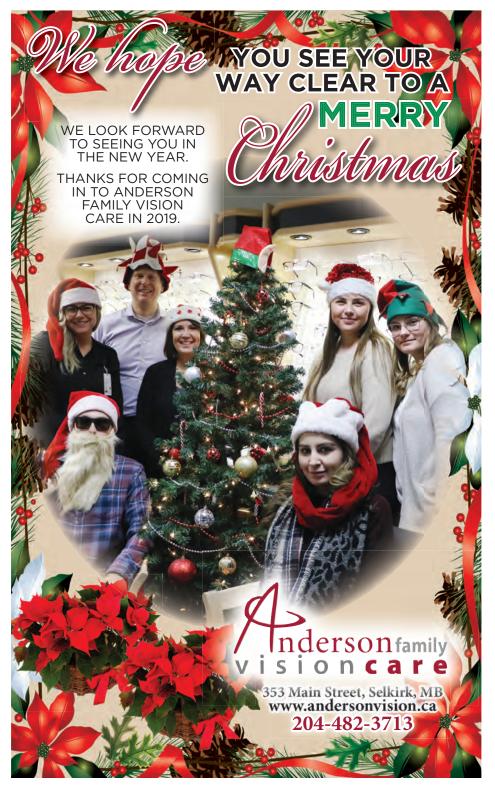
Dearwood School Letters from Grades 3 and 4

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Traycen. I am in grade 3 / 4. I know the reindeer are Dancer, Prancer, Donner, Blitzen, Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Vixen and Rudolph. When I'm at school, it's for 6 hours. One day after school I found 3 Elves on the Shelf. For Christmas, I would like a Nintendo Light. I would like Pokemon cards because Griffin wants to play a Pokemon battle. Would you bring my a llama robe. I want to read the newest Dogman book. Could you bring me that? I had fun talking to you. I'm going to leave some cookies and regular milk. Your friend, Traycen

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Mercedes. I am in grade 3 / 4 at Daerwood School. How is Mrs. Claus doing this year? All boys and girls needs presents this year. What is your favourite song? My favourite song is by Jojo Siwa. Could you please bring me new glasses? I would like a new Jojo Siwa shirt. Could you get me one please? I would also like to read a Jojo Siwa book. I





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Students at the Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School showed their talents to guests at their Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 5.

would also like a baby girl doll.

I had an Elf on the Shelf, but it didn't come back. Love,

Mercedes

Dear Santa,

Hi! It's Griffin and I'm in grade 3 / 4 at Daerwood School. I think I've been a good kid this year. Also, can you say hi to Mrs. Claus for me? Thanks. I think I know all of the names of the reindeer...Dasher, Comet, Prancer, Blitzen, Cupid, Vixen, Donner and Rudolph. If I missed any, let me know. So what I want for Christmas is Pokemon card tins and what I need is new deodorant. I would like a new hoodie and a new Fortnite guide book. Thanks! I'm really looking forward to Christmas.

From, Griffin Continued on page 13







Ruth Hooker School students sung and danced at their Karaoke Christmas concert on Dec. 12.

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Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Kayne. I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? I would like a mike to talk to people on Fortnite. I need new gym shoes please and a new book. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Love from,

Kayne

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Karissa. I am in grade 3 / 4 at

Daerwood School. I wrote to you last year too. I was wondering how your reindeer are? I was also wondering what's your favourite cookies Mrs. Claus has made? Also, I figured out my Elf on the Shelf, Snowflake will come back next year because this elf, Sparkles told me. Next year me and my brother are going to have two elves. But do you know where Sparkles came from? I really need some socks, but Christmas is about giving rather than receiving, so I don't really need anything. If you could though, I would really want this Reborn 22 inch Littld David baby boy doll. My brother Kingston really wants a boy Elf on the Shelf. I really want to read Bailey's story, could you bring me this book. I really need some black ripped jeans please. Also, can you please get my mom something really special. I wish I could visit you in the North Pole some day. Christmas is my favourite holiday. I'll talk to you soon.

From, Karissa

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The festive season is upon us and we gratefully turn our thoughts to those who have made our progress possible! Red River Messenger, in its tradition of giving to those less fortunate in our community, has made a donation to the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and Nova House. We encourage our fellow Selkirk and area businesses to do the same.

Our best wishes go out to you and yours. Pam Wall, Jordan Kowerko, Amber Truthwaite, Darryl Kruk, Jayden Funk, Tania Kruk, Abbey, Tom Walker, Julie Graham, Keith Anderson









RECORD PHOTOS BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI Ruth Hooker School students performing Christmas classics at their Karaoke Christmas on Dec. 12.

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Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Darian. I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. What are your favourite cookes? How are the elves? How is Rudolph? I would like an Lol Doll and some slime please. Could I have a new book to read? Could you also bring me some new slippers?

Do you like hot chocolate? I will leave you some on Christmas eve.

From, Darian

Hello Santa,

Christmas is my favourite time. I would like to go to the North Pole just to see you. And I forgot to tell you I am in grade three at Daerwood School. Even though my dad and mom say you are a legend, I will always believe in you. I feel bad for all you went through, like snowstorms. Can you please get me a toy box. I have a bookshelf and books. Can you make sure my family has a good Christmas.



Thank you Santa! Sara K.

Dear Santa Claus,

Hi! My name is Camilo. I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. I think I've been a pretty good boy this year. How is Mrs. Claus this year? How do you go down the chimney? How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? I need more underwear. I want a Nintendo switch. I want to read this book called Amulet 3, can you please bring it for me? Can you give me an ugly sweater. My dad wants beer for Christmas again this year. Coul you please bring this for him. I'll give you milk and cookies. Bye! From,

Camilo

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Gabe, I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. I am 8 years old. Can you tell Mrs. Claus to send me some gingerbread men cookies. I need a reindeer, no toy, the real one. I want Rudolph! I would also like to go to the North Pole. I would like a Progo. I would like a Dogman book. I am a good boy. Can you make an Ironman suit war machine. Not the toy, a real one! I love gingerbread men. See u soon Santa.

Love,

Gabriel

Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Bryan. I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. Have I been good? I do not know Santa. Santa, I have a question for you. How do you get presents, it must be hard. Do you have to wear a disguise? Anyways, I would like a Nintendo Switch please Santa. But you do not have to get me that if you can't. I would like Jets pyjamas please. Can you get my parents something nice.

Hope to see you soon! Love, Bryan









Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Sara G. I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. I think I've been a pretty good girl at school. I love school! I want some slime please Santa Claus. I need a new Christmas tree. I would like the book "Class Clown" please. I also need new socks. Santa Claus, how is Rudolph? Could you bring my sister Ruby, my brother Antoine and I new Christmas stockings.

Love, Sara

Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Liam and I am in grade 3 at Daerwood School. I think I have been okay this year. Oh, if you don't finish the cookies that I leave you, I will finish them for you. AKA... I want the cookies! I would like a PS4 for Christmas. I need tracks for my R.C. car. To read, maybe a normal Christma book. Could you bring me some jeans? I can't wait for Christmas.

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Students at William S. Patterson School were treated to a pancake breakfast and a chance to see Santa Claus at the school's pancake breakfast Dec. 13.

Love, Liam

> Dear Santa, Hi! My name is Delaney. I am in



grade 3 at Daerwood School. I think I've been a pretty good girl this year! I have 7 people and pets in my family. My mom, dad, Declan, Boo, Mr. Squeakers and Declan has a pet fish, it's Shreddy. I was wondering what your favourite cookie is? I can name all of the reindeer. They are Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph. It is funny because Mr. Squeakers eats pancakes and lettuce. How old are you? I was wondering how many elves you have? Do you have any pets? How is Mrs. Claus? My favou-

rite colour is purple. I really want an Elf on the Shelf. I really need socks. I would like a dress as well. I would like to read a Dogman book. Could you bring me one. I know that Christmas is a giving season. But I would like only those four things. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a safe travel.

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Love, Delaney





Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Grace. I am in grade 4. My school name is Daerwood School. I think I've been a very good student. I set good examples for the little ones. In school, my favourite subject is math because it is educational. I mostly like French too. I have a baby sister named Willa Rose Shadlock. My mom's name is Tai-Lee. She is a very smart cookie. She is the best mom ever! For Christmas I would like some Glow in the Dark pyjamas, they're very neat. Another thing I would like is some slime that changes it's colour. I would also like an LOL doll and a Scruffaluff. I would also like a couple of Junie B. Jones books. I would also like some Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. I would like some dresses for special occasions. For my Mom and Dad, I would like them to have a very merry Christmas. For other children around the world I would like the same thing. I would like an Elf on the Shelf because I have never had one before. I want you to have a very merry Christmas as well and I want you to know I would not ever stop believing you are magical.

Yours truly, Grace

Dear Santa,







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last year. Santa, I need, need, need more clothes. For Christmas, I would

like a walkie-talkie and some very, very, very good Pokemon cards. I

want a book called Dogman and it's a

Ecole Selkirk Junior High's grades seven to nine classes came together Dec. 11 for their Winter Band Concert. Lead by Mr. Werbicki and Mr. Kristofferson the 230 performers played 14 songs to a packed gymnasium.

Child

Hi! My name is Conar. I am in grade 3 / 4 at Daerwood School. I am very good at math and spelling. But my fa-I did not make you cookies and milk



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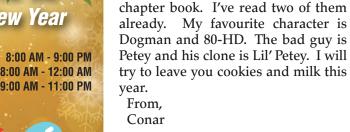
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Dear Santa,

Hi! My name is Malayna. I am in grade 3 / 4 at Daerwood School. I think I've been a good girl this year. I have 4 sisters and 4 brothers. I was wondering who's your favourite child?

I would like a sled because I like to slide down hills when it's winter. I would like a book because I like to read. I need a blanket to keep warm. I would like a stuffed animal too.

Have a happy and Merry Christmas Santa! Thanks!

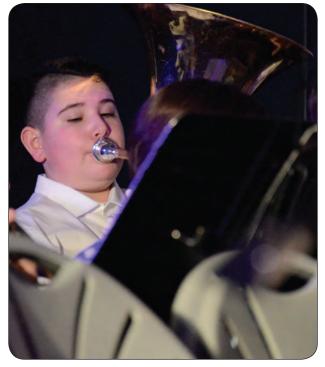
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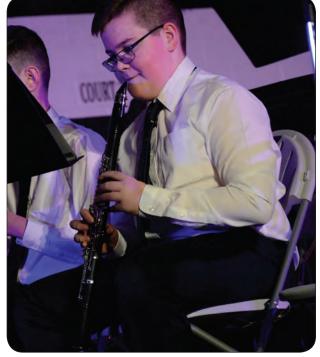
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Centennial School Letters from Kindergarten

Dear Santa, How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been a good boy. I would like a big Spider-Man toy and a Marvel board game. Love Dean – Kindergarten

Dear Santa, Its Zayla, how are your reindeer? How is your Christmas? Can I please have a Baby alive





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doll and a doctor set for Christmas. From Zayla – Kindergarten

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RECORD PHOTO SUBMITTED Baby Luna looks at the Christmas decorations on a Christmas tree.

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Dear Santa, I have been good, how old are you? May I have a toy chainsaw, a toy zombie, and a Wall-E toy? I love you Santa. From James – Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I have been a good kid and how are your reindeer doing? I would like a Barbie house that's all I want. Love Dylan – Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I have been really good. How many reindeer do you have? I would really like 2 green monster trucks and a green flying airplane. Thank you, Kaine - Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I think I've been good. I want a robot and a pool and a ball pit. How are your Reindeer Santa? From Kai – Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy. How are you, the reindeer and the elves? I would like a candy cane costume



and a puzzle. Love, Gabriel - Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl. How is Rudolph? I would like a Barbie doll house and a toy truck for Christmas. Love, Jocelynn – Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I have been good. How are you and your elves? I would like a toy kitchen with pots and pans. Love, Diya - Kindergarten

Individual Letter

Dear Santa, My name is Axel Trotter. I'm visiting my Grandparents here in Manitoba this year for Christmas. I live in Australia with my Daddy, Mummy and little sister Quinn on a farm with lots of tractors and sheep. I'm wondering how do you get from Australia to Canada so fast? And do you have to change into shorts and t-shirt when you're delivering gifts in Australia? I really love Lego! Especially Police Lego. This year I would like the Lego Mountain Police Station. (It looks like the Canadian Mounted Police to me). I also want the trucks and motorbikes that comes with nets to catch the bad guys. My sister would love some Elsa dolls from her favourite movie, Frozen. Thank you Santa! We love you! Axel Trotter Age 5 yrs.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





2019 Christmas Story Contest Runner up: A Star on the Tree

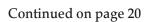
ably wanted warm clothes. She needed to find some varn to make them with. So, she ventured off to the shop her friend's dad owned, called homemade crafts. While she was there Emily made a deal with her friend's dad to clean the shop every second day for a roll of yarn.

Emily had a good night's sleep on her soft thin bed. Even though it was small and old it kept her warm and dry. She walked down stairs to find her mother sitting at the rickety kitchen table reading the paper she had found outside. She looked around to see her dad listening to the staticky radio set up on the small little foot stool, in the corner of the room. Emily quietly crept back up stairs to wake up her baby brother as she normally does and get him ready for the walk he takes with their mother. When she was done, she walked over to the other side of the room to get herself ready for school. Then she carried her brother down stairs and handed him off to her mother. when Emily finished her apple and bread. she walked toward

good bye to her parents and kissed her baby brother on the forehead.

On her way to school, Emily began to think, it was a week away from Christmas and her family had no tree. Through the whole school day, she could not stop thinking about that desire to have a Christmas tree. She knew her family didn't have enough money to buy one, yet something in Emily's mind knew she was going to be determined to get one for this holiday season. She had a little spark of confidence this year than any other. So, after school she ran home with a big smile. She blew by her parents and up to her room. Emily sat on floor and got thinking about a fundraiser. She thought of a million options but one

the door, just before she left, she said stuck out to her. Finger knitted scarfs. It was getting cold, and people prob-





RECORD PHOTO BY KATELYN BOULANGER Ecole Selkirk Junior High's grades seven to nine classes came together Dec. 11 for their Winter Band Concert.



Enjoy the Magic olidays It has been great to serve you over the past year and look forward to continuing into the new year. WASTE CONNECTIONS CANADA Remember: Please don't put Christmas wrap, bows & ribbon

in your recycling bin.





RECORD PHOTO BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI Several organizations dressed up in Christmas themes for the Santa Parade in Selkirk.

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The days went on and Emily eventually collected enough yarn to begin her fundraising journey. Emily knitted every day after school until she had a total of 128 scarfs, she was charging 2.00 each. She went on the streets and to her school. by the fourth day Emily had sold 119 scarves. She only had 9 left to sell. Emily needed to think fast there was only three days left so she went around whenever she could and sold all of them except one and made a total of \$256 dollars. So, she just kept that one for herself. The tree that she wanted costed \$50.00 so she decided to go the next evening with her brother while her parents were out getting food. Emily grabbed her brother and went out. She needed to act fast because her parents would only



be about an hour and a half. The two together went off to the tree farm with hope that the tree would still be there. When she arrived, she placed her brother down beside her and told him to wait there. Though he was little he was able to understand simple instructions. He did what he was told. Meanwhile Emily was trying to find the tree she had wanted. It looked like it was gone but then just around the corner there it was the most perfect tree ever. It was tall, not to thick not to thin, just perfect. There it was right before Emily's eyes and she was going to buy it with the hard-earned money she had made. Emily found a worker and asked him to wrap it up. He gave Emily a look of confusion why was a kid was buying a Christmas tree? Emily just stood still and smiled.

The worker shrugged and got to work. When it was wrapped, and ready Emily scooped up her baby brother and hugged him close. The two then headed home with the bulky trunk in Emily's hand. The walk was hard but it wasn't to far so that made the route much easier. At the house Emily struggled to get the tree up. When she did, Emily went around to look for some lights. Then in the corner

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of her eye something shiny appeared, glowing lights, she walked over to get to them. Some of the glass covers were broken but they would work. She brought them inside and strung them on the tree, but something was missing, a star! Emily started to panic. She looked through drawers, on floors, under beds. Nothing but dust, so Emily cut some scrap wood and paper. Then Emily remembered about a light bulb she had found at school. Racing in full speed Emily went to the counter where the wireless electric lightbulb is. Tape should do the job Emily thought, so she grabbed the tape and got to work. She held the star and admired all the work she had done to make this dream come true. Now was the time Emily would get to put the star up on top. Emily moved the foot stool over and hopped up on top she then kissed the star and placed it gently on top. Just then as she was coming down. Emily heard her parents coming in. she ran over to her brother who was playing on the floor and put him in her lap. Then they both sat on the floor together and gazed at the beautiful tree. Emily's parents came into the room and wide-eved stared back and forth between Emily and her brother then the tree. Emily's parents questioned her to how she got the tree. Emily proudly announced that she had done a fundraiser of selling scarfs to people. The family then sat around the tree together and sang Christmas carols

Let's get away from the sleigh bells let's get away from the snow lets make a break some Christmas dear.

Jersi Grade 6 Mapleton School





Well Mrs. Claus knows when it is time to get baking! She starts getting her ingredients ready for baking around November 25th!

She always starts with getting the dough ready for Christmas, every single year. She loves baking her specialty cookies with her "secret" ingredient, nobody shall know. "Time" is her secret ingredient it lets her use some very old recipes from her family of family cookie recipes and they are all missing one very important thing from her own recipe that lets her make lots and lots of cookies. It's a quick and easy recipe and needed a little bit of elf magic! All the elf's loves the taste the cookies that Mrs. Claus makes, it has a little pinch of cinnamon with nice mixture of red and green icing on the inside. They also

of Claus's. She has so many old books have a dash of white chocolate chips and every one of the elf's love her perfect sugar cookies.

I guess you should know how Mrs. Claus really makes her very delicious big batch of cookies...

First step she waits for the dough to rise and bake, then when the cookies are out of the oven, she uses a bit of the elf's magic and she sprinkles it on top of the cookies and it multiplies into more. The second step, she brings them to the room for snacks for all the elf's and for Santa's snack breaks.

This is the story on how Mrs. Claus bakes so many cookies for all the elf's and Santa!

By Savanna Grade 6 Robert Smith School





RECORD PHOTOS BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI The students at the Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School showed they can put on an awesome show at their Christmas Spectacular.







Runner up: The Girl who Believed in Santa





RECORD PHOTOS BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI Hundreds of students performed at the Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 5.

Once upon there was this girl named Annie who believed in Santa, but her friends didn't. Annie didn't care if her friends didn't believe in Santa. She went to school the next day. Annie went to her locker and grabbed all her supplies. Annie was in art class and Christmas was tomorrow. Annie made a card in art class for her mom and dad. Annie went to her next class. Annie's next class was science. Annie did not like science, but Annie had to

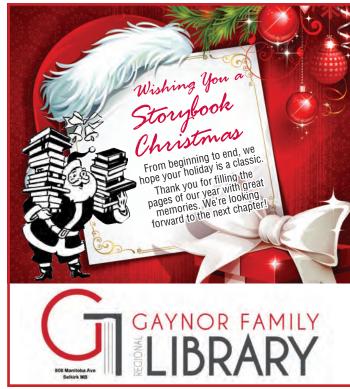
do it. The bell rang for lunch Annie sat with her friends at a table in the corner. Annie was talking about Christmas and Santa, Annie said you guy's believe in Santa rite. Her friends said no. Annie said it's not your parents because if it was then your parents would spend a lot of money on you. Her friend said, your parents mite be saving there money but they mite not tell you about it, I ran away. It was CHRISTMAS I said to my self, I woke

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> By Dallas Grade 6 Mapleton School









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RECORD PHOTOS BY LIGIA BRAIDOTTI The St. Peter's Dynevor Old Stone Church in East Selkirk hosted their Annual Advent Carols and Lessons from Dec. 6 to Dec. 8. Pictured above are The Back Pew Boys choir singing at the service on Dec. 8.







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A feast at Our Daily Bread's Christmas dinner



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The Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Selkirk hosted its Christmas Dinner on Dec. 12 at Memorial Hall. Kassien and Draven tell Santa all about what they want for Christmas during the dinner.



Dear Friends

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